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BEFORE THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

)	GWA DOCKET 13-01
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PETITION OF)	ALJ STATUS REPORT
GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY)	RE: GWA'S MULTI-YEAR
FOR RATE RELIEF)	RATE PETITION
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This matter comes before the Guam Public Utilities Commission (the "PUC") pursuant to the Petition for Approval of the Guam Waterworks Authority's 5 Year Financial Plan, filed by the Guam Waterworks Authority ("GWA") on June 5, 2013. The following is a status report regarding this multi-year rate petition.

On June 5, 2013, GWA filed its multi-year rate petition. The petition is based on Resolution No. 18-FY2013, issued by the Consolidated Commission on Utilities, and proposes the following rate increases: 16% in FY2014; 14.5% in FY2015; 17.5% in FY2016; 10% in FY2017; and 9% in FY2018. GWA maintains that the rate increases proposed in the petition "are necessary to pay debt service on the issuance of approximately \$450M in bonds required for GWA to comply with the November 2010 Order of the United States District Court in Civil Case No. 02-00035 ("Order") by upgrading and refurbishing GWA's existing water and wastewater infrastructure as required under the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act."¹ GWA indicates in

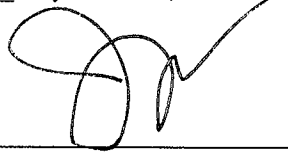
¹ GWA's Petition for Approval of the Guam Waterworks Authority's 5 Year Financial Plan, filed by the Guam Waterworks Authority ("Petition"), GWA Docket 13-01, p. 1. (June 5, 2013); See also "Exhibit B," Testimony of Greg P. Cruz in Support of Request for an Approval of the Guam Waterworks Authority FY2014-FY2018 5 Year Financial Rate Plan ("Cruz Testimony"), p. 2 (June 5, 2013) ("The primary basis of this rate petition is the necessity to raise capital by way of revenue bonds for upgrades and rehabilitation of GWA's existing system infrastructure and for construction of new facilities to bring GWA into compliance with a 2011 Federal Court Order and CWA and SDWA requirements and to pay for debt service associated with the financing.").

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its petition that “[t]he primary driver of the Rate Plan’s revenue requirements is debt service”²; and that bonds are “expected to be issued in three series in calendar years 2013, 2015 and 2018.”³

A copy of the June 5, 2013 multi-rate petition was transmitted to the firm of Lummus Consultants International (“Lummus”), the PUC’s consultants for water and wastewater matters. The ALJ has requested that Lummus endeavor to apprise the PUC of its findings and recommendations no later than the first week of August, prior to any scheduled public hearings related to the instant rate petition.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of June, 2013.



DAVID A. MAIR
Administrative Law Judge

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² Cruz Testimony, p. 3.

³ Petition, p. 1.