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## **Cabras, Piti 8 units trip; loadshedding possible**

*GPA working to stabilize system, avoid power interruption*

(Fadian, Mangilao) – Last night, GPA’s Piti 8 generator tripped due to a defective transformer temperature monitor. GPA isolated some of its circuits to help avoid an island blackout and stabilize the grid. Continued loadshedding was prevented and affected customers were restored after reserve generators were placed on line.

This morning, GPA’s Cabras 2 unit tripped, making 45MW unavailable to the grid and causing power interruptions throughout several areas around the island. Customer circuits were all restored 20 minutes after they tripped. GPA operations personnel are working to find the root cause of the Cabras interruption which appears to be another tube leak. Repair work on Piti 8 continues as well today.

Guam’s power system experiences its greatest demand during the hours of 6pm and 9pm. Loadshedding may be necessary to prevent an island wide outage. A schedule of area outages has been formulated and will be made public on GPA’s social media pages and on our website by 3 pm today, should the need for loadshedding arise. Power interruption will last for one hour.

GPA General Manager John Benavente says “GPA is doing everything to meet the island’s power load including placing GWA assets on standby generators. GPA is also working with large customers to isolate from the grid during peak time.”

It should be noted that a loadshedding schedule is provided to assist customers to plan in case an outage may occur but does not mean an outage is imminent.

We thank you for your continued patience.

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