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RESOLUTION NO. 23-01

RE: AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE RETENTION OF PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE IT WITH REGARD TO REGULATION OF THE WATER, POWER, PORT, SOLID WASTE UTILITIES, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES; AND FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AND LEGAL COUNSEL POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the Guam Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") is an autonomous instrumentality independent of the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Government of Guam;

WHEREAS, the PUC has the authority to retain consultants pursuant to 12 GCA Section 12103 (a), which provides that "[T]he Commission shall retain on an as needed basis those professional services required by the Commission in the performance of its duties";

WHEREAS, the PUC finds that it is in the public interest to retain consultants through a transparent and fair procurement process;

WHEREAS, the PUC has a need to retain the services of professional consultants to provide it with advice and other consulting services with regard to regulation of utilities, including water (GWA), power (GPA), the Port (PAG), telecommunications companies (GTA and other telecom companies), and solid waste (GSWA);

WHEREAS, the PUC also has a need to retain professional consultants such as Administrative Law Judges and Legal Counsel to assist in the processing of its workload;

WHEREAS, the existing consulting agreements of the PUC either have expired or will expire by the end of September, 2023; and

NOW THEREFORE, in due consideration of the above recitals and for good cause shown, the PUC hereby resolves that:

1. The Chief Administrative Law Judge is authorized and directed to cause the preparation and publication of procurement documents for the selection of consultants for water (GWA),

power (GPA), the Port (PAG), telecommunications companies (GTA and other telecom companies), and solid waste (GSWA).

- 2. The Chief Administrative is also authorized and directed to cause the preparation and publication of procurement documents for the selection of consultants for Administrative Law Judge and Legal Counsel positions;
- 3. The Chief Administrative Law Judge shall take steps to issue and publish requests for proposals for the selection of all the consultants on or before April 1, 2023;
- 4. Once proposals are received from prospective offerors, the Commissioners shall evaluate the proposals and select the most qualified offerors.
- 5. The Commission, through staff, will negotiate price offers with the highest-ranking offerors. At the next scheduled meeting of the PUC after proposals are selected and price negotiated, the Commission shall determine which offerors shall be the PUC Consultants.

SO ORDERED this 26th day of January, 2023. Dated: January 26, 2023 JEFFREY-C. JOHNSON Dated: January 26, 2023 PH M. MCDONALD Commissione Dated: January 26, 2023 **DORIS FLORES BROOKS** Commissioner Dated: January 26, 2023 ROWENA E. PEREZ-CAMACHO Comprissione Dated: January 26, 2023 MICHAEL A. PANGELINAN Commissioner Dated: January 26, 2023 PETER MONTINOLA Commissioner Dated: January 26, 2023 PEDRO S.N. GUERRERO

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