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December 17, 2022

HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE, Speaker
I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
36th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: **BILL NO. 357-36 (COR) - AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TWENTY-SIX MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHT-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$26,381,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-54, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE (5)-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE PRUGRĀMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH ANOTHER FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) CREDIT TOWARD THEIR ACCOUNT**

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker,

On July 27, 2022, I signed into law Public Law No. 36-106, which established the *Prugrāman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta Energy Credit program*, providing a Guam Power Authority ("GPA") credit to residential and commercial subscribers. The credit, reflected on the monthly bills of eligible GPA subscribers for five (5) consecutive months, provided much needed relief to our community as we collectively recover from the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the rise of inflation.

Bill No. 357-36 recognizes that further relief is necessary to assist the people of Guam with the increased cost of power. An extension of the *Prugrāman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta Energy Credit program* allows for effective delivery of the needed assistance utilizing administrative procedures already in place. Extending the current program ensures that GPA customers continue to receive

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the benefits of the program during this holiday season, without interruption. For these reasons, I hereby sign Bill No. 357-36 into law as ***Public Law No. 36 - 123***.

Senseremente,



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hågan Guåhan

Governor of Guam

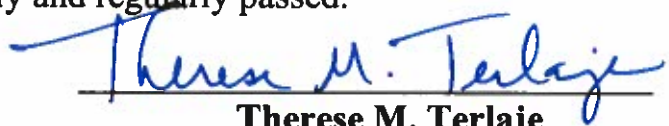
Enclosure: Bill No. 357-36 (COR) - *nka P.L. No. 36-123*

cc via email: *Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam*
Compiler of Laws

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN


This is to certify that **Bill No. 357-36 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TWENTY-SIX MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHT-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$26,381,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-54, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE (5)-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE *PRUGRÁMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA* ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH ANOTHER FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) CREDIT TOWARD THEIR ACCOUNT," was on the 16th day of December 2022, duly and regularly passed.


Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker


Attested:


Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 16th day of Dec,
2022, at 10:06 o'clock P.M.


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APPROVED:


Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 12/17/2022

Public Law No. 36-123

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 357-36 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations,
Appropriations, and Housing, and further amended
in the Committee of the Whole.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TWENTY-SIX MILLION
THREE HUNDRED EIGHT-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS
(\$26,381,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL
FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE
ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW
36-54, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM POWER
AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE (5)-MONTH EXTENSION TO
THE *PRUGRAMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA*
ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM, RELATIVE TO
PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH ANOTHER FIVE
HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) CREDIT TOWARD THEIR
ACCOUNT.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the *Prugrâman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit Program was established
4 and funded through the enactment of Public Law 36-106, which amended Public
5 Law 36-54 (the General Appropriations Act of 2022).

6 The *Prugrâman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit Program provided
7 residential, master-metered, and commercial customers with a Five Hundred Dollars
8 (\$500) credit toward their account with the Guam Power Authority, to be disbursed
9 One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each month for the months of July, August, September,
10 October, and November 2022.

11 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide some extended relief to
12 power ratepayers on Guam who have been experiencing price increases in various
13 commodities and services, particularly the many vulnerable individuals and families
14 who are struggling and most impacted by the effects of the global pandemic and
15 inflation.

16 **Section 2. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
17 sum of Twenty-six Million Three Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Dollars
18 (\$26,381,000) is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund revenues
19 collected in excess of the adopted levels enumerated in Public Law 36-54, as
20 amended, to the Guam Power Authority for a five (5)-month extension to the
21 *Prugrâman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit Program which was established
22 by Public Law 36-106.

23 (a) The *Prugrâman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit Program
24 is to provide each of the Guam Power Authority's fifty-two thousand seven
25 hundred sixty-two (52,762) residential, master-metered, and commercial
26 customers with another Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) credit toward their
27 account, to be disbursed One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each month for the

1 months of December 2022, January 2023, February 2023, March 2023, and
2 April 2023, and shall only be credited to the current billing of such months.
3 The sum of Twenty-six Million Three Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Dollars
4 (\$26,381,000) shall be disbursed to the Guam Power Authority in five (5)
5 equal monthly installments for the purposes of this Section. The Guam Power
6 Authority shall reflect the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) energy credit on each
7 customer's billing statement pursuant to this Section. The Department of
8 Administration shall equally disburse this appropriation to the Guam Power
9 Authority for each of the five (5) months of December 2022, January 2023,
10 February 2023, March 2023, and April 2023.

11 (1) Validation of Master-Metered Accounts. The Guam
12 Power Authority shall, from all Master-Metered Accountholders,
13 obtain a notarized list of the number of active residential utility power
14 sub-accounts under that Master Meter to ensure the proper application
15 of the credit to the Master-Metered Account.

16 (b) Credits received from the *Prugrãman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta*
17 Energy Credit Program shall be tax-exempt.

18 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.