July 8, 2022 **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

STATEMENT FROM SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN RELATIVE TO THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY SPEAKER TERLAJE ON BILL NO. 325-36 (COR)

Hagatna, *Guam*. I would like to express my appreciation to Speaker Terlaje in her response to my request for a Public Hearing waiver and call for an Emergency Session for Bill No. 325-36 (COR) relative to providing direct assistance of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to every ratepayer of Guam Power Authority, to be disbursed One-Hundred-dollar (\$100) credit for the next five (5) months onto current billing statements.

With my request for the Public Hearing Waiver and Emergency session for Bill No. 325-36 (COR), I wanted to ensure that my committee goes through all the possible routes to act expeditiously on the bill. The Committee on Appropriations is scheduled to hear Bill No. 325-36 (COR) on Friday, July 15, 2022, beginning at 2:00 p.m. to discuss and accept testimonies from Stakeholders and the General Public.

Today, I have submitted letters to the Office of the Speaker requesting for a Public Hearing waiver and a request to call an Emergency Session for the Legislature to immediately act on Bill No. 325-36 (COR). In her response, Speaker Terlaje had committed to calling an emergency session once my Committee, the Committee on Appropriation hears Bill No. 325-36 (COR) to acquire as much information to expedite the process of deliberations. I appreciate her commitment and anticipate her call for an Emergency Session on the bill.

It is right and just that the Legislature acts expeditiously on this matter as the people of Guam are in need of this energy assistance as prices of fuel have increased tremendously. Again, Bill No. 325-36 (COR) is a strong step forward in addressing the rising cost of fuel. It is the good of the people of Guam that we work together to ensure that they receive aid to alleviate the high cost of fuel.

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