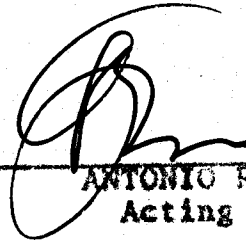


FIFTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1979 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 29, "An Act to add Chapter VI-A to Title XXII of the Government Code relative to the Consumer Power Lifeline Act", was on the 8th day of June 1979, duly and regularly passed.



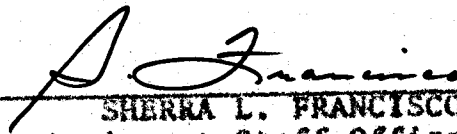
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Acting Speaker

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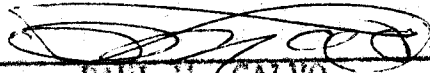
ANTONIO M. PALOMO
Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 26th day of
JUNE 1979, at 10:45 o'clock A.M.



SHERRA L. FRANCISCO
Assistant Staff Officer
Governor's Office

APPROVED:



PAUL M. CALVO
Governor of Guam

DATED: JULY 6, 1979

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Bill No. 29
(As Substituted
by the Committee
on Public Utilities
and Consumer
Protection)

Introduced by A. M. Palomo

AN ACT TO ADD CHAPTER VI-A TO TITLE XXII
OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE RELATIVE TO THE
CONSUMER POWER LIFELINE ACT.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Statement of Legislative Findings. The Legisla-
3 ture finds that electricity is an essential life necessity and
4 recognizes that stable pricing for consumer use of electricity
5 is impossible because of the fluctuating international oil market,
6 the negative price impact caused by Federal regulation of the
7 oil industry, the geographical isolation of Guam and the necessity
8 for importation of fuels to meet local energy needs. The Legisla-
9 ture also finds that the Guam Power Authority is a quasi-public
10 agency vested with the responsibility of supplying the public's
11 power needs and ensuring that the consumer's interests in fair,
12 reasonable and adequate rates is protected. Rising power bills
13 cause severe hardship for many poor and limited income persons
14 and electricity has become too costly for a significant fraction
15 of the population. The Legislature also finds that the present
16 rate structure of the Guam Power Authority serves to penalize
17 the individual user of relatively small quantities and, at the
18 same time, encourages wastefulness by large users. The Legisla-
19 ture further finds that in order to insure that all residents
20 have the opportunity to consume and benefit from electrical
21 service, the government must regulate power rates and charges.
22 There is, therefore, established a lifeline rate which provides
23 a fixed rate for energy for domestic uses.

1 Section 2. A new Chapter VI-A is added to Title XXII of
2 the Government Code to read:

3 "CHAPTER VI-A

4 Consumer Power Lifeline

5 Section 21530. Title. This Act may be cited as the
6 'Consumer Power Lifeline Act'.

7 Section 21531. Lifeline Quantity of Electricity. The
8 Guam Power Authority shall designate a static lifeline
9 rate for electricity which is necessary to provide every
10 residential user with essential electrical service for the
11 following end uses: water, heating, lighting, cooking and
12 food refrigerating.

13 Section 21532. Lifeline Rate. The Guam Power
14 Authority, through the Public Utilities Commission, shall
15 be required to provide a static lifeline rate which shall
16 provide for the electricity needs of residential customers.

17 Section 21533. Definitions. As used in this Chapter:

18 (a) 'residential' means domestic human needs end
19 use and excludes industrial, commercial and every other
20 category of end use;

21 (b) 'user' means a residential consumer; and

22 (c) 'residence' means a permanent dwelling place
23 or habitation consisting of either an individual living
24 unit or multi-dwelling unit.

25 Section 21534. Annual Report. The Guam Power Authority
26 shall report annually to the Legislature an assessment of
27 its findings of the impact of the lifeline rate in preserving
28 the right to consume power to low and moderate income people;
29 its effect in conserving energy; and the effect on opera-
30 tional costs on Guam Power Authority because of the implemen-
31 tation of the lifeline rate."

1 Section 3. The Public Utilities Commission shall approve
2 the rate structure required in Section 2 of this Act within one
3 hundred twenty (120) days of the passage of this Act.

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BLAS, Frank F.	✓			
CHARFAUROS, Edward T.	✓			
CRISOSTOMO, Thomas C.	✓			
DUENAS, Edward R.	✓			
ESPALDON, Ernesto M.	✓			
KASPERBAUER, Carmen A.	✓			
LAMORENA, Alberto C., III	✓			
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PALOMO, Benigno M.	✓			
PEREZ, Peter, Jr.	✓			
QUAN, John F.	✓			
QUITUGUA, Franklin J.	✓			
SAN AGUSTIN, Joe T.	✓			
SANTOS, Francisco R.	✓			
SUDO, Ramon Q.	✓			
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