



BEFORE THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CONTRACT REVIEW PROTOCOL FOR)
GUAM POWER AUTHORITY)

) ADMINISTRATIVE
) DOCKET

ORDER

Pursuant to its authority under 12 GCG Section 12004, the Guam Public Utilities Commission [PUC] establishes the following protocol to identify and review regulated contracts and obligations of Guam Power Authority [GPA]:

1. The following GPA contracts and obligations shall require prior PUC approval under 12 GCA 12004, which shall be obtained before the procurement process is begun:
 - a) All capital improvement projects (CIP) in excess of \$1,500,000 whether or not a project extends over a period of one year or several years; provided, however, that no regulatory review shall be required for blanket job orders and line extensions.
 - b) All capital items by account group, which in any year exceed \$1,500,000;
 - c) All professional service procurements in excess of \$1,500,000;
 - d) All externally funded loan obligations and other financial obligations such as lines of credit, bonds, etc. in the excess of \$1,500,000 and any use of said funds;
 - e) Any contract or obligation not specifically referenced above which exceeds \$1,500,000, not including individual contracts within an approved CIP or contract;
 - f) Any internally funded procurement in excess of a CIP expenditure ceiling, which PUC shall establish on or before November 15 of each fiscal year.
 - g) Any agreement to compromise or settle disputed charges for services by GPA, when the amount of the waived charges would exceed \$1,500,000.

2. For contract that involve the receipt by GPA of revenues or reimbursement of costs in excess \$1,500,000, the following procedure will apply:
 - a) GPA is permitted to evaluate the contract without PUC approval;
 - b) Prior to entering into the contract, GPA will provide the following to PUC:
 - i) The Consolidated Commission on Utilities [CCU] resolution authorizing the contract.
 - ii) An affidavit from GPA management stating that the contract does not produce an increased revenue requirement with supporting documentation.
 - iii) A narrative description of the contract.
 - c) The contract will be deemed approved unless rejected by PUC within 30 days after an adequate filing [as determined by the ALJ] has been made by GPA pursuant to subparagraph (b).
3. Emergency procurements, which are made by GPA under 5 GCA section 5215, shall not require PUC approval; provided, however that GPA shall file its section 5215 declaration, the governor's written approval of same, and the procurement details, as set forth in paragraph 5(b) below, within 20 days of the declaration. Any emergency procurement funded by other than bond revenues shall be included in the CIP ceiling established under paragraph 1(f).
4. With regard to multi-year contracts:
 - a) The term of a contract or obligation [*procurement*] will be the term stated therein, including all options for extension or renewal.
 - b) The test to determine whether a procurement exceeds the \$1,500,000 threshold for PUC review and approval [*the review threshold*] is the total estimated cost of the procurement, including cost incurred in any renewal options.
 - c) For a multi-year procurement with fixed terms and fixed annual costs, GPA must obtain PUC approval if the total costs over the entire procurement term exceed the review threshold. No additional PUC review shall be required after the initial review process.

- d) For multi-year procurements with fixed terms and variable annual costs, GPA shall seek PUC approval of the procurement if the aggregate cost estimate for the entire term of the procurement exceeds its review threshold. On each anniversary date during the term of the procurement, GPA will file a cost estimate for the coming year of the procurement. GPA shall seek PUC approval in the event a procurement subject to this paragraph should exceed 120% of the aggregate cost initially approved by PUC.
 - e) Unless for good cause shown, any petition for PUC approval of a multi-year procurement must be made sufficiently in advance of the commencement of the procurement process to provide PUC with reasonable time to conduct its review.
5. In the event GPA receives only one bid for a procurement, which is subject to this contract review protocol, GPA shall obtain prior CCU approval of the prudence of accepting the single bid. GPA shall file with PUC the documentation regarding this CCU prudence review within ten days of CCU action. PUC reserves the authority, after monitoring this prudence review process to reconsider the need for additional regulatory oversight over single bid procurements. In addition, in the event GPA determines to award a contract after receiving only a single bid, GPA shall provide PUC with the determination made by GPA pursuant to section 3102(c) (1) of Chapter 2, Division 4, Title 2 of the Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations, relating to single bid procurements.
6. On or before September 15 of each year, GPA will use best efforts to file with PUC its construction budget for the coming fiscal year plus estimates for the subsequent two fiscal years. The filing shall contain a description of each CIP contained with the budget and estimates. Project descriptions should be sufficiently detailed to identify the specific location and type of equipment to be purchased, leased or installed. For capital items that are subject to review by account group, GPA shall file information equivalent to that submitted to its governing body for these items.
7. With regard to any contract or obligation [*procurement*], which requires PUC approval under this Order, GPA shall initiate the regulatory review process through a petition, which shall be supported with the following:
- a) A resolution from the Consolidated Commission on Utilities [CCU], which confirms that after careful review of the documentation described in subparagraph (b) below and upon

finding that the proposed procurement is reasonable, prudent and necessary, CCU has authorized GPA to proceed with the procurement, subject to regulatory review and approval.

- b) The documentation on which CCU based its approval under subparagraph (a) above, which shall include, at a minimum, a report from management or an independent third party, which contains the following:
 - i. A description of the project, including timeframes, time constraints and deadlines, and a justification of its need.
 - ii. An analysis from a technical and cost benefit perspective, of all reasonable alternatives for the procurement.
 - iii. A detailed review of the selected alternative, which establishes the basis of selection and that it is economically cost effective over its life.
 - iv. Cost estimates and supported milestones for the selected alternative.
 - v. The projected source of funding for the project with appropriate justification and documentation.
 - vi. A supporting finding that the procurement is necessary within the context of other utility priorities.
8. If during any fiscal year, GPA desires to undertake a contract or obligation covered by paragraph 1, for which approval has not otherwise been received, it may file an application with the PUC for approval of such contract or obligation, which shall contain the information required in paragraph 6 above. GPA shall obtain PUC approval thereof before the procurement process is begun.
9. GPA shall, on or before December 1 of each year, file a report on the contracts and obligations approved by PUC for the prior fiscal year pursuant to this Protocol. This report shall show the amount approved by PUC and the actual expenditures incurred during the preceding fiscal year for each such contract and obligation and other changes from the prior filing in cost estimates, start dates and inservice or completion dates.

10. GPA shall not incur expenses for PUC approved contracts and obligations in excess of 20% over the amount authorized by the Commission without prior PUC approval. In the event that GPA estimates that it will exceed the PUC approved level of expenditures by more than 20%, it shall submit to PUC the revised estimate and full explanation of all additional cost.
11. GPA shall file with PUC monthly financial reports within five working days of presentation of monthly financial reports to its governing body.
12. To the extent GPA submits a filing to PUC under this order which PUC staff believes is incomplete or deficient, it shall notify GPA and the PUC within 15 calendar days thereof with specific indication of the alleged incompleteness or deficiency.
13. PUC staff will use best efforts to be prepared for hearing within 45 days of a complete GPA filing under the terms of paragraph 6 above. PUC's administrative law judge, is authorized, in his judgment, to shorten the above 45 day period, for good cause shown by GPA.
14. Within the context of a rate or management audit proceeding, PUC staff may review the prudence of all procurement or obligations whether or not subject to review herein.
15. PUC's administrative law judge is authorized to interpret the meaning of any provision of this order, in furtherance of the contract review process.


Dated this 26th day of May, 2007.



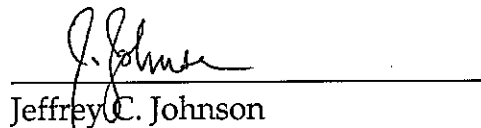
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