



CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ  
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

SEP 26 1997

Refer to  
Legislative Secretary

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco  
Speaker  
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature  
Guam Legislature Temporary Building  
155 Hesler Street  
Agana, Guam 96910

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| ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT              |                      |
| Received By                         | <i>Panning Baran</i> |
| Time                                | <i>3:55 p.m.</i>     |
| Date                                | <i>9/26/97</i>       |


Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find a copy of Bill No. 299 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§2 AND 3 OF P.L. 24-36, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF ANY PLAN TO PRIVATIZE THE GUAM TELEPHONE AUTHORITY (GTA)", which I have signed into law today as Public Law No. 24-64.

This legislation deletes the requirement of Public Law No. 24-36 that the Guam Legislature have 7 legislative days in addition to 90 calendar days to review a privatization plan for Guam Telephone Authority (GTA). The 7 legislative days are very indefinite in nature, unlike calendar day, and including legislative days in any time limit would disrupt any possible negotiation relative to privatization of GTA.

I am pleased to sign this legislation into law.

Very truly yours,

  
Carl T. C. Gutierrez  
Governor of Guam

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown  
Legislative Secretary

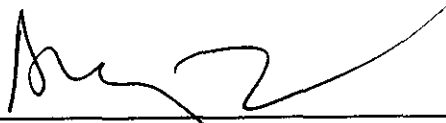
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Office of the speaker  
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO  
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TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1997 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR


This is to certify that Bill No. 299 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§2 AND 3 OF P.L. NO. 24-36, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF ANY PLAN TO PRIVATIZE THE GUAM TELEPHONE AUTHORITY ("GTA")," was on the 15th day of September, 1997, duly and regularly passed.

  
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ANTHONY C. BLAZ  
Acting Speaker


Attested:

  
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JOANNE M.S. BROWN  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by the Governor this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 1997, at  
4:35 o'clock P.M.

  
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Assistant Staff Officer  
Governor's Office

APPROVED:

  
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CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ  
Governor of Guam

Date: 9-26-97

Public Law No. 2464

**TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE**  
**1997 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 299 (COR)**

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

C. A. Leon Guerrero  
T. C. Ada  
F. B. Aguon, Jr.  
E. Barrett-Anderson  
A. C. Blaz  
J. M.S. Brown  
Felix P. Camacho  
Francisco P. Camacho  
M. C. Charfauros  
E. J. Cruz  
W. B.S.M. Flores  
Mark Forbes  
L. F. Kasperbauer  
A. C. Lamorena, V  
L. Leon Guerrero  
V. C. Pangelinan  
J. C. Salas  
A. L.G. Santos  
F. E. Santos  
A. R. Unpingco  
J. Won Pat-Borja

**AN ACT TO AMEND §§2 AND 3 OF P.L. NO. 24-36,  
RELATIVE TO REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE  
APPROVAL OF ANY PLAN TO PRIVATIZE THE  
GUAM TELEPHONE AUTHORITY ("GTA").**

1            **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:**

1           **Section 1.** Section 2 of Public Law Number 24-36 is hereby amended to  
2 read as follows:

3           **“Section 2. Approval of Privatization Plan of Action.** The Task  
4 Force shall submit to the Guam Legislature a specific Plan of Action for  
5 the privatization of GTA, which shall include the terms of reference, or  
6 parameters of any sale agreement. The Guam Legislature shall have up  
7 to ninety (90) calendar days after receipt by the Legislative Secretary to  
8 review and amend the plan as appropriate, and approve or disapprove  
9 the plan.”

10          **Section 2.** Section 3 of Public Law Number 24-36 is hereby amended to  
11 read as follows:

12          **“Section 3. Approval of Privatization Contract.** In the event the  
13 approved privatization plan calls for a sale of the assets of GTA, the  
14 GTA Board is authorized to begin non-binding negotiations with  
15 qualified potential investors. The GTA Board shall submit the final  
16 agreement to the Guam Legislature which, shall have up to ninety (90)  
17 calendar days after receipt by the Legislative Secretary to approve or  
18 disapprove the agreement.”

PL 24-64



**24th Guam Legislature**  
**Sen. Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero**

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Chairperson :

Committee on  
Transportation,  
Telecommunications and  
Micronesia Affairs

August 26, 1997

**The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco**  
**Speaker**  
**Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature**  
**155 Hesler St.**  
**Agana, Guam 96910**

Dear Mr. Speaker,

The Committee on Transportation, Telecommunications, and Micronesia Affairs, to which was referred **Bill No. 299, "An act to amend P.L. 24-36 relative to requiring Legislative approval of any plan to privatize the Guam Telephone Authority (GTA)"**, has had the same under consideration, and now wishes to report back with the recommendation **To Pass**.

The Committee votes are as follows:

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|---------------|----------|
| To Pass       | <u>9</u> |
| Not to Pass   | <u>0</u> |
| Abstain       | <u>0</u> |
| Inactive File | <u>0</u> |

A copy of the Committee report and all pertinent documents are attached for your information and file.

