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PROCESS FOR THE ADOPTION OF
REGULATION FOR DISTRIBUTION
RESOURCE PLANNING

CASE NO.: NEPR-MI-2019-0011

**SUBJECT: Cancellation of GIS Field Survey Services
RFP and Intent to Re-Issue the RFP.**

**INFORMATIVE MOTION ON CANCELLATION OF GIS FIELD SURVEY SERVICES
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND INTENT TO RE-ISSUE THE RFP**

TO THE PUERTO RICO ENERGY BUREAU:

COME NOW, LUMA ENERGY SERVCO, LLC and LUMA Energy, LLC
("ManagementCo") (collectively, LUMA), through the undersigned legal counsel and respectfully
state and request the following:

1. In a Resolution and Order of December 31, 2020 ("December 31st Resolution and Order"), this honorable Puerto Rico Energy Bureau ("Energy Bureau") initiated procedures for LUMA and the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") to complete three tasks: (1) creation of voltage level maps; (2) creation of preliminary maps of interconnection capacity, to be completed by September 30, 2021; and (3) updating and completing a power grid inventory, to be completed by December 31, 2021. *See* Resolution and Order of December 31, 2020, pages 8-10.
2. The Energy Bureau has held two compliance hearings to discuss the work plan proposed by LUMA and PREPA; one on February 10, 2021 and the other on April 13, 2021. A third compliance hearing is scheduled for July 14, 2021, with presentation materials required by July 9th, 2021. *See id.*, at page 10.

3. On April 20, 2021, PREPA filed an Informative *Motion Regarding GIS Data Collection Request for Proposal* (“PREPA April 20th Motion”). The scope of work of the GIS data Collection is to comply with Order 3 and has direct impact on Order 2. PREPA informed that, at the time, the GIS Field Survey Services Request for Proposals (“GIS Field Services RFP”) document prepared by Burns & McDonnell Caribbean (Puerto Rico) had been revised and that “[o]nce it [was] confirmed that all the concerning parties agree to the final version of the RFP, the Authority’s Project Management Office w[ould] publish the RFP.” See PREPA April 20th Motion at page 3.
4. After Service Commencement on June 1, 2021, LUMA learned that the GIS Field Services RFP was not published publicly. LUMA hereby respectfully informs that the GIS Field Survey Services RFP process was cancelled and proponents were notified of the cancellation by the LUMA procurement team, via email and the PowerAdvocate platform.
5. The cancellation of the GIS Field Services RFP is based on LUMA’s assessment that the RFP process followed by PREPA would not allow for application of federal funds to cover inspections as the RFP was not published publicly which is required for the inspection work to qualify for federal funding.
6. Relatedly, on June 23rd, 2021, this honorable Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order in Case No. 2020-0019 approving with reporting conditions, LUMA’s System Remediation Plan (“SRP”) (“June 23rd SRP Order”). In pertinent part, the June 23rd SRP Order directs that LUMA shall coordinate the SRP Distribution Lines Health Assessment Inspection Program with hosting capacity efforts and coordinate remediation of the

distribution system with ongoing efforts on distribution planning in this proceeding. *See* June 23rd SRP Order at pages 25-26 and 30.

7. Bearing in mind the June 23rd SRP Order, LUMA will adjust the scope of the GIS Field Survey Services RFP to include system health assessment inspections. Expansion of the scope of the RFP is meant to allow LUMA to coordinate the GIS Field Services RFP with the SRP Distribution Line Inspection Program and reduce the need for return trips for pole inspection, thereby fostering efficient use of time and resources.
8. The new RFP is in development and will be re-issued by the LUMA Procurement Team. LUMA is working expeditiously to re-issue the RFP mindful of the importance of completing inspections of the health of the assets of the T&D System which are also key components of LUMA's SRP. *See* June 23rd SRP Order at pages 24 through 26 (recognizing the importance of field inspections and inspections of distribution lines) and page 30 (requesting acceleration of timeframes in this proceeding). Re-issuance of the RFP is also aligned with the Energy Bureau's statement in the June 23rd SRP Order, requesting consideration of federal funding to accelerate the time frame to complete the work plan in this proceeding. *Id.*, page 30.
9. LUMA respectfully submits that LUMA will provide updated information to the Energy Bureau on the status of the GIS Field Services RFP in advance of the July 14th compliance hearing and will be prepared to discuss such plans during the compliance hearing.

WHEREFORE, LUMA respectfully requests that the Energy Bureau **take notice** of the aforementioned on the status of the GIS Field Services RFP.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 6th day of July 2021.

I certify that I filed this motion using the electronic filing system of the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau. I hereby certify that I filed this motion using the electronic filing system of this Energy Bureau and that I will send an electronic copy of this motion to the attorneys for PREPA, Joannely Marrero-Cruz, jmarrero@diazvaz.law; and Katuska Bolaños-Lugo, kbolanos@diazvaz.law.



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