



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO  
PUERTO RICO ENERGY COMMISSION

**IN RE:** REGULATION ON THE  
INTERCONNECTION OF MICROGRIDS

**CASE NO.:** CEPR-MI-2018-0008

**Subject:** Order requiring PREPA to develop, and file for Commission review, proposed rules for the interconnection of microgrid systems.

**ORDER**

On May 16, 2018, the Puerto Rico Energy Commission approved the Regulation of Microgrid Development (“Final Microgrid Regulation”).<sup>1</sup> The Final Microgrid Regulation sets forth the regulatory framework required to promote and encourage the development of microgrid systems in Puerto Rico, enable customer choice and control over their electric service, increase system resiliency, foster energy efficiency and environmentally sustainable initiatives and spur economic growth by creating a new and emerging market for microgrid services.

An essential component for the successful implementation of microgrid systems as a solution to Puerto Rico’s energy needs is the ability of these systems to interconnect to Puerto Rico’s electric grid, currently administered by the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”).

Accordingly, PREPA is hereby **ORDERED** to develop a regulation which shall govern the interconnection of microgrid systems to Puerto Rico’s electric grid. PREPA shall file with the Commission, a draft version of the proposed regulation on microgrid interconnection **no later than 120 days** from the date this Order is notified. Prior to filing the draft regulation with the Commission, PREPA must ensure compliance with Section 2.2 of Act 38-2017<sup>2</sup> related to public participation in rulemaking proceedings. The draft regulation to be filed by PREPA with the Commission must incorporate any amendments made to the proposed regulation as a result of the public comments received during the 30-day period established in Section 2.2 of Act 38-2017.

The Commission will issue comments and directives within thirty (30) days of receipt of the draft regulation. PREPA shall have thirty (30) days from the date the Commission notifies its comments and directives, to formally approve and file with the Department of State the final version of the regulation on microgrid interconnection. In addition to complying with Act 38-2017, PREPA shall ensure compliance with any other applicable legal

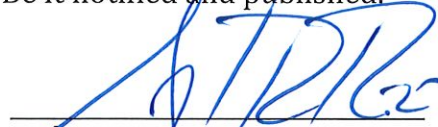
<sup>1</sup> See In Re: Regulation on Microgrid Development, Case No. CEPR-MI-2018-0001.

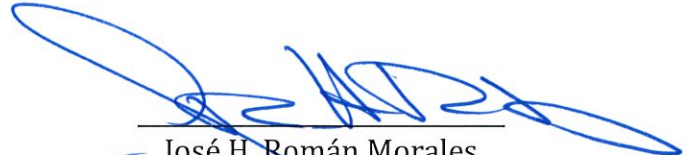
<sup>2</sup> The Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico.



or regulatory requirement and shall endeavor to ensure that compliance with such requirements will not delay the timely approval of the final regulation on microgrid interconnection.

Be it notified and published.

  
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Angel R. Rivera de la Cruz  
Associate Commissioner

  
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José H. Román Morales  
Associate Commissioner  
Interim Chairman

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the majority of the members of the Puerto Rico Energy Commission has so agreed on May 16, 2018. I also certify that on this date a copy of this Order was notified by electronic mail to the following: n-vazquez@aepr.com, c-aquino@aepr.com y a n-ayala@aepr.com. I also certify that today, May 16, 2018, I have proceeded with the filing of the Order 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 May 16, 2018.

  
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María del Mar Cintrón Alvarado  
Clerk