

GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATORY BOARD PUERTO RICO ENERGY BUREAU

IN RE: PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY RATE REVIEW

CASE NO.: CEPR-AP-2015-0001; NEPR-AP-

2018-0003

SUBJECT: PREPA's Verified Motion for

Extension of Time

RESOLUTION AND ORDER

On November 15, 2018, the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") submitted before the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau ("Energy Bureau") a motion titled *Prepa's Verified Motion for Extensions of Time* ("Motion"). In its Motion, PREPA alleges, in summary, that due to the of lack of resources, personnel constraints and conflicting demands of its service obligations to its customers due to billing issues in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, it will not be able to implement the Permanent Rate on December 1, 2018 as ordered by the Energy Bureau in its September 28, 2018 Resolution and Order in the instant case. For this reason, PREPA requests that the deadline for the implementation of the Permanent Rate be extended to April 1, 2019.¹

As an attachment to the Motion, PREPA included a timeline detailing the scope and duration of each task required to implement the approved Permanent Rate on April 1, 2019. PREPA also attached a sworn statement signed by Efran Paredes Maisonet, P.E. who attested, as the Director of Planning and Environment Protection for PREPA, that PREPA's motion as to factual matters, is true and correct.²

Upon review of PREPA's arguments, the Energy Bureau **GRANTS** PREPA's request of extending the due date for the implementation of the approved Permanent Rate to **April 1**, **2019**. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the April 1, 2019 deadline extension is conditioned to the following:

1. The April 1, 2019 date is final and unalterable, therefore, PREPA's implementation of the permanent rate must "go live" on April 1, 2019, as stated under oath by Efran Paredes Maisonet. There will be no further extensions.

¹ The Motion was preceded by a motion filed by PREPA on October 31, 2018 in which PREPA submitted the notices (Spanish and English versions) to be included in the invoices to client regarding the implementation of the approved Permanent Rate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the aforementioned motion PREPA advanced to the Energy Bureau that it may subsequently request additional time for the implementation of the approved Permanent Rate due to the reasons then alleged in its motion. *See Prepa's Motion for Stays or Extensions of Time*, October 31, 2018.

² See, Motion, Efran Paredes Maisonet's Attestation and sworn affidavit.



- 2. PREPA must appear at a monthly Compliance Monitoring Hearing to inform the Energy Bureau on the progress of the permanent rate implementation process. The Compliance Monitoring Hearings will be held at the Energy Bureau's Hearing Room located at World Plaza Building, 268 Ave. Muñoz Rivera, Eighth Floor, San Juan, PR on the following dates:
 - a. December 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.;
 - b. January 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.;
 - c. February 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.; and
 - d. March 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

During the first Compliance Monitoring Hearing, PREPA, through Efran Paredes Maisonet, P.E. must present a detailed plan for the implementation of the Permanent Rate, including identifying the person or persons responsible for each of the tasks involved in the implementation, as stated by PREPA in its sworn Motion. The responsible persons must also be available at the Compliance Monitoring Hearings. All testimony at the Compliance Monitoring Hearing will be given under oath. The Compliance Monitoring Hearings will be streamed live through the Energy Bureau's web site.

3. PREPA must issue in its invoices to clients the Spanish and English notices previously approved by the Energy Bureau³ starting on January 1st, 2019 to notify them that the implementation for the approved Permanent Rate will be on April 1, 2019.

The Energy Bureau warns PREPA that, pursuant to the provisions of Act 57-2014, noncompliance with Energy Bureau's orders is subject to the imposition of fines of up to \$25,000 per day.

Be it notified and published.

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³ See Resolution and Order, Case No. CEPR-AP-2015-0001, October 19, 2018.



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the majority of the members of the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau has so agreed on November 27, 2018. I also certify that on November 28, 2018, a copy of this Order was notified by electronic mail to the Resolution and astrid.rodriguez@prepa.com, jorge.ruiz@prepa.com, n-vazquez@prepa.com, ayala@prepa.com, c-aquino@prepa.com, j-morales@prepa.com, hrivera@oipc.pr.gov, pga@caribe.net, jfeliciano@constructorespr.net, maribel.cruz@acueductospr.com, nydinmarie.watlington@cemex.com, aconer.pr@gmail.com, epenergypr@gmail.com, michael.guerra@r3law.com, glenn.rippie@r3law.com, john.ratnaswamy@r3law.com, jorgehernandez@escopr.net, abogados@fuerteslaw.com, pnieves@vnblegal.com, francisco.rullan@aae.pr.gov, agraitfe@agraitlawpr.com, ecandelaria@camarapr.net, mgrpcorp@gmail.com, manuelgabrielfernandez@gmail.com, mmuntanerlaw@gmail.com, licenciadamasferrer@gmail.com and wilma.lopez@aae.pr.gov. I also certify that today, November 28, 2018, I have proceeded with the filing of the Resolution and Order issued by the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau 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 November <u>28</u>, 2018.

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