

OF A MULTI-YEAR
CONTRACT FOR LIQUID
CONTRACT REVIEW
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## **INTRODUCTION**

This matter comes before the Guam Public Utilities Commission (the "PUC") pursuant to the January 6, 2014 Petition for Approval of a Multi-Year Contract for Liquid Chlorine Under the Contract Review Protocol (the "Petition"), filed by the Guam Waterworks Authority ("GWA").

## **DETERMINATIONS**

On January 6, 2014, GWA filed its Petition for Approval of a Multi-Year Contract for Liquid Chlorine under the Contract Review Protocol. On January 27, 2014, the Administrative Law Judge of the PUC Joephet R. Alcantara (the "ALJ") filed an ALJ Report regarding the Petition which included his findings and recommendations based on the administrative record before the PUC.

In his January 27, 2014 ALJ Report, the ALJ found that the use of chlorine in disinfecting drinking water is common and standard industry and regulated practice.

The ALJ further found that GWA's use of a multi-year contract for the purchase of chlorine is reasonable and necessary given that chlorine is an indispensible chemical required for its daily operations in purifying Guam's water. Additionally, the ALJ found

that GWA provided adequate documentation to support the procurement of chlorine, which it requires in order to satisfy both local and federal standards with respect to water quality. Accordingly, the ALJ recommended that GWA should be authorized to proceed with the procurement related to the purchase of chlorine as set forth in the proposed Invitation to Bid.

The Commission hereby adopts the findings made in the January 27, 2014 ALJ Report, and therefore, issues the following:

## **ORDERING PROVISIONS**

Upon careful consideration of the record herein, and for good cause shown, on motion duly made, seconded and carried by the affirmative vote of the undersigned Commissioners, the Commission hereby ORDERS the following:

- That GWA is authorized to proceed with the procurement related to the purchase of chlorine as set forth in the proposed Invitation to Bid.
- 2. GWA is ordered to pay the PUC's regulatory fees and expenses, including and without limitation, consulting and counsel fees, and the fees and expenses associated with this docket. Assessment of the PUC's regulatory fees and expenses is authorized pursuant to 12 G.C.A. §§ 12002(b) and 12024(b), and Rule 40 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure before the PUC.

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## SO ORDERED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

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