

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

IN RE: PUERTO RICO TEST FOR DEMAND
RESPONSE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

CASE NO: NEPR-MI-2021-0009

SUBJECT: Request to Reschedule Technical
Conference.

RESOLUTION AND ORDER

On August 13, 2021, the Energy Bureau of the Puerto Rico Public Service Regulatory Board ("Energy Bureau") issued a Resolution and Order ("August 13 Resolution") through which it ordered the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") and LUMA Energy ServCo LLC ("LUMA"), as applicable, to provide responses to a request for information included as part of the August 13 Resolution. The purpose of the request was for the Energy Bureau to develop a valuation for costs that could be avoided to be used as inputs for the Puerto Rico Benefit Cost Test ("PR Test"). The Energy Bureau required PREPA and LUMA to provide the information on or before August 18, 2021.

On August 17, 2021, LUMA filed before the Energy Bureau a document titled *Motion Requesting Energy Bureau to Stay Resolution and Order of August 13, 2021 and Schedule Technical Workshop* ("Motion"). In its Motion, LUMA notes that its understanding of the scope of the PR Test Proceeding is that it includes formulation of a cost-effectiveness testing framework but may not include production of the needed cost and benefit inputs to implement the framework. LUMA also notes a concern about duplication of work between marginal cost values developed by Guidehouse in Case No. NEPR-AP-2018-0004¹ and avoided cost values required by the Energy Bureau for the PR Test. LUMA requested for the Energy Bureau to stay the August 13 Resolution until several issues are resolved. Further, LUMA requested for the Energy Bureau to schedule a Technical Workshop to, among other matters, present the need for an avoided cost study in this proceeding.

On October 27, 2021, the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order ("October 27 Resolution") through which it ordered LUMA to attend a Virtual Technical Conference to be held on November 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the Technical Conference was to address questions on the request for information regarding avoided costs included as part of the August 13 Resolution² and to clarify the scope, process and schedule for such work effort. The Energy Bureau also specified several topics of discussion to be addressed during the Technical Conference.

On October 30, 2021, LUMA filed before the Energy Bureau a document titled *Motion Requesting Energy Bureau to Reschedule Technical Conference Set for November 3, 2021* ("Motion"). Through its Motion, LUMA states that in making the arrangements to attend the Technical Conference, it has been advised that key personnel of LUMA's consultant team will be out of office and unavailable for the scheduled date. LUMA states that it requires the attendance of the key personnel to prepare and to participate in the Technical Conference. Therefore, LUMA requests for the Energy Bureau to reschedule the Technical Conference for November 18 or 19, 2021.

Upon review of LUMA's Motion, the Energy Bureau **RESCHEDULES** the Virtual Technical Conference for **November 18, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.** Given the urgency to complete the studies necessary to design and commence the implementation of formal demand response and

¹ In Re: The Unbundling of the Assets of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority Proceeding.

² Resolution and Order, In Re: Puerto Rico Test for Demand Response and Energy Efficiency, Case No. NEPR-MI-2021-0009, August 13, 2021.



energy efficiency programs, the Energy Bureau **WARNS** that any additional request to reschedule the aforementioned Technical Conference will result in the imposition of an administrative fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

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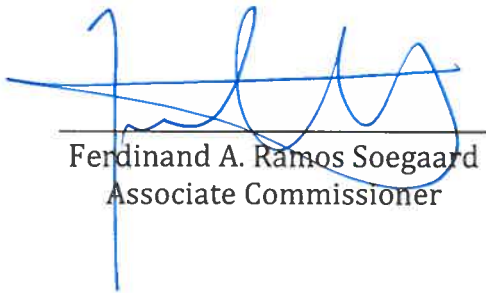
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the majority of the members of the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau has so agreed on November 2, 2021. I also certify that November 2, 2021 a copy of this Resolution and Order was notified by electronic mail to: margarita.mercado@us.dlapiper.com and laura.rozas@us.dlapiper.com; and 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 November 2, 2021.



Sonia Seda Gaztambide
Clerk

