



**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO  
PUERTO RICO ENERGY COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE PERFORMANCE OF THE  
PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER  
AUTHORITY**

**CASE NO.:** CEPR-IN-2016-0002

**SUBJECT:** Extension of public comments  
period on Notice of Investigation.

**RESOLUTION**

On November 15, 2016, the Puerto Rico Energy Commission ("Commission") issued a Notice of Investigation ("Notice") for the purposes of identifying opportunities to improve the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority's ("PREPA") performance. Among other things, said Notice establishes that "one of the first tasks of this performance investigation will be to ensure that we have properly included and characterized all of the relevant performance areas to investigate. Based on that assessment, other areas may be added in the future."<sup>1</sup> Section IV of the Notice provided a list of questions upon which the Commission requested comments by stakeholders and the general public.<sup>2</sup> Likewise, by means of the Notice, the Commission initiated the procedure for the evaluation and regulation of PREPA's performance.<sup>3</sup>

The Commission requested comments on the general scope and topics and areas of action on which the Commission should focus its investigation and subsequent regulation of PREPA's performance. To this end, the Commission established a deadline of December 15, 2016.

On December 15, 2016, PREPA filed a brief entitled "*Moción informativa y solicitar tiempo para contestar*" ("Motion"), by which it requested an extension of the period to submit its comments until December 29, 2016. As of the date of this Resolution, the Commission has received written comments from two (2) interested parties.

**I. Extension of the public comments period**

Given the high public interest on this investigation and the Commission's intention to encourage the greatest participation possible from interested parties

<sup>1</sup> Notice of Investigation, CEPR-IN-2016-0002, p. 7, 15 November 2016. Available at: <http://energia.pr.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/15-nov-2016-Notice-of-Investigation-AEE-CEPR-IN-2016-0002.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*, pp. 10-11.

<sup>3</sup> Docket no. CEPR-IN-2016-0002. Available at: <http://energia.pr.gov/expedientes/?docket=cepr-in-2016-0002>.

during this proceeding, as well as the fact that much of the period for public comments coincided with several holiday dates and with the process of technical hearings in PREPA's pending rate review proceeding,<sup>4</sup> the Commission has decided to extend the period for public comments until **Friday, January 13, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.**

The Commission therefore deems it unnecessary to consider the merits of the Motion submitted by PREPA, since, through this Resolution, the period for public comments has been universally extended for all persons and entities concerned.

## II. Submission of comments via electronic mail

In order to promote and facilitate citizen participation in this open discussion on the scope and reach of the investigation, the Commission will accept the alternative of submitting comments related to the Notice of Investigation by e-mail at the following address: **secretaria@energia.pr.gov**. However, comments submitted to the Commission by e-mail must still comply with all other rules applicable to the presentation of documents as set forth in the Regulation on Adjudicative, Notice of Noncompliance, Rate Review and Investigation Proceedings of the Puerto Rico Energy Commission,<sup>5</sup> or according to the instructions given by the Clerk of the Commission, as the case may be.<sup>6</sup>

For the benefit of all parties involved, the Commission publishes this Resolution in both the Spanish and English languages. Should any discrepancy arise between these two versions, the provisions of the Spanish version shall prevail.

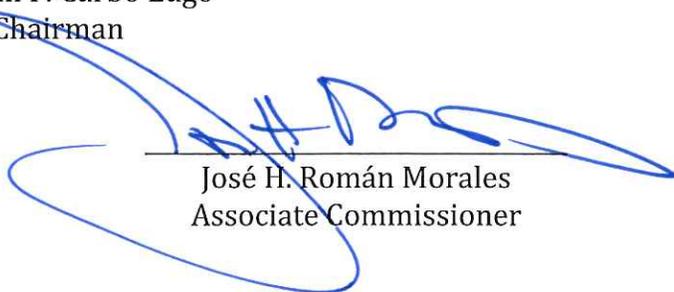
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<sup>4</sup> See, for further information, docket no. CEPR-AP-2015-0001. Available at: <http://energia.pr.gov/expedientes/?docket=cepr-ap-2015-0001>.

<sup>5</sup> Regulation No. 8543. Available at: <http://energia.pr.gov/expedientes-regulaciones/?docket=8543>.

<sup>6</sup> For further information, consult the Commission Clerk's Office website at: <http://energia.pr.gov/en/clerks-office/>. If you do not have internet access, you may reach the Commission Clerk's Office by phone at 787-523-0270, during working hours.



## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the Puerto Rico Energy Commission has so agreed on December 21, 2016. On that date, a copy of this Resolution was notified by electronic mail to the following: n-ayala@aepr.com, c-aquino@aepr.com. Likewise, I certify that the present is a true and exact copy of the Resolution issued by the Puerto Rico Energy Commission, and that today, December 21, 2016, I have proceeded with the filing of this Resolution and have sent a copy thereof to:

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