

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 175-30 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (14) AND (15) TO §8104 OF CHAPTER 8; TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (n) AND (o) TO §14104 OF CHAPTER 14; AND TO AMEND §14104.1 AND §14404 OF CHAPTER 14, ALL OF TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PERMITTING THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY AND THE GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LONG TERM CONTRACTS," was on the 13th day of November, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

Acting Speaker

Rory J.Respicio
Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guāhan this ______ day of _______ 2009, at _______ Assistant Staff Officer

Maga'lahi's Office

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FELIX P. CAMACHO
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Date: ______
Public Law No.

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Bill No. 175-30 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee on Utilities, Transportation, Public Works, and Veterans Affairs, and amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO *ADD* NEW SUBSECTIONS (14) AND (15) TO §8104 OF CHAPTER 8; TO *ADD* NEW SUBSECTIONS (n) AND (o) TO §14104 OF CHAPTER 14; AND TO *AMEND* §14104.1 AND §14404 OF CHAPTER 14, ALL OF TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PERMITTING THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY AND THE GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LONG TERM CONTRACTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that it has previously authorized the Guam Power Authority to enter into

1 performance management contracts, contracts with independent power producers,

2 and other private-public partnerships that enabled private entities to build,

rehabilitate, operate, and manage various parts of the island-wide power system to

4 achieve the quality level of services demanded by GPA's rate payers. Such

5 contracts have proven to be an invaluable tool which enabled the Guam Power

Authority to end load shedding, reducing the expensive use of fast track generators

to save ratepayers over One Hundred Ten Million Dollars (\$110,000,000) in

8 avoided fuel costs since 2003.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the island-wide power system and Guam's drinking and wastewater systems face new challenges in the form of the impending buildup of U.S. military forces on Guam and the ever-rising cost of fossil fuels used to power Guam's infrastructure.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that an effective tool to enable the GPA and GWA (Public Utilities) to expand the infrastructure needed, and to operate and maintain their respective systems, would be to authorize the use of public-private partnerships between private entities and the Public Utilities. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that allowing the Public Utilities to enter into appropriate long-term contracts has proven to serve ratepayers well through lower costs, effective operations and management, and operations reliability.

Section 2. A new subsection (14) of §8104 of Article 1, Chapter 8 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

"(14) The Guam Power Authority may enter into long term contracts for a period up to and *not exceeding* thirty (30) years for renewable energy contracts, purchased power agreements, refurbish-operate-maintain contracts, and build-operate-transfer contracts that cost Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) or more. Nothing herein *shall* repeal, limit, or

- otherwise prohibit any law *or* regulation authorizing the Authority to enter into any contract for a longer period."
- Section 3. A new subsection (15) of §8104 of Article 1, Chapter 8 of Title
 12, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

- "(15) The Guam Power Authority may enter into performance management contracts (PMC) to manage any part of the island wide power system with a base period up to five (5) years and *no more than* two (2) five (5) year renewal option periods, *not exceeding* a total of fifteen (15) years, including the base period and all option periods. Nothing herein *shall* repeal, limit, *or* otherwise prohibit any law *or* regulation authorizing the Authority to enter into any contract for a longer period."
- **Section 4.** A new subsection (n) of §14104 of Article 1, Chapter 14 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:
 - "(n) The Guam Waterworks Authority may enter into long term contracts for a period up to and *not exceeding* thirty (30) years for refurbish-operate-maintain contracts, and build-operate-transfer contracts that cost Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) or more related to the Guam Waterworks Authority's wastewater treatment facilities and the construction of water wells. Nothing herein *shall* repeal, limit, or otherwise prohibit any law or regulation authorizing the Authority to enter into any contract for a longer period."
 - **Section 5.** A new subsection (o) of §14104 of Article 1, Chapter 14 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:
 - "(o) The Guam Waterworks Authority may enter into performance management contracts to manage any part of Guam's Drinking Water *or* Wastewater Systems with a base period up to five (5) years and *no more* than two five (5) year option periods, not exceeding a total of fifteen (15)

years, including the base period and all option periods. Nothing herein *shall* repeal, limit, *or* otherwise prohibit any law *or* regulation authorizing the Authority to enter into any contract for a longer period.

The Office of the Attorney General *shall* hereby oversee the process for bidding and negotiation of any performance management contract to be entered into under the provisions of this Section and *shall* certify, in writing, that this process was conducted in compliance with any applicable laws, rules and regulations *prior* to approval."

Section 6. §14104.1 of Article 1, Chapter 14 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"§14104.1. Contractual Restrictions. Any contract by the Authority to contract maintenance services relative to sewage pumps, booster pumps, and all pumps and other facilities directly associated with water wells *shall* be subject to the following provisions:

- (a) any procurement of service or goods, *shall* be entirely subject to the procurement laws of Guam, and all related rules and regulations;
- (b) all successful bidders must have a minimum of three (3) years of demonstrated expertise in the maintenance of electromechanical pump devices; and
- (c) a contract for service awarded must include provisions for periodic and timely inspections of all facilities whose maintenance is contracted, with provisions for the revocation of contracts, without penalty to the Authority, for any breach of contract or failure to provide adequate service, as contracted."

Section 7. §14404 of Chapter 14 of Article 1, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"§14404. Contract Performance Reviews. All contracts awarded 1 2 subject to the provisions of this Act must contain performance reviews at 3 least annually, and provisions for contract termination or penalty based upon 4 such review." 5 Section 8. No contract shall be awarded by GWA and/or GPA under the authorization granted herein containing terms authorized herein in any solicitation 6 7 issued *prior* to the passage of this Act. 8 **Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or its application to 9 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such

invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be

given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the

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provisions of this Act are severable.