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IN THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY PROCUREMENT APPEAL

In the Matter of	Docket OPA PA-14-008
IP&E HOLDINGS, LLC.,)
Appellant, And) INTERESTED PARTY'S) MOTION TO STRIKE
GUAM POWER AUTHORITY,) APPELLANT'S CLOSING) BRIEF
Purchasing Agency.) _)

Mobil Oil Guam Inc. ("Mobil") hereby moves the Office of the Public Auditor ("OPA") to strike the "Closing Brief" filed by IP&E Holdings, LLC ("IP&E") on October 30, 2014. The Closing Brief is an uninvited and improper continuation of IP&E's argument, undertaken after the appeal has been taken into consideration by the OPA.

The Closing Brief constitutes an abuse of the process governing this appeal and a violation the basic principles governing the just and orderly adjudication of administrative appeals. If the OPA were to consider the Closing Brief and allow it to remain a part of the record, GPA and Mobil would essentially be punished for following the rules.

No notice or accommodation was made in the September 22, 2014 Scheduling Order for the filing of closing briefs. No subsequent order for requesting closing briefs was made by the hearings officer or the OPA. While the parties were invited to file optional briefs on remedies, the Closing Brief clearly addresses the merits of IP&E's appeal and offers little to no discussion of remedies. The Closing Brief was also filed without a request for leave to file supplementary briefs, thus depriving the Guam Power Authority ("GPA") and Mobil of any opportunity to do the same.

Given the arguments raised above, the Mobil respectfully requests that the Closing Brief be stricken from the record and disregarded by the OPA.

DATED this 31st day of October, 2014.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, R. Marsil Johnson, do hereby certify that on the 31st day of October 2014, I caused to be served a copy of INTERESTED PARTY MOBIL OIL GUAM INC.'S MOTION TO STRIKE APPELLANT'S CLOSING BRIEF to be served upon the following, via hand delivery:

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