BEFORE THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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ASSESSMENT ORDER



WHEREAS, the Commission's operational expenses can be divided into two categories and are budgeted and collected under the following protocols: i] general administrative expenses, which are budgeted each fiscal year by the Commission and divided and assessed among the regulated utilities; and ii] regulatory expenses, which are incurred pursuant to Commission resolution dated August 13, 2007. Regulatory expenses include professional and out-of-pocket expenses, which are billed to specific utilities under regulatory dockets assigned to them to cover the expense of handling specific regulatory proceedings related to them. This order addresses the Commission's FY2024 budget of administrative expenses.

WHEREAS, the administrative budget covers the Commission's administrative expenses, including staff, office facilities, Commissioner stipends and training, professional fees and other operational expenses;

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed and convened Commission meeting held on September 28, 2023, the Commission considered and adopted its FY2024 administrative budget in the amount of \$550,000.00;

WHEREAS the administrative budget for FY2024 is \$50,000.00 more than the administrative budget for FY2023, resulting in part from the conversion of the part time Assistant to the Administrator position to a full-time position and from additional professional fee expenses resulting from the Request for Proposal process for eight PUC Consultant positions for FY2024.

WHEREAS, the utilities and telecommunication companies subject to Commission regulation include Guam Power Authority [GPA], Guam Waterworks Authority [GWA], TeleGuam Holdings LLC [GTA]/ Other Telecom Companies, Guam Solid Waste Authority [GSWA], and the Port Authority of Guam [PAG];

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WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Commission has resolved that its' FY2024 administrative budget of \$550,000.00 should be allocated among the regulated utilities and telecommunication companies as follows:

| GSWA Total | \$110,000.00 \$550,000.00 |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| PAG | \$110,000.00 |
| GWA | \$110,000.00 |
| GPA | \$110,000.00 |
| GTA/Other Telecon | m Companies \$110,000.00 |

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above recitals and under authority invested by 12 GCA Section 12125, the Commission hereby **ORDERS THAT**:

- 1. GPA, GWA, GTA/Other Telecom Companies, PAG, and GSWA shall pay the assessments allocated to them, as stated above, to the Commission no later than October 31, 2023. The regulated utilities and telecom companies are reminded that these assessed revenues are necessary to enable the Commission to have the staff and office facilities to entertain their requests for regulatory services. It is, therefore, essential that these assessments be paid in a timely manner.
- 2. The assessments due for the telecom companies are apportioned¹ as follows:

| GTA: | \$47,336.50 |
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| PDS: | \$5,000.00 |
| DPAC | \$27,250.00 |
| PTI/ITE | \$30,413.50 |

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¹ This allocation of Regulatory Fees for Telecommunications Companies has been determined in accordance with the methodology set forth in the Amended Rules Governing Regulatory Fees for Telecommunications Companies, Docket 05-01, adopted by the PUC on March 29, 2018. See par. 2a, 2b, and 2. thereof. In GTA Docket 17-07, the telecom parties all agreed that a total baseline would be established annually for apportionment of PUC administrative expenses among such companies. The baseline for FY2024 is \$45,000, and it is apportioned as follows: GTA, \$16,000; PDS, \$5,000; DPAC, \$11,000; IT&E, \$13,000 (which includes the previous charge of \$2,000 for iConnect, as IT&E has purchased the telecommunications assets of iConnect). For the balance of administrative expenses for telecom for FY2024 in excess of the baseline assessment (\$65,000), such balance of fees will be apportioned among the Telecom carriers based upon each carrier's percentage of the total regulatory fees assessed against all carriers for FY2023. The calculations for the apportionment of the PUC FY2024 administrative expenses of \$65,000 among the telecom carriers are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

3. A copy of this assessment order shall be delivered to each regulated utility and Telecom Company.

Dated this 28th day of September 2023.

Jeffrey C. Johnson

Chairman

Røwena E. Perez-Camacho

Commissioner

Michael A. Pangelinan

Commissioner

Pedro S.N. Guerrero

Commissioner

Joseph M. McDonald

Commissioner

Peter Montinola

Commissioner

Doris Flores Brooks

Commissioner

2023 SERVICES RENDERED TELECOMMUNICATION MATTERS Oct 2022 to Sept 2023

| Total \$2,800.00 | PTI/ITE/Choice \$750.00 | PDS \$0.00 | GTA/Pulse \$1,350.00 | Dacomo/GT \$700.00 | Pen | 100:00/\$ | 0-23 \$0.00 | \$700.00 | | Jun-23 \$0.00 | May-23 \$0.00 | Apr-23 \$0.00 | Mar-23 \$0.00 | Feb-23 \$0.00 | Jan-23 \$0.00 | Dec-22 \$0.00 | Nov-22 \$0.00 | Oct-22 \$0.00 | Date | CT | MO |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------|-------------------|---------|
| 100.00% \$65,000.00 | 26.79% \$17,413.50 | 0.00% \$0.00 | 48.21% \$31,336.50 | 25.00% \$16,250.00 | Percentage \$110,000 less 45,000 = \$65,0000 | \$1,350.00 \$0.00 | | \$1,350.00 \$0.00 | \$0.00 \$0.00 | \$0.00 \$0.00 | \$0.00 \$0.00 | \$0.00 \$0.00 | \$0.00 \$0.00 | \$0.00 \$0.00 | \$0.00 \$0.00 | \$0.00 \$0.00 | \$0.00 \$0.00 | \$0.00 \$0.00 | | | GTA PDS |
| | | | | | 5,0000 | \$750.00 \$2,800.00 | | \$750.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | ITE /Choice Phone | |