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NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: June 23, 2026

To: General Public

From: Senator Manny Gregory Tenorio Castro 
Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation & Communications (PUTC)

Subject: Senate PUTC Committee Meeting

This is to inform all members that the Committee will convene a meeting on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 2:00 pm in the Senate Chamber of the Vice-Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

To ensure the Committee properly receives written comments on the agenda items, the public shall submit their written testimonies to the Office of Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro, Honorable Vice-Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan prior to the convening of the committee meeting. Oral testimony may be presented during the committee meeting.

Cc: Senate PUTC Members
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Pursuant to Senate Rules 8, Section 7 and the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq.), the Chairman of the Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications announces that the Senate Standing Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

MEETING: Senate PUTC Committee Meeting
DATE AND TIME: Monday, July 6, 2026 at 2:00PM
LOCATION: Senate Chamber, Capitol Hill Saipan

Copies of this notice, the official Committee Meeting Notice, and the agenda have been filed in the Office of Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

Administration Building Entrance Hall
House of Representatives Entrance Hall
Senate Entrance Hall
Commonwealth Legislature website (www.cnmileg.net)

Written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Office of Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro, Honorable Vice-Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, before or at the committee meeting. Oral testimony may be presented during the committee meeting. If you wish to present oral testimony please inform Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro's Office no later than 24 hours before the committee meeting.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS (PUTC) COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE:

Monday, July 6, 2026

TIME:

2:00 PM

LOCATION:

Senate Chamber

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Adoption of Agenda**
- IV. Public Comment**
- V. New Business**
 - a. **House Bill No. 24-87 SS1** entitled To require an independent valuation of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation; restore constitutional and audit oversight; protect ratepayers; authorize competitive procurement of electric generation resources; encourage renewable energy development and private investment; establish an integrated resource planning framework; strengthen procurement transparency; and for other purposes.
- VI. Old Business**
 - a. **House Bill No. 24-87** entitled “To require an independent valuation of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), restore constitutional and audit oversight, modernize procurement and review procedures, protect ratepayers, and clarify the economic framework for any privatization transaction; and for other purposes.”
 - b. **House Bill No. 24-88** entitled “To mandate that the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation undergo a comprehensive, independent, third-party utility expert audit; to require a formal Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission audit-review docket and transparent public review process; to require an enforceable corrective action plan, a ratepayer impact matrix, and a public audit implementation dashboard; to impose strict timelines and narrowly limited extensions; to require mandatory decennial audits; to establish compliance reporting and civil penalties for missed deadlines payable to the CNMI Treasury; and for other purposes.”



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- c. **Senate Bill No. 24-58** entitled “To require the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to conduct quarterly reconciliations of all estimated billings per customer account; to require submission of reconciliation reports to the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission; to mandate timely customer account adjustments for over-billings and under-billings; to authorize penalties for non-compliance; and for other purposes.”
- d. **House Bill No. 24-05** entitled “To establish provisions for jaywalking; and for other purposes.”
- e. **Senate Bill No. 24-02** entitled “To improve the food security of the CNMI by amending 4 CMC §§ 8182 and 8183 to establish agricultural water usage rates for commercial farmers, commercial ranchers, and livestock producers; and for other purposes.”
- f. **Senate Bill No. 24-14** entitled “To temporarily suspend the collection of certain charges by the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation; and for other purposes.”
- g. **Senate Bill No. 24-34** entitled “To restructure the electricity market in the CNMI by deregulating electric services; and for other purposes.”

VII. Miscellaneous

VIII. Adjournment