



TERRITORY OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910

U.S.A.  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97-09

**RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHING A GUAM  
TELEPHONE AUTHORITY PRIVATIZATION TASK  
FORCE.**

**WHEREAS,** Guam Telephone Authority must undergo changes in order to remain a viable entity in the climate of telephone and telecommunications after the passage of the recent Telecommunication Act by the United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS,** since Guam Telephone Authority is a government agency, the path taken by Guam Telephone Authority will ultimately affect every person living on Guam because the telecommunications industry is rapidly changing and the people of Guam have made a considerable investment in their public telephone authority; and

**WHEREAS,** it is desirable to thoroughly examine alternatives in order to propose a viable and acceptable plan for the future of the Guam Telephone Authority and the people of Guam; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ,** Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act do order:

1. A Guam Telephone Authority Privatization Task Force is established and this Task Force supercedes every other Task Force on the same subject.
2. The Guam Telephone Authority Privatization Task Force shall consist of Thirteen (13) members, including the Governor. The Governor shall be the Chairperson of the Task Force, and in his absence may appoint an Acting Chairperson to who may or may not be a current member of the Task Force. The Governor shall select the remaining members of the Task Force from persons knowledgeable in the telecommunications industry and persons who are familiar with finance and other aspects of business and utility management.
3. The Guam Telephone Authority Privatization Task Force shall evaluate alternatives to the current government operation of the Guam Telephone Authority and shall prepare a plan relative to privatization or maximization of the resources of the Guam Telephone Authority which protects the employees of the Guam Telephone Authority and is beneficial to the people of Guam. The plan will be forwarded to the Board of Directors of the Guam Telephone Authority.

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED** at Agana, Guam this 27th day of February, 1997.

**CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ**  
Governor of Guam

**COUNTERSIGNED:**

**MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**  
Lieutenant Governor of Guam