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GPA RESOLUTION NO. FY2023-29

RECOGNITION OF MUTUAL AID UTILITY PARTNER, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS (CNMI), COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION (CUC) 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’s infrastructure, including GPA’s electrical grid system; and

WHEREAS, immediately after the 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, Mutual Aid Partner Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), answered Guam’s call for assistance on **June 4, 2023**, only days after Typhoon Mawar, the first major typhoon to land on Guam in more than two decades, devastated the island with super typhoon winds and flooding that damaged Guam’s island wide power infrastructure and electrical grid system; and

WHEREAS, the CUC’s visiting crew of 12 linemen and grounds men traveled to Guam to support the Guam Power Authority with critical repairs to Guam’s Islandwide Power System and remained on island until the job was complete, which lasted almost two months; and

WHEREAS, the CUC and GPA personnel have worked together in the past during the restoration of Saipan’s power system after Super Typhoon Yutu in 2018 that devastated the CNMI; and

WHEREAS, along with mutual aid utility partners such as the Snohomish County Public Utility District (SnoPUD) Washington and the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC), a total of

1 thirty-six (36) off-island transmission and distribution personnel arrived on Guam in the first
2 weeks of June to help assist with the post-typhoon restoration efforts; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The CUC crew worked diligently to help reconnect power lines, weather
4 heads and replace power poles damaged by Typhoon Mawar to reconnect homes and businesses
5 in the villages; and

6 **WHEREAS**, The CUC crew worked seamlessly to support Guam's restoration efforts
7 island wide, which allowed GPA to deploy integrated crews to each village to repair essential
8 power lines that distributed power into the villages; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the addition of the CUC crew allowed GPA to deploy skilled crews in 30
10 bucket trucks throughout the island 24 hours a day aiding in a more efficient and shortened
11 recovery period; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the CUC crew played a critical role in repairing Guam's Island Wide Power
13 System which serves more than 52,000 Guam customers; and

14 **WHEREAS**, CUC crew contributed to GPA achieving more than 99% island wide service
15 restoration within 56 days, setting a record for restoration and expectations for improvement after
16 a major typhoon; and

17 **WHEREAS**, GPA is grateful to the CUC's leadership and crew, who had a hand in helping
18 Guam recover a major natural disaster.

19 **NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Consolidated Commission on Utilities
20 does hereby recognize and express its *Dangkulu na si Yu'os Ma'åse* to The Commonwealth Utility
21 Corporation the following:
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24 1. Governor Arnold Palacios of the CNMI, along with Acting Executive Director Betty G.
25 Terlaje, for their contributions to aiding Guam in post-Typhoon Mawar restoration
26 efforts, along with the following crew members that worked hand in-hand with GPA's
27 T&D linemen:

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29 • Michael I. Kukkun Lineperson/Foreman
30 • Marty N. Taisacan Lineperson/Foreman
31 • Patrick M. Togawa Lineperson
32 • Raymond B. Quitano Lineperson
• Jesse John T. Santos Lineperson

