

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

IN RE: REVIEW OF THE PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN **CASE NO.:** CEPR-AP-2018-0001

**SUBJECT:** PREPA's Motions (1) to Extend June 21 Compliance Deadline and (2) for Approval of Siemens Contract Amendment.

#### RESOLUTION AND ORDER

On June 20, 2019, the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") filed a document titled *PREPA's Motions* (1) to Extend June 21 Compliance Deadline and (2) for Approval of Siemens Contract Amendment ("Motion") before the Energy Bureau of the Puerto Rico Public Service Regulatory Board ("Energy Bureau"). As part of its Motion, PREPA requests the Energy Bureau (i) to extend the June 21, 2019 deadline for the modeling runs and other data related to the potential fuel conversion at AES plant; and (ii) to approve the proposed contract amendment of its expert consultant in the instant case, Siemens.

### 1. Modeling runs related to the potential fuel conversion at AES plant.

Through its Motion, PREPA requests additional time for the compliance filing of the results of the Long-Term Capacity Expansion ("LTCE") model runs related to the potential fuel conversion at AES plant, as well as additional information related to the possible use of other fuels for such conversion. PREPA stated that, although the Energy Bureau has already extended the due date for said compliance filing, it was required to prioritize between pending filings before the Energy Bureau as well as its consultant reaching its contracted spending limit, which left Siemens unable to complete this task. PREPA anticipates that it will require until July 17, 2019 to complete and file the required work before the Energy Bureau.

As we have previously stated, assessing the possible conversion of the AES plant is imperative part of the long-term planning of Puerto Rico's electric power generation resources. Upon reviewing PREPA's arguments in support of its request, the Energy Bureau **GRANTS** PREPA until **July 17, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.**, to file the modeling runs and other supporting documents related to the potential conversion at the AES plant.

#### 2. Siemens Contract Amendment.

As part of its Motion, PREPA stated its expert consultant, Siemens, has had to perform significantly more work than what it was originally anticipated. Therefore, Siemens has reached the spending amount limit under its existing contract.



On November 6, 2018 the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order ("November 6 Order") through which it required PREPA to file, among others, any amendment to the existing contract with Siemens, including the scope of the amendment and the expected change in contract costs. The Energy Bureau restated such request through the December 20, 2018 Resolution and Order ("December 20 Order"), through which it ordered PREPA to submit, for the Energy Bureau's review and approval, any proposed amendment to the contract with Siemens, prior to executing such amendment.

Upon review of the documents submitted by PREPA, the Energy Bureau determines that PREPA has not complied with the November 6 Order and the December 20 Order regarding the scope of the amendment and the expected change in the contracted amount. PREPA is **ORDERED** to, **on or before June 26, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.**, provide a copy of the draft contract, including the scope of the work to be performed by Siemens. Such filing must detail the contract amount that will be assigned to each proposed task. The Energy Bureau needs this information to determine the proposed amount contract amendment and the amounts assigned thereto are justified.

The Energy Bureau **WARNS** PREPA that noncompliance with the filing of the required information as ordered herein, will be construed as a violation of the Energy Bureau's orders and may result in the imposition of administrative fines up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per day, per violation, as well as any other administrative sanctions the Energy Bureau deems necessary, in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations.

Be it notified and published.

Edison Avilés Deliz

Chairman

Lillian Mateo Santos

Associate Commissioner

Ángel R. Rivera de la Cruz Associate Commissioner

Ferdinand A. Ramos Soegaard

Associate Commissioner



#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the majority of the members of the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau has so agreed on June  $\frac{24}{}$ , 2019. I also certify that on June  $\frac{24}{}$ , 2019 a copy of this Resolution electronic was mail the following: and Order notified by to astrid.rodriguez@prepa.com, jorge.ruiz@prepa.com, n-vazquez@aeepr.com and aguino@prepa.com. I also certify that today, June 24, 2019, 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:

## Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority

Attn.: Nitza D. Vázquez Rodríguez Astrid I. Rodríguez Cruz Jorge R. Ruíz Pabón PO Box 363928 San Juan, PR 00936-3928

For the record, I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, today June 4, 2019.

Wanda I. Cordero Morales

Clerk