

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

IN RE: DEMAND RESPONSE PLAN
REVIEW, IMPLEMENTATION AND
MONITORING

CASE NO.: NEPR-MI-2021-0006

SUBJECT: Rescheduling of Technical
Conference on Three-Year Demand
Response Plan.

RESOLUTION AND ORDER

On April 21, 2021, the Energy Bureau of the Puerto Rico Public Service Regulatory Board ("Energy Bureau") issued a Resolution and Order ("April 21 Resolution") through which it ordered the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") and LUMA¹ to provide responses to several questions posed by the Energy Bureau related to developing a Three-Year Demand Response ("DR") Plan on or before April 23, 2021. Further, the Energy Bureau ordered PREPA and LUMA to attend a Virtual Technical Conference to be held on April 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

On April 23, 2021, PREPA and LUMA filed before the Energy Bureau a document titled *Joint Motion to Request Extension to Comply with Resolution and Order Entered on April 21st 2021 and to Reschedule Technical Conference* ("Joint Motion"). Through the Joint Motion, PREPA and LUMA stated that they, along with the Guidehouse consultants, have discussed the scope and requirements of the April 21 Resolution, but will not be able to comply within the two-day deadline. PREPA and LUMA requested that the Technical Conference in the instant case be rescheduled for May 11, 2021.

On April 26, 2021, the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order ("April 26 Resolution") through which it ordered PREPA and LUMA provide responses to Attachment A to the April 21 Resolution on or before April 30, 2021. Further, the Energy Bureau ordered PREPA and LUMA to attend a virtual Technical Conference to be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

On April 30, 2021, PREPA and LUMA filed a document titled *Joint Motion in Compliance with Resolution and Order Entered on April 21, 2021* ("Joint Motion in Compliance"). As ordered by the Energy Bureau, PREPA and LUMA provided responses to Attachment A to the April 21 Resolution.

Based on conflicts with other proceedings currently under the Energy Bureau's consideration, the Energy Bureau deems necessary to **RESCHEDULE** the May 11, 2021

¹ LUMA Energy, LLC and LUMA Energy ServCo, LLC, collectively "LUMA".



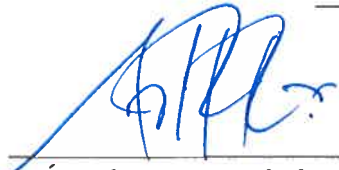
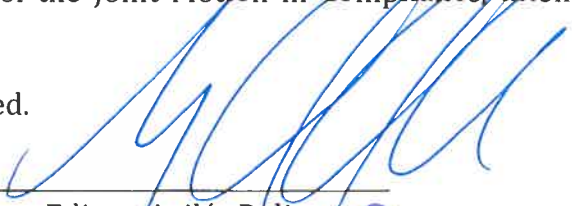

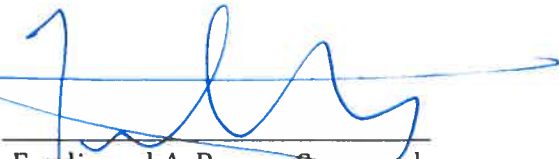


Technical Conference. Therefore, the Energy Bureau **ORDERS** PREPA and LUMA to attend virtual Technical Conference to be held on **Thursday, June 15, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.**²

As part of the Technical Conference, the Energy Bureau deems important to discuss, among other issues, the design of pilot programs that could be launched quickly for purposes of learning and testing, as discussed in the Joint Motion in Compliance. Further, the Energy Bureau will discuss the possibility of implementing pilot Battery Energy Storage Systems (“BESS”) dispatch programs on a separate track from the development of the DR portfolio development process described in the Joint Motion in Compliance.

Last, the Energy Bureau deems convenient to discuss as part of the Technical Conference comments PREPA and/or LUMA may have regarding the Proposed Regulation on Energy Efficiency³ issued by the Energy Bureau, particularly as it relates to the timing of the development and filing of the Three-Year DR Plan and the Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan.

The Energy Bureau includes as Attachment A to this Resolution and Order an updated Agenda for the Technical Conference. PREPA and LUMA shall ensure that all personnel with knowledge on developing the Three-Year DR Plan, and that worked in the development of the responses included as part of the Joint Motion in Compliance, attends the Technical Conference.

Be it notified and published.

 _____ Ángel R. Rivera de la Cruz Associate Commissioner	 _____ Edison Avilés Deliz Chairman	 _____ Lillian Mateo Santos Associate Commissioner
 _____ Ferdinand A. Ramos Soegaard Associate Commissioner	 _____ Sylvia B. Ugarte Araujo Associate Commissioner	

² The Energy Bureau will provide the access information to the Technical Conference in a timely manner. The Technical Conference will be streamed live via the Energy Bureau’s YouTube Channel in both, the English and Spanish languages.

³ Resolution, In Re: Regulation for Energy Efficiency, Case No. NEPR-MI-2020-0005, April 22, 2021.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the majority of the members of the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau has so agreed on May 7, 2021. I also certify that on May 7, 2021 a copy of this Resolution and Order was notified by electronic mail to the following: margarita.mercado@us.dlapiper.com, kbolanos@diazvaz.law and jmarrero@diazvaz.law. I also certify that today, May 7, 2021, I have proceeded with the filing of the Resolution and Order issued by the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau.

I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, today May 7, 2021.



Sonia Seda Gaztambide
Clerk

**Attachment
Agenda for Technical Conference**

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Brief presentations by PREPA/Guidehouse and LUMA on the current status of DR and EE planning
 - a. Discussion of responses to Energy Bureau’s questions of Attachment A of the April 21 Resolution and any updates to proposed approach resulting from consideration of the aforementioned questions, the publication of the Proposed Regulation on Energy Efficiency, and the guidance provided in this Resolution and Order.
- 3) Discussion of Initial Steps
 - a. Development of initial EE and DR pilots and portfolios
 - b. Launch of DR and EE pilots/quick start programs
 - i. Role of DR in harnessing benefits of battery energy storage systems
 - ii. Funding options
 - iii. Regulatory treatment
 1. Near term
 2. As part of 3-year planning/performance goals
 - iv. Implementation assistance
 - c. Initial steps toward accessing capital via USDA and/or other financing programs
- 4) Discussion of Further Steps
 - a. Coordination between EE and DR planning and implementation schedules
 - b. Market studies
 - c. Calendar for 3-year planning cycle
- 5) Follow-up/next steps

