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Bill to Procure Temporary Power to Mitigate Load Shedding Proceeds to Governor for Action

(Fadian, Mangilao) - Critical legislation that aims to support temporary emergency power capacity for Guam and mitigate the threat of load shedding was passed yesterday by the 37th Guam Legislature in a vote of 10-4. The bill extends the emergency procurement period from 90 days to 2 years, provides a lift of stay in the case of any protest, and puts a timeline on the review of the final contract by the Attorney General.

General Manager, John Benavente, P.E., stated, "We are thankful that the Guam Legislature recognized the emergency of the situation and are grateful to the Senators for the passage of this bill. The Governor has expressed her support in signing the bill into law as quickly as possible. This bill is a major step forward in GPA's efforts to address the energy generation capacity shortfall until the completion of the Ukudu Power Plant around September 2025."

GPA appeals to the Attorney General of Guam for a swift review of the contract and will work collaboratively towards a positive outcome. The PUC has expressed its support to expeditiously approve the contract so that work can begin with GPA bringing in this critical 20 MW power plant to the system.

GPA applaud the efforts and support of the Guam Legislature in collaborating with GPA to address this critical issue. GPA thanks the bill's author, Senator Will Parkinson, as well as Speaker Therese Terlaje, Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes, Senator Frank Blas, Senator Chris Duenas, Senator Tom Fisher, Senator Roy Quinata, Senator Joe S. San Agustin, Senator Dwayne San Nicolas, and Senator Amanda Shelton for voting in favor of the measure (Senator Lujan, absent).

For more information on how GPA is addressing the generation capacity shortfall, please visit GPA's website at www.guampowerauthority.com and GPA's social media pages.

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