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PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATORY BOARD
PUERTO RICO ENERGY BUREAU**

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IN RE: WIND DEVELOPMENT STUDY

CASE NO.: NEPR-MI-2021-0015

SUBJECT: Informative Motion Regarding Wind Study Report

INFORMATIVE MOTION REGARDING WIND STUDY REPORT

TO THE HONORABLE PUERTO RICO ENERGY BUREAU:

COMES NOW LUMA Energy ServCo, LLC (“ServCo” or “LUMA”), and, through the undersigned legal counsel, respectfully submits the following:

1. On August 24, 2020, this Honorable Energy Bureau (“Energy Bureau”) issued a Final Resolution and Order approving an Integrated Resources Plan (“IRP”) and Modified Action Plan (“August 24th Order”) in Case No. CEPR-AP-2018-0001. As part of the August 24th Order, the Energy Bureau ordered the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”) to conduct an offshore wind study meeting the requirements set forth therein in preparation for the next IRP review cycle (the “Wind Study”). *See id.* pp. 285-287, ¶¶ 911, 915.

2. On July 23, 2021, the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order¹ ordering PREPA and LUMA to, among others, file a Gantt Chart showing the timeline for the completion of the Wind Study (“Gantt Chart”) and attend a virtual technical conference to discuss the steps to timely comply with the Wind Study requirement (“Virtual Technical Conference”), among others. Thereafter, the Energy Bureau clarified that LUMA is responsible for complying with the

¹ This Resolution and Order was issued in Case No. NEPR-MI-2020-0012, *In Re: Implementation of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority Integrated Resource Plan and Modified Action Plan*.

implementation of all required activities related to the Wind Study before the Energy Bureau. *See* Resolution and Order of September 15, 2021.²

4. On September 17, 2021, this Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order initiating the instant proceeding to evaluate the development of the Wind Study.

5. On September 24, 2021, LUMA submitted the Gantt Chart, as well as a copy of the presentation for the Virtual Technical Conference. In these documents, the deadline of September 26, 2022 was proposed for the submittal of the final report of the Wind Study to the Energy Bureau.

6. On October 1, 2021, LUMA appeared at the Virtual Technical Conference wherein it gave a presentation along with representatives of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (“NREL”), a national laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”), Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. During the Virtual Technical Conference, LUMA explained that the Wind Study would be prepared by NREL with the collaboration of LUMA and other stakeholders.³

7. LUMA hereby informs this honorable Energy Bureau that the Wind Study was completed and LUMA is now awaiting receipt from NREL of the final report of the Wind Study. NREL has completed an almost final draft of the report of the Wind Study titled “Wind Energy Costs in Puerto Rico Through 2035” (the “Wind Study Report”). LUMA collaborated in the review of a preceding draft of this report and the process to develop the Wind Study. Based on its discussions with NREL, LUMA understands that the next step from NREL will be to issue it in final. LUMA anticipated receiving this final report before September 26, 2022, but has not

² This Resolution and Order was also issued in Case No. NEPR-MI-2020-0012. In it, the Energy Bureau also rescheduled the Virtual Technical Conference to October 1, 2021 and modified the deadlines to submit the Gantt Chart and a presentation for the Virtual Technical Conference to September 24 and September 28, 2021, respectively.

³ In addition, LUMA requested the Energy Bureau to designate a representative or liaison to be involved in the planning process for the Wind Study and the Energy Bureau designated a liaison.

received it as of this date. As soon as LUMA receives this final report by NREL- an action that is outside LUMA's control- LUMA will proceed to submit it to this honorable Energy Bureau.

WHEREFORE, LUMA respectfully requests that the Energy Bureau **take notice** of the aforementioned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 27th day of September 2022.

We hereby certify that we filed this Motion using the electronic filing system of this Energy Bureau and that we 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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