LUMA's Response to Hurricane Fiona

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SUBJECT

Coordination - During Event

REQUEST

Describe coordination that occurred between LUMA and PREPA during the event.

RESPONSE

Coordination between LUMA and PREPA during Hurricane Fiona occurred at different levels based on the purpose, issue, and severity of the incident. The purpose of coordination could be as simple as sharing information to difficult analyses to support decision making.

Both LUMA and PREPA have an Interagency Coordinator assigned to the Puerto Rico Emergency Management Bureau (PREMB). The LUMA, PREPA, and DTOP Interagency Coordinators with DDEC/Emergency Management Function (ESF) 12 personnel sit together under the Infrastructure Branch, which include ESFs 1, 2, and 3. The coordination at this level entails raising concerns on outages of critical infrastructure that are brought up by other government agencies.

In the LEOC, the LUMA LNO sponsored the PREPA LNO. The PREPA LNO during the first days after Hurricane Fiona was present at the LEOC and coordinated with the LUMA Generation LNO, who also sits at the LEOC. Coordination continued throughout the response between the LUMA Generation LNO and PREPA LNO, as well as with generation plant operators (including AES and EcoEléctrica), and included face-to-face meetings, telephone calls and text, and preparation sessions for LUMA-PREPA joint press conferences. LUMA IC and/or LUMA Deputy IC with LUMA System Operations Section Chief met face-to-face and by phone with the PREPA CEO regularly, usually on a daily basis during the first two weeks of the response. These meetings often included the the Office of the Governor (Secretario auxilliar de la gobernacion para asuntos energeticos).

LUMA System Operations from the Energy Control Center was in regular and frequent communication with generators on operational matters.

Coordination between LUMA and PREPA also occurred during the event through instant messages, ESF12-COE and LUMA EOC LNO. The ESF 12-COE messaging group included representatives of LUMA, PREPA, ESF-12, and the Governor's Representative for Energy. The LUMA EOC LNO messaging group included LUMA, PREPA and ESF-12 to share both generation and transmission/distribution energy information with other government agencies such as: Department of Health, Department of Education,

Department of Housing, DTOP, PRASA, PRNG, DOE, DHS, Telecommunications Board, and Department of Public Safety (Fusion Center).