



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

IN RE: REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION
SUNNOVA ENERGY CORPORATION

CASE NO.: CEPR-CT-2016-0002

SUBJECT: Petition for confidential
treatment of information.

RESOLUTION

On April 18, 2016 **Sunnova Energy Corporation** (“Sunnova”) filed a Request for Certification of Electric Service Providers, as well as other required documents, pursuant to Regulation No. 8701¹. In its application Sunnova requested some documents and information to be kept confidential, pursuant to Section 6.15 of Act 57-2014² and Section 1.15 of Regulation No. 8701.

Act 57-2014 establishes that any person having the obligation to submit information to the Commission, can request privilege or confidential treatment to any information that the party submitting understands deserves such protection.³ Specifically, Act 57-2014 requires the Commission to provide confidential treatment to the submitted information provided that “the Energy Commission, after the appropriate evaluation, believes such information should be protected”⁴. In which case the Commission “shall grant such protection in a manner that least affects the public interest, transparency, and the rights of the parties involved in the administrative procedure in which the allegedly confidential document is submitted.”⁵

Furthermore, Section 1.15 of Regulation No. 8543⁶, establishes:

If in compliance with the provisions of this Regulation or any of the Commission’s orders, a person has the duty to disclose information to the Commission considered to be privileged, pursuant to the Rules of Evidence, said person shall identify the allegedly privilege information, request the Commission the protection of said information, and provide supportive arguments, in writing, for a claim of information of privileged nature. The Commission shall evaluate the petition and, if it understands the material merits protection, proceed according to what is set forth in Article 6.15 of Act. 57-2014, as amended.

¹ Regulation No. 8701, Amendment of Regulation 8618 on Certification, Annual Fees, and Operational Plans for Electric Service Providers in Puerto Rico.

² Puerto Rico Energy Transformation and RELIEF Act, as amended.

³ Section 6.15 of Act 57-2014, as amended.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Regulation No. 8543, Regulation of Adjudicative, Notice of Compliance, Rate Review and Investigation Proceedings.



Sunnova argues that the information for which they request confidentiality is of confidential and sensitive nature as it relates to Sunnova's business dealings and that its public dissemination may cause harm to Sunnova. Related to evaluating confidential business information, Act 80-2011⁷ establishes that a "trade secret" is any information: "(a) [t]hat has a present or a potential independent financial value or that provides a business advantage, insofar as such information is not common knowledge or readily accessible through proper means by persons who could make a monetary profit from the use or disclosure of such information; and (b) [f]or which reasonable security measures have been taken, as circumstances dictate, to maintain its confidentiality."⁸

In specific, Sunnova requested that the information regarding gross revenues and audited Consolidated Financial Statements, as well as the information regarding total demand that it intends to meet in Puerto Rico and the projection of capital investments it intends to make in the year following the filing of its Operational Report, be classified as confidential. Sunnova argues that its financial information is of confidential nature and not publicly available, therefore its public dissemination will place it at a competitive disadvantage with respect to other market participants and cause it economic harm. Sunnova adds that the projection of energy demand, the charges and rates the company charges its customers, its projected capital investments, the amount of installed systems, installed capacity and the number of clients it serves or expects to serve, is also confidential and of sensitive nature and availability to the public, specifically to its competitors, may put Sunnova in a position of disadvantage.⁹

After careful examination by the Commission of Sunnova's request for confidentiality treatment of certain information filed pursuant to Regulation No. 8701, the Commission **PARTIALLY GRANTS** the company's petition. The Commission **GRANTS** confidentiality to the following documents:

1. Projection of the percent of the total demand that it intends to meet in Puerto Rico (Section 2.02 (A)(1)(a)).
2. Information regarding charges and rates, and the company efforts to orient clients and promote efficient electric energy consumption (Section 2.02 (A)(1)(b)).
3. Projection of capital investments for the next year after submission of the Report (Section 2.02(A)(1)(c)).
4. Amount of Installed Systems, Installed Capacity and Clients by Electric Service Region (Section 3.03(B)(2)(b)).

⁷ Industrial and Trade Secret Protection Act of Puerto Rico.

⁸ Section 3 of Act 80-2011.

⁹ See Sunnova letter dated April 18, 2016 Re: Confidential Information.



5. Audited Consolidated Financial Statements (Section 4.02).

Any party affected by this determination may file a motion for reconsideration of this Resolution before the Commission. In its motion, that party shall explain in detail the bases supporting its motion and the remedy that, to its judgment, the Commission should have granted, pursuant to Section 11.01 of Regulation 8543, and the applicable provisions of Act No. 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, known as the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. The affected party shall file its motion for reconsideration within the term of twenty (20) days from the date of the filing of this Resolution, by personal delivery to the Clerk of the Commission, located temporarily at the Telecommunications Regulatory Board in 500 Ave. Roberto H. Todd, San Juan PR 00907- 3941.

The Commission shall consider said motion within fifteen (15) days of its filing. Should the Commission reject it forthright or fail to act upon it within fifteen (15) days, the term to request review shall recommence from the date of notice of such denial, or from the expiration of the fifteen (15)-day term, as the case may be. If a determination is made in its consideration, the term to petition for review shall commence from the date when a copy of the notice of the Commission's resolution definitively resolving the motion to reconsider is filed in the record of the case. Such resolution shall be issued and filed in the record of the case within ninety (90) days after the motion to reconsider has been filed. If the Commission accepts the motion to reconsider but fails to take any action with respect to said motion within ninety (90) days of its filing, it shall lose jurisdiction on said motion and the term to file judicial review shall commence upon the expiration of said ninety (90)-day term, unless the Commission, for just cause and within those ninety (90) days, extends the term to resolve for a period that shall not exceed thirty (30) days.

In the alternative, any affected party "may file a petition for review before the Court of Appeals within a term of thirty (30) days from the date the copy of the notice of this Final Resolution was filed in the record of the [Commission] or from the applicable date of those provided in [Section 3.15 of Act No. 170, 3 L.P.R.A. § 2165], when the term to petition for judicial review has been interrupted by the timely filing of a motion to reconsider.

Be it hereby notified and published.

Agustín F. Carbó Lugo
President

Ángel R. Rivera de la Cruz
Associate Commissioner

José H. Román Morales
Associate Commissioner



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the Puerto Rico Energy Commission has so agreed on September 28, 2016. I also certify that on this date a copy of the Resolution was notified by electronic mail sent to george.fibbe@sunnova.com and cfl@mcvpr.com.

María Del Mar Cintrón Alvarado
Clerk

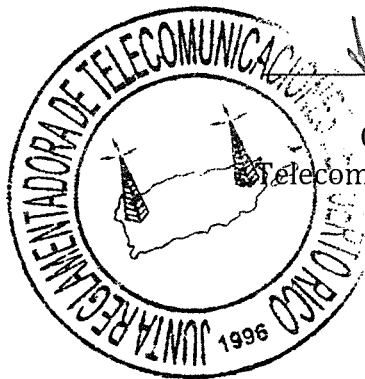
I certify that this is a true and exact copy of the Resolution issued by the Puerto Rico Energy Commission. I further certify that today, September 29, 2016, I have proceeded with the filing of this Resolution and I have sent a copy thereof to:

Sunnova Energy Corporation

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For the record, I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, today, September 29, 2016.



Jessica Fuster Rivera
Clerk of the Puerto Rico
Telecommunications Regulatory Board