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GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY TO PURSUE RATE ADJUSTMENT TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 2025

(Guam, March 11, 2024) – The Guam Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) today announced its intention to pursue a rate adjustment, with the aim of implementing the new rates by January 2025. This decision comes after careful consideration of various factors impacting GSWA's operations and sustainability.

Notably, GSWA has not undergone a rate increase since 2012. However, to effectively continue its programs and address major priorities over the next five years, including regulatory compliance initiatives, funding for the closure and development of the Layon Landfill cell, debt service obligations, and equipment replacements, a rate adjustment is deemed necessary.

GSWA's management audit conducted in 2020 recommended a rate adjustment, however GSWA was able to temporarily delay a rate increase due to the availability of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) after COVID-19, and increased revenue resulting from additional waste received following Typhoon Mawar. Unfortunately, with ARPA funding no longer being available, GSWA anticipates a \$1.8 million deficit in Fiscal Year 2025, necessitating the need for rate adjustments.

GSWA is currently considering two potential rate scenarios:

Scenario 1 is contingent upon the passage of Bill 165-37, which mandates trash collection services for all residents:

| | Current | FY2025 (Starting January 2025) | | FY2026 | | FY2027 | | FY2028 | | FY2029 | |
|---|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| | Rate | Rate | Increase | Rate | Increase | Rate | Increase | Rate | Increase | Rate | Increase |
| Residential Rate | 30.00 | 27.00 | -3.00 | 27.00 | 0.00 | 28.00 | 1.00 | 28.00 | 0.00 | 28.00 | 0.00 |
| Residential Discounted Rate | 0.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 15.50 | 0.50 | 15.50 | 0.00 | 15.50 | 0.00 |
| Residential Transfer Station (minimum charge) | 7.50 | 11.55 | 4.05 | 11.55 | 0.00 | 11.55 | 0.00 | 11.55 | 0.00 | 11.55 | 0.00 |
| Residential Transfer Station (half cab) | 15.00 | 23.10 | 8.10 | 23.10 | 0.00 | 23.10 | 0.00 | 23.10 | 0.00 | 23.10 | 0.00 |



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| Residential Transfer Station (above cab) | 22.50 | 34.65 | 12.15 | 34.65 | 0.00 | 34.65 | 0.00 | 34.65 | 0.00 | 34.65 | 0.00 |
| Commercial Discount (per ton) | 15.60 | 15.60 | 0.00 | 12.00 | -3.60 | 10.00 | -2.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 |
| Commercial Rate (per ton) | 171.60 | 178.00 | 6.40 | 178.00 | 0.00 | 182.00 | 4.00 | 182.00 | 0.00 | 182.00 | 0.00 |
| Government Rate (per ton) | 171.60 | 178.00 | 6.40 | 178.00 | 0.00 | 182.00 | 4.00 | 182.00 | 0.00 | 182.00 | 0.00 |

Scenario 2 outlines rates in the event of the non-passage of Bill 165-37:

| | Current | FY2025 (Starting January 2025) | | FY2026 | | FY2027 | | FY2028 | | FY2029 | |
|---|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| | Rate | Rate | Increase | Rate | Increase | Rate | Increase | Rate | Increase | Rate | Increase |
| Residential Rate | 30.00 | 35.00 | 5.00 | 38.00 | 3.00 | 40.00 | 2.00 | 40.00 | 0.00 | 40.00 | 0.00 |
| Residential Transfer Station (minimum charge) | 7.50 | 11.55 | 4.05 | 11.55 | 0.00 | 11.55 | 0.00 | 11.55 | 0.00 | 11.55 | 0.00 |
| Residential Transfer Station (half cab) | 15.00 | 23.10 | 8.10 | 23.10 | 0.00 | 23.10 | 0.00 | 23.10 | 0.00 | 23.10 | 0.00 |
| Residential Transfer Station (above cab) | 22.50 | 34.65 | 12.15 | 34.65 | 0.00 | 34.65 | 0.00 | 34.65 | 0.00 | 34.65 | 0.00 |
| Commercial Discount (per ton) | 15.60 | 15.60 | 0.00 | 12.00 | -3.60 | 10.00 | -2.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 |
| Commercial Rate (per ton) | 171.60 | 185.00 | 13.40 | 185.00 | 0.00 | 190.00 | 7.00 | 190.00 | 0.00 | 190.00 | 0.00 |
| Government Rate (per ton) | 171.60 | 185.00 | 13.40 | 185.00 | 0.00 | 190.00 | 7.00 | 190.00 | 0.00 | 190.00 | 0.00 |

"We understand the importance of responsible waste management and are committed to ensuring the continued improvement of services," stated GSWA General Manager, Irvin Slike. "The proposed rate increase will enable us to meet our operational requirements effectively and sustainably."

GSWA remains dedicated to transparency throughout this process.