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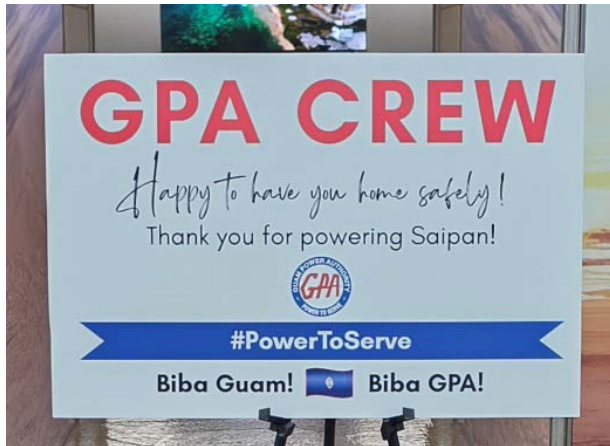
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GPA Welcomes Back First Wave Team and Deploys Second Wave Team to Saipan to Continue Supporting CUC with Post-Typhoon Sinlaku Restoration



(Fadian, Mangilao) - This past weekend, GPA welcomed home the remaining members of its first-wave deployment team, completing the return of a total of 55 skilled personnel who were initially mobilized to assist with power restoration efforts in Saipan. At the same time, GPA deployed its second-wave team to ensure continued support for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) as recovery efforts remain ongoing following the extensive damage caused to Saipan's Island-Wide Power System (IWPS) by Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

Since late April, after the passing of Typhoon Sinlaku, GPA lineworkers, substation technicians, meter/relay electricians, equipment operators, engineers, heavy equipment and plant mechanics, and support personnel have worked tirelessly alongside CUC crews to restore power across the island community of Saipan. In addition to personnel, GPA also deployed heavy equipment and vehicles including 8 bucket trucks, utility trucks, step vans, tools and power inventory supplies and provided 135 utility poles, 55 transformers, 500 crossarms, and over 130,000 linear feet of wire to support restoration operations and help and support recovery efforts. The team has installed over 500 new concrete and wooden poles and have tested, repaired and redeployed to service over 200 ea. transformers destined for salvage. They salvaged wires, hardware and other materials in order to restore power to as many residents despite these shortages.

“Less than two weeks after Typhoon Sinlaku devastated the CNMI, GPA crews were on the ground in Saipan, working fourteen to sixteen-hour shifts, seven days a week,” stated GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E. “Our crews were happy to lend their expertise and support to help the people of Saipan during their recovery. The team’s professionalism, ingenuity and compassion in conducting their mission has resulted in Saipan now being at over 85% recovered. The team is targeting a 99% recovery by July 13, 2026.” added Benavente.

“This deployment is a reflection of GPA’s commitment to helping our neighboring island communities in times of need. I want to thank our personnel for their dedication and service, as well as the employees and families whose support has made this effort possible. As we welcome home one team and deploy another, we remain committed to working alongside CUC and the people of Saipan to support ongoing recovery efforts,” Benavente said. “Most especially, thank you to our community for their continued support and patience as we support our neighbors in the north.”

Thank you to the CNMI community for their kindness, hospitality and ensuring our team was well accommodated and supported during our mutual effort. GPA would like to extend *Un Dângkulu na Si Yu’us Ma’åse!*

GPA also extends its sincere appreciation to its teams both on Guam and in Saipan, whose dedication and rapid mobilization demonstrate the Authority’s commitment and compassion in providing mutual aid and supporting our neighboring island communities during disaster recovery efforts.

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Header Photos Caption: *1st Photo: A “Welcome Home” banner greets GPA’s First Wave Team upon their arrival.*

2nd Photo: GPA’s Second Wave Team departs for CUC Post-Typhoon Sinlaku Restoration Efforts