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Another Major Milestone as Guam Prepares to Bring its Newest Power Plant Online

(Fadian, Mangilao) – The Guam Power Authority (GPA) has been advised by Guam Ukudu Power that the Ukudu Power Plant will be officially entering reliability testing on Sunday, December 14, 2025, the final and most critical step before the facility is commissioned and placed into commercial operation. This phase represents the strongest indication yet that Guam is nearing the finish line on a major transformation of its IWPS (Island-Wide Power System) generation resources.

What Reliability Testing Means for Guam

Reliability testing requires the new plant to run continuously for 7 days under real operating conditions. During this phase, Ukudu will be online so engineers can confirm that the new plant can safely and consistently carry Guam's electrical load as designed.

GPA personnel will remain fully staffed and on standby throughout testing. If system conditions require it, GPA crews are prepared to return generators to service to manage generation capacity and meet demand as needed. Should an unexpected interruption occur during testing, the reliability testing period would restart - which is standard procedure and an important safeguard for ensuring long-term performance.

"Reliability testing is where everything comes together," said GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E. "This phase is designed to validate that Ukudu can perform safely, efficiently, and consistently before it is accepted into commercial operation. Any adjustments made during this stage are normal and expected in the commissioning of a power plant of this scale."

GPA is aware of community concerns about the reliability of the new power plant. Reliability testing exists for this exact purpose. This phase is designed to put Ukudu through sustained, real-world operating conditions so engineers can identify and correct any issues before the plant enters commercial service. Completing this process ensures the plant meets all contractual performance requirements before it is transferred to GPA at the end of the 25-year BOT term.

GPA and its contractors are completing a final flurry of work as the Ukudu Power Plant moves toward commissioning. This includes previously announced transmission line work feeding the Ukudu Power Plant and the transition from pre-reliability performance testing into the full reliability testing period. These activities represent the final steps required before Ukudu enters commercial operation.

While isolated outages may occur during this phase, GPA does not anticipate widespread or prolonged disruptions. Crews will remain prepared to respond quickly should any issues arise. "Our teams will be ready around the clock monitoring the system," said Benavente. "Reliability testing could affect service, but we are working to minimize impacts on customers as we move through this final phase. Our goal is to complete testing, to ensure that the new plant is reliable, and prepare for Ukudu's commissioning before the end of the year."

Once commissioned, Ukudu will replace aging generation, reduce annual fuel consumption by more than **900,000 barrels**, enhance system stability, and support long-term affordability for ratepayers.

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