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Insights

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Brighter Days Ahead

11 MONTHS TO GO

One Month Closer to Delivering the Energy Savings Guam deserves!

With the Ukudu Power Plant on the horizon, GPA is phasing out older, costly generators like Cabras 1 & 2, to make way for cleaner, more efficient energy sources. This shift means less reliance on expensive fuel and a savings of 879,000 barrels of imported fuel each year!

By replacing these aging units with modern technology powered by Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) and our recent solar and battery storage investments, we're on track to deliver the energy savings Guam deserves.

What does a savings of 879,000 barrels of imported fuel look like?

- 461,000 bathtubs
- 7.4 million buckets of paint
- 2.3 million average car gas tanks

The future of affordable energy is almost here – let's count down together toward brighter days ahead!

Continue the countdown to brighter days!

GPA's Vision for Brighter Days Takes a Leap Forward with Guam100 Grant



GPA has taken a major step in advancing the transformation of the island's energy future. In October 2024, GPA was awarded \$3 million by the Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs to advance Phase II of the Guam100 initiative. This funding will allow GPA, in partnership with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), to explore practical strategies to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2045.

The funding also allows for a deeper dive into the technical, economic, and policy measures necessary to transition the island to clean energy. But what sets Guam100 apart is its community-driven approach.

Stakeholder Participation at the Core

Guam100 is not just a GPA-led initiative; it's a partnership between key stakeholders across the island. The community plays a central role in shaping the island's clean energy future. Residents, policymakers, and local businesses will provide essential feedback and guidance to ensure that the transition to renewable energy is equitable, affordable, and resilient.

At the heart of this collaboration is an Advisory Group, which serves as a bridge between the local community and decision-makers. This group will facilitate ongoing discussions through listening sessions, surveys, and educational outreach to make sure everyone's voice is heard. The feedback from these sessions will guide the energy strategies developed during Phase II.

Why Guam100 Matters to You

For the average GPA customer, this initiative brings tangible benefits. Moving toward 100% renewable energy means less reliance on expensive imported fossil fuels, which will help stabilize electricity prices and make energy more affordable for households. Additionally, the transition to renewable energy will reduce Guam's carbon footprint, contributing to a cleaner, healthier environment for future generations.

A Path to 100% Renewable Energy

Guam's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) sets ambitious targets: 50% renewable energy by 2035 and 100% by 2045. Achieving these goals comes with the challenges of aging infrastructure, the need for more costly renewable energy sources like solar and battery storage, and rising energy demands. But with the \$3 million grant, GPA is better equipped to tackle these hurdles and chart a realistic, community engaged and informed path forward.

Phase II of Guam100 will focus on solutions that prioritize resilience, affordability, and equitable access to clean energy. By incorporating community feedback and advanced technical insights, GPA aims to deliver a cleaner, more reliable energy system that will benefit all residents.

From Apprentices to Experts

GPA's Program Powers Workforce Growth in Guam

On October 18, GPA celebrated the graduation of its 6th Cycle Apprenticeship Program. This program equips local talent with essential skills in power generation, transmission, and distribution, which are important investments that GPA continues to make in the community.

Workforce continuity is at the core of GPA's mission. Through apprenticeships, GPA transfers critical knowledge and expertise to a new generation, safeguarding institutional knowledge that powers our island. This initiative supports Guam families by providing reskilling and upskilling opportunities that allow apprentices to build rewarding careers in power. GPA's apprentices dedicate 2,000-4,000 hours over three to four years, gaining hands-on experience alongside skilled mentors and classroom training at Guam Community College.

This November, we commemorate Career Development Month, Careers in Power, and National STEM Day. GPA proudly recognizes the commitment of our apprentices, interns and employees who dedicate efforts as mentors to guide them. GPA's career advancement programs build strength and resilience in our community by creating new pathways to success and securing a skilled workforce for Guam's energy future.



"Our apprentices are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow," said GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E. "GPA's apprenticeship program is an essential foundation that allows us to invest in top candidates and prepare them for long-term success. It is a privilege to witness their dedication to excellence."

If you're interested in a career that powers our island, consider joining GPA. To learn more about GPA's apprenticeship program and careers in power, scan the QR code.



Thankful Together

GPA Team Shares Their Thanksgiving Gratitude

At GPA, we're thankful not only for the opportunity to serve our island but for the people who make it all possible. Our team shares what they're grateful for this season—check out their Thanksgiving messages!



Procurement Division

"Thanksgiving for another year of breath creating memories and sharing love with those in our hearts, we touch. Biba Ha'anen Manna'i Grasia!"
Procurement Division that endlessly gives. Biba GPA!

GPA Gallery



#CommunityPowered Drive Brings Holiday Cheer to Local Families

During Public Power Week in October, GPA organized a drive, collecting 2,827 food items and 627 toys to benefit island families and children. We take pride in stepping up to assist The Salvation Army and Alee Shelter in bringing holiday cheer to more Guam homes this year.

Thank you to our employees, GWA management & employees, our energy partners, our customers and the community for your generosity!



Special Olympics Guam

As part of Public Power Week in October, GPA proudly supported the Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) 2024 Softball Championship Jamboree on October 19 at Dededo Softball Field. GPA employees, volunteers, and SOGU coaches dedicated weekends to preparing the athletes, with GPA's own Jarred Alerta and Jamie Pinaula guiding The Blue Dragons and The Angels. The day concluded with a medal ceremony, where GPA's leadership and employees honored the athletes' achievements and commitment.

Planning & Regulatory Division

"Planning and Regulatory is a great place to work because of the positive attitude that we all have as a team. We appreciate being the kind of team we can always count on. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!"

M. Poliarco, Engineer III

"I am thankful to the people around us, whether they be family, friends, or co-workers, who provide unconditional love & support through life's journey of ups & downs and successes & failures. The people that encourage us to always stand right back up and carry on when we stumble or fall."

R. Pabunan, Engineer Supervisor

"We're all incredibly grateful to the P&R retirees for all the years of guidance and advice, and to our new environmental manager, we wanted to express how grateful we are to work under your leadership. We are really honored to have such a dedicated leader."

J. Terte, Administrative Officer

Engineering Division

"With so many things going on in the world, I am thankful for a sense of safety, good health, family, true friendships, my job and my home. I am particularly grateful and thankful, that I breathe life another day."

Frances S. Reyes, Administrative Officer

Warehouse Division

"To be blessed with another day in life to share with family and friends. To be nurtured and to nurture others with the knowledge of Faith, Love, Understanding and Compassion in life."

Angela Balajadia, Inventory Management Officer

Finance Division

"I am thankful for God's daily blessings of health, happiness, and love and for family and friends who keep me grounded! ♥"

Zita San Agustin, Accountant II

"I'm thankful for life and my job at GPA."

Tamra Muna, Contracts Administrator

"I am thankful for all that God has provided: my family, friends, a great job, and a roof over my head. It's easy to overlook the small blessings in life, but they truly make a difference."

Tiffany Quintanilla, Accountant I

Exciting News!

In October, GPA and GWA transitioned to a new, combined Automated Phone Payment System. This convenient service will be available 24/7 so you can manage your payments anytime, anywhere!



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Beat the Delays: GPA Urges Early Power Installation Requests for Smooth Project Timelines

With manufacturing challenges and global supply chain disruptions, GPA is urging contractors and project developers to submit application requests of service for new power installations at the pre-construction phase or beginning of the construction project to avoid completion delays. For large projects, GPA recommends coordination during the design phase process.

"Early application for new power installations is critical to ensure timely project completion. We strongly encourage contractors to submit their new power installation applications concurrently with their building permit applications," said GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E.

Early applications will allow GPA to anticipate and acquire the necessary materials, including power poles, transformers, and related hardware(s), well in advance, thus ensuring a timely and efficient installation process and mitigating potential disruptions to project timelines due to delays in power connections.

GPA remains committed to supporting the construction industry by collaborating with the Guam Contractors' Association to ensure seamless and timely service(s) for all ongoing and future projects. For more information or assistance with construction projects, contact the GPA Engineering team at (671) 648-3000 or (671) 648-3011.

GPA GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

Your elected Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU) holds two (2) working sessions and one (1) regular meeting monthly. Meeting location is the CCU Conference Room, Gloria B. Nelson Public Service Building in Fadian, Mangilao. For more information and agencies, call the CCU Board Secretary at (671) 648-3002 or visit www.guamccu.org.

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