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GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION RESOLUTION 25-06

RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION FOR AN IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

WHEREAS, pursuant to 12 G.C.A §12102, the Guam Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") is a public corporation and an autonomous instrumentality of the Government of Guam;

WHEREAS, the PUC has the authority to retain an In-House counsel pursuant to 12 G.C.A §12103(a), which provides that the "Commission shall retain on an as needed basis those professional services required by the Commission in the performance of its duties";

WHEREAS, pursuant to 12 G.C.A §12103(a), the PUC may also employ administrative staff and personnel, such as an In-House Counsel, for the conduct of Commission business;

WHEREAS, the services of one of the consultant/ attorneys of the Commission is scheduled to terminate in March 2026, and the Commission will have the need for the services of an additional counsel:

WHEREAS, the solicitation of an In-House Counsel will assist the PUC with the administration of the Commission's operations, and regulatory and rate setting functions;

WHEREAS, an In-House Counsel will further assist the Commission with tasks such as preparing reports and opinions on regulatory and legal matters, and handling ratesetting and regulatory dockets;

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

- 1. The PUC is authorized to procure the services of an In-House Counsel, who will serve as an employee of the PUC.
- 2. The solicitation for an In-House Counsel will be conducted in accordance with the PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF GUAM PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES duly adopted by the Commission on April 24, 2025;
- 3. The solicitation shall be conducted by the Procurement Officer of the PUC, the PUC Administrator, in accordance with the purchase requirements for professional services between \$1.00 and \$250,000;
- 4. In accordance with the PUC Procurement Guidelines and Procedures, the PUC's Chief Administrative Law Judge will serve as a resource in providing advice on proposals, bids, and identification of vendors;
- 5. The position description for In-House Counsel attached hereto as Exhibit "1" is approved.
- 6. Upon completion of the solicitation process, if there is a qualified applicant or applicants for the position, in accordance with Guideline 3(c) (2) of the PUC Procurement Guidelines, the PUC Administrator shall select the most qualified offeror/vendor. A Purchase Order or Contract shall be negotiated with the most qualified offeror/vendor, which Purchase Order or Contract shall be subject to final review and approval of the Commissioners.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE 2025.

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IN-HOUSE COUNSEL POSITION FOR THE GUAM PUBLIC UITILITIES COMMISSION

The In-House Counsel position for the Guam Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is a full-time employment position. Employees of the PUC are not government of Guam employees, nor are they entitled to the benefits of government employees. The Counsel will serve within the offices of the PUC and will serve a work schedule of a minimum of 40 hours per week. The salary for the Counsel will be determined after the most qualified professional is selected. The Counsel must be admitted before the Supreme Court of Guam and have at least five years of legal experience.

The In-House Counsel shall:

- (1) Provide advice to the staff and the Commissioners as requested;
- (2) Prepare reports on regulatory matters involving entities regulated by the Commission;
- (3) Review contracts of regulated entities under the contract review protocol;
- (4) Under take tasks related to the administration of Commission meetings and proceedings, including but not limited to preparation of agendas, meeting notices, and minutes of meetings, or other tasks as requested;
- (5) Assist in the preparation of Annual Reports, Citizen Centric Reports, and any other required reports;
- (6) Represent the Commission at public hearings, before the Guam Legislature and the Government of Guam boards or agencies;
- (7) Serve as a Public Information Officer for the PUC;
- (8) Other Tasks: the Commission may require other related tasks not specified above.

As In-House Counsel, the selected professional shall be a full-time employee of the PUC.