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14 IN THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
15 OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

16 **PETITION OF THE COMMONWEALTH
17 UTILITIES CORPORATION:**

18 **FOR ELECTRIC, WATER, AND WASTE-
19 WATER RATE RELIEF AND RELATED
20 MATTERS**

DOCKET NOS. 26-01 AND 26-02

**CUC SUPPLEMENTAL FILING
21 OF A PROPOSED TYPHOON
22 RESTORATION SURCHARGE**

Filing Date: August 21, 2026

22 **SUMMARY**

23 Petitioner Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (“CUC”), a publicly owned corporation
24 within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (“CNMI”), through its undersigned
25 attorneys, hereby submits this supplemental filing to the Commonwealth Public Utilities
26 Commission (“CPUC” or “Commission”) to supplement its Application for Rate Relief, which
27 was filed on October 31, 2025 and accepted by the Commission on January 22, 2026.
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1 CUC hereby presents to the Commission a proposed Typhoon Restoration Surcharge
2 designed to support CUC's recovery of up to \$20 million in eligible typhoon restoration costs
3 and related funding requirements.

4 The necessity of the proposed Typhoon Restoration Surcharge is contingent upon
5 legislation presently pending before the CNMI Legislature that, if enacted in the form currently
6 contemplated, would amend the statutory limitation that presently restricts CUC borrowing to
7 \$500,000 and would authorize CUC to borrow up to \$40 million in the form of a line of credit.
8 However, the timing, final terms, and enactment of that pending legislation remain uncertain.
9 CUC therefore submits this supplemental material to preserve a potential regulatory path for
10 timely restoration funding while the legislative process continues.

11 If the pending legislation is enacted and financing becomes legally available to CUC on
12 reasonable terms, CUC may withdraw, reduce, or modify the surcharge request, including its
13 amount, duration, effective date, rate design, or other terms, as appropriate in light of the
14 financing obtained and subject to further Commission process or approval. CUC will notify the
15 Commission and the parties promptly of any material legislative or financing development
16 affecting the requested relief.

17 **EXHIBITS**

18 CUC respectfully submits the following exhibits concerning the proposed Typhoon
19 Restoration Surcharge designed to support CUC's recovery of up to \$20 million in eligible
20 typhoon restoration costs and related funding requirements.

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22 **CUC Exhibit 9** – Testimony of Economists.com (Dan V. Jackson and Robert E. Young) re:
23 Typhoon Restoration Surcharge.

- 24 ○ **Appendix A (Exhibit CUC-SDT-1)** – Economists.com PowerPoint Presentation
Summarizing the Proposed Typhoon Restoration Surcharge.
- 25 ○ **Appendix B (Exhibit CUC-SDT-2)** – Excel Model for the Proposed Typhoon
26 Restoration Surcharge and Recovery Costs in Executable (XLS) Format.

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CONCLUSION AND REQUESTED RELIEF

CUC respectfully requests that the Hearing Administrator accept this supplemental filing into the record, establish any appropriate opportunity for review and response, and preserve flexibility for CUC to update the Commission as the pending legislation and financing options develop.¹

Dated: August 21, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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¹ Nothing in this filing waives any existing CUC claim, argument, objection, or requested relief. CUC respectfully reserves the right to supplement this filing with further witnesses, testimony, and exhibits at the public hearing on this matter as ordered by the Commission or upon request of the Commission.