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PUERTO RICO ENERGY BUREAU**

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**IN RE:**  
IN RE: REVISIÓN DEL PROGRAMA  
COMPRENSIVO DE MANEJO DE  
VEGETACIÓN DE LA AUTORIDAD DE  
ENERGÍA ELÉCTRICA

**CASE NO. NEPR-MI-2019-0005**

**SUBJECT: Motion Submitting Vegetation  
Clearing Report for the First Quarter of Fiscal  
Year 2024**

**MOTION SUBMITTING VEGETATION CLEARING REPORT FOR THE FIRST  
QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2024**

**TO THE PUERTO RICO ENERGY BUREAU:**

**COME NOW LUMA Energy, LLC<sup>1</sup>**, and **LUMA Energy ServCo, LLC<sup>2</sup>**, (jointly referred to as “LUMA”), through the undersigned legal counsel and respectfully submit the following:

1. On February 27, 2023, this Honorable Puerto Rico Energy Bureau (“Energy Bureau”) issued a Resolution and Order in Case *In re LUMA’s Initial Budgets* Case No. NEPR-MI-2021-0004 (“Initial Budgets Proceeding”), whereby it approved the Certified Budgets for the Puerto Rico Energy System (the “System”) for Fiscal Year 2023 and established certain reporting requirements (“February 27<sup>th</sup> Order”). In what is relevant to this Motion, on page 13 of the February 27<sup>th</sup> Order, this Energy Bureau directed LUMA to “(viii) report quarterly in the Vegetation Management Docket (Case No.: NEPR-MI-2019-0005) on the number of miles and acres cleared for each T&D voltage level.” *See* February 27<sup>th</sup> Order, page 13.

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<sup>1</sup> Register No. 439372.

<sup>2</sup> Register No. 439373.

2. On May 15, 2023, LUMA submitted to this Energy Bureau the proposed Budgets for the System for Fiscal Year 2024 (“FY2024”), including the proposed budget for the Transmission and Distribution System (“Proposed Annual T&D Budgets”), developed by LUMA; the budget proposal for the legacy thermal generation units (the “GenCo Budget”), the budget proposal for the hydroelectric generating units and the public irrigation facilities (the “HydroCo Budget”) and the budget proposal for PREPA and its subsidiaries other than GenCo and HydroCo (the, “HoldCo Budget”) (collectively referred to as the “System Annual Budgets, FY 2024”). *See Submission of Consolidated Annual Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024 and Annual T&D Projections through Fiscal Year 2026* filed in the Initial Budgets Proceeding.

3. On June 25, 2023, the Energy Bureau entered a Resolution and Order in the Initial Budgets Proceeding whereby it modified and approved the System Annual Budgets, FY2024, subject to compliance with certain directives detailed in the Resolution and Order (the “June 25<sup>th</sup> Resolution and Order”). In what is relevant to vegetation management reporting, this Energy Bureau directed that LUMA shall report quarterly on: (i) the status of clearing the 230 kV lines, and (ii) miles and acres of vegetation cleared for each voltage level for the year cumulatively, as well as for the applicable quarter. *See* June 25<sup>th</sup> Resolution and Order, pp. 7-9 and Attachment A.<sup>3</sup>

4. In compliance with the February 27<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> Orders, LUMA hereby, submits its Vegetation Clearing Report for the First Quarter of FY2024. *See Exhibit 1* to this Motion. The

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<sup>3</sup> Finally, this Energy Bureau ordered LUMA to report on the status of obtaining and utilizing federal funds and on implementation of the Federally Funded and Operation and Maintenance Funded Vegetation Management program, using the DRAFT Templates form provided as Attachment H. *See* June 25<sup>th</sup> Resolution and Order, page 9 and Attachment A. This Energy Bureau also allowed LUMA to file comments to Attachment H. *Id.* On July 26, 2023, in compliance with the June 25<sup>th</sup> Resolution and Order, LUMA submitted its comments to Attachment H of the June 25<sup>th</sup> Resolution and Order. In addition to submitting comments, LUMA respectfully requested that this Energy Bureau issue clarification on several requirement of Attachment H regarding the Vegetation Management Progress Reporting. At this time, the Energy Bureau has not issued an order in connection with LUMA’s comments to Attachment H of the June 25<sup>th</sup> Resolution and Order nor ruled on LUMA’s requests for clarification.

Report includes data on the number of miles and acres cleared for each transmission and distribution voltage level in Q1 FY2024.

**WHEREFORE**, LUMA respectfully requests that the Energy Bureau **take notice** of the aforementioned; **accept** the Vegetation Clearing Report for the First Quarter of FY2024 submitted as *Exhibit 1* to this Motion; and **deem** that LUMA complied with the February 27<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> Orders regarding reporting on vegetation clearing for Q1 FY2024.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.**

We hereby certify that we filed this motion using the electronic filing system of this Energy Bureau. We will send an electronic copy of this motion to counsel for PREPA, Lionel Santa Crispín, [lionel.santa@prepa.pr.gov](mailto:lionel.santa@prepa.pr.gov).

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.



