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



IN RE: PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY PERMANTENT RATE

CASE NO.: NEPR-MI-2020-0001

SUBJECT: PREPA's Request for Confidential Designation of Attachments to Motion to Submit Reconciliations for the Months of December 2019 to February 2020, Proposed Factors for the Quarter of April to June 2020 and Public Lighting Repair Report

RESOLUTION AND ORDER

On March 13, 2020, 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 *Request for Confidential Designation of Attachments to Motion to Submit Reconciliations for the Months of December 2019 to February 2020, Proposed Factors for the Quarter of April to June 2020 and Public Lighting Repair Report.* As part of its filing, PREPA requested confidential treatment of the attachments to the *Motion to Submit Reconciliations for the Months of December 2019 to February 2020, Proposed Factors for the Quarter of April to June 2020 and Public Lighting Report* ("March 13 Motion"). PREPA alleges that the attachments to the March 13 Motion contain formulas, calculations and procedures that are proprietary information of PREPA. For this reason, PREPA alleges that such files should not be made public in their native form since are protected under Puerto Rico Law. PREPA also requests confidential designation to a presentation that explains the financial situation of PREPA after the seismic events alleging it is part of its current deliberative process. According to PREPA, such information is not final.

Act No. 57-2014¹ establishes that any person having the obligation to submit information to the Energy Bureau, can request privileged or confidential treatment to any information that the party submitting understands deserves such protection.² Specifically, Act 57-2014 requires the Energy Bureau to treat as confidential the submitted information, provided that "the Energy Bureau, after the appropriate evaluation, believes such information should be protected".³ In such case, the Energy Bureau "shall grant such protection in a manner that least affects the public interest, transparency, and the rights of

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 $^{^{\}mathrm{1}}$ Known as the Puerto Rico Energy and Transformation and RELIEF Act, as amended.

² Section 6.15 of Act 57-2014, as amended.

³ *Id*.

the parties involved in the administrative procedure in which the allegedly confidential document is submitted."⁴

Upon review of PREPA's arguments and applicable law, the Energy Bureau **GRANTS** confidential designation to the documents attached to the March 13 Motion. The Energy Bureau **ORDERS** PREPA to, within ten (10) days from the notification date of this Resolution and Order, file redacted versions of the documents hereby declared confidential. In the case of the excel spreadsheets, files showing input data (i.e. formulae removed) shall suffice. If the data is proprietary information subject to confidential protection, PREPA may elect to blacken the cell containing such information.

Be it hereby 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

For the record, I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, today April _____, 2020.

Wanda I. Corders Morales

Clerk