

TERRITORY OF GUAM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AGAÑA, GUAM 96910 U.S.A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96-05

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY OF GUAM (PUAG) AUTONOMY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Twenty-Third Guam Legislature has passed legislation in the form of Bill 112 to provide autonomous status to the Public Utility Agency of Guam (PUAG); and

WHEREAS, the Governor is in favor of providing autonomous status to PUAG in order to enable the agency to become more self-sufficient, however the Governor vetoed Bill 112 because provisions relative to financing need to be revised; and

WHEREAS, an urgent need exists, based upon agreement in principle between the executive and legislative branches of the government for PUAG, to achieve a suitable autonomous status at the earliest time possible, once appropriate legislation is enacted for that purpose, proposals for which are now under consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do order:

- 1) Until autonomous status for PUAG or its successor is established by law, a task force is established to provide interim coordination of PUAG's approach and transition into autonomy; this task force shall be known as the "PUAG Autonomy Commission" and its members shall be appointed by the Governor.
- 2) Logistical and staff support for the commission established in this Executive Order shall be provided by the Office of the Governor and the management and staff of PUAG, or as otherwise may be provided by the Governor.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agaña, Guam this 29th day of February, 1996.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO Lieutenant Governor of Guam