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## BEFORE THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## RESOLUTION NO. 20-01

## COMMENDING DR. FILOMENA M. CANTORIA FOR HER DISTINGUISHED AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**WHEREAS**, Filomena M. Cantoria [affectionately known as "Melba"] was first appointed to serve as a member of the Guam Public Utilities Commission ["PUC"] on March 24, 1999 for a six-year term; and

**WHEREAS**, Melba completed her first term and was reappointed to a second six-year term on August 22, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Melba completed her second term as a Commissioner of the PUC and was reappointed to a third six-year term on September 25, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Melba completed her third term as a Commissioner of the PUC on October 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Melba has faithfully served the PUC for 20 years, occupying the Commissioner position which requires certification as a public accountant; and

**WHEREAS**, Melba has regularly attended meetings of the PUC and diligently asked questions concerning the operations and activities of the regulated utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Melba has demonstrated discernment and an inquiring mind in addressing rate making and other decision-making activities of the utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, during the formative years of the PUC, Melba's participation and contributions were instrumental in developing the regulatory practices, protocols, and rules and regulations of the PUC in carrying out its supervisory duties; and

**WHEREAS**, Melba has brought her extensive background in economic principles to her work with the PUC, and guided the Commission in issuing appropriate rate making decisions concerning the Guam Power Authority, the Guam Waterworks Authority, and other regulated entities; and

**WHEREAS**, Melba has continually sought to enhance her understanding of regulatory theory by attending utilities conferences during her tenure with the PUC, including the Pacific Telecommunications Conference in Honolulu, conferences involving Power Purchase Agreements, Utility Environmental Impacts, and Regulation of Power Companies; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 2019 Melba attended a conference on Energy, Utility, and Environment in San Diego, California, and was a featured conference speaker, giving a presentation on Regulatory Challenges in Guam's Power Generation and the low emissions produced by the New Power Plant; and

**WHEREAS,** Melba has been diligent in all of her duties and responsibilities with the PUC, notwithstanding her obligations as a tenured full Professor of Accounting with the School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Guam and as Coordinator of the Professional MBA program; and

**WHEREAS,** Melba has worked conscientiously over the years to ensure that rates for the utilities are "just and reasonable"; and

**WHEREAS**, Melba is now one of the two longest serving members of the Commission in its entire history; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission and its Staff will sorely miss the expertise and exemplary dedication that Melba Cantoria has brought to her duties with the Commission and is extremely thankful for her long and faithful dedication to her duties as Commissioner over the many years.

**NOW, THERFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Guam Public Utilities Commission hereby recognizes the great and substantial contributions that Dr. Filomena M. Cantoria has made as a Commissioner of the PUC over the past 20 years.

**RESOLVED**, that Dr. Cantoria is recognized by the Commission and staff, the regulated utilities, and the people of Guam as a fair and impartial decision maker as Commissioner.

**RESOLVED**, that the work and dedication of Dr. Cantoria in assisting with the development of the regulatory practices, protocols, and rules and regulations of the PUC in its formative period will continue to provide great benefits to the Commission for many years into the future; and

**RESOLVED**, that the Guam Public Utilities Commission gratefully recognizes and commends the contribution that Dr. Filomena M. Cantoria has made to the people of Guam by her leadership and service on the Commission and wishes her well in future endeavors; and

**RESOLVED**, that a copy hereof be transmitted to the Governor of Guam, to the Speaker of the 35th Guam Legislature, and to Dr. Filomena M. Cantoria.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THIS 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.**

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