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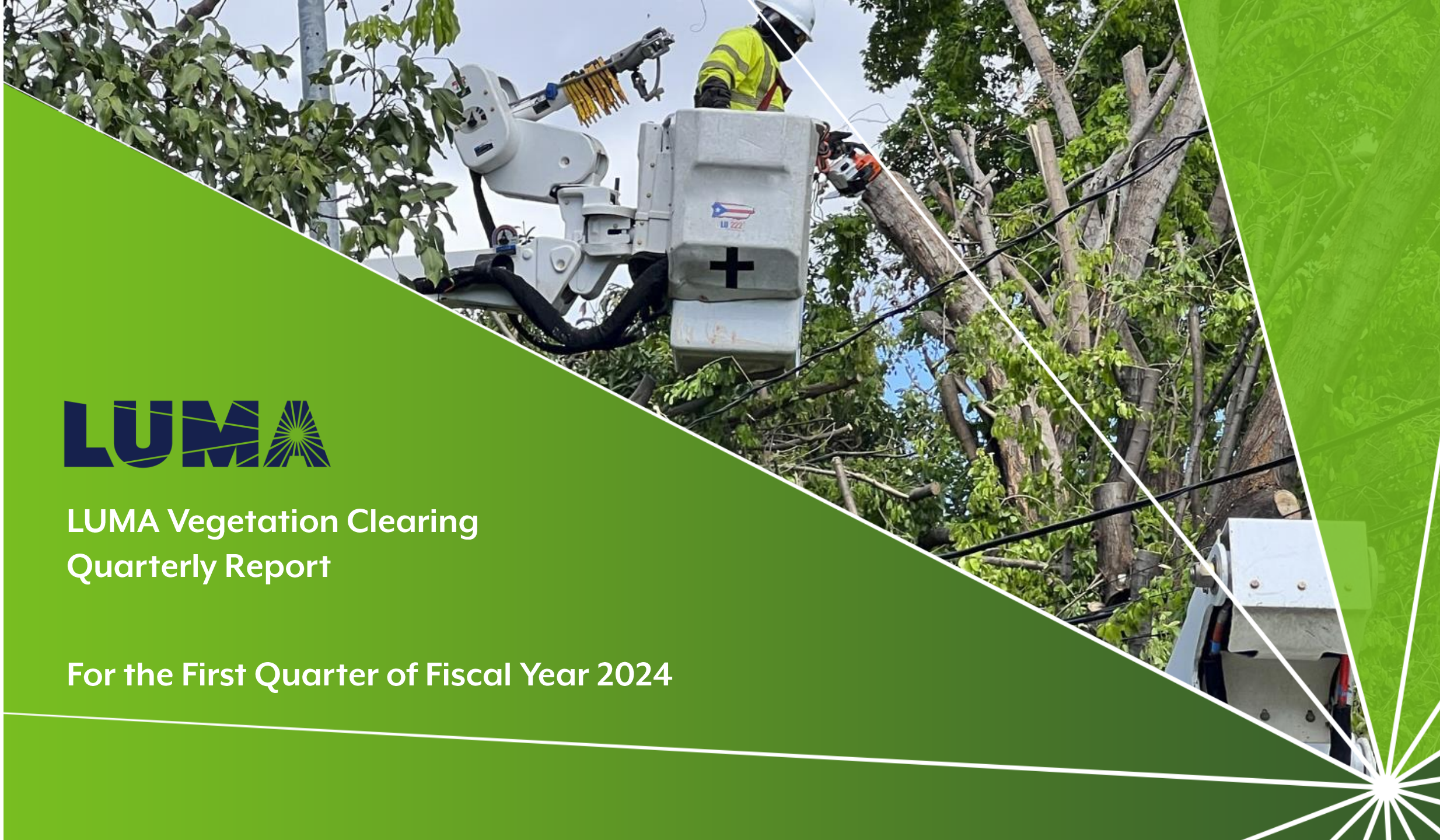
*Exhibit 1*

*Vegetation Clearing Report for the First Quarter of FY2024*



## LUMA Vegetation Clearing Quarterly Report

For the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024







## Key Activities During Q1 FY2024

The Vegetation Management and Capital Clearing Implementation program includes work to abate or mitigate immediate hazards caused by vegetation in critical locations and an ongoing program to clear and re-establish the cleared rights of way to standard widths. Key Q1 FY2024 activities included completing 224 miles of distribution clearing and 86 miles of transmission clearing (310 miles total) utilizing operating expenditures funds, completing 23 miles of distribution clearing and nine miles of transmission clearing (32 miles total) utilizing federal funds, and submitting first detailed scope of work to FEMA for the obligation of funds for the execution of the island-wide capital vegetation remediation. The total spend was higher than anticipated due to an increase in FTEs and the use of heavy forestry equipment. In late August and early September Vegetation Operations added 70 FTEs to help increase maintenance trimming production. The first detailed scope of work has been submitted to FEMA, completing the first milestone of FY2024. At this time, there is no expected variance in achieving program milestones.





## LUMA Quarterly Vegetation Clearing by Voltage Level

For the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024

Voltage	FY2024 Q1 Miles Cleared			FY2024 Q1 Acres <sup>1</sup> Cleared		
	Federally Funded	OpEx	Total Miles	Federally Funded	OpEx	Total Acres
Distribution	23	224	247	33	326	359
38 kV	1	38	39	2	115	117
115 kV	0	15	15	2	182	184
230 kV	8	33	41	101	400	501
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>1,161</b>

<sup>1</sup>To calculate acres from miles, the miles are converted to feet by multiplying by 5,280. Then the width of the right of way is assumed for each voltage level (distribution = 12', 38 kV = 25', and 115 & 230 kV = 100'). The miles (in feet) are multiplied by the ROW width (in feet) to determine the square feet completed. Finally, the square feet are converted to acres by dividing by 43,560 sq feet per acre.