



CONSOLIDATED COMMISSION ON UTILITIES
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GWA RESOLUTION NO. 04-FY2017

**RELATIVE TO THE AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT MASTERCARD
PAYMENTS FROM COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT HOLDERS**

WHEREAS, under 12 G.C.A. § 14105, the Consolidated Commission on Utilities (“CCU”) has plenary authority over financial, contractual, and policy matters relative to the Guam Waterworks Authority (“GWA”); and

WHEREAS, the Guam Waterworks Authority (“GWA”) is a Guam Public Corporation established and existing under the laws of Guam; and

WHEREAS, in March 2016, the Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) and Guam Power Authority (GPA) procured and awarded the merchant banking services contract with the Bank of Hawaii (BOH); and

WHEREAS, BOH is able to offer both GWA and GPA the Utility Interchange rate when utility bills are paid with a MasterCard. This rate is \$0.65/transaction for MasterCard consumer credit cards, \$0.45/transaction for MasterCard debit cards and \$1.50/transaction for MasterCard commercial and Business cards plus BOH’s nominal processing fee passed on to GWA; and

WHEREAS, during the last year, BOH has assessed an average of 1.25% in fees of the total debit and credit card payments processed, including MasterCard and Visa; and

WHEREAS, a large commercial customer would generate fees of approximately between \$50 - \$100 using a commercial or business MasterCard; and

WHEREAS, GWA estimates the total cost to the Authority will be approximately \$115,000 annually assuming all commercial accounts use MasterCard; and

1 **WHEREAS**, currently, GWA caps credit card payments for all customers at \$500 per
2 month except for residential which has no cap; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, GWA feels with the favorable Utility Interchange rates for MasterCard it
5 can now offer to commercial customers the convenience of paying their utility bills with
6 MasterCard debit and credit cards at a reasonable cost; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, GWA is now requesting for the authority to extend the use of MasterCard
9 debit and credit cards as payments for commercial accounts.


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11 **NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Consolidated Commission on Utilities
12 does hereby approve the following:

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14 1. The recitals set forth above hereby constitute the findings of the CCU.
15 2. The CCU finds that the rates for MasterCard are fair and reasonable.
16 3. The CCU hereby authorizes GWA to accept MasterCard debit and credit card
17 payments from non-residential customers for payment on their utility bills.

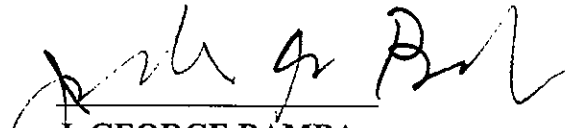
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19 **RESOLVED**, that the Chairman certified and the Board Secretary attests to the adoption
20 of this Resolution.

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22 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED**, this 22nd day of November, 2017.

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24 Certified by:

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27 **JOSEPH T. DUENAS**
28 Chairperson

24 Attested by:

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27 **J. GEORGE BAMBA**
28 Secretary

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