



Office of Senator William A. Parkinson

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Transmitted via Electronic Mail

Håfa Adai Mr. Benavente,

I write to you with grave concern regarding conflicting information that has emerged surrounding the Guam Power Authority's (GPA) public statements and the Guam Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) recent annual report. As a staunch advocate for reducing the financial burden on our residents, I must express my deep dismay at the apparent mixed messaging about whether the public can expect rate increases or decreases in the coming months.

The PUC's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024 clearly states that, **"In 2025, PUC anticipates there will be proposed rate increases by GPA and GSWA. GSWA has already filed a rate case, and GPA has stated its intent to file a rate increase in February 2025."** (attached)

This directly contradicts GPA's public statements, including its recent petition for a LEAC (Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause) reduction, which GPA projected would result in an average savings of \$53.16 per month for residential customers.

The conflicting narratives—between a planned rate decrease and a forthcoming rate increase—leave consumers, lawmakers, and regulators in a state of uncertainty.

As you know, I introduced Bill 9-38 at the start of this legislative term to extend the \$100 monthly power credit for Guam residents, recognizing the continuing cost of living crisis facing our people. Transparency and consistency in utility pricing are fundamental to maintaining public trust, and the current discrepancies undermine that trust.

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I respectfully request immediate clarification on whether GPA intends to file for a rate increase in February 2025, as indicated in the PUC's Annual Report, despite its public commitment to lowering rates through the LEAC adjustment?

I urge GPA to promptly address these concerns to restore public confidence and to provide transparency regarding its rate strategies. Our community deserves clear and truthful communication, particularly on matters that significantly impact their daily lives.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Parkinson", written over a horizontal line.

Senator William A. Parkinson