



CONSOLIDATED COMMISSION ON UTILITIES

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GPA RESOLUTION NO. FY2023-28

RECOGNITION OF APPA MUTUAL AID UTILITY PARTNER, SNOHOMISH PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT (SnoPUD) FOR ASSISTING GPA DURING POST TYPHOON MAWAR POWER RESTORATION

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2023 Typhoon Mawar made landfall on Guam with sustained winds of approximately 150+ mph. According to the Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Typhoon Mawar was equivalent to a Category 4 Atlantic hurricane. The storm was the strongest to strike the island in at least two decades; and

WHEREAS, Typhoon Mawar battered the island with powerful winds and torrential rains, uprooting trees, damaging homes and businesses, and cutting electricity and access to water for most of Guam's residents, causing significant damage to the island infrastructure, including GPA's electrical grid system; and

WHEREAS, immediately after high winds began to decrease the day after the storm's direct hit on the island, GPA began to mobilize teams to proceed with assessments and repairs, which initiated the process of post-typhoon restoration; and

WHEREAS, all 115kV transmission lines and most 34.5kV overhead transmission lines sustained damages. Transmission line repairs require special resources (high-reach bucket trucks, high-voltage line crew) and outages to ensure the safety of personnel; and

WHEREAS, APPA Mutual Aid partner Snohomish PUD from Washington State, answered Guam's call for assistance on **June 8, 2023, just 12 days** after Typhoon Mawar, a Category 4 storm and the first major typhoon to land on Guam in more than two decades, devastated the island with super typhoon winds and flooding damaging Guam's island wide power infrastructure and electrical grid system; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish PUD visiting crew of 15 specialized linemen, highly skilled in high voltage transmission repairs, traveled to Guam to support the Guam Power Authority in critical repairs to its high voltage infrastructure and remained on island until the job was complete, which lasted about 37 days; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Snohomish PUD provided 2 high-reach bucket trucks and one auxiliary
2 support truck that arrived via FEMA-chartered air transportation to support Guam’s restoration
3 efforts, allowing the major repairs to the main transmission lines to accelerate; and

4 **WHEREAS**, over 98% of GPA power poles are concrete and require bucket trucks to
5 access pole hardware and lines, and the addition of the Snohomish bucket trucks and those on
6 loan from FEMA and U.S. Navy allowed GPA to deploy about 20 to 30 bucket trucks throughout
7 the island 24 hours a day aiding in a more efficient and shortened recovery period; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Snohomish PUD crews played a critical role in repairing Guam’s 115kV
9 transmission lines, with more than 161 miles of 34.5 KV transmission lines and over 709 miles
10 of 13.8kV distribution lines which serves over 52,000 customers; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Snohomish PUD crews contributed to GPA achieving more than 99% island
12 wide service restoration within 50 days, setting a record for restoration and expectations for
13 improvement after a major typhoon; and

14 **WHEREAS**, GPA is very grateful to the leadership team, linemen and crewmen who had
15 a hand in assisting Guam after a major natural disaster.

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17 **NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Consolidated Commission on Utilities
18 does hereby recognize and express their *Dangkulu na si Yu’os Ma’ãse* to the ratepayers of
19 Snohomish PUD and the following:

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21 1. Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, along with CEO and General Manager
22 of Snohomish PUD, John Haarlow, for their contributions to aiding Guam in post-
23 Typhoon Mawar restoration efforts, along with the following crew members that
24 worked hand in-hand with GPA’s T&D linemen and support crew:

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26 • James “Greg” Ruiz General Foreman
27 • Kevin Baggett Line Foreman
28 • Scott Packebush Line Foreman
29 • Jordan Anderson Lineman
30 • Kegan Friddle Lineman
31 • Matthew Kimball Lineman
32 • Jonah Longenecker Lineman
 • Drew Partington Lineman

- Caleb Weigand Lineman
- Gary Bohannon Equipment Operator
- Brenton Bodewig Equipment Operator
- Michael St. Clair Journeyman Mechanic Utility-8
- Jacob Lindell Sr. Outside Service Mechanic-9
- Austin Almquist Lineman Apprentice-5
- Sean Lawson Lineman Apprentice-5

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Commission certifies and the Secretary of the Commission attests to the adoption of this Resolution.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED, this day of 29th of August, 2023.

Certified by:

Attested by:


JOSEPH T. DUENAS
 Chairperson


PEDRO ROY MARTINEZ
 Secretary

I, **Pedro Roy Martinez**, Secretary of the Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU) 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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

