



## **CONSOLIDATED COMMISSION ON UTILITIES**

Guam Power Authority | Guam Waterworks Authority

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### **GPA RESOLUTION NO. FY2023-10**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY TO PETITION THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ADJUST THE POWER POLE ATTACHMENT RATE**

**WHEREAS**, the most common visual elements of the utility industry are the transmission towers and utility power poles delivering electricity, and often these poles are used for transporting other important products and services offered by third parties, such as telecommunications, and cable services; and

**WHEREAS**, the process by which communication and cable companies can collocate their infrastructure on existing utility poles is termed pole attachment; and this reduces the number of poles to be built to accommodate utility services thus reducing the costs to end users by allowing cost share; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Public Utilities Commission (GPUC) is authorized to examine, establish, and modify rates and charges for utility services; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2011 the GPUC issued a decision, via GTA Docket 09-04, approving the interim pole attachment rates charged by GPA to all telecommunications companies to be six dollars \$6.00 per pole per year effective January 1, 2011, and the GPUC determined that the rate of \$6.00 per pole to be reasonable as it is within the range of existing national pole attachment rates; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011 the GPUC determined it appropriate to postpone consideration of permanent pole attachment rates until the pending Federal Communications Commission rulemaking proceeding regarding pole attachment rate formulas is concluded; and

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2           **WHEREAS**, the Federal Communications Commission updated the pole attachment rate  
3 formula in 2015 under FCC 15-151; where FCC adjusted the telecom formula to bring greater  
4 parity between telecom and cable rate formulas and GPA seeks for the adjustment of the current  
5 pole attachment rate by three dollars \$3.00 per pole attachment (\$0.25 cents per month) from six  
6 dollars \$6.00 to nine dollars \$9.00 annually for the next three years; and  
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8           **WHEREAS**, GPA currently charges pole attachments for about 26,000 poles to five  
9 private telecommunications and cable companies and the proposed rate adjustment projects an  
10 increase of pole attachment revenue by \$6,538 per month and \$78,450 per annum; and  
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12           **WHEREAS**, the proposed pole attachment rate calculations are included in **Exhibit A** to  
13 this filing; and  
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15           **WHEREAS**, GPA now is requesting the Consolidated Commission on Utilities to  
16 authorize the Authority to file such petition with the Guam Public Utilities Commission.  
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18           **NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Consolidated Commission on Utilities  
19 does hereby approve the following:  
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- 21           1. The General Manager of the Guam Power Authority is authorized to *petition the Guam*  
22           *Public Utilities Commission* to adjust the pole attachment rate by three dollars \$3.00  
23           annual per pole attachment (\$0.25 cents per month) from six dollars \$6.00 to nine dollar  
24           \$9.00 annual per pole attachment for the next three years as shown in **Exhibit A**.  
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- 26           2. The General Manager of the Guam Power Authority is authorized to implement the  
27           revised pole attachment rate as provided in **Exhibit A**, upon the approval by the Guam  
28           Public Utilities Commission.  
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3 **RESOLVED**, that the Chairman certifies and the Board Secretary attests to the adoption  
4 of this Resolution.

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6 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED**, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.  
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9 Certified by:

Attested by:

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13 **JOSEPH T. DUENAS**  
14 Chairperson

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18 **PEDRO ROY MARTINEZ**  
19 Secretary

20 I, Pedro Roy Martinez, Board Secretary of the Consolidated Commission on Utilities  
21 (CCU), as evidenced by my signature above, do hereby certify as follows:  
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23 The foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted at a  
24 regular meeting by the members of the Guam Consolidated Commission on Utilities, duly  
25 and legally held at a place properly noticed and advertised at which meeting a quorum was  
26 present and the members who were present voted as follows:  
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Ayes: 4  
Nays: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: 1

*excused*

