



GWA RESOLUTION NO. 24-FY2020

**RELATIVE TO SUSPENSION OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENT LIMITS ON
NON-RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS**

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 response to the Global Health Emergency declared by the World Health Organization and the national emergency declared by President Donald Trump, on March 14, 2020, Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero issued Executive Order 2020-03 declaring a state of emergency to respond to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ordered the closure of non-essential Government of Guam agencies and non-essential businesses; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency has made it difficult for GWA to receive payments given among other things, the closure of GPWA offices to the public, certain banks not accepting utility payments at the teller line, and limitations on access to staff; and

WHEREAS, CCU Resolution 25-FY2010 places a \$500 limit on all credit card transactions for non-residential accounts; and

WHEREAS, GWA is seeking CCU approval and authorization in a separate resolution, to petition the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to create a regulatory asset to capitalize

1 expenditures related to the COVID-19 Emergency to be amortized in FY2021 or a period
2 determined by the PUC; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, any additional transaction fees related to the suspension of credit card
5 limits are meant to be included in the expenditures to be capitalized.
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7 **NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Consolidated Commission on Utilities
8 does hereby approve the following:

- 9 1. The recitals set forth above hereby constitute the findings of the CCU.
- 10 2. The CCU finds that the suspension of limits on payments for non-residential
11 accounts will improve collections, provide for increased customer
12 convenience and ensure safety of both GWA customers and staff.
- 13 3. The CCU hereby authorizes the suspension of the limits on credit card
14 payments for non-residential accounts for the duration of the declared state of
15 emergency, or until GWA customer service centers re-open, whichever is
16 later.
- 17 4. As part of the monthly CFO report, the CFO will provide a summary of
18 customers using this facility to make payments, as well as a summary of
19 estimated additional transactional fees incurred.
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21 **RESOLVED**, that the Chairman certified, and the Board Secretary attests to the adoption
22 of this Resolution.
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24 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED**, this 28th day of April 2020.
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26 Certified by:

Attested by:

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29 **JOSEPH T. DUENAS**

MICHAEL T. LIMTIACO

30 Chairperson

Secretary

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SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Michael T. Limtiaco, Board Secretary of the Consolidated Commission on Utilities as evidenced by my signature above do hereby certify as follows:

The foregoing is a full, true and accurate copy of the resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting by the members of the Guam Consolidated Commission on Utilities, duly and legally held at a place properly noticed and advertised at which meeting a quorum was present and the members who were present voted as follows:

AYES: 5 2
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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