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Insights

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Brighter Days Ahead



Five Months To Go until the Completion of the Ukudu Power Plant

The Ukudu Power Plant represents a major shift in how Guam produces and pays for electricity. GPA is preparing two coordinated rate filings: a proposed base rate increase and a reduction to the Fuel Recovery Charge, or LEAC.

These changes are designed to work together, supported by the efficiency of Ukudu and the retirement of older generators. If approved, they will help lower overall costs, improve grid reliability, and deliver meaningful fuel savings for customers starting in September 2025.

Ukudu is not just a project. It is the foundation of a more affordable, efficient, and resilient energy future for Guam.

Ahead of Schedule: GPA Moves Forward on Power Bill Savings Plan

GPA is delivering on its commitment to provide reliable and affordable energy on a sustained basis for Guam's families and businesses. As part of this effort, GPA has completed major milestones outlined in its Base Rate Adjustment Planner ahead of schedule thus far.

Following the Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU) working session on February 20, 2025, and the CCU's approval on February 25, 2025, GPA promptly published notices of the proposed rate adjustments in local newspapers and completed the Navy compliance publication by early March. These steps satisfy the initial requirements of 12 GCA Chapter 12 § 12102.1 and § 12102.2, also known as the Ratepayers' Bill of Rights.

In April, direct mailers were sent to all GPA customers providing important information on GPA's upcoming base rate petition. In late May, GPA will seek approval from the Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU) to petition the Guam Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to reduce the Fuel Recovery Charge, also known as the Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause.

The next phase in the process is to file the formal petition for the base rate adjustment with the PUC on or about June 5, 2025. Following the base rate filing, GPA will conduct public outreach meetings to provide customers with detailed information

about the proposed changes. If approved, both the base rate adjustment and the LEAC reduction would take effect on September 1, 2025.

GPA's proposed adjustments are designed to work together to lower overall energy costs for customers. The base rate adjustment is necessary to fund critical infrastructure improvements, including payments for the Ukudu Power Plant. Simultaneously, the LEAC reduction—made possible by the plant's increased fuel efficiency—is expected to more than offset the base rate increase, resulting in net savings for most customers. For a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month, this could amount to a combined estimated savings of \$95 per month compared to pre-February 2025 rates.

Community engagement is a priority for GPA. By actively soliciting public feedback during the outreach process, GPA aims to ensure the community fully understands how the proposed rate adjustments will affect them. Customers are encouraged to participate, ask questions, and provide feedback.



Scan to view the published rate schedules, detailed FAQs, and submit comments or questions. Brighter days are ahead.



Effective as of February 1, 2025.

NEW Average Customer Savings

\$53.19

POWER BILL

For average customers with 1000 kWh monthly consumption.

Savings took effect in February 2025 when LEAC rate decreased from \$0.261995/kWh to \$0.208802/kWh.

Power Down the Peak Hours: Simple Tools to Help You Conserve

For the past two years, GPA has prioritized shoring up Guam's power generation gap until the Ukudu Power Plant is fully online. On April 22, 2025, the Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU) adopted Resolution No. FY2025-16, allowing GPA to petition the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for additional testing support from Ukudu between May 12 to September 4, 2025. This early capacity will lock in \$5.1 million in net fuel-cost savings under LEAC, and at no extra charge to customers.

Why Your Role Matters Now

With system demand hitting a record 259 MW on April 21st this year, the highest since Typhoon Mawar, and key units offline for maintenance, the risk of load shedding is elevated through this summer's peak heat. We are asking our customers to focus on conserving energy during evening peak hours (5p.m.-11 p.m.). We can all participate by conserving energy to keep the lights on while we bridge the gap to full commissioning of the Ukudu Plant in September 2025.

GPA has invested in providing tools and services for customers to monitor their usage and get tailored tips to save. While the work is being done to secure additional capacity, GPA requests that the community come together to manage the demand for energy until Ukudu comes fully online.

"Our system is entering its most vulnerable stretch of the year early, with critical units offline for maintenance and demand surging in the heat. I feel the heat and I know our residents do, too. Securing additional testing capacity from the Ukudu Plant is vital, and since this power is already on island, it's a true win-win - we avoid load shedding and achieve overall savings. We ask our community to help by shifting discretionary power use outside peak hours until the PUC acts on our petition," said John M. Benavente, P.E., GPA General Manager.

"As our dry season intensifies and the sun beats down in the afternoons, demand will only rise," said Marcus "Landon" Aydtlett, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS Guam. "GPA's steps to shore up capacity are vital to reliability."

"I know how hard it is to balance staying cool with saving power," added Jennifer G. Sablan, P.E., GPA Assistant GM of Operations. "These tools are here to make it easier—and when we all pitch in by shifting our heavy usage out of peak hours, we'll get through this together. Thank you for your partnership and patience as we build a stronger, more reliable future."

Follow us on social media for the latest information from GPA.

