

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 for (1) Extension of Time for Responses to the Energy Bureau's 2^{nd} Set of ROIs and (2) Clarification or Modification of ROI 02-04(c).

RESOLUTION AND ORDER

On July 29, 2019, the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") filed before the Energy Bureau of the Puerto Rico Public Service Regulatory Board ("Energy Bureau") a document titled *PREPA's Motions for (1) Extension of Time for Responses to the Energy Bureau's 2nd Set of ROIs and (2) Clarification or Modification of ROI 02-04(c) ("Motion"). Through its Motion, PREPA requests the Energy Bureau to extend the deadline for the submission of responses to the second Requirement of Information ("ROI") in the instant case. Furthermore, PREPA requests clarification from the Energy Bureau regarding question PREB-PREPA-02-04(c) of the second ROI.*

A. Request for Extension of Time for Responses to Second ROI.

PREPA argues that the second ROI, which was issued on July 18, 2019 and has a deadline of August 5, 2019, requires extensive work. Furthermore, PREPA argues that the period to provide responses, seventeen (17) calendar days, is short for the amount of work required. PREPA expressed that the second ROI has to be considered in conjunction with the pending work of the AES fuel conversion assessment and the responses to the first ROI. Therefore, PREPA requests an extension until August 16, 2019 to provide responses to the second ROI.

The discovery process during this proceeding is of critical importance for the Energy Bureau to gather the information it requires to be in position to thoroughly evaluate PREPA's Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"). As such, the Energy Bureau has established deadlines for ROI responses considering the amount of work that has to be performed and the diligence that this proceeding requires.

Upon review of PREPA's arguments, the Energy Bureau **DENIES** PREPA's request for extension of responses to the second ROI until August 16, 2019. The Energy Bureau needs the responses to the first and second ROIs **prior** to the Initial Technical Hearing, scheduled for August 13, 2019, in order to provide for a meaningful and useful discussion at such time. Therefore, the Energy Bureau **ORDERS** PREPA to file responses to the second ROI **on or before 12:00 p.m. on August 8, 2019**. However, as stated in the July 23, 2019 Resolution



and Order in the instant case, PREPA **SHALL** deliver the responses to the ROI as they become readily available.

B. Third ROI Deadline Extension.

On July 25, 2019, the Energy Bureau issued the third ROI in the instant case. The due date for the third ROI is August 9, 2019. In light of today's decision regarding the second ROI, the Energy Bureau **EXTENDS** the third ROI deadline to 12:00 p.m. on August 16, 2019.

C. Request for Clarification or Modification of PREB-PREPA-02-04(c).

Through its Motion, PREPA requests clarification or modification to question PREB-PREPA-02-04(c), which requests that "[f]or any such hourly data available at the sub-island level provide such data in electronic format for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available." PREPA states that if this request is interpreted as requiring PREPA to provide data for over 300 substations and 1000 feeders, it would be too much data to handle. Moreover, PREPA stated that such data is not readily available.

Upon review of PREPA's arguments, the Energy Bureau **MODIFIES** question PREB-PREPA-02-04(c) to read as follows:

Provide hourly load data, in electronic format, for each substation and for the same 12-month period for which the data is provided in question 02-04(a). Indicate which substations are in each of PREPA's Districts, and which are in each of the proposed 'minigrid' areas.

Based on this modification and the nature of the question, the Energy Bureau **ORDERS** PREPA to provide a response to question PREB-PREPA-02-04(c), **on or before 12:00 p.m. on August 23, 2019**.

Be it published and notified,

Edison Avilés Deliz Chairman

Lillian Mateo Santos

Associate Commissioner

ATPR

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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 <u>3</u>, 2019. I also certify that on July <u>3</u>, 2019 a copy of this Resolution notified by electronic mail to the following: astrid.rodriguez@prepa.com, jorge.ruiz@prepa.com, n-vazquez@aeepr.com, c-aquino@prepa.com and acarbo@edf.org. I also certify that today, July <u>3</u>, 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:

Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority

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I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, today July <u>31</u>, 2019.

Wanda I. Cordero Morales Clerk