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Three Super Typhoons, Three Different Challenges

	Sinlaku	Bavi	Champi
Date	April 2026	July 2026	October 2026
Feeders/ Circuits Impacted	Approx. **50%** distribution feeders offline	Approx. **80%** distribution feeders offline	Approx. **49%** distribution feeders offline
99% Restoration Achieved	8 days	8 days	2.5 days
Highest Winds	55 mph/87 mph gust (NWS)	74 mph gust (AAFB); 110 mph gust (NWS)	53 mph/83 mph gust (NWS) *preliminary
Duration of Damaging Winds	Prolonged	Shorter than Sinlaku	Shorter, compact wind field
Closest Point of Approach	Approximately 130 miles to Guam	Approximately 45 miles to Guam	Approximately 10 miles to Guam
Rainfall	12-15 inches of rain	12-18 inches of rain	4-6 inches of rain *preliminary
Coastal Inundation	3 feet; 10-15 feet of runup along north and west reefs/beaches	1-2 feet	2-3 feet
Damage and Debris	Widespread vegetation damage and fallen trees	Stronger peak gusts; significant damage in exposed areas	Less widespread damage and debris; strongest impacts concentrated in southern Guam

Super Typhoon Champi Recovery Overview

GPA REACHES 99% POWER SYSTEM RECOVERY JUST DAYS AFTER CHAMPI

For the third time in 2026, GPA mobilized crews and resources to restore power following a major storm. Building on experience gained during Sinlaku and Bavi, GPA achieved 99% power system recovery in just 2.5 days following Super Typhoon Champi. This infographic highlights the resources deployed and key restoration milestones, illustrating GPA's continued efforts to improve storm response and recovery.

October 18
Champi's Closest approach at approximately 4:26 am. The storm's eye passed approximately 10 miles south of Merizo, concentrating the strongest winds near southern Guam.

COR 4 was announced on Sunday, October 18 at 6:00 pm.

51% Feeders Intact

12-16 HOUR CREW SHIFTS
Day and evening shifts supporting 24/7 restoration operations.

2.5-Day Restoration

18 Active Line Crews

18 Bucket Trucks Deployed

90% Transmission lines restored Oct. 19

98% Transmission lines restored Oct. 20

100% Transmission lines restored Oct. 21

SYSTEM STATUS

As of October 21, 2026, 7:00 am

50/50 Transmission lines restored

30/30 Substations energized

67/67 Feeders/circuits fully or partially energized

175 MW Normal power demand achieved

GPA Advances Underground Power Project to Protect Dededo Water Wells

The Consolidated Commission on Utilities approved a resolution on October 27, 2026, authorizing GPA to advance a $3.9 million project to improve power reliability for eight active Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) water wells in Dededo.

The P-087 GWA Underground Conversion Project will move portions of overhead lines underground, install new electrical infrastructure, and add a recloser. Protecting these lines from high winds, falling trees, and flying debris will reduce storm-related damage, helping prevent water service interruptions in Dededo and surrounding communities.

A U.S. Department of Energy grant will fund approximately $2.46 million, or 62% of the project. GPA will contribute $1.49 million in equipment, materials, and labor.

GPA will be presenting the bid documents to the Public Utilities Commission prior to procurement.

GPA has made strengthening Guam's power grid a priority, with undergrounding an important part of its long-term Grid Resiliency Plan. Protecting power lines serving water wells helps safeguard public health and allows restoration crews to focus on other affected customers following storms. GPA is exploring future undergrounding for the remaining 18 water well locations along feeder P-087, with plans to eventually extend these improvements to other critical facilities throughout Guam.

PUC Approves Additional Fuel Financing to Help Maintain Steady Fuel Supply

The Guam Public Utilities Commission (PUC) approved a $37.5 million revolving line of credit with Bank of Guam on October 29, 2026, bringing GPA's three approved fuel financing options to a combined $70 million.

The additional financing comes as global oil prices remain elevated and volatile. GPA's average fuel cost rose from approximately $88 per barrel in January to more than $222 in April, significantly increasing the upfront cost of fuel shipments.

GPA must pay for fuel shipments in full before recovering those costs through the Fuel Recovery Charge, also known as the Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause (LEAC), on customers' bills. The financing helps bridge that gap, allowing GPA to meet fuel payments as they come due while maintaining a steady supply for reliable power generation.

The PUC found the financing prudent and necessary, noting that it can help GPA secure competitive fuel bids and reduce pressure on available cash.

The approval follows earlier PUC approvals of a $22.5 million Bank of America term loan and a $10 million Coast360 Federal Credit Union revolving line of credit.

The $70 million represents available financing capacity, not funds already borrowed. GPA will access financing only as needed for fuel purchases. The financing does not replace LEAC or change

POWER TO SERVE







In celebration of Public Power Week, GPA employees, CCU Commissioner, and customers donated more than 2,610 non-perishable food items and 490 toys to support families and children in our community.

Organized by GPA's Outreach Committee, the donations were collected from September 23 - October 13, 2026. Food donations were presented to The Salvation Army, while toys were delivered to Erica's House and Catholic Social Service.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this year's outreach efforts a success!

Gallery

GPA leadership met with a visiting congressional staff delegation and Guam Delegate Congressman James C. Moylan on October 13, 2026 to present a proposed $1.5 billion, 10-year Power Infrastructure Project. The plan seeks federal support for grid hardening and undergrounding, critical resilience projects, and expanded system capacity to strengthen power reliability for Guam's communities while supporting growing national defense energy demands.



Your elected Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU) holds two (2) working sessions and one (1) regular meeting monthly. Meeting location is the CCU Conference Room, Gloria B. Nelson Public Service Building in Fadian, Mangilao. For more information and agencies, call the CCU Board Secretary at (671) 648-3002 or visit www.guamccu.org.

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