



BEFORE THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:) GPA Docket 15-23
)
The Application of the Guam Power)
Authority to Approve the Procurement of) **ORDER**
Bucket Trucks.)
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INTRODUCTION

1. This matter comes before the Guam Public Utilities Commission ["PUC"] upon the Petition of Guam Power Authority ["GPA"] for PUC Review and Approval of GPA's Procurement of Bucket Trucks.¹

BACKGROUND

2. In GPA Docket 15-19, GPA sought approval of its FY2016 Capital Improvement Project Cap in the amount of \$12,067,780. Included by GPA as items in the CIP Budget Request were 3 65-ft. and 3 55-ft. Bucket Trucks at a cost of \$1.7M.²
3. The PUC approved the ceiling cap in the amount of \$12,067,780, but required GPA to seek approval from the PUC for procurement authority through the Contract Review Protocol before it expended the amounts for the bucket trucks of \$1.7M³
4. In accord with the prior PUC Order, GPA now seeks to procure 6 bucket trucks to replace 6 existing Bucket Trucks which range in age from 17 to 25 years.⁴
5. GPA submits that the replacement of the bucket trucks is necessary to ensure that GPA has adequate bucket trucks for T&D Operations.⁵
6. The Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU). in Resolution No. 2015-42, approved the CIP budget including the request for 6 bucket trucks.⁶

¹ GPA Petition Approval of the Procurement of Bucket Trucks, GPA Docket 15-23, November 19, 2015.

² PUC Order, Request of GPA to Approve FY2016 CIP Ceiling Cap, GPA Docket 15-19, dated September 24, 2015, at p. 3.

³ Id.

⁴ GPA Petition for Approval for the Procurement of Bucket Trucks, GPA Docket 15-23, filed December 19, 2015, at p.1.

⁵ Id.

⁶ GPA Petition for Approval for the Procurement of Bucket Trucks, GPA Docket 15-23, filed December 19, 2015, at pgs.1-2.

7. GPA submits that the PUC should approve its request to proceed with their procurement of replacement bucket trucks, as "the replacement of the bucket trucks is necessary to ensure GPA has adequate bucket trucks for T&D Operations, and is reasonable, prudent and necessary".⁷
8. PUC Counsel filed his Report herein on December 6, 2015.

DETERMINATIONS

9. GPA indicates that capital investments in transportation are necessary to meet its mission requirements for power generation and delivery. The 55-ft. and 65-ft. Bucket Trucks will give the Authority's Transmission & Distribution personnel the capability and capacity to perform new installations to support customer growth and to maintain the overhead power system.⁸
10. Based upon GPA's analysis, it will not be economical to repair the existing bucket trucks, as they are for the most part beyond their useful lives.⁹
11. Given the age of the existing trucks, they would require substantial repairs to be operational on an ongoing basis; although 3 of the trucks are presently "operational", they would also require substantial repairs.¹⁰
12. GPA has established that replacement of the bucket trucks is critical in sustaining operations to meet power generation and delivery requirements.¹¹
13. GPA's Cost-Benefit analysis indicates that there would be a beneficial cost-benefit ratio with the purchase of the new bucket trucks and replacement of the old trucks: a present value of future benefits in excess of \$2M over the assumed useful life of 15 years.¹²

⁷ Id. at p. 2.

⁸ Id.

⁹ Id.

¹⁰ Id at p. 4.

¹¹ Id.

¹² Id at p. 2.

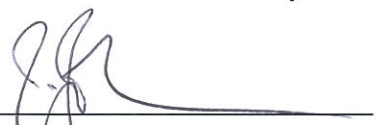
14. GPA should ascertain and determine whether it may be able to garner some additional useful life for certain of the bucket trucks, official vehicles #1575 and #3957.¹³

ORDERING PROVISIONS

After review of the record herein, including GPA's Petition for Approval of the Procurement of Bucket Trucks, and the PUC Counsel Report, for good cause shown, on motion duly made, seconded and carried by the undersigned Commissioners, the Guam Public Utilities Commission **HEREBY ORDERS** that:

1. GPA's Petition to procure Bucket Trucks is approved.
2. GPA is authorized to expend the amount of \$1.7M for the bucket trucks.
3. GPA should ascertain and determine whether it may be able to garner some additional useful life for certain of the bucket trucks, official vehicles #1575 and #3957.
4. GPA is ordered to pay the Commission's regulatory fees and expenses, including, without limitation, consulting and counsel fees and the fees and expenses of conducting the hearing proceedings. Assessment of PUC's regulatory fees and expenses is authorized pursuant to 12 GCA §§12002(b) and 12024(b), and Rule 40 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure before the Public Utilities Commission.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2015.



Jeffrey C. Johnson
Chairman



Rowena E. Perez
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¹³ Id at p. 3.

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