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BEFORE THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 25-01

COMMENDING JOSEPH T. DUENAS FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE WITH THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND THE CONSOLIDATED COMMISSION ON UTILITIES

WHEREAS, Mr. Duenas has indicated that he will retire from the Guam Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU) in December of 2024, after four consecutive elected terms, having provided 25 years of positive public service (16 years on the elected CCU (2009-2024) and 9 years (1985-1994) on the Public Utilities Commission);

WHEREAS, Joseph T. Duenas [known by all as "Joey"] served for nine years on the Guam Public Utilities Commission ["PUC"] as a Commissioner and Chairman from 1985 to 1994;

WHEREAS, Joey Duenas was the first Chairman of the PUC, having assumed the position in 1985;

WHEREAS, Joey Duenas served as a Commissioner and Chairman of the PUC during its formative years, representing the business sector, and applying his background in economics principles and financial management to developing sound regulatory practices, protocols, and rules and regulations of the PUC;

WHEREAS, Joey's leadership was instrumental in implementing the regulatory framework under which the PUC could issue fair and just rate making decisions; and

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WHEREAS, Joey Duenas had considerable accomplishments in the early years of the PUC, including the following: Conducting the initial review of three utilities, the Guam Power Authority, the Guam Telephone Authority, and the Public Utility Agency of Guam; establishing rules and procedures for the conduct of rate cases; the hiring of an Administrative Law Judge and a Consultant to advise the Commission on regulatory matters; and instituting a system of dockets for matters before the PUC and developing procedures by which the PUC staff and the Commissioners could resolve regulatory issues;

WHEREAS, Mr. Duenas' diligent and tireless work in leading the PUC created a basic framework for PUC operations which continues to contribute to its success and progress up to the present time;

WHEREAS, in his tenure with the CCU, the leadership of Joey Duenas marshalled in an era of consistent management, a customer-centric "1-utility" standard resulting in certain efficiencies and uniformity in GWA and GPA service and operations; built unanimity, stability and accord in this strategic planning, prioritization, fiscal management of assets and resources, and modernization of these public utilities, which ultimately strengthen their ability to deliver services in a safe, transparent, convenient, and cost-effective manner to ratepayers;

WHEREAS, Joey Duenas has worked, with dedication and perseverance, to upgrade and modernize GPA and GWA as public utilities;

WHEREAS, Mr. Duenas, the CCU, and the PUC, since 2014, have worked together in the development, implementation, and construction of the new Ukudu Power Plant, the establishment and implementation of a massive program of renewable energy plants for Guam, the upgrading and modernization of the Guam Waterworks' system (culminating in the provision of world class water and waste-water facilities), and the establishment of just and reasonable rates for the public utilities; and

WHEREAS, the PUC and its Staff will sorely miss the dedication and expertise which Mr. Duenas has always brought to his duties with the Commission and the CCU, and is extremely thankful for the long and faithful dedication to his duties which Mr. Duenas has shown over his 25 years of service; and

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Guam Public Utilities Commission, with gratitude, thanks Mr. Duenas for the great and substantial contributions that he has made, both as member and Chairman of the PUC and the CCU.

RESOLVED, that Mr. Duenas is recognized by the Commission and its staff, the regulated utilities, and the people of Guam for his leadership in improving the public utilities.

RESOLVED, that the Guam Public Utilities Commission gratefully recognizes and commends the contribution that Mr. Duenas has made to the people of Guam by his leadership and service for PUC and the CCU, and wishes him well in future endeavors; and

RESOLVED, that a copy hereof be transmitted to the Governor of Guam, to the Speaker of the 37th Guam Legislature, and to Joseph T. Duenas.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER,

2024.

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