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AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 8, § 8104 (4) AND TO ADD A NEW SUBITEM (14) TO TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 8, § 8104 TO REQUIRE THAT THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY ENSURE THAT COLLECTIONS FROM ALL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ACCOUNTS ARE CURRENT AND ALL ARREARS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED PRIOR TO MAKING ANY UPWARD ADJUSTMENTS TO RATES AND CHARGES, AND TO REQUIRE THAT GPA PREPARE A "LIST OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY GOVERNMENT OF **GUAM ACCOUNTS FOR** ELECTRICAL SERVICE" TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN DISCONNECTIONS MAY BE **NECESSARY** FORCE ALL ENTITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO REMAIN CURRENT WITH ELECTRICAL POWER ACCOUNTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Title 12 Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 8, § 8104 (4), is

amended to read as follows:

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"(4) Establish and modify from time to time, with approval of the Public Utility Commission, reasonable rates and charges for electric service at least adequate to cover the full cost of such service, including the cost of debt service, and collect money from customers using such service <u>and ensure that all Government of Guam</u> requesting any increase in any rate or charge, all subject to any contractual obligation of the Board to the holders of any bonds; and refund charges collected in error."

Section 2. A new Subitem (14) is added to Title 12 Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 8, § 8104, to read as follows:

- "(14) Prepare and annually update a prioritized listing of Government of Guam accounts based on the government service provided at the location of each account, to be known as the "List of Primary and Secondary Government of Guam Accounts for Electrical Service" and identify each account as either a *Primary* or *Secondary* office for purposes of disconnection whenever *any* Government of Guam entity is in arrears. For the purposes of this item (14):
 - (a). Only Government of Guam entities with operating budgets that receive more than 50% of their funding from the General Fund shall be considered.
 - (b). *Primary* shall mean those offices of the Government of Guam that provide services which, if disconnected, would directly affect the health, safety or education of the people of Guam and shall not be disconnected.

(c). Secondary shall mean those offices of the Government of Guam that provide services which, if disconnected, would not have a direct effect on the health, safety or education of the people of Guam and shall constitute those accounts that may be disconnected whenever any Government of Guam entity is in arrears.

(d) The accounts on the List of Primary and Secondary Government of Guam Accounts for Electrical Service list shall together be considered as a single customer.

The first such List of Primary and Secondary Government of Guam Accounts for Electrical Service shall be implemented no later than May 1, 2008."

Section 3. Cooperation with Guam Power Authority on determination of *Primary* and *Secondary* Government of Guam accounts. Entities of the Government of Guam shall cooperate with the Guam Power Authority in developing a "List of Primary and Secondary Government of Guam Accounts for Electrical Service." Any entity or any subdivision of any entity which does not cooperate with the Guam Power Authority in development of the List of Primary and Secondary Government of Guam Accounts for Electrical Service shall be identified as a Secondary account.