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NOTICE OF SENATE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 21, 2026

To: General Public

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

Subject: PUTC Committee Meeting

This is to inform all members that the Committee will convene a special meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 10:00 am 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.

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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:	**Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 10:00AM**
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:	TIME:	LOCATION:
Tuesday, October 27, 2026	10:00 AM	Senate Chamber

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Public Comment

V. New Business

a. **House Bill No. 24-99** entitled "To amend Title 6, Division 1, §1609, Theft of Utility Services, to provide a permissive inference of intent under specified circumstances while preserving due process protections; and for other purposes."

b. **House Joint Resolution No. 24-11** entitled "Directing the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and all relevant Commonwealth government agencies and public corporations to expedite planning, permitting, and deployment of viable renewable energy, storage, and resilience projects — and to coordinate energy-security and infrastructure-resilience strategies — in light of the accelerated phase-out of federal clean-energy incentives under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act."

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. **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."

c. **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."

d. **Senate Bill No. 24-14** entitled "To temporarily suspend the collection of certain charges by the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation; and for other purposes."

e. **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