

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

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IN RE: REVIEW OF THE PUERTO RICO
ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY'S 10-
YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN –
DECEMBER 2020

CASE NO.: NEPR-MI-2021-0002

SUBJECT: Request for Technical
Conference to Update the Energy Bureau on
the Status of Generation Projects and FEMA
Section 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant
Program

**REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CONFERENCE TO UPDATE THE ENERGY
BUREAU ON THE STATUS OF GENERATION PROJECTS AND FEMA
SECTION 404 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM**

COMES NOW the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA), through its counsel of record, and respectfully submits and requests as follows:

1. The matter of caption was initiated by the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau of the Public Service Regulatory Board (the “Energy Bureau” or “Bureau”) to evaluate PREPA’s 10-Year Infrastructure Plan, PREPA’s 90-day Plan and their respective amendments and revisions. *See generally, Resolution and Order* entered on January 25, 2021. PREPA has also been ordered to submit each new capital investments projects to be funded with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds for the Energy Bureau’s consideration and approval at least thirty (30) days calendar days prior to its submittal to the Central Office for Recovery, Reconstruction and Resiliency (COR3), FEMA and/or any other federal agency. *Resolution and Order* entered on March 26, 2021 at pags. 18-19, ¶ 10. This Honorable Energy Bureau encouraged and supported PREPA’s efforts to pursue any local or federal funds available to fulfill all capital investments that the Bureau has concluded are aligned with the approved Integrated Resource Plan and Modified Action Plan,¹ including but not limited to FEMA. *Id.* at ¶ 13.

¹ Integrated Resource Plan and Modified Action Plan approved by the Energy Bureau on August 24, 2021. *In Re Review of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority Integrated Resource Plan*, case no. CEPR-AP-2018-0001.

2. PREPA has fully complied with the Energy Bureau's orders. It has submitted projects for the Energy Bureau's approval and continues to actively pursue any fund that are available to fulfill all capital investments that benefit Puerto Rico and its residents.

3. One of the funds that PREPA procures to complete projects are those available under the Section 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ("Section 404 Funds"). Section 404 Funds are destined to be used to provide protection to undamaged parts of a facility or to prevent or reduce damages caused by future disasters.

4. PREPA is presently considering and evaluating capital generation projects that are eligible for Section 404 Funds. By next August 12, 2021, PREPA must submit to FEMA a written request to extend the deadlines for generation projects that are eligible for Section 404 Funds. PREPA would like to submit a report on certain generation projects eligible for Section 404 Funds to the Energy Bureau and discuss the report on a Technical Conference before deciding to request the extension of the deadlines or choosing not to pursue said action.

5. Accordingly, PREPA deems that a Technical Conference would aid in the discussion and ultimately, in the decision of whether to pursue certain generation capital projects or not. In light of this, PREPA is currently working to complete a comprehensive report for the consideration of the Energy Bureau, and also, to complete a Power Point presentation for discussion at such Technical Conference. Should the Energy Bureau determine that a Technical Conference is indeed beneficial, PREPA herein informs that it will be ready to present to the Energy Bureau during a Technical Conference at any time between August 9 and 11 of 2021. PREPA and all key officers or personnel will dully report to the Energy Bureau on the matters described above and will make themselves available at any time the Energy Bureau deems appropriate. Further, PREPA's officers are available to appear in person, via video conference or using the method the Energy Bureau

deems proper.²

WHEREFORE, the Authority herein requests the Energy Bureau to grant PREPA's request for a Technical Conference and also, to schedule the Technical Conference to be held at any time between the days of August 9 and 11 of 2021.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

In San Juan Puerto Rico, this 3rd day of August 2021.

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² PREPA herein requests that, should the Energy Bureau determine that the PREPA officers must appear at Technical Conference in person, the Energy Bureau accommodates for video conference appearance of PREPA's advisors that do not reside in Puerto Rico.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that I have filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Energy Bureau using the electronic filing system using <https://radicacion.energia.pr.gov/login> and also, that I have served a copy on LUMA Energy, LLC and LUMA Energy ServCo, LLC through their counsel of record at laura.rozas@us.dlapiper.com and margarita.mercado@us.dlapiper.com.

In San Juan Puerto Rico on this 3rd day of August 2021.

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