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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 Third Quarter of Fiscal
Year 2024**

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

TO THE PUERTO RICO ENERGY BUREAU:

COME NOW LUMA Energy, LLC¹, and LUMA Energy ServCo, LLC², (jointly referred to as “LUMA”), through the undersigned legal counsel and, respectfully submits 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 27th Order”). In what is relevant to this Motion, on page 13 of the February 27th 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 27th Order, page 13.

¹ Register No. 439372.

² 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 for FY2024, subject to compliance with certain directives detailed in the Resolution and Order (the “June 25th 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 25th Resolution and Order*, pp. 8-9 and Attachment A.³

4. In compliance with the February 27th and June 25th Orders, LUMA hereby submits its Vegetation Quarterly Clearing Report for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024 (“Q3 Vegetation Clearing Report”). *See Exhibit 1* to this Motion. The Q3 Vegetation Clearing Report

³ 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 25th 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 25th Resolution and Order, LUMA submitted its comments to Attachment H of the June 25th Resolution and Order. In addition to submitting comments, LUMA respectfully requested that this Energy Bureau issue clarification on several requirements 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 25th Resolution and Order nor ruled on LUMA’s requests for clarification.

includes data on the number of miles and acres cleared for each transmission and distribution voltage level in Q3 FY2024, including the 230kV lines.

WHEREFORE, LUMA respectfully requests that the Energy Bureau **take notice** of the aforementioned; **accept** the Q3 Vegetation Clearing Report submitted as *Exhibit 1* to this Motion; and **deem** that LUMA complied with the February 27th and June 25th Orders regarding reporting on vegetation clearing for Q3 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 counsels for PREPA, Mirelis Valle-Cancel, mvalle@gmlex.net; and Alexis G. Rivera Medina, grivera@gmlex.net.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 15th day of May, 2024.



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