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Hon. Edison Avilés-Deliz, Chairman
Puerto Rico Energy Bureau
World Plaza Building
268 Ave. Muñoz Rivera
Hato Rey, PR 00918

RE: Request for Extension to June 7th Comment Deadline for Proposed Energy Efficiency Rule and Further Stakeholder Engagement Actions (NEPR-MI-2021-0005)

Dear Chairman:

The Puerto Rico Solar Energy Industries Association Corp., d/b/a/ Solar and Energy Storage Association of Puerto Rico (hereinafter, "SESA") is an association that represents Puerto Rico's solar and energy storage industries. It advocates for solar and storage technologies as a central solution to the energy needs of Puerto Rico and promotes public policy that benefits the growth of these industries. It brings awareness and understanding of these technologies to both government policymakers and the public and facilitates collectively beneficial collaboration and good business practices within the industry.

On April 22, 2021, the Energy Bureau of the Puerto Rico Public Service Regulatory Board (the "PREB" or the "Bureau") issued its Proposed Regulation for Energy Efficiency, in case No. NEPR-MI-2021-0005. On May 6, 2021, PREB issued an order establishing the deadline of June 7th 2021 for public comments on the Proposed Regulation.

Given the importance of the new grid operator, LUMA, in the success of new Energy Efficiency programs, and the fact that LUMA's responsibilities began only today (June 1st, 2021), we request an extension of perhaps 3 or 4 weeks for the public comment deadline of this Proposed Regulation, to allow for more time for stakeholder analysis, communication and potential consensus-building, which could result in stronger, broader and more thorough comments for the Energy Bureau's consideration on this important Proposed Regulation. Furthermore, even if this Honorable Bureau opted to not extend the public comment deadline as requested herein, SESA also requests that a specific comment reply period be granted, as well as scheduling a conference with all stakeholders, to enable and ensure a robust record for this critical regulation.

Thank you for considering our request on this matter.

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