

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

IN RE: REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION
CEN JUNCOS SOLAR, LLC

CASE NO.: NEPR-CT-2019-0003

SUBJECT: Gross Revenue, Financial
Statements and Annual Operational Reports

RESOLUTION AND ORDER

I. Introduction

On February 28, 2023, the company CEN JUNCOS SOLAR, LLC (“CEN JUNCOS”) filed before the Energy Bureau of the Puerto Rico Public Service Regulatory Board (“Energy Bureau”) a document titled *Motion in Compliance with Section 4.02 of Regulation No. 8701 and Request for Confidential Treatment of Financial Information for Fiscal Year 2022* (“February 28 Request”), in accordance with Regulation 8701.¹ As part of its Financial Report, CEN JUNCOS attached a document titled *Gross Revenue and Financial Statement Report Electrical Power Companies* (Form NEPR-B05).

In the February 28 Request, CEN JUNCOS requested that the Financial Report be kept confidential alleging that such information is of sensitive nature, is not available to the public, and disclosure of such information would place CEN JUNCOS at a competitive disadvantage and cause it economic harm.²

On March 30, 2023, CEN JUNCOS filed a document titled *Operational Report* (“Operational Report”), in accordance with Regulation 8701. As part of the Operational Report, CEN JUNCOS attached the following documents:

- (1) *Operational Report Electrical Power Companies* (Form NEPR-B03).
- (2) CEN Juncos Solar, LLC, *2023 Operational Report Annexes*. (“Annexes”)

On the same day, CEN JUNCOS filed a document titled *Motion to Request Confidential Treatment of 2023 Operational Report and Other Remedies* (“March 30 Request”). In the March 30 Request, CEN JUNCOS alleges that such information is of sensitive nature, is not available to the public and disclosure of such information would place CEN at a competitive disadvantage and cause it economic harm.³

II. Regulation 8701 and Analysis

¹ *Amendment to Regulation No. 8618, on Certifications, Annual Fees and Operational Plans of Electric Service Providers in Puerto Rico*, February 17, 2016 (“Regulation 8701”), as amended by Regulation No. 9182, *Amendment to Regulation No. 8701, on Certifications, Annual Fees and Operational Plans of Electric Service Providers in Puerto Rico*, June 24, 2020 (“Regulation 9182”).

² February 28 Request.

³ March 30 Request.



Act 57-2014⁴ requires that every Electric Service Company⁵ obtain a certification⁶ to provide services in Puerto Rico, in addition to presenting specific information in accordance with the requirements established by the Energy Bureau. Regulation 8701 establishes the requirements that any electric service company must comply with to provide electric services in Puerto Rico.

- A. Section 2.02 of Regulation 8701 details the information that must be included in the Operational Report to be filed by electric service companies. Further, the February 12, 2019 Order in Case No. CEPR-MI-2015-0006 ("February 12 Order") requires additional information to be filed by electric service companies as part of its Operational Report.

Section 4.02(E) of Regulation 8701 establishes the following:

When the Annual Gross Revenue of an Electric Service Company during a Calendar Year is equal to or less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00), the Annual Gross Revenue report must be signed by the authorized representative of the Electric Service Company. The signature of the authorized representative shall constitute a certificate under oath, under penalty of perjury, that such information is correct and complete. In addition, the Electric Utility Company shall submit to the Energy Bureau its financial statements for each Fiscal Year **compiled by an Authorized Public Accountant (CPA) authorized to practice such profession in Puerto Rico, or in any jurisdiction of the United States of America**. Such compiled financial statements shall be submitted to the Energy Bureau within one hundred and twenty (120) days, counted from the date on which the Electric Service Company's Fiscal Year ends. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to any successor to the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority. (Emphasis supplied)

CEN JUNCOS attached a compiled Financial Statements to the Form NEPR-B05. The compiled Financial Statements filed by CEN JUNCOS **did not have** the signature of a CPA. CEN JUNCOS **shall submit** a compiled Financial Statements certified by an Authorized Public Accountant (CPA) authorized to practice such profession in Puerto Rico, or in any jurisdiction of the United States of America, pursuant Section 4.02(E) of Regulation 8701, as amended.

Section 2.03(A)(2)(a) requires Electrical Service Companies to pay a filing fee for presenting their Operational Report. In its March 30 Request, CEN JUNCOS indicates that a payment of \$800.00 for the corresponding filing fee will be done electronically. The Energy Bureau has not received evidence of this payment.

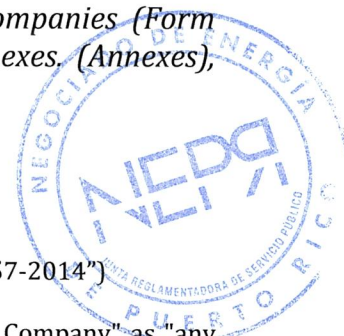
III. Request for Confidential Designation

As part of the February 28 Request and March 30 Request, CEN JUNCOS requested that certain documents and information be treated as confidential, under Section 6.15 of Act 57-2014. Specifically, CEN requested these documents to be confidential: (i) Financial Statements attached to the *Gross Revenue and Financial Statements Report Electrical Power Companies (Form NEPR-B05)*, (ii) *Operational Report Electrical Power Companies (Form NEPR-B03)*, and (iii) *CEN Juncos Solar, LLC, 2023 Operational Report Annexes (Annexes)*, (collectively, "Confidential Documents")

⁴ Known as the *Transformation and Energetic RELIEF Act of Puerto Rico*, as amended ("Act 57-2014")

⁵ Section 1.3(l) of Law 57-2014 defines the term "Energy Company" or "Electric Service Company" as "any person or entity, natural or legal, energy cooperative, dedicated to offering generation services, transmission and distribution, billing, energy wheeling, network services ("grid services"), energy storage, resale of electricity, as well as any other electrical service as defined by the Bureau. The Electric Power Authority or its successor, as well as any Contractor under an Alliance Contract or Sales Contract granted in relation to PREPA Transactions entered into by virtue of Law 120-2018, shall be considered as Electric Service Companies for the purposes of this Law".

⁶ See Section 6.13 of Act 57-2104. Also see, Section 1.3(h) of Act 57-2014, which define "Certified" as "any electric service company which have been evaluated and authorized by the Energy Bureau."



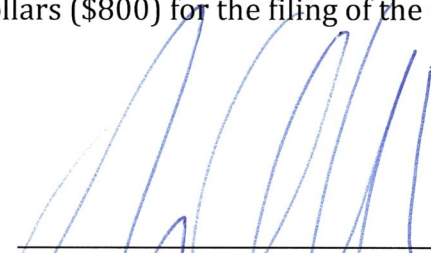
Act No. 57-2014 establishes that any person having the obligation to submit information to the Energy Bureau, may request that any information that it is deemed privileged or confidential be treated in such fashion⁷. Specifically, Act 57-2014 requires from the Energy Bureau to treat as confidential the information submitted provided that “after the appropriate evaluation, believes such information should be protected”⁸. In such case, “the Energy Bureau shall grant such protection in a manner that least affects the public interest, transparency, and the rights of the parties involved in the administrative procedure in which the allegedly confidential document is submitted”⁹.

IV. Conclusion

The Energy Bureau **GRANTS** confidential designation and treatment to the Confidential Documents, under Article 6.15 of Act 57-2014.

The Energy Bureau **ORDERS** CEN to submit, in or before fifteen (15) days from the date of the notification of this Resolution and Order, (i) compiled Financial Statements certified by an Authorized Public Accountant (CPA) authorized to practice such profession in Puerto Rico or in any jurisdiction of the United States of America; and (ii) evidence of the electronic payment of eight hundred dollars (\$800) for the filing of the Operational Report.


Be it notified and published.



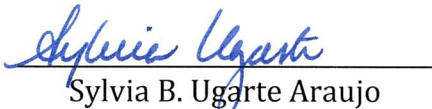
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the majority of the members of the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau agreed on May 9, 2023. I also certify that on May 10, 2023 a copy of this Resolution and Order was notified by electronic mail to the following: natalie@sixty-west.com; cfl@mcvpr.com; ivc@mcvpr.com. I also certify that today, May 10, 2023, I have proceeded with the filing of the Resolution and Order issued by the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau.

I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, today May 10, 2023.



Sonia Seda Gaztambide
Clerk

⁷ Section 6.15 of Act 57-2014, *Rules of Confidentiality*.

⁸ *Id.* at (a).

⁹ *Id.*

