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Guam Power Authority Urges Contractors to Submit Requests for New Power Installations During Pre-Construction Phase

(Fadian, Guam) – The Guam Power Authority (GPA) is urging contractors and project developers to submit application requests of service for new power installations at the pre-construction phase or beginning of the construction project to avoid completion delays. For large projects, GPA recommends coordination during the design phase process. Manufacturing challenges, global supply chain disruptions, and major U.S. disasters have negatively impacted the availability of electrical commodities. GPA emphasizes the importance of proactive collaboration and planning between project developers/constructors and the power utility.

“Early application for new power installations is critical to ensure timely project completion. We strongly encourage contractors to submit their new power installation applications concurrently with their building permit applications," said GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E.

Benavente further stated, "This proactive approach will enable GPA to anticipate and acquire the necessary materials, including power poles, transformers, and related hardware(s), well in advance, thus ensuring a timely and efficient installation process and mitigating potential disruptions to project timelines due to delays in power connections.”

When applying for new power installation, it is essential to provide comprehensive information to GPA regarding a project's power needs, as well as any anticipated infrastructure requirements. Contractors are urged to provide complete details about the type and size of structures, specific power loads, electrical connection requirements (wires, hardware, transformers, power pole/line extensions).

“By adhering to these guidelines, contractors will significantly reduce the risk of project completion delays. caused by global supply chain issues or manufacturing industry challenges. Early coordination with GPA is strongly advised,” Benavente concluded.

GPA remains committed to supporting the construction industry by collaborating with the Guam Contractors’ Association to ensure seamless and timely service(s) for all ongoing and future projects. For more information or assistance with construction projects, contact the GPA Engineering team at (671) 648-3000 or (671) 648-3011.

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