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Bill No. 126(EC)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE STREET LIGHT FUNDS TO GUAM
POWER AUTHORITY, TO OFFSET AMOUNTS ADDED TO
CUSTOMER BILLINGS TO COVER SUCH EXPENSES BY THE
GUAM POWER AUTHORITY

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 **Section 1. Legislative Intent.** In a meeting held on June 5, 2007, the Chairman of
3 the Consolidated Commission on Utilities offered to credit customers on their billing
4 statements for amounts paid by the government of Guam against accrued charges for
5 streetlight operations, which was cited as one cost factor in Guam Power Authority's
6 base rate increase request. Revenues regularly collected for this purpose from
7 registrants of motor vehicles, pursuant to Title 16 Guam Code Annotated, §7161, "Street
8 Light Fund", have historically not been allocated to Guam Power Authority. This Act
9 will establish the Legislature's commitment to pay past due billings for streetlight
10 services rendered over a five year period commencing in Fiscal Year 2006, remove this
11 chronic cost factor from GPA's justification for a base rate increase, and protect
12 residents from being charged twice for the same service (in registration fees and either
13 taxes or a power rate increase). The Governor should allocate funds collected and
14 appropriated for continued streetlight services to their duly legislated purposes. The
15 Consolidated Commission on Utilities will cause to be reflected on GPA billing

1 statements a proportional amount credited to the customer's account, from amounts
2 paid from the Street Light Fund towards past year accrued billings.

3 **Section 2.** \$ _____ is hereby appropriated from the Street Light Fund, which
4 contains revenues generated from motor vehicle registrants pursuant to 16 GCA §7161,
5 to Guam Power Authority, to defray the fiscal year 2008 cost of street light operation, in
6 the amount of \$ _____, and to pay year 1 of a five (5) -year payment plan to reduce
7 past due principal and interest of amounts accrued but not paid over the for street light
8 power services, in the amount of \$ _____. The Consolidated Commission on Utilities
9 shall cause to be reflected on GPA billing statements a proportional amount credited to
10 the customer's account, from amounts paid from the Street Light Fund towards past
11 year accrued billings.