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## GPA Current Island-Wide Power System Status and Other Power Related Updates

(Fadian, Mangilao) – As of 8:00 a.m. today, the following is Guam Power Authority's current status of the Island-Wide Power System (IWPS) and other Power Related Updates:

- Guam's Island-Wide Power System did not experience a system blackout during the storm, however it was separated into two systems - north and south.
- GPA's Dededo Combustion Turbine (CT) 1 & 2 units continue to supply power to northern loads, including Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH), the Tumon hotel row underground system, Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB) and Camp Blaz Marine Base with a current output of 15 megawatts (MW).
- Piti 7 CT unit remained operational throughout the storm, delivering power through a single transmission line to Naval Station Guam and other naval facilities, and is presently supplying a load demand of 3 MW
- All other GPA power plant units are currently offline and are being prepared to come online as substations and distribution lines are repaired and load demand increases.
- Ukudu Power Plant units was online through the storm until late Tuesday night. Other units were on standby.
- GPA does not anticipate any generation capacity shortage, and plans to restore power service using GPA reserve units, and then through the base load Ukudu Power Plant units as loads increase.
- All GPA crews secured late last night during the peak of the storm when heavy wind and gusts made conditions unsafe and dangerous to continue both bucket truck aerial lifting and ground work.
- Early this morning, several of those crews were out patrolling lines and clearing hazardous debris from lines and roads. Heavy wind speeds prevented repairs due to unsafe conditions for bucket truck aerial lifting.
- Each GPA crew will be working at least 12-16 hours per day. Evening crews will also be available.
- GPA confirms that it has sufficient inventory including poles, wires and transformers, as well as adequate crews and equipment to complete repairs

### Key Action Plans Underway:

- Restoration Crews have received assignments and safety briefings and have been deployed to the field. All Repair and restoration efforts are performed under the direction of line supervisors who will determine whether conditions are safe to begin all repair, including any aerial lift work.
- **Initial priorities include repairing transmission lines** and synchronizing (tie-in) the northern and southern systems, followed by restoring the island-wide transmission loop around the island. This would bring power to all substations in sequence on both the eastern and western side of the island.
- **Next**, once substations are energized, personnel will inspect and ensure electrical equipment are ready to distribute power to distribution feeders (circuits) in the area, which feeds customer's homes and businesses.

- Each substation would go through similar activation. There are 29 substations on the island, several of which are already energized.
- As substations are cleared, GPA's Power System Control Center (PSCC) will begin closing (powering up) feeders at the substation. Feeders without damage or faults will energize and stay on. Those feeders with faults will be identified as needing repairs and will be repaired as crews complete their assigned transmission work.
- GPA is aware of all customer outages throughout the island. Guam Power Authority's Automated Meter Infrastructure, or Smart Meter Network, and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems will provide detailed information on outage locations. These systems allow GPA to confirm where power has been restored, identify customers still without service, and locate smaller outage pockets within villages.
- We ask our customers to limit calls to our GPA Dispatch center to critical issues such as down lines on the ground, blown transformers and low voltages being experienced at homes or businesses and other more serious and significant issues.
- Please stay away from all down lines and equipment as they may still be energized and can cause harm if you come in contact with the lines or equipment. Consider such situations as dangerous and life threatening. If such conditions are present, please immediately report this situation to GPA's 24-Hour Trouble Dispatch at (671) 475-1472/3/4 or via direct message on GPA's Facebook or Instagram page. Please provide the exact location or address, contact information and condition of location.
- For proper use of generator, GPA asks that you ensure your main breakers are opened (off position) when operating your private generator. This is for the safety of the crews and your equipment.

GPA will provide an update on the status of post-typhoon recovery/restoration and the Island-Wide Power System at around 2:00 p.m. daily.

GPA thanks the public for their patience and asks for your understanding, as we work on restoring power to the island and bring the system back to a normal state.

Please visit [www.guampowerauthority.com](http://www.guampowerauthority.com) and GPA's social media pages for more information and more storm preparedness tips.

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# HOW POWER IS RESTORED AFTER TROPICAL STORMS AND TYPHOONS

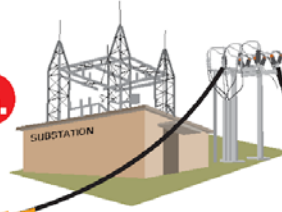
## How GPA Restores Power to Your Home

To restore service as quickly as possible, GPA must repair all components in the prioritized order shown below.

**1.** The first priority in recovery is to restore **GPA Power Plants** that generate electricity. GPA Power Plants use fossil fuel, solar and wind sources.



**3.** When the **high-voltage electricity** reaches one of the **GPA Substations**, the voltage is lowered so it can be sent to smaller transformers on poles or concrete mounts for servicing homes or other buildings via the



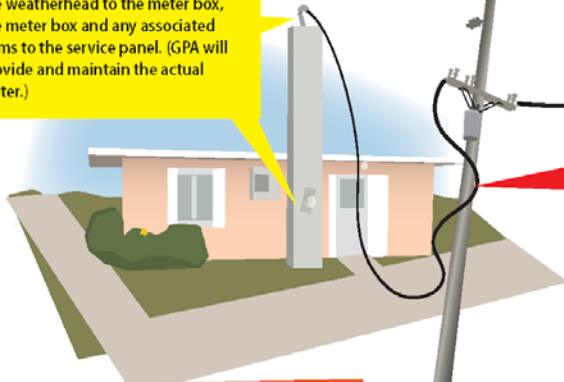
The **transmission lines** route the power from the plants to the various substations throughout the island.



**4.** **Distribution Lines and Power Poles** that run along neighborhood streets are next. These lines carry the electricity to every home, building, traffic lights and street lights.



Proper Services Connections that **homeowners must maintain** are the weatherhead, the lines from the weatherhead to the meter box, the meter box and any associated items to the service panel. (GPA will provide and maintain the actual meter.)



**5.** **Service Lines** run from the Power Pole onto your property. GPA maintains these lines, but homeowners must maintain proper service connections. (See the illustration to identify what type of service connection you have and learn what your responsibilities are.)

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### Remember, HIGH VOLTAGE KILLS

Downed or dangling power lines can cause electrocution

After the storm passes, look around and be alert for fallen or downed power lines. Consider ALL fallen lines to be "live" to avoid severe injury or death.

Electricity travels through standing water and can cause electrocution

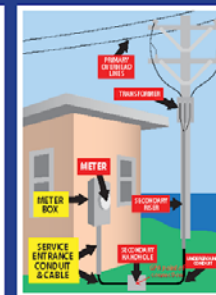
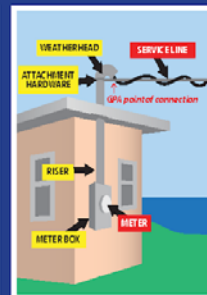
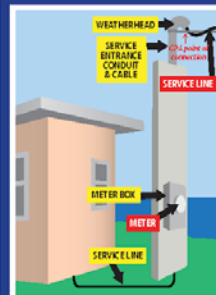
Avoid flooded areas even if they are shallow. Don't step into water in case a downed power line is touching it. Remember, the power line may be some distance away or even out of sight.

### Who is Responsible for Fixing What?

If your electrical components are damaged, you may be responsible for repairs. Identify your type of service connection below to learn more.

#### CUSTOMER'S RESPONSIBILITY

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