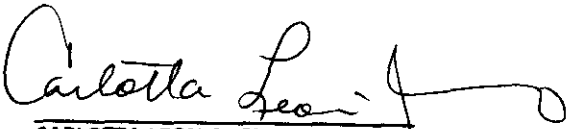
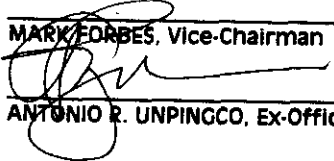




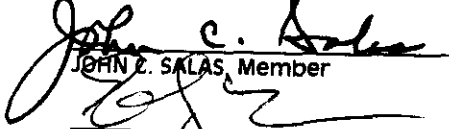
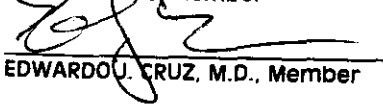
Sincerely yours,

**CARLOTTA LEON GUERRERO**  
Chairperson

attachments

**Committee on Transportation, Telecommunications, and Micronesian Affairs**  
**Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature**  
**Voting Record**

**Bill No. 299, "AN ACT TO AMEND P.L. 24-36 RELATIVE TO REQUIRING  
 LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF ANY PLAN TO PRIVATIZE THE GUAM  
 TELEPHONE AUTHORITY (GTA)"**

|   | <b>TO<br/>PASS</b> | <b>NOT TO<br/>PASS</b> | <b>ABSTAIN</b> | <b>INACTIVE<br/>FILE</b> |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| <br>CARLOTTA LEON GUERRERO, Chairperson    | ✓                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| MARK FORBES, Vice-Chairman  | —                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| <br>ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO, Ex-Officio Member | ✓                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| ANTHONY C. BLAZ, Member   | —                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| <br>JOANNE M.S. BROWN, Member              | ✓                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| <br>FELIX P. CAMACHO, Member              | ✓                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| ALBERTO A. LAMORENA, Member   | —                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| <br>ELIZABETH BARRETT-ANDERSON, Member   | ✓                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| <br>LAWRENCE KASPERBAUER, Member         | X                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| <br>JOHN C. SALAS, Member                | ✓                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| <br>EDUARDO J. CRUZ, M.D., Member        | ✓                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| THOMAS C. ADA, Member   | —                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| FRANCISCO P. CAMACHO, Member  | —                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| LOU LEON GUERRERO, Member   | —                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| VICENTE C. PANGELINAN, Member   | —                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| FRANCIS E. SANTOS, Member   | —                  | —                      | —              | —                        |
| WILLIAM B.S.M. FLORES, Member   | —                  | —                      | —              | —                        |

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, TELECOMMUNICATIONS,  
AND MICRONESIAN AFFAIRS**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**ON**

**BILL 299**

**“An act to amend P.L. 24-36 relative to requiring Legislative approval  
of any plan to privatize the Guam Telephone Authority (GTA)”**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Chairperson:** Sen. Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero

**Vice-Chairperson:** Sen. Mark Forbes

**Ex-Officio Member:** Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco

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Sen. Francisco P. Camacho

Sen. Lou Leon Guerrero

Sen. Francis R. Santos

## **PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE**

The Committee on Transportation, Telecommunications, and Micronesian Affairs conducted a Public Hearing on Monday, August 25, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Hearing room of the Guam Legislature Temporary building in Agana.

**Committee Members present:** Sen. Carlotta Leon Guerrero, Chair  
Sen. Frank Camacho  
Sen. Lou Leon Guerrero  
Sen. Ben Pangelinan

**Also present:** Sen. Frank Aguon, Jr.

## **SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

There was no oral or written testimony presented to the Committee.

## **COMMITTEE FINDINGS**

The Committee concurs with the Governor's comments in his veto message of May 15, 1997, that "seven (7) legislative days for approval does not provide a time certain, as legislative days include recesses of unknown duration at the discretion of the Legislature", and agrees that the reference to seven (7) legislative days should be deleted.

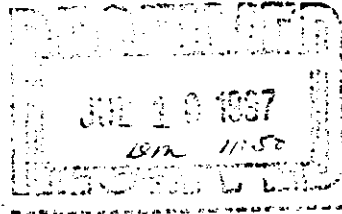
## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee on Transportation, Telecommunications, and Micronesian Affairs hereby reports out Bill No. 299 to the Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature with the recommendation **To Pass.**



**24th Guam Legislature**  
**Committee on Rules, Government**  
**Reform and Federal Affairs**

**Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman**



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**JUL 10 1997**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chairperson  
Committee on Transportation, Telecommunications and Micronesian  
Affairs

**FROM:** Chairman *[Signature]*  
Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs

**SUBJECT:** Referral- Bill No. 299

The above Bill is referred to your Committee as the principal committee. It is recommended you schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**MARK FORBES**

Attachment