Your Toolbox for Peak-Hour Savings



MyEnergyGuam

- Track your home's hourly usage and billing history
- Set custom alerts when you approach your preferred threshold
- Compare past bills to spot trends

Energy Sense

- Simple, actionable tips for cooling your space efficiently
- Advice on appliance scheduling, smart thermostat settings, and more



Energy Xpert

- Receive a personalized efficiency blueprint based on your usage profile
- Identify which upgrades or behavioral changes deliver the biggest savings



May is National Electrical Safety Month

Following basic electrical safety steps is essential for protecting yourself and your loved ones. Simple practices, like avoiding circuit overloads and keeping electrical devices away from water, can prevent dangerous accidents and keep your home secure. Follow our social media pages to see our guide for top electrical safety tips to ensure your family stays safe!

If you encounter any issues such as hot electrical outlets, hear crackling sounds, or observe sparks from outlets or wires, contact an electrician for inspection and repairs within or around your home.

Always hire a professional electrician; never attempt electrical work yourself. Certified electricians should have a valid license.

GPA P.O.W.E.R. Symposium



The Guam Power Authority (GPA) successfully concluded its 3rd year, two-day P.O.W.E.R. Symposium—Promoting Optimal Ways to Energy Resilience—held at the Hyatt Regency Guam on April 7-8, 2025. With approximately 200 attendees, the event featured presentations and discussions led by both local and off-island experts. GPA's own engineers and key personnel also shared insights into the Authority's ongoing projects and initiatives.

Additionally, on April 9 & 10, 2025 GPA continued its POWER Symposium with deep dive workshops held at the GPA Training Room located at GBN Public Service Bldg. Fadian, Mangilao. On April 9, 2025, GPA held the deep dive session on Cybersecurity conducted by experts from DRAGOS, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). On April 10, 2025, GPA held the deep dive session on Grid Forming Inverters (GFM) conducted by experts from NREL, Enerzinx, LLC and Sandia National Laboratory. Our CCU Commissioners, IT personnel & Engineers, and other federal and local partners attended the deep dive sessions.



GPA Receives Top Safety Honors from APPA

The Guam Power Authority has earned the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2024. The utility earned **Diamond** award in the category for utilities with 250,000 to 999,999 worker-hours of annual worker exposure.

"Safety is and always will be a top priority of GPA's to ensure that our employees are informed and trained on safety practices so they may return home safely to their families after each work day," said GPA Safety and Physical Security Manager Kenneth J. Gutierrez, PSP. "This safety award issued by APPA is a significant recognition and achievement of Guam Power Authority as a whole, committed towards delivering safe, reliable, sustainable and affordable electrical services," added Gutierrez.

More than 200 utilities entered the annual Safety Awards for 2024. The entrants are placed in accordance with their number of worker-hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records and overall state of their safety programs and culture during 2024. The incidence rate is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2024, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"GPA is proud of its safety record," said GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E. "This diamond award is a testament to the hard work that goes into ensuring that our team members go home safe to their families every day," added Benavente.

"Harnessing electricity to keep our communities powered is vital work that can be dangerous, even deadly, if the proper attention isn't paid to tried-and-true safety practices," said Jon Beasley, Chair of APPA's Safety Committee and Vice-President of Electric Cities of GA. "This award honors utilities that hold fast to these practices and – in doing so – put the safety of their personnel and their customers above all else."

APPA has conducted the Safety Awards annually for more than sixty-six years. APPA is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide.



(Left to right) Jarred C. Alerta, GPA Safety Inspector II; Richard C. Masnaya, GPA Safety Inspector Supervisor; Eddie Nick Q. Camacho, GPA Safety Inspector III; Jacqueline San Nicolas, GPA Safety Administrative Officer; Gerald T. Smith, GPA Safety Inspector III; Kenneth J. Gutierrez, PSP, GPA Safety and Physical Security Manager.

GPA Linemen Inspire Students at PC Lujan



On Monday, April 21, 2025, the Guam Power Authority (GPA) Transmission and Distribution (T&D) line crew delivered and read aloud "If I Were a Lineworker" illustration books to the students at PC Lujan Elementary School in honor of National Lineman Appreciation Day. A total of 121 students participated in the read-aloud and demonstration activities.

The headstart, kindergarten, and 1st grade students of PC Lujan Elementary school listened attentively as the lineworkers read aloud the illustrated book "If I Were a Lineworker". The book highlighted the various tasks lineworkers perform, such as working on power lines, trimming trees, and restoring power after storms.

Following the read-aloud, students gathered at the back field for a bucket truck demonstration. The T&D Linemen introduced the different types of tools and personal protective equipment (PPE) they use, the importance of electrical safety, as well as parts and proper use of a bucket truck. In addition, students were eager to watch as the linemen ascended the bucket trucks, demonstrating how high up they would have to go when working on power lines.

After the demonstration, PC Lujan Elementary School gave GPA T&D Lineworkers Ray E. Torres, Ryan J. Hattori, Chad N. Fernandez, Joseph A. Pereda, Damon K. Hocog, Nathan Quinata, and Brandon Mesa certificates of appreciation.

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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