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ADVISORY TO THE PUBLIC

*Overhead Power Lines are Energized and Dangerous
Contact May Cause Serious Injury or Death*

(Fadian, Mangilao) – The Guam Power Authority (GPA) urges all customers to take precautions and protect themselves before starting any tree trimming or fruit picking activity at their residences.

Customers are reminded that only GPA crews or GPA's authorized contractors should trim trees that are touching or in close proximity to power lines. Please stay away from all down lines and equipment as they may still be energized and can cause harm if you come in contact with them. Consider such situations as dangerous and life threatening.

The Authority provides the following electrical safety tips:

- Look up and around for power lines before starting any tree trimming or fruit picking activity. If any part of the tree is close to GPA's electrical power lines, the tree may be energized and you should not touch it. **Do not attempt** to pick fruit on trees near to or touching power lines.
- Keep your body, any ladders, fruit pickers or tools away from electrical power lines.
- Keep items such as antennas, kites, model airplanes, and metallic balloons away from power lines to prevent them from getting entangled in the power lines and potentially causing shock, injury or death.
- Properly secure items around your home such as canopies, tarps and tents during high winds to prevent these items from coming in contact with or getting entangled in power lines.
- Avoid planting new trees and bushes underneath or near power lines or electrical equipment.

For your personal safety, please request assistance with tree trimming near power lines or if you see anything caught in a power line, do not try to free it yourself. Please immediately report this situation to GPA's 24-Hour Trouble Dispatch at (671) 475-1472/3/4 or GPA Customer Services at (671) 647-5787/88/89. Please provide exact location or address, contact information and condition of location.

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