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OUTAGE ANNOUNCEMENT HAILS COMPLETION OF UNDERGROUND LINE PROJECT

The Guam Power Authority is announcing a scheduled outage for this Saturday, March 7, 2009. The outage is from 9 A.M through 3 P.M. affecting areas along the entrance to the Tanguisson area by the Micronesia Mall and the American Dialysis location area to the GWA Sewage Treatment Plant. With this announcement comes the completion of the Harmon Substation to the Tanguisson Power Plant Underground (U/G) Line Conversion for two 34.5 kV transmission lines.

“Contractors crews (J.B. Modern Tech) will be removing some concrete power poles, overhead transmission lines and hardware equipment that once delivered power from the Tanguisson Power Plant to customers via the Harmon Substation,” stated Joaquin C. Flores, P.E. GPA General Manager, “This particular line was susceptible to forced outages and service interruptions by snakes that came in contact with the line; today with our power lines underground, GPA can potentially provide service to customers along Hotel Row during storms from the Tanguisson facility and speed up recovery efforts after typhoons.”

The \$4M U/G project provides two protected transmission lines and a fiber optic line directly connecting the Tanguisson Power Plant to the Harmon Substation. The project was partially funded by FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant and was cost shared by the Authority as part of several projects to extend underground line protection to large load centers in the central part of Guam.

“The line is already in service with one of the Tanguisson Baseload units contributing 26.5 megawatts of power to customers,” remarked Flores, “With this project complete, GPA has two other ongoing U/G projects that are on schedule with the Macheche to the Airport and the Macheche to the San Vitores Substation that will directly serve the Guam Memorial Hospital; both are scheduled to be completed either by the end of December or early next year.”

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