BEFORE THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF)
GWA'S THIRD FIVE-YEAR
FINANCIAL PLAN (BASE RATE
INCREASES)

GWA DOCKET 19-08

SECOND AMENDED SCHEDULING ORDER



Based on the August 6, 2021 proposal to amend the First Amended Scheduling Order submitted by Georgetown Consulting Group (hereinafter referred to as "GCG"), the August 9, 2021 Suggested Revisions to GCG's proposed amended schedule submitted by the Guam Waterworks Authority (hereinafter referred to as "GWA"), the July 7, 2021 Request to Clarify Scheduling Order submitted by the Department of the Navy (hereinafter referred to as the "Navy") (collectively referred to as the "Parties"), and after hearing from counsel of all Parties via teleconference on August 12, 2021, the ALJ HEREBY issues the following amended procedural schedule:

- 1. From May 4 through May 20, 2021, GCG and GWA shall engage in telephone or web-conferences for the purposes of reviewing and clarifying the GWA Analytical Studies filed in this docket, methodology, among other matters, including: Clarification of the Status of the U.S. Navy or any Intervenors; Econometric Demand Forecast; Rate Application Model; Capital Financing, Capital Labor, Cesspool/Septic Tank Elimination; Water Loss Reduction and Non-Revenue Water; Affordability/Implementation of Rate Design; and Cost of Service.
- 2. On <u>May 10, 2021</u>, GCG will inform the ALJ of any issues concerning GWA's rate filing.

- 3. On <u>May 22, 2021</u>, GCG may issue its First Request for Information to GWA and GWA shall submit its response to GCG no later than <u>June 5, 2021</u>.
- 4. On <u>June 19, 2021</u>, GCG may issue its Second Request for Information to GWA and GWA shall submit its response to GCG no later than <u>July 3, 2021</u>.
- 5. On <u>August 27, 2021</u>, GCG shall conclude its review of GWA's data, executable models, and required information (including any calculations involving any compression of rates). At this time, GCG shall also conclude its review of any material and testimony submitted by the Navy.
- 6. On <u>September 3, 2021</u>, GCG and the Navy may issue an additional set of Request for Information to GWA; and GWA shall submit its responses to GCG and the Navy no later than <u>September 10, 2021</u>.
- 7. On <u>September 17, 2021</u>, GCG and the Navy shall complete their review of GWA's responses to any outstanding Requests for Information.
- 8. On <u>September 24, 2021</u>, a conference between all Parties and mediated by the ALJ, shall be held concerning any issues related to GWA's responses to the additional Requests for Information.
- 9. On <u>September 27, 2021</u>, the Parties shall begin engaging in settlement discussions, which shall conclude on **October 1, 2021**.
 - 10. GCG shall submit its final Report and Testimony by October 8, 2021.
- 11. Any Stipulation reached between the Parties shall be submitted to the ALJ by October 13, 2021.

- 12. On October 13, 2021, GWA may issue its First Request for Information to GCG and the Navy; and GCG and the Navy shall submit their responses to GWA no later than October 22, 2021.
- 13. To apprise the ratepayers of any new rates, the ALJ will schedule public hearings to be conducted in Hagåtña, Northern and Southern villages, in the early evenings between October 18 through October 22, 2021.
- 14. If necessary, from October 25 through October 27, 2021, the Parties shall participate in Evidentiary Hearings concerning any contested issue.
 - 15. The ALJ shall file a Report and Proposed Order by **November 15, 2021**.
- 16. The Parties may submit comments to the ALJ Report and Proposed Order no later than **November 17, 2021**.
- 17. With regard to any additional discovery, the Parties shall be permitted to issue an additional set of Requests for Information, with each set not to exceed twenty (20) questions. The Parties may request of the ALJ the issuance of additional discovery if necessary and for good cause.
- 18. That, seven (7) days from the date of this Order, GWA shall provide the Parties with revised rate calculations based on the implementation of any new rates that may be implemented beginning either December of this year or January 1, 2022.

SO ORDERED this 19th day of August, 2021.

JOEPHET R. ALCANTARA Administrative Law Judge

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