



TERRITORY OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910  
U. S. A.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 99-17**

**RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION FROM THE GUAM TELEPHONE AUTHORITY OF PAST DUE CHARGES UNDER SECTION 23 OF CHAPTER III OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-59.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 23 of Chapter III of Public Law No. 24-59 empowers the Governor, by Executive Order, to assess and collect from the Guam Telephone Authority, an autonomous agency of the government of Guam, the following expenses which the government of Guam has provided to the Guam Telephone Authority: (i) past contributions of capital, (ii) past transfers of physical assets, land, and equipment, (iii) direct services supplied, including administrative costs of these services, and (iv) the proportionate cost of services maintained by the government which are essential to the conduct of the Guam Telephone Authority's operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Telephone Authority contends that the government of Guam owes past due communications charges to the Guam Telephone Authority for the delivery of communications services; and

**WHEREAS**, the expenses provided by the government of Guam to the Guam Telephone Authority should be taken into account in disposing of the past due charges claimed by the Guam Telephone Authority against the government of Guam, and that future expenses provided by the government of Guam to the Guam Telephone Authority should be compensated on a continuing basis; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to exercising assessment authority under Executive Order, it is necessary that a comprehensive investigation be conducted to establish the basis upon which the assessment and collection process should be implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Public Utilities Commission exercises regulatory oversight of the Guam Telephone Authority, and with its experienced team of regulatory consultants and an administrative law judge, is uniquely positioned to undertake this study, which would be essential in guiding this assessment action;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ, I Maga'Lahen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:**

1. The Guam Public Utilities Commission is requested to open a regulatory docket to investigate and propose the basis upon which an assessment should be conducted for past transfers from the



government of Guam to the Guam Telephone Authority, for which the government of Guam was not compensated; and

2. The Guam Telephone Authority shall fully cooperate with the Public Utilities Commission in the effort to conduct this assessment study; and
3. Pending the resolution of the matter of assessment for past transfers and receipts which is referred to the Public Utilities Commission, the government of Guam's claims against the Guam Telephone Authority and the Guam Telephone Authority's claims against the government of Guam shall remain in abeyance and neither party shall prosecute their claims against the other.

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED** at Hagåtña, Guam this 27th day of October, 1999.

**CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ**  
I Maga'Lahen Guåhan  
Governor of Guam

**COUNTERSIGNED:**

**MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**  
Segunda na Maga'Lahen Guåhan  
Lieutenant Governor of Guam

