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NEWS RELEASE

Port GM writes to FCC on GTA TeleGuam

Piti, Guam, June 29, 2023: The General Manager of the Port Authority of Guam has written to the Federal Communications Commission requesting that the Emergency Petition filed by GTA TeleGuam be rejected or amended.

"GTA TeleGuam knows or should have known at the time of that filing that despite the damage done to the Port, the island's only commercial seaport was able to open up 100% operational only 3 days after the storm passed with normal operations and normal vessel sequence within 4 days," Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio stated in his letter sent today to FCC Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel. "As such, the importation of goods and supplies into the island was not impeded. This was reported daily to all the media, on all social media accounts and via the Government of Guam's Joint Information Center."

Respicio is responding to GTA TeleGuam's Emergency Petition WC Docket No. 10-90, WC Docket No. 11-42 and WC Docket No. 21-450 *In the Matter of Petition of TeleGuam Holdings, LLC for Waiver and Certain Other Relief* filed with the Federal Communications Commission on June 20, 2023. Specifically, the filing states, "The local commercial port that imports 90 percent of all goods entering Guam was hobbled by physical and structural damage from the storm, which has impeded the transportation of goods and supplies onto the island."

"The statements by GTA TeleGuam are irresponsible as they create a false narrative about what really happened and this can have an extremely negative impact for the Port Authority of Guam in the bond markets," Respicio said, adding that the false statements are an insult to the hard work of the men and women of the Port Authority of Guam who showed their true "Port Strong" spirit and their dedication to public service and commitment to our island community by getting our Port fully operational in only 3 days.

Respicio further told the FCC chairwoman that GTA TeleGuam's FCC filing provided more false information about the overall recovery of our island that has been remarkable and swift under the leadership of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio.

"When this Emergency Petition was filed on June 20, 2023, GTA TeleGuam stated that half of our island residents were without power and water," Respicio wrote. "This is also a false statement as nearly 80 percent of our island residents had their power restored prior to the filing and the Guam Waterworks Authority had 80 percent of operable wells on-line and was producing approximately 33.8 million gallons of water per day which is approximately 99 percent of pre-typhoon production."

Respicio asked the FCC to reject the GTA TeleGuam Emergency Petition or to require them to amend their filing and remove the false and misleading statements. Respicio also sent a copy of his letter to Paul Huntsman, the President & CEO of Hunstman Family Investments who also is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of GTA TeleGuam.

Vessel operations

Two ships – the Kota Ratu and the Herodote - are being serviced simultaneously on the docks today. The Container Ship Kota Ratu arrived at 12:45 a.m. today and the American President Lines Container Ship CMA CGM Herodote arrived at 2 a.m. As of 4 p.m. today, Port employees have discharged 178 of 212 containers on the Kota Ratu as well as 127 of 189 container loadbacks. They have also discharged 118 of 262 containers from the Herodote and have 369 containers to load.

Meanwhile, the Vehicle Carrier (RO-RO) Dream Jasmine arrived at 5 p.m. yesterday and left at 10 p.m. following discharge. Barge S-2011 left at 11:30 p.m. last night heading to Saipan for discharge.

Cargo and fuel processed since reopening

The following fuel and cargo commodities have been processed and released into our island community since reopening the Port on Sunday, May 28, 2023:

- 2,935 containers with dry goods;
- 466 refrigerated containers ("reefers");
- 2,179 bundles of rebar; 2 boxed steel pipes; 75 bundle steel plates;
- 1,083 vehicles;
- 222 units of general cargo;
- 1 excavator, 2 backhoe, 4 trucks, 1 tractor; 2 dump trucks, 3 fuel truck, 1 drill rig; 1 school bus; 1 bucket truck, 1 flatbed truck, 2 office trailers, 1 trailer, 1 air burner, 2 water tanker, 1 truck screener; 1 modified container
- 1 bundle of chassis; and
- 5 barges – fuel operations.