WHEREAS, Supertyphoon Paka caused extensive damage to the islandwide power system with total damage presently estimated to be $25 Million; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the devastation caused by Supertyphoon Paka, the Guam Power Authority was required to re-deploy meter readers who ordinarily read power and water meters to assist in the restoration efforts and repair of the transmission and distribution lines; and

WHEREAS, as many as 2,000 meters may need to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, as the conditions brought about by Supertyphoon Paka have made it impossible for the Guam Power Authority to read power and water meters with the same frequency as is ordinarily done; and

WHEREAS, §12026 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, expressly authorizes the Governor of Guam to extend the period during which a utility may read meters beyond the normal Seventy (70) days in the event of a typhoon;

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. The period during which the Guam Power Authority and the Guam Waterworks Authority may read power and water meters is hereby extended from Seventy (70) days to Eighty-Five (85) days.

2. In accordance with §12026 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, power and water meters may now be read within Eight-Five (85) days.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agaña, Guam this 20th day of January, 1998.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Lieutenant Governor of Guam