



**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: Appointment of Hearing Examiner;
Initial Technical Hearing Format.

RESOLUTION

I. Introduction

On July 3, 2019, the Energy Bureau of the Puerto Rico Public Service Regulatory Board (“Energy Bureau”) issued a Resolution and Order regarding the Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”) Filing presented by the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”) on June 7, 2019 (“July 3 Resolution and Order”), through which it established the Procedural Calendar in the instant case.¹

As established in the July 3 Resolution and Order, the Energy Bureau will hold an Initial Technical Hearing beginning at **8:30 a.m. on August 13, 2019 until August 14, 2019** at the Energy Bureau’s Hearing Room, located at the World Plaza Building, 268 Muñoz Rivera Ave., 8th Floor, San Juan, P.R. The Initial Technical Hearing may be extended at the Energy Bureau’s discretion. The purpose of the Initial Technical Hearing is for PREPA to present the contents of its IRP Filing and answer initial questions from the Energy Bureau, its Staff, Consultants and Intervenors.

II. Appointment of Hearing Examiner

Pursuant to Article 6.11 of Act 57-2014,² the Energy Bureau hereby appoints Sylvia B. Ugarte-Araujo, *Esq.* as hearing examiner for the Initial Technical Hearing. As such, attorney Ugarte-Araujo shall have the power and the responsibility to preside over the Initial Technical Hearing, to administer oaths and to receive documents.

III. Initial Technical Hearing Format

During the Initial Technical Hearing, PREPA shall present an overview of the methodology and subjects that are being evaluated as part of the IRP proposal. In order to maximize the time available for the Initial Technical Hearing, PREPA must file an electronic

¹ See Resolution and Order, Completeness Determination of PREPA’s IRP Filing and Procedural Calendar, Case No. CEPR-AP-2018-0001, *In Re: Review of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority Integrated Resource Plan*.

² Known as *The Puerto Rico Transformation and RELIEF Act*, as amended.

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copy of its presentation with the Energy Bureau's Clerk (secretaria@energia.pr.gov) **on or before August 9, 2019.**

Due to the technical nature of the hearing, it will be conducted in the English language, with simultaneous translation to the Spanish language. This shall not prevent any deponent to make its presentation or answer questions in the Spanish language. All participants must conduct themselves efficiently and in full compliance with the procedures set forth herein or established by the Energy Bureau at a later date.

The Energy Bureau, as it has done in other proceedings, will organize the questioning of PREPA's representatives by subject-matter. This approach allows for a more useful dialogue, a more organized hearing record, provides for better time management and allows for a more detailed and efficient examination of the presented information.

The Initial Technical Hearing will be organized as detailed below. Part II of the Initial Technical Hearing will address the major topic areas established herein. Any additional questions on other matters not specified on Part II below will be addressed during Part III of the Initial Technical Hearing.

	Discussion of Issues	Date	Time
Part I	PREPA's Presentation	August 13, 2019	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
	Lunch	August 13, 2019	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
	Minigrid Economics	August 13, 2019	1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
	Transmission Hardening Investments/Approaches to Minimizing Storm Event Outages	August 13, 2019	3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Part II	Resource Portfolio Results Across Scenarios	August 14, 2019	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
	Limitations of Resource Options Representations in the IRP	August 14, 2019	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
	Lunch	August 14, 2019	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
	Natural Gas – Commodity, Transport, Infrastructure	August 14, 2019	1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Part III	Questions on other matters not specified in Part II	August 14, 2019	4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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IV. Questioning Process

Part II of the Initial Technical Conference will consist of questions directed at specific persons. Such persons will not read their testimonies nor make opening statements. The discussion of the major topic areas specified above will begin with questions by the Energy Bureau to PREPA representatives, followed by questions from intervenors.

With respect to questions asked by intervenors, **only one attorney** from each party may question a particular person. However, different attorneys from a party may ask questions to different persons, provided they address different subjects. Intervenors must refrain from asking repetitive questions which were already asked during the proceeding; however, they may reference such questions if the latter question is related to their line of questioning and will not elicit a repetitive answer.

In answering questions, all persons must refrain from repeating answers previously given. Their response must be succinct but sufficient to adequately answer each question. Only the person to whom a question is addressed may answer that question.

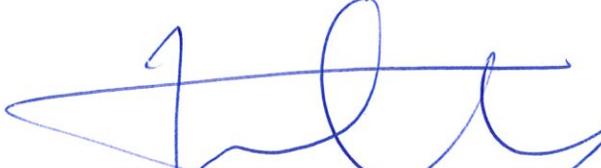
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Angel R. Rivera de la Cruz
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the majority of the members of the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau has so agreed on July 26, 2019. Chairman Avilés Deliz was not available for signature. I also certify that on July 26, 2019 a copy of this Resolution notified by electronic mail to the following: astrid.rodriguez@prepa.com, jorge.ruiz@prepa.com, n-vazquez@aeep.com, c-aquino@prepa.com and acarbo@edf.org. I also certify that today, July 26, 2019, I have proceeded with the filing of the Resolution issued by the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau and I have sent a true and exact copy:



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I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, today July 24, 2019.



Wanda I. Cordero Morales
Clerk