

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



IN RE: PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER
AUTHORITY PERMANENT RATE

CASE NO.: NEPR-MI-2020-0001

SUBJECT: Request for Extension of Time to
File Reconciliations and Proposed Factors

RESOLUTION AND ORDER

On March 27, 2020, the Energy Bureau of the Puerto Rico Public Service Regulatory Board ("Energy Bureau") issued a Resolution and Order ("March 27 Resolution") through which it established the quarterly Fuel Charge Adjustment Rider ("FCA"), Purchased Power Charge Adjustment Rider ("PPCA") and Fuel Oil Subsidies ("FOS") factors to be in effect from April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. These factors are part of the implementation process of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority's Permanent Rate. In the March 27 Resolution, the Energy Bureau ordered PREPA to submit, on or before 12:00 p.m. June 12, 2020, the proposed FCA, PPCA and FOS rider factors that will be in effect on July 1, 2020.¹

On April 23, 2020, the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order ("April 23 Resolution") in which it determined prudent to closely monitor PREPA's fuel costs and consumption due to the potential impacts the drastic reduction in global fuel prices could have on the FCA and PPCA rider factors.² For this reason, the Energy Bureau ordered PREPA to submit monthly reconciliations of fuel and purchased power costs, starting in the month of April.³ PREPA is required to file such monthly reconciliations no later than the second week of the month following the billing cycle for which information is being submitted.⁴

Pursuant to the April 23 Resolution, on May 30, 2020, the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order ("May 30 Resolution") through which it modified the FCA and PPCA rider factors that would be in effect from June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. In the May 30 Resolution, the Energy Bureau reiterated that PREPA should submit, on or before 12:00 p.m. June 12, 2020, the proposed FCA, PPCA and FOS rider factors that will be in effect on July 1, 2020.⁵

¹ March 27 Resolution, pp. 13 – 14.

² April 23 Resolution, pp. 1 – 2.

³ *Id.*, p. 3.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ May 30 Resolution, p. 19.

On June 11, 2020, PREPA filed before the Energy Bureau a document titled *Request for Extension of Time to File Reconciliations and Proposed Factors* ("Motion"). Through the Motion, PREPA requests an extension of the deadline to submit the proposed FCA, PPCA and FOS rider factors that will be in effect on July 1, 2020.⁶

PREPA argues that the vast majority of its officers, in particular the ones tasked with completing the reconciliations and proposed factors, are working remotely.⁷ According to PREPA, the logistics associated with appropriate implementation of remote working for governmental employees which, among other things, requires access to its system, has been a challenge that has resulted in complications for the finalization of the computations and reconciliations in the time allotted to do so.⁸ For this reason, PREPA requests the Energy Bureau to extend until 12:00 p.m. on June 17, 2020, the deadline to file the May 2020 reconciliation and the proposed FCA, PPCA and FOS rider factors that will be in effect from July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.⁹

PREPA also requests to extend until 12:00 pm., July 15, 2020, the deadline to file the June 2020 fuel and purchased power costs reconciliation, pursuant to the April 23 Resolution.¹⁰ According to PREPA, the second week of July will end on July 10, 2020, which is insufficient time to complete the aforementioned reconciliation.¹¹ PREPA argues that the requested extension is reasonable and sufficient to complete the June 2020 reconciliation.¹²

Upon review of the Motion, the Energy Bureau **GRANTS** PREPA's request for a time extension to file the proposed FCA, PPCA and FOS rider factors that will be in effect on July 1, 2020. The Energy Bureau **ORDERS** PREPA to file the referenced factors and the May 2020 reconciliation, on or before 12:00 p.m. on June 17, 2020.

The Energy Bureau also **GRANTS** PREPA's request to extend the deadline to file the fuel and purchased power reconciliation for the month of June 2020. The Energy Bureau **ORDERS** PREPA to file such reconciliation on or before 12:00 p.m. on July 15, 2020.

All provisions of the March 27 Resolution, the April 23 Resolution and the May 30 Resolution that are consistent with this Resolution and Order, remain unaltered.

⁶ Motion, p. 2.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*


¹⁰ *Id.*, p. 3.


¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

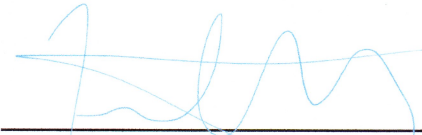


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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the majority of the members of the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau has so agreed on June 16, 2020. I also certify that on June 16, 2020 a copy of this Resolution and Order was notified by electronic mail to: astrid.rodriguez@prepa.com, jorge.ruiz@prepa.com, n-vazquez@aeep.com, c-aquino@prepa.com, kbolanos@diazvaz.law. I also certify that today, June 16, 2020, I have proceeded with the filing of the Resolution and Order issued by the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau.

For the record, I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, today June 16 2020.


Wanda I. Cordero Morales
Clerk

