COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO PUERTO RICO ENERGY COMMISSION



IN RE: AGUIRRE SITE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

CASE NO.: CEPR-AP-2017-0001

SUBJECT: Aguirre Offshore Gasport, LLC Confidentiality Request for Letters of Notice of Termination of Contracts.

RESOLUTION

On August 2, 2017, after it became aware that Aguirre Offshore Gasport, LLC ("Aguirre, LLC") had filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Comission a report notifying the termination of the infrastructure and charter agreements for the Aguirre Offshore Gasport project ("AOGP"), the Puerto Rico Energy Commission ("Commission") issued an Order requesting Aguirre, LLC to file a copy of the notices of termination issued on June 27, 2017 by Aguirre, LLC to the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA"), along with related communications pertaining to the status of the contracts.

On August 9, 2017 Aguirre, LLC filed a *Memorandum of Law Concerning Confidential Treatmen of Information* along with two letters¹, for which Aguirre, LLC requests confidential treatment. In its motion Aguirre, LLC argued that the information contained in such documents is confidential and proprietary and that it constituted business trade secrets. Specifically, Aguirre, LLC argued that, although it notified termination letters to PREPA, it continued to pursue the development of AOGP through good faith negotiations. Therefore, Aguirre, LLC argues that disclosure of the content of the notification letters, which is not in any public record, would cause harm to the undergoing process, since such notifications "are part of the commercial and settlement negotiations concerning the development of AOGP in the current Title III of PROMESA scenario." Aguirre, LLC also contends that disclosure of the information would allow its "competitors to take unfair advantage of Aguirre, LLC's internal analysis and its legal and business evaluation."

After examining Aguirre, LLC's arguments in support of its request, the Commission **GRANTS** the confidentiality request for the information and documents filed in response to the Commission's August 2, 2017 Order. Such information shall not be disclosed to any other party.

 $^{^{1}}$ Notice of Termination of LNG Storage and Regasification Agreement and Notice of Termination of Infraestructure Agreement.

 $^{^2}$ Aguirre, LLC Motion titled *Memorandum of Law Concerning Confidential Treatmen of Information* of August 9, 2017 at 2 \P 7.

³ *Id.* at 2 ¶8.

Any party adversely affected by this Resolution may file a motion for reconsideration before the Commission, pursuant to Section 11.01 of Regulation 8543⁴ and the applicable 4 provisions of Act No. 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, known as the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act ("UAPA"). Said motion must be filed within twenty (20) days from the date in which copy of the notice of this Resolution has been filed. Said motion must be filed at the Commission Clerk's Office. Copy of this motion as filed must be sent by email to all the parties notified of this Resolution within the timeframe established herein.

The Commission shall have fifteen (15) days from the date in which said motion is filed to consider it. If the Commission rejects it forthright or fails to act upon it within said period of fifteen (15) days, the term to seek judicial review shall begin on the date in which the Commission notifies such denial or the date in which said fifteen (15) days expires, whichever occurs first. If the Commission considers the motion, the term to seek judicial review shall commence from the date a copy of the notice of the Commission's resolution definitively resolving the motion for reconsideration is filed. Such resolution shall be issued and filed within ninety (90) days after the motion for reconsideration has been filed. If the Commission considers the motion for reconsideration but fails to take any action with respect to such motion within ninety (90) days of its filing, it shall lose jurisdiction to consider it and the term to seek 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 fail a petition for review before the Court of Appeals within a term of thirty (30) days from the date a copy of the notice of this Resolution was filed in the record of the Commission. This in accordance with Section 11.03 of Regulation 8543, the applicable dispositions of UAPA and the rules of regulation of the Court of Appeals.

For the benefit of all the parties involved, the Commission issues this Resolution in both English and Spanish languages. Should any discrepancy between each version arise, the English version shall prevail.

Be it notified and published.

Ángel R. Riyera de la Cruz Associate Commissioner José H. Román Morales Associate Commissioner Interim Chairman

⁴ Regulation No. 8543, Regulation on Adjudicative, Notice of Noncompliance, Rate Review and Investigation Procedures.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the majority of the members of the Puerto Rico Energy Commission has so agreed on August 10, 2017 and on this date a copy of this Resolution was notified by electronic mail to the following: j-morales@aeepr.com, n-vazquez@aeepr.com, caquino@aeepr.com, n-ayala@eepr.com, pbarcelo@estrellallc.com, lmorera@estrellallc.com, serdar.tufekci@na.engie.com, richard.houston@na.engie.com, iperez@oipc.pr.gov. codiot@oipc.pr.gov, rstgo2@gmail.com, ladrian@gasnaturalfenosa.com, francisco.rullan@aae.pr.gov, wilma.lopez@aae.pr.gov, tonytorres2366@gmail.com, sierra@arctas.com, molinilawoffices@gmail.com, ccf@tcmrslaw.com, carlos.reyes@ecoelectrica.com, cfl@mcvpr.com, hmc@mcvpr.com, mgrpcorp@gmail.com, epo@amgprlaw.com, acasellas@amgprlaw.com, victorluisgonzalez@yahoo.com, agraitfe@agraitlawpr.com, kbolanos@cnrd.com and lfortuno@steptoe.com. I also certify that today, August 10, 2017, I have proceeded with the filing of the Resolution issued by the Puerto Rico Energy Commission and I have sent a true and exact copy to the following:

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For the record, I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, today, August 🔼, 2017.

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