IN RE: PERFORMANCE METRICS
TARGETS FOR LUMA ENERGY SERVCO, LLC

CASE NO. NEPR-AP-2020-0025

SUBJECT: LUMA’s Request for Brief Extension to Answer Portions of LECO’s Ninth Set of Information Requests

MOTION REQUESTING A BRIEF EXTENSION FOR LUMA TO ANSWER PORTIONS LECO’S NINTH SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

TO THE HONORABLE PUERTO RICO ENERGY BUREAU:

COME now LUMA Energy, LLC (“ManagementCo”), and LUMA Energy ServCo, LLC (“ServCo”), (jointly referred to as the “Operator” or “LUMA”), and respectfully state and request the following:


2. As part of the procedural calendar, this Energy Bureau established a discovery deadline. It also set forth that every intervenor would have the right to issue Requests for Information (“ROIs”) according to the provisions of Regulation No. 8543, Regulation on Adjudicative, Notice of Non Compliance, Rate Review and Investigation Proceedings. LUMA would have a ten (10) day term to answer each of the information requests.
3. In what is relevant to this request, on August 31, 2021, the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order (“August 31 Resolution”) clarifying that, according to the April 8 Resolution, the time frame to respond to information requests in the instant proceeding is ten (10) days.

4. On September 27, 2021, this Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order to amend the procedural calendar. The Energy Bureau issued a subsequent order amending the procedural calendar on October 20, 2021.

5. On December 22, 2021, the Energy Bureau entered a Resolution and Order, concluding that additional performance-based incentive metrics must be evaluated as part of this procedure (“December 22 Resolution and Order”). To that end, the Energy Bureau identified three additional categories of performance metrics: (i) Interconnection of Distributed Energy Resources; (ii) Energy Efficiency and Demand Response; and (iii) Vegetation Management. Thus, the Energy Bureau ordered LUMA to file a revised Annex IX to the Puerto Rico Transmission and Distribution System Operation and Maintenance Agreement (“T&D OMA”), including targets and supporting metrics for (i) Interconnection; (ii) Energy Efficiency/Demand Response; and (iii) Vegetation Management. The Energy Bureau also ordered LUMA to provide supplemental or revised direct pre-filed testimonies for the new metrics and targets.¹

6. On February 17, 2022, LUMA filed LUMA’s Response in Opposition and Objection to December 22, 2021, Resolution and Order and Request to Vacate or Grant LUMA

¹ On January 14, 2022, this Energy Bureau entered a Resolution and Order to amend the procedural calendar.
Relief from the December 22, 2021, Resolution and Order (“LUMA’s Objection”). In essence, LUMA contended that the December 22 Resolution and Order entry was arbitrary and in violation of LUMA’s due process rights and requested that this Energy Bureau vacate said order.

7. On August 1, 2022, this Energy Bureau entered a Resolution and Order, whereby it denied LUMA’s Objection (“August 1st Order”). In turn, it ordered LUMA to file within twenty (20) days: (i) a revised Annex IX to the T&D OMA, including targets and supporting metrics for Interconnection, Energy Efficiency/Demand Response, and Vegetation Management; and (ii) a supplemental or revised direct pre-filed testimony for targets and supporting metrics for the performance metric targets described in the December 22 Resolution and Order.

8. On August 15, 2022, the intervenors, collectively known as LECO, filed a Request to Authorize Discovery on LUMA’s Supplemental Testimony. The Independent Consumer Protection Office (“ICPO”) joined said request through a motion filed on August 17, 2022.

9. On September 16, 2022, this Energy Bureau entered a Resolution and Order granting LUMA’s Amended Request for Extension of Time as well as LECO’s and the ICPO’s request for discovery limited to the additional metrics (“September 16th Order”). Through the September 16th Order, the Energy Bureau also issued an amended procedural calendar for the instant proceeding contemplating the celebration of the virtual evidentiary hearings from January 24 through 27, 2023.

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3 This Energy Bureau issued a subsequent order amending the procedural calendar on April 22, 2022.
10. Subsequently, on October 14, 2022, this Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order amending the procedural calendar. It established that all discovery requests on LUMA’s written testimonies on additional metrics must be submitted before November 14, 2022.

11. Within the deadline for issuance of discovery, LUMA received a Requirement of Information on Additional Metrics, sent by the OIPC on November 11, 2022, and, on November 14, 2022, the Ninth Set of Information Requests from LECO. On November 16, 2022, LUMA received the Energy Bureau’s Tenth Requirement of Information.

12. LUMA has been working on its responses to ICPO’s Requirement of Information on Additional Metrics and LECO’s Ninth Set of Information Requests. In fact, LUMA will submit today its responses to ICPO’s Requirement of Information on Additional Metrics today, within the original deadline.

13. Additionally, LUMA is submitting today its responses to requests eleven through sixteen of LECO’s Ninth Set of Information Requests. That is, LUMA will respond to five of LECO’s requests a week ahead of the deadline and within five business days after LUMA received LECO’s Ninth Set of Information Requests.

14. However, LUMA requires three additional business days to finalize its responses to requests one through ten of LECO’s Ninth Set of Information Requests. The additional time requested herein is reasonable and necessary, given that the timeframe to respond falls on the first business day after Thanksgiving. Also, the subject matter covered by the Ninth Set of Information Requests from LECO is technical. It requires review and consideration by at least two witnesses who submitted pre-filed testimonies and their support staff and review by LUMA management.
personnel. The tasks to collect, organize, and prepare the necessary documents or information comprehensively and comprehensibly are time-consuming; thus, LUMA requires additional time to respond.

15. LUMA respectfully submits that it will need at least three additional business days from the deadline of November 28, 2022, to submit its answers to LECO’s Ninth Set of Information Requests. To wit, up to and including December 2, 2022.

16. This extension request is not intended to cause unnecessary delay. It should not cause inconvenience to the parties, particularly because LUMA will produce today responses to six of the requests for information issued by LECO in its Ninth Set of Information Requests. LUMA remains committed to complying with the orders issued by the Energy Bureau.

WHEREFORE, LUMA respectfully requests that the Energy Bureau, in its discretion, grant LUMA an extension of five business days to submit responses to requests one through 10 of LECO’s Ninth Set of Information Requests; that is, on or before December 2, 2022.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

We hereby certify that we 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 Katiuska Bolaños-Lugo, kbolanos@diazvaz.law, the Office of the Independent Consumer Protection Office, Hannia Rivera Diaz, hrivera@jrsp.pr.gov, and counsel for the Puerto Rico Institute for Competitiveness and Sustainable Economy (“ICSE”), Fernando Agrait, agraitfe@agraitlawpr.com, counsel for the Colegio de Ingenieros y Agrimensores de Puerto Rico (“CIAPR”), Rhonda Castillo, rhoncat@netscape.net, and counsels for Comité Diálogo Ambiental, Inc., El Puente de Williamsburg, Inc., Enlace Latino de Acción Climatica, Alianza Comunitaria Ambientalista del Sureste, Inc., Coalicion de Organizaciones Anti-Incineración, Inc., Amigos del Río Guaynabo, Inc., CAMBIO, Sierra Club and its Puerto Rico Chapter, and Unión de Trabajadores de la Industria Eléctrica y Riego (jointly, Puerto Rico Local and Environmental Organizations), larroyo@earthjustice.org, lvelez@earthjustice.org, rmurthy@earthjustice.org, rstgo2@gmail.com, notificaciones@bufete-emmanuelli.com, pedrosaade5@gmail.com., jessica@bufete-emmanuelli.com; rolando@bufete-emmanuelli.com.
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