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Insights

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GPA Supports GMH with Critical Electrical Upgrades

GPA is assisting Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) with essential electrical system upgrades to improve power reliability and patient safety at the island's only public hospital.

An inspection found that GMH's 50-year-old electrical network required modernization to ensure safe, uninterrupted service for hospital operations.

In October, GPA and GMH finalized a \$2.7 million implementation plan, funded through a \$5 million legislative allocation, to address the most urgent needs. GPA will serve as project lead, handling procurement, quality assurance, and implementation, while the Department of Administration certifies and releases funds and GMH reimburses costs.

This upgrade includes:

- A new automatic transfer switch to improve power switching reliability (\$1.17 M, completion in 180 days).
- Replacement of a faulty load center to enhance system stability (\$818 K, completion in 180 days).
- Installation of a 1.6 MW standby generator to expand emergency capacity (\$738K, completion by November 2026).



"These improvements are vital to ensuring Guam Memorial Hospital remains safe and operational," said GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E. "GPA is proud to serve our community by providing the technical support needed to strengthen critical infrastructure."

GPA continues to coordinate with GMH, the Department of Administration, and the Governor's Office to complete the upgrades efficiently and make the best use of remaining funds for future needs.

Savings Reflected on November Bills as Storm-Ready Fund Reaches Cap

Beginning November 1, 2025, customers will see savings on their power bills.

The Self-Insurance Charge, which helped GPA build a reserve for typhoon-related repairs to poles, lines, and transformers, has reached its \$20 million cap and will no longer appear on bills.

Established by the Guam Public Utilities Commission, the fund ensures GPA can restore power quickly after major storms without adding unexpected costs during recovery.

See insert for more details and scan to learn more about your power bill.



Electric (Small General Service) - Schedule C	\$0.19755
Monthly Customer Charge	x \$0.10508
Energy Charge (First 500 kWh)	\$8 x \$0.2088
Energy Charge (Over 500 kWh)	\$8 x \$0.0027
Fuel Recovery Charge (LEAC)	\$8 x \$0.0027
Emergency Water-well/Wastewater Charge	\$8 x \$0.0027
Self-Insurance Charge	
Current Period Statement Amount	

GPA Working to Maintain Grid Stability During Ukudu Power Plant Delay

GPA continues to closely monitor and support progress at the Ukudu Power Plant, which remains in the testing and commissioning phase under Guam Ukudu Power (GUP). The recently repaired third gas turbine (GT3) arrived on Guam on November 3, 2025, marking another important milestone toward completing the plant.

While the project's commercial operation date of September 30, 2025, has been delayed, this period allows critical testing and repairs to be completed before the plant is handed over to GPA and ultimately to the people of Guam. GPA's oversight ensures that systems meet performance standards and reliability expectations before the facility becomes part of the island's power portfolio.

To maintain grid stability during this transition, GPA continues to conduct preventative maintenance and system improvements, optimize generation scheduling, and manage reserve capacity to meet customer demand.

The delay has also required GPA to extend operations at the Cabras Power Plant,

AT A GLANCE

GMH Electrical Upgrade Plan



Cost: \$2.7 million

Purpose: Repair and modernize GMH's 50-year-old electrical system

Scope: Install a new automatic transfer switch, replace a faulty load center, and add a 1.6-MW standby generator

Funding: Part of a \$5 million legislative allocation for GMH repairs

Timeline: Contracts awarded within weeks; key upgrades completed within 180 days; generator operational by November 2026

GPA's Role: Lead agency for procurement, quality assurance, and on-site work

Goal: Ensure continuous, safe power for GMH until the new hospital campus is built



Ukudu Power Plant Progress



GT3 Arrival: Expected November 2, 2025

Current Phase: Commissioning under Guam Ukudu Power (GUP)

Commercial Operation: Anticipated by December 31, 2025

GPA Focus: Maintaining grid reliability through:

- Preventative maintenance and system improvements
- Generation scheduling and reserve capacity management
- Continued oversight to ensure performance standards are met before plant turnover to the people of Guam

rescheduled for decommissioning from April 2023 to March 2026. Keeping Cabras online requires additional maintenance and the continued use of Low Sulfur Residual Fuel Oil (LSRFO) - a more costly fuel to ensure generation capacity and reliability are sustained.

Through these combined efforts, GPA continues to maintain grid stability and prepare the island for a cleaner, more efficient energy future once Ukudu comes online.



GPA Unveils First Hybrid Bucket Trucks

On October 8, 2025, the GPA introduced its first fleet of hybrid bucket trucks, marking another step toward cleaner, more efficient operations. The event, held at GPA's Fadian compound, featured a demonstration of the trucks' battery-powered lift systems led by Transportation Heavy Equipment Mechanic Supervisor Franklin Taitague and T&D Line Electrician Leader Ryan Hattori.

The new vehicles use an electric power-take-off (ePTO) system that allows crews to operate lifts and tools using battery power instead of idling the diesel engine. This innovation will save an estimated 1,890 gallons of fuel per truck each year, reduce emissions, and create a quieter work environment for field crews and the community.

General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E., highlighted that the initiative demonstrates GPA's continued investment in technologies that deliver both environmental and cost benefits for Guam's ratepayers.



What's Your Favorite Dish at Thanksgiving and why?

"The dish that completes my Thanksgiving meal is my grandmother's Riyenu (Chamorro stuffing). That is a must-have on the menu for my families Thanksgiving gathering. Grandma's Riyenu brings back many memories of her prepping and mixing it in the outside kitchen. She never had any exact measurements on how much ingredients were needed but it always turned out so delicious. This dish was then passed on to her daughters (my mom and her sisters) who also prepared their Riyenu with no exact measurements."

Denise Cruz
GPA Utility Customer Care Representative I
6 years of service

"The dish that makes Thanksgiving for me is, the simple classic traditional oven roasted bird, seasoned with butter and herbs, and stuffed with onions and celery. For as long as I can remember, roast turkey has always been the centerpiece of our Thanksgiving. From the minor mishaps to the wishbone battles, the cranberry sauce that we always seem to forget to prepare until the table was prepared - all the nostalgic moments. It's cherishing the flavors of traditional cooking with friends and family."

Seth Rideb
GPA AMI Technician
21 years of service

GPA Gallery



At the **Port Authority's Maritime Resilience & Innovation Summit**, GPA GM John M. Benavente, P.E., shared GPA's plans to modernize Guam's energy grid, highlighting a proposed \$300M bond, efficiency gains cutting oil use by 900K barrels, and data tools improving grid performance.



GPA joined the **Lifestyle & Home Expo** at Micronesia Mall on October 18, sharing energy-saving tips and connecting with customers. Customer Service helped visitors with PayGPA and MyEnergyGuam.com sign-ups, while Communications promoted conservation and updates. SPORD showcased MyEnergyXpert for personalized savings, and guests who engaged with GPA online had a chance to spin for prizes, making energy efficiency both informative and fun.

Planning Today for Guam's Power Future

GPA is preparing to invest in critical upgrades to strengthen Guam's power system through a proposed plan to issue up to \$300 million in revenue bonds over the next several years.

These bonds will fund projects that modernize aging equipment, harden transmission and distribution lines, and add new technology to improve reliability and reduce fuel dependence. The plan is subject to legislative and Public Utilities Commission (PUC) approval for transparency and oversight.

GPA will use existing revenues to repay the bonds, without creating new revenues or rate mechanisms. The bonds will be issued in stages of about \$100 million each, only when GPA's finances can support annual payments of about \$8 million per phase.

"Too often, major upgrades in government happen only after a crisis," said GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E. "By planning early, we not only avoid emergencies, we get the best value for our ratepayers. This approach allows us to move projects forward responsibly and keep the power system our community depends on strong."

This financing plan is separate from the base rate proposal under PUC review, which covers the Ukudu Power Plant and other current projects. The proposed bonds focus on long-term improvements to strengthen reliability, sustainability, and efficiency for years to come.

Through responsible planning today, GPA is ensuring Guam's families and businesses continue to have the reliable power they depend on tomorrow.

AT A GLANCE Responsible Financing



- Total Plan:** Up to \$300 million in revenue bonds
- Purpose:** Long-term system upgrades and modernization
- Repayment:** From existing GPA revenues – no new revenue sources
- Structure:** About \$100 million per phase, issued only if revenues allow
- Annual Payment:** Approximately \$8 million/year per phase
- Oversight:** Requires Legislative and PUC approval

DID YOU KNOW?

GPA's partnerships with private energy companies help deliver reliable, cleaner, and more affordable power for Guam.

One example is Guam Ukudu Power (GUP), a key GPA partner developing the Ukudu Power Plant, which will add 198 MW of firm capacity and cut fuel imports by over 900,000 barrels each year, strengthening our island's energy future.

Check out our socials to see how GPA is building brighter days!

GPA Ready to Assist Federal Employees During Furlough

Our Customer Service Team is ready to assist affected federal employees with available payment options and special arrangements.

Please have your federal ID and proof of furlough ready when contacting GPA. If you haven't received an official furlough letter, our team will help verify eligibility.

For assistance, call (671) 647-5787/8/9 or email customersfirst@gpagwa.com.



We're here to help!

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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