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BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
332-37 (COR) As amended on the Floor	William A. Parkinson	AN ACT TO AMEND § 8601. (i)(2), § 8602. (a), (b) AND (d), AND § 8603. (a) AND (b) OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 8, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO VIRTUAL POWER PLANT PROGRAM.	7/29/24 9:36 a.m.	8/1/24	Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance	Request: 8/1/24 Waiver: 8/7/24	10/4/24 2:00 p.m.	10/10/24 9:20 a.m.	
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	PUBLIC LAW NO.	DATE SIGNED	NOTES	
	12/5/24	AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 8601(i)(2), 8602(a), (b) AND (d), AND 8603 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 8, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE VIRTUAL POWER PLANT PROGRAM.	12/16/24	12/17/24	12/28/24	37-140	12/28/24	Received: 12/28/24 Messages and Communications Doc. No. 37GL-24-3160	

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December 28, 2024

THE HON. THERESE M. TERLAJE, *Speaker*
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THERESE M. TERLAJE

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Time: 6:01 pm
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RE: Bill No. 332-37 (COR) - AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 8601(i)(2), 8602(a), (b) AND (d), AND 8603 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 8, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE VIRTUAL POWER PLANT PROGRAM

Håfa Adai Madam Speaker,

Bill No. 332-37 (COR) amends the Virtual Power Plant Program, initially established in Public Law 36-137, by allowing solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage systems to now be hosted on the land of eligible participants in addition to the rooftops as previously authorized. The definition of developer has also been expanded to include 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations registered to do business in Guam. This will expand the pool of entities that are able to install, own, operate, and maintain electricity-generating and energy storage equipment. Overall, Bill No. 332 aligns with our Administration's pursuit of renewable energy initiatives to obtain affordable and reliable energy for the people of Guam.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 332-37 (COR) into law as **Public Law No. 37-140**.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
I Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

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12/28/24
10:27 a.m.

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 332-37 (COR) nka P.L. 37-140.

cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
Compiler of Laws

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 332-37 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 8601(i)(2), 8602(a), (b) AND (d), AND 8603 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 8, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE VIRTUAL POWER PLANT PROGRAM,"** was on the 16th day of December 2024, duly and regularly passed.



Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker

Attested:



Chris Barnett
Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 17th day of December 2024, at 3:52 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

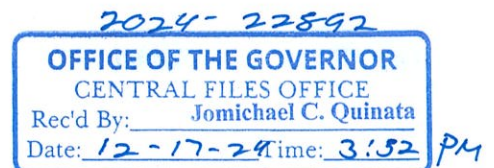
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Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 12/28/2024

Public Law No. 37-140



I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 332-37 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 8601(i)(2), 8602(a), (b) AND (d),
AND 8603 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 8, TITLE 12, GUAM
CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE VIRTUAL
POWER PLANT PROGRAM.**

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

2 **Section 1.** § 8601(i)(2) of Article 6, Chapter 8, Title 12, Guam Code
3 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

4 “(2) to provide access to qualified homeowners, businesses,
5 government agencies and non-profit organizations who wish to participate as
6 Solar Hosts of solar photovoltaic systems;”

7 **Section 2.** § 8602(a), (b) and (d) of Article 6, Chapter 8, Title 12, Guam
8 Code Annotated, are hereby *amended* to read as follows:

1 “(a) Virtual Power Plant Program (VPPP) means a network of
2 distributed energy resources (DER), such as solar photovoltaic systems and
3 battery energy storage systems that are hosted on the land or rooftops of
4 eligible homeowners, businesses, government agencies and non-profit
5 organizations, to generate and store electricity at a local level. This network
6 of Solar Hosts is contracted through a Developer and managed by GPA
7 through aggregation software that can control the production, storage, and
8 output of energy from these systems as if this network of solar systems and
9 battery energy storage systems were a single power plant.”

10 “(b) Solar Host means a qualified homeowner, business owner,
11 government of Guam agency or nonprofit-organization whose house, land,
12 commercial building, or government-owned building at which the electricity-
13 generating and energy storage equipment is installed, owned, operated, and
14 maintained by the Developer and who is not a current customer-generator
15 under the Net Metering System. The Solar Host is then compensated for
16 leasing their land or rooftop space through credits that are awarded to offset
17 or reduce their power bill or direct lease payments from the Developer. The
18 property eligible for a solar virtual power plant or to solar host is limited to
19 the property covered by the customer’s meter. The energy generated by the
20 Developer will be sold to the utility at a negotiated rate between the utility and
21 the Developer.”

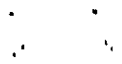
22 “(d) Developer means a licensed solar development business or a
23 501(c)(3) non-profit organization registered to do business in Guam or a
24 consortium including any of the two such organizations.”

25 **Section 3.** § 8603 of Article 6, Chapter 8, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated,
26 is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

27 “**§ 8603. Virtual Power Plant Program.**

1 (a) The Guam Power Authority (GPA) shall establish a
2 Virtual Power Plant Program (VPPP) within nine (9) months of
3 enactment of this Article and approval by the Guam Public Utilities
4 Commission (PUC), or ninety (90) days after approval by the Guam
5 Public Utilities Commission (PUC) whichever is earlier, pursuant to §
6 8311 of Article 3 of this Title, whereby qualified businesses,
7 homeowners, government of Guam agencies, and non-profit
8 organizations are able to host a solar photovoltaic system and battery
9 energy storage systems; and government of Guam-owned buildings
10 shall be the first preference to be Solar Hosts. Developers must provide
11 battery energy storage system capacity necessary to address
12 intermittency and power quality issues. The VPPP shall initially be
13 capped at twenty megawatts (20 MW) of participation, at which time
14 GPA shall assess the impact on the island-wide power system,
15 ratepayers, reliability, and feasibility for an expanded VPPP.
16 Additional VPPP phases and the terms of such, including contract
17 agreement and program capacity ceilings, must be approved by the
18 PUC. The VPPP shall also include the software and computers
19 necessary to manage the production, storage, and output of electricity
20 generated by the network of Solar Hosts in the Virtual Power Plant
21 Program.

22 (b) GPA shall enter into agreement(s) with solar energy
23 developers for the installation, ownership, maintenance, and/or
24 operation of equipment necessary to create a Virtual Power Plant
25 Program, as defined in § 8602(a) of this Article, providing for the use
26 of qualified premises for electricity generated and sold to the utility and
27 to be used by the community.”



1 **Section 4. Effective Date** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

2 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
3 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
4 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
5 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
6 severable.