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GPA Updates Community on Ukudu Commissioning Delay Reported by Contractor

(Fadian, Mangilao) – Guam Ukudu Power (GUP), the independent contractor responsible for the 198 MW Ukudu Power Plant, has informed Guam Power Authority (GPA) that full commissioning will be delayed until December 2025. One of the three gas turbine generators requires both on-island work and overseas rotor restoration. This new issue is unrelated to the previously repaired steam turbine rotor.

The Ukudu Power Plant had resumed its full pre-commissioning testing in August 2025 after the repairs to the steam turbine rotor were completed earlier than scheduled. On September 3, 2025, Guam Ukudu Power (GUP) informed GPA of damage to one of the plant's three gas turbines discovered during the testing process. The repairs are solely under GUP's responsibility and are not tied to GPA operations. As more information becomes available from GUP, GPA will continue providing updates to keep the community informed, as the situation remains fluid while work progresses.

"While this delay is outside of GPA's control, we remain committed to keeping the community informed and taking every step to safeguard reliable service until the full plant comes online. GPA is actively managing available resources and working with our contractor and regulators to ensure stability for our customers during this extended period," said GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E.

Although the plant is not yet fully commissioned, GUP has indicated that it is able to produce approximately 120 MW during testing under combined cycle operations. GPA is working with GUP and the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) to determine the conditions under which this interim capacity may be used to support the island's power needs. At the same time, Cabras Unit 1 is expected to return to service in the near term, which will further strengthen the grid. GPA continues to carefully manage available generation resources to meet customer demand, particularly during peak hours.

"Our goal remains to keep our promise to the island: that the commissioning of Ukudu will happen, and the power plant will provide reliable and affordable power on a sustained basis. The plant will deliver the capacity needed to meet demand while reducing fuel costs by transitioning to a more efficient single fuel source," said Benavente.

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Guam Power Authority's Clean Energy Master Plan (CEMP), also referred to as the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), serves as the roadmap for Guam's transition to reliable, resilient, and affordable clean energy on a sustained basis. The plan includes major projects such as the Ukudu Power Plant, which will add 198 MW of state-of-the-art capacity and is expected to reduce fuel imports by over 900,000 barrels annually. CEMP outlines GPA's long-term strategy to stabilize costs, strengthen reliability, and advance Guam toward achieving over 50% renewable energy before the 2035 legislative mandate.