



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Benigno R. Fitial
Governor

Timothy P. Villagomez
Lieutenant Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2006- 03

SUBJECT: State of Emergency for Utilities Division of the Department of Public Works

AUTHORITY: Constitution, Article III, Section 10

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2006, Executive Order No. 2006-01 entitled "Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2006" ("the Plan") was executed, which mapped out the transfer of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") to the Department of Public Works ("DPW"); and

WHEREAS, the Plan was submitted to the CNMI Legislature on January 28, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the transfer takes effect sixty (60) days after submission to the Legislature, unless specifically modified or disapproved by a majority of the members of each house of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, March 29, 2006 marks the effective date of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of CUC to DPW does not immediately solve the disastrous situation in the utilities division of DPW (formerly CUC); and

WHEREAS, N.M.I. Const. Art. III §10 and 3 CMC §5101 et. seq. empowers the Governor to declare a state of emergency in the case of disasters; and

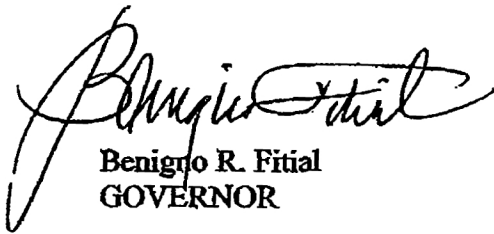
WHEREAS, the health and safety of the people of the CNMI are directly affected should there be inadequate water and electricity services;

NOW, THEREFORE, to protect the health and safety of the people of the CNMI and to address the existing disaster in the utilities division of DPW, it is hereby

ORDERED:

That the utilities division of DPW shall be under a state of emergency and that I, Benigno R. Fitial, as Governor of the CNMI shall exercise all necessary powers authorized by the N.M.I. Constitution and the Commonwealth statute to effectively address the problems of the CNMI utility disaster.

Done this 29th day of March, 2006.



Benigno R. Fitial
GOVERNOR