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GPA BOND RATINGS UP

The Authority has received official notice that Standard & Poors (S&P) has raised its ratings for the Authority's existing revenue bonds from BB+ to BBB- with a stable outlook. S&P cited several factors that reflected a "sustained trend of operational and financial performance," that included more efficient use and greater availability of its baseload generators, continued support from the Public Utilities Commission and the improving economic outlook of Micronesia.

"This essentially means that GPA is investment grade after six long years," stated GPA General Manager Joaquin C. Flores, "This announcement by S&P is the result of a sustained effort across many fronts to regain confidence from this ratings company – I am confident other ratings companies will also share S&P's opinion."

S&P cited the Authority's relationship with the PUC to recover fuel costs through rates and that the GPA was able to generate nearly 98% of its energy needs from Authority-owned baseload units.

GPA has been able to save ratepayers nearly \$125 million dollars in fuel costs since the CCU took over as the policy making body for the Authority," remarked Flores, "That is a significant achievement; especially since by early next year, GPA will also be soliciting for alternative/renewable energy partners through RFPs to add onto our generation mix that can in turn generate more savings to our ratepayers."

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Editor's Note: