



# CONSOLIDATED COMMISSION ON UTILITIES

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## GPA RESOLUTION NO. FY2023-33

### RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 1 – 7, 2023 AS PUBLIC POWER WEEK DURING GPA'S 55TH YEAR OPERATING GUAM'S ELECTRIC PUBLIC POWER UTILITY

**WHEREAS**, The Guam Power Authority (GPA) is celebrating the annual Public Power Week, a national observance coordinated by the American Public Power Association (APPA), of which GPA is a member, from October 1-7, 2023, along with more than 2,000 U.S. community-powered, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 49 million people across 49 states and five U.S. territories; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Guam place a high value on local service and therefore have chosen to operate a community-owned, not-for-profit electric utility and, as customers and owners of Guam's electric utility; and

**WHEREAS**, GPA has provided homes, businesses, schools, social services, and local government agencies with 55 years of electricity employing sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at not-for-profit rates; and

**WHEREAS**, GPA is a valuable community asset that contributes to the well-being of local citizens through energy service, customer service, environmental protection, economic development, and safety awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of Public Power Week 2023, GPA and its employee association, has implemented two community outreach programs to collect nonperishable foods to benefit Guam's food pantries and support Special Olympics events; and

**WHEREAS**, GPA has also established a school outreach program to provide hands-on, in-classroom learning for Guam's schoolchildren, the next generation of island leaders, to promote energy conservation and sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, in 55 years of service, with the establishment of the Guam Public Utility Agency of Guam in 1950 by the Government of Guam with electric power produced by the United States Navy to the people of Guam GPA's mission remains: to provide reliable, efficient, effective, environmentally responsible, and affordable energy solutions for the island of Guam; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in 2023, GPA has made great strides toward implementing more renewable  
2 energy solutions for a more sustainable future for Guam through the establishment of its Integrated  
3 Resource Plan (IRP) also known as the Clean Energy Master Plan (CEMP) to transform Guam’s  
4 Island-Wide Power System to incorporate more renewable energy in Guam’s energy future. GPA is  
5 committed to providing 50 percent of the island’s electric power from renewable or non-greenhouse  
6 gas emissions sources by 2030 and 100 percent by 2040; and

7           **WHEREAS**, as part of its CEMP, GPA, has made great strides toward its goal by signing an  
8 energy conversion agreement (ECA) in 2019 with Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) to  
9 build the 198MW Ukudu Power Plant, a clean and efficient base load power plant, which is scheduled  
10 for commissioning in 2026, that will significantly increase the reliability of Guam’s power grid  
11 system; and

12           **WHEREAS**, since March 2021, GPA’s world-class utility-scale battery energy storage  
13 system (BESS) has assisted in eliminating most of the short-duration power outages caused by  
14 generator and renewable intermittency trips and helps to stabilize the island-wide grid system; and

15           **WHEREAS**, in July 2022, KEPCO Mangilao Solar, LLC (KMS) and GPA commissioned the  
16 60-megawatt Solar photovoltaic (PV) farm in Mangilao, which produces 85 megawatt of utility-scale  
17 solar into the grid energy, powers 14,000 residential customers for an entire year, and reduces Guam’s  
18 reliance on imported oil; and

19           **WHEREAS**, GPA has completed the process of implementing the use of cleaner fuel for all  
20 its power plants brings Guam into compliance with the USEPA national emission standards and  
21 successfully satisfied a federal consent decree that requires all of Guam’s generators to switch to  
22 cleaner burning fuel that is better for Guam’s environment and its residents, and a forward move that  
23 strategically aligns with GPA’s Clean Energy Master Plan, the roadmap to a cleaner, more reliable,  
24 affordable, and resilient energy future; and

25           **WHEREAS**, GPA continues to develop and support programs that fiscally benefit its  
26 customers, such as the \$100 utility credits for active commercial and residential customers, which has  
27 **distributed approximately \$74M in energy credits in the past 14 months**, and the Guam Energy  
28 Sense Rebate Program that offers cash rebates for customers purchasing more energy-efficient home  
29 appliances, **which has paid more than \$9.8M in rebates have been paid out since 2015**; and

30           **WHEREAS**, GPA, through its Guam Energy Sense Rebate Program, has successfully  
31 engaged the community to responsibly reduce their energy consumption while positively benefitting  
32 from the purchase and utilization of more energy-efficient appliances in homes and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, GPA provides viable public power employment and career opportunities for the  
people of Guam through its community partnerships and Apprenticeship and Training Programs in  
Engineering, Finance, and Information Technology to build a highly skilled workforce of utility  
professionals who will lead GPA into the future; and

1           **WHEREAS**, GPA envisions a more sustainable future for Guam by strategically working to  
2 adopt and employ more renewable energy solutions for its customers and promoting responsible  
3 consumption through energy conservation and efficiency, which contributes to the overall goal of  
4 reducing carbon emissions worldwide; and

5           **WHEREAS**, GPA works to enhance the experience of its customers, developing paths toward  
6 modernization of their customer experience through the use of new technologies, a customer-centric  
7 website, and a mobile app that provides more conveniences for its customers; and

8           **WHEREAS**, additionally, GPA has introduced the Smart Grid Initiative Program, a partially  
9 funded grant through a federal grant, and MyEnergyGuam, which encourages consumers to control  
10 their power consumption in their homes; and

11           **WHEREAS**, GPA has helped Guam to recover after Typhoon Mawar, a Category 4 storm that  
12 devastated the island with super typhoon winds and flooding damaging Guam's island-wide power  
13 infrastructure and electrical grid system, making this post-typhoon recovery the fastest in Guam's  
14 history; and

15           **WHEREAS**, GPA continues to work on hardening Guam's power system to make it more  
16 resilient and enhance the quality of its infrastructure to allow for quicker recovery time in the event  
17 of any future natural disasters; and

18           **WHEREAS**, in recognition of its 55th year, the CCU commends GPA's leadership team and  
19 more than 400 employees for performing with excellence and a spirit of service to the people of Guam  
20 these past 55 years through challenges and successes to manage, maintain, and strengthen Guam's  
21 public utility for generations to come.

22           **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Consolidated Commission on  
23 Utilities, as the Governing Body of GPA, as follows:

- 24           1. Hereby adopts **Oct. 1-7, 2023, as Public Power Week** on Guam to recognize the people  
25 behind public power at Guam Power Authority, its Performance Management  
26 Contractors, Power Purchase Agreement Partners, and Mutual Aid Utility Partners for  
27 their contributions to our community and to educate customers, policymakers,  
28 employees, island residents, and schoolchildren on the benefits of public power.
- 29           2. That Guam Power Authority will continue to work to bring the safest, most reliable, and  
30 most sustainable electricity to Guam's community homes and businesses for Guam's  
31 future growth and development, just as it has since 1968, the year when Guam's power  
32 utility was created to serve all the people of Guam.

1 3. That our community joins hands with more than 2,000 other public power systems in the  
2 United States in this celebration of public power, which puts our residents, businesses,  
3 and the community before profits.  
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5 **RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Commission certifies and the Secretary of the  
6 Commission attests to the adoption of this Resolution.  
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8 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED**, this day of 27<sup>th</sup> of September, 2023.  
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11 Certified by:

Attested by:

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15 **JOSEPH T. DUENAS**  
16 Chairperson

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20 **PEDRO ROY MARTINEZ**  
21 Secretary

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23 I, **Pedro Roy Martinez**, Secretary of the Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU)  
24 as evidenced by my signature above do hereby certify as follows:  
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26 The foregoing is a full, true and accurate copy of the resolution duly adopted at a regular  
27 meeting by the members of the Guam Consolidated Commission on Utilities, duly and  
28 legally held at a place properly noticed and advertised at which meeting a quorum was  
29 present and the members who were present voted as follows:  
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31 AYES: 5

32 NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0