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Insights

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GPA to Petition PUC for Base Rate Adjustment as Part of its Effort to Reduce Power Bills

During its regular meeting on February 25, 2025, the Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU) approved Resolution No. FY2025-11 authorizing Guam Power Authority (GPA) to petition the Guam Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a base rate adjustment. GPA also announced that it will seek approval from the CCU in May 2025 to petition the PUC for a reduction to the Fuel Recovery Charge, or Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause (LEAC).

These adjustments are designed to work together to lower power bills for all GPA customers. If approved by the PUC, the base rate adjustment would take effect on September 1, 2025, and GPA anticipates a LEAC reduction to be implemented at the same time, pending approval later this year.

Proposals include:

- Base Rate Increase: 3 cents per kWh for the average residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month.
- LEAC Reduction: 13-14 cents per kWh, reflecting reduced fuel consumption from the new Ukudu Power Plant and the retirement of Cabras 1 and 2 baseload generator units.

Together, these adjustments, if approved, would result in a **net reduction of approximately \$42 per month on the average residential customer's power bill**, in addition to the \$53 monthly reduction that took effect in February 2025. Combined, these reductions represent an **estimated total monthly savings of \$95** compared to power costs prior to recent adjustments.

The proposed base rate adjustment is needed to cover fixed costs and payments associated with the Ukudu Power Plant and other system investments, ensuring long-term reliability and grid stability. The proposed LEAC reduction is made possible by anticipated fuel savings from the Ukudu Power Plant, which is expected to reduce fuel consumption by over 900,000 barrels per year and allow for the retirement of older, less efficient generators.

With CCU approval, GPA will file its formal petition for the base rate adjustment to the PUC in early June 2025. The PUC will review the filing, conduct hearings, and consider public input from the public and independent consultants before making a final determination on the proposed rate adjustment.

GPA will conduct outreach in the coming weeks to ensure customers are informed about the proposed rate adjustment and understand how the base rate increase and LEAC reduction will work together to lower power bills. Additionally, customers are encouraged to review their rights under the Ratepayers' Bill of Rights, codified in 12 GCA Chapter 12, which outlines protections and access to information throughout the rate-setting process.

GPA remains committed to Brighter Days for Guam, ensuring reliable, affordable energy on a sustained basis while providing transparency throughout this rate adjustment process.



Scan the QR code for more information on the proposed rate adjustments and FAQs.

Lower Bills Already in Effect

The average monthly residential bill lowered by **\$53**

More Savings on the Way

Additional decrease on average monthly power bills of **\$42**
Effective Sep. 2025 (proposed)

Smarter Energy, Bigger Benefits

The Ukudu Power Plant will replace aging generators and save **+900,000** Barrels of Oil annually.

RESIDENTIAL POWER BILL BASED ON \$100/BBL FUEL

Based on 1000 kWh residential consumption

\$359	January 2025
\$306	February 2025
\$264 (proposed)	September 2025



Brighter Days Ahead

7 MONTHS TO GO

Hafa Adai to Brighter Days!

At Guam Power Authority, we're taking action to bring down power bills for Guam's families and businesses. With more reliable power and savings of up to \$53/month already in effect, even more savings are coming. By September 2025, proposed rate adjustments could lower average monthly power bills by an additional \$42. Lower costs. Reliable power. A brighter energy future for Guam.

#UkuduCountdown
#PowerToServe #BrighterDays

Ukudu Power Plant Begins Delivering Energy to GPA During Commissioning Process

The initial commissioning of the Ukudu Power Plant reached a major milestone as the first of three combustion turbine (CT) units was successfully fired during testing stage on February 12, 2025. This marks the beginning of Ukudu's transition from construction to operation, with the plant's ability to actively supply power to Guam's electrical grid. Ukudu CT Unit 1 underwent extensive initial testing, including emergency stop procedures, protection relay checks, and overspeed trip tests at full speed.

On February 18, at 11:20 a.m., the unit synchronized with GPA's power grid, reaching its first 13 megawatts (MW) that morning. Over the next few days, Guam Ukudu Power (GUP) gradually increased the unit's load as part of capacity testing. On February 24, 2025, Ukudu CT Unit 1, reached full load test at 46 MW.

The remaining two turbine units, Ukudu CT Units 2 and 3, will undergo similar commissioning tests through the end of March. Once all three units are fully operational, the Ukudu Power Plant will generate 198 MW of energy, reducing Guam's reliance on imported fuel by more than 900,000 barrels per year and allow for the planned retirement of older, less efficient generators.

On February 28, 2025 Ukudu CT Unit 2 completed load testing at 24 MW but was able to reach 38 MW.

Plant operators will continue to work on Ukudu Unit 2 to get it to run on full load sometime this month. Ukudu CT Unit 3 will also undergo testing this month. These tests incrementally increased each unit's power output to evaluate system stability and efficiency for integration into the broader grid. Testing continues through the coming months until full commissioning is achieved.

A critical component of the commissioning process will take place this month with the steam blowing of the Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG). This process ensures that pipelines and boiler components are thoroughly cleaned before full-scale operation begins. Residents and visitors in surrounding areas may hear high-pitched noises during this phase, but these tests will only occur during daytime hours and for short durations.

GPA and GUP appreciate the community's support and patience as these necessary performance tests are conducted. The Ukudu Power Plant remains on track for full operational status by September 2025, bringing cleaner, more efficient, and reliable energy on a sustained basis to Guam.

For the latest updates on the Ukudu Power Plant's progress, follow GPA on Facebook and Instagram or visit www.guampowerauthority.com.



From Our Engineers to You!

In February, we proudly celebrated **Engineers Week**, recognizing the dedication and expertise of the engineers who keep our island powered. As part of the celebration, we asked our engineers to share some of their **go-to energy-saving tips**—small changes that can help families and businesses reduce their power bills while making homes more energy efficient. **These tips come directly from our engineers to you!**



Victor A. Torres, Jr.
ENGINEER III - SPORD

"Guam's heat can be brutal but cooling your space doesn't have to drain your wallet. Simple changes like raising your thermostat temperature from 70 to 75 can save you big on your utility bill. When going out, turn off your A/C. You don't need to cool an empty house! Small changes can result in big savings."



Brian San Nicolas
ENGINEER I - SPORD

"My favorite energy saving tip would be weather stripping because it keeps the cool air in and improves your energy efficiency. They come in all different types of forms such as foam tapes, rubber seals and door sweeps, which are all super easy to install."



Jezreel Sabangan
ENGINEER II - Engineering

"Some of my favorite energy saving tips at home include air drying our clothes. This is to prevent high power consumption from the dryers. Another tip we practice is using natural lighting. This is to manage the heat while bringing light inside our home."



Maria Aiza Galang
ENGINEER I - SPORD

"Do you want to save on your power bill? Switching to LED lights is a bright idea. LED bulbs use 80% less energy and last 25 times longer. That means fewer bulb replacements and lower electricity costs. Upgrading to LED lights can help you save, but did you

know that there's still one simple step you can do to save? It's turning off the lights when not in use. It's a small switch but it makes a big difference."



Marvin Poliarco
ENGINEER III - P&R

"One of my favorite energy saving tip at home is utilizing my smart air conditioners. If my kids forget to turn off their A/C, I can turn off the A/C with my phone app. That's the main feature that I like about this smart A/C. It's energy efficient and you are able to control it anywhere you are."



Science Expo

On February 28, 2025, GPA participated in the FB Leon Guerero Middle School Science Expo by demonstrating its Renewable Energy STEM kits and illustrating and explaining safety and electricity to the middle school students.

T&D Linemen discussed electrical safety and the importance of personal protective equipment (PPEs) when working with electricity. Students were reminded not to approach power lines, and to report down lines to GPA and always practice safety when handling their electronic devices. Equipped with their safety gear, the linemen showcased a hot dog experiment and demonstrated the effects of electrical current on a person's skin.

SPORD Engineers discussed the different types of renewable energy and demonstrated how renewable energy works using solar and wind STEM kits. Communications personnel discussed energy efficiency and conservation tips along with the "Beat the Peak" campaign.

Community Outreach



Energy Efficiency & Conservation Presentations

During each visit SPORD Engineers taught students ways to save energy, how to be energy efficient, and why being sustainable is important. Students were also informed about how energy is generated, the types of energy sources (non-renewable and renewables), and the different ways GPA makes electrical energy.

In addition, the Beat-the-Peak campaign was presented to the students by the Communications staff, who explained the importance of conserving energy during the peak hours of 5 pm to 11 pm and different ways they could "Beat-the-Peak".

Below are the schools GPA has visited so far:

- Bishop Baumgartner
- Dominican Catholic School
- Mount Carmel
- St. Anthony Catholic School

Ways to Pay Your Bill

NOTICE: For those who make utility payments at the bank, be sure to check with your bank for their updated policies.



ONLINE

Visit PayGPA.com or Download the Pay GPWA App



You can also pay your GWA water bill on the app.



PAY BY PHONE

(671) 647-5787 M-F 8am to 5pm

NEW Toll Free Number

1 (855) 712-9696 Available 24/7



MAIL-IN

Mail **CHECK** payments to:

Guam Power Authority
P.O. Box 21868, Barrigada, GU 96921



DROP BOX

Drop **CHECK** payments to:

Gloria B. Nelson Public Svc. Bldg.
688 Route 15, Fadian
along back road to Andersen



DRIVE-THRU

Cash, Check & Credit Card

payments are accepted at:

GPWA Upper Tumon Office

M-F 7:30am to 3:30pm

Sat 8am to 12pm



IN PERSON

Customer Service Center

& **Main Office, GPA Fadian**

M-F 7am to 5pm

Hagåtña Satellite Office

Julale Shopping Center

M-F 8am to 5pm

GPWA Upper Tumon Office

M-F 7:30am to 6pm

Sat 8am to 12pm



OTHER

Your Bank

Subject to individual bank policies

All Treasurer of Guam Locations

Online, Mobile App and Pay By Phone/IVR Payments:

GPA's payment system is designed to identify unposted payments. If you have confirmed that your credit/debit card has been charged but your payment is not shown on your online balance, please DO NOT pay again.

Important Refund Information:

- Customers who have a credit balance due to an over payment can receive a refund or apply the credit to the next month's bill.
- Accounts with arrears or outstanding balances will not be credited for a refund.

If Your Payment is Not Posted:

If your payment has not been posted after several hours, please contact us for assistance.



At GPA, you can also pay your GWA water and GSWA trash bills.

GPA GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

Your elected Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU) holds two (2) working sessions and one (1) regular meeting monthly. Meeting location is the CCU Conference Room, Gloria B. Nelson Public Service Building in Fadian, Mangilao. For more information and agencies, call the CCU Board Secretary at (671) 648-3002 or visit www.guamccu.org.

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