

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

IN	RE:
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REQUEST OF LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN, RELATIVE TO THE DUTIES OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES. Supreme Court Case No. CRQ24-001

## ORDER

This matter comes before the court upon the Joint Motion for Permission to File Amicus Curiae Brief in Support of Governor Leon Guerrero, filed by the Consolidated Commission on Utilities, Guam Power Authority, Guam Waterworks Authority, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, and the Port Authority of Guam on April 5, 2024. The Joint Motion states that the movant autonomous agencies "seek permission, on behalf of themselves and any other autonomous agency that may later join them, to file a single joint amicus brief upon a deadline fixed by this court . . . ." Joint Mot. at 2 (Apr. 5, 2024). Their proffered interest in this matter is that they often enter into contracts with high-dollar value, which triggers the provision of Guam Procurement Law requiring the input of the Attorney General for awards of \$500,000.00 or more. *Id.* at 2-3; *see also* 5 GCA § 5101. "As a result," the movants assert, "the agencies must use the Attorney General as their adviser throughout the procurement process and, depending on the type of procurement, must obtain his approval of certain contracts as to form and legality." Joint Mot. at 3.

The movant agencies submit that "[i]n addition to reviewing the case law from Guam and other jurisdictions, the movants as amici curiae will be able to address the unique ways the law applies to them, the relevant history behind the procurement code and its amendments, the development of the Attorney General's duties specific to autonomous agencies, and other related matters." *Id.* at 6-7.

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The court is satisfied that the four questions certified by this court in its April 2, 2024, Amended Order impact the movant agencies, that they have a significant interest in the outcome of this matter, and that the court would benefit from granting them permission to file a joint amicus brief. The motion is therefore **GRANTED**. The Consolidated Commission on Utilities, Guam Power Authority, Guam Waterworks Authority, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, and the Port Authority of Guam – and such other autonomous agencies that may later join them – may file a single amicus brief by **May 6, 2024**. The court notes that no other motions for permission to file an amicus brief have been filed, and the deadline to do so has now passed. *See* Order (Apr. 5, 2024).

**SO ORDERED** this 9th day of April, 2024.

/s/ ROBERT J. TORRES Chief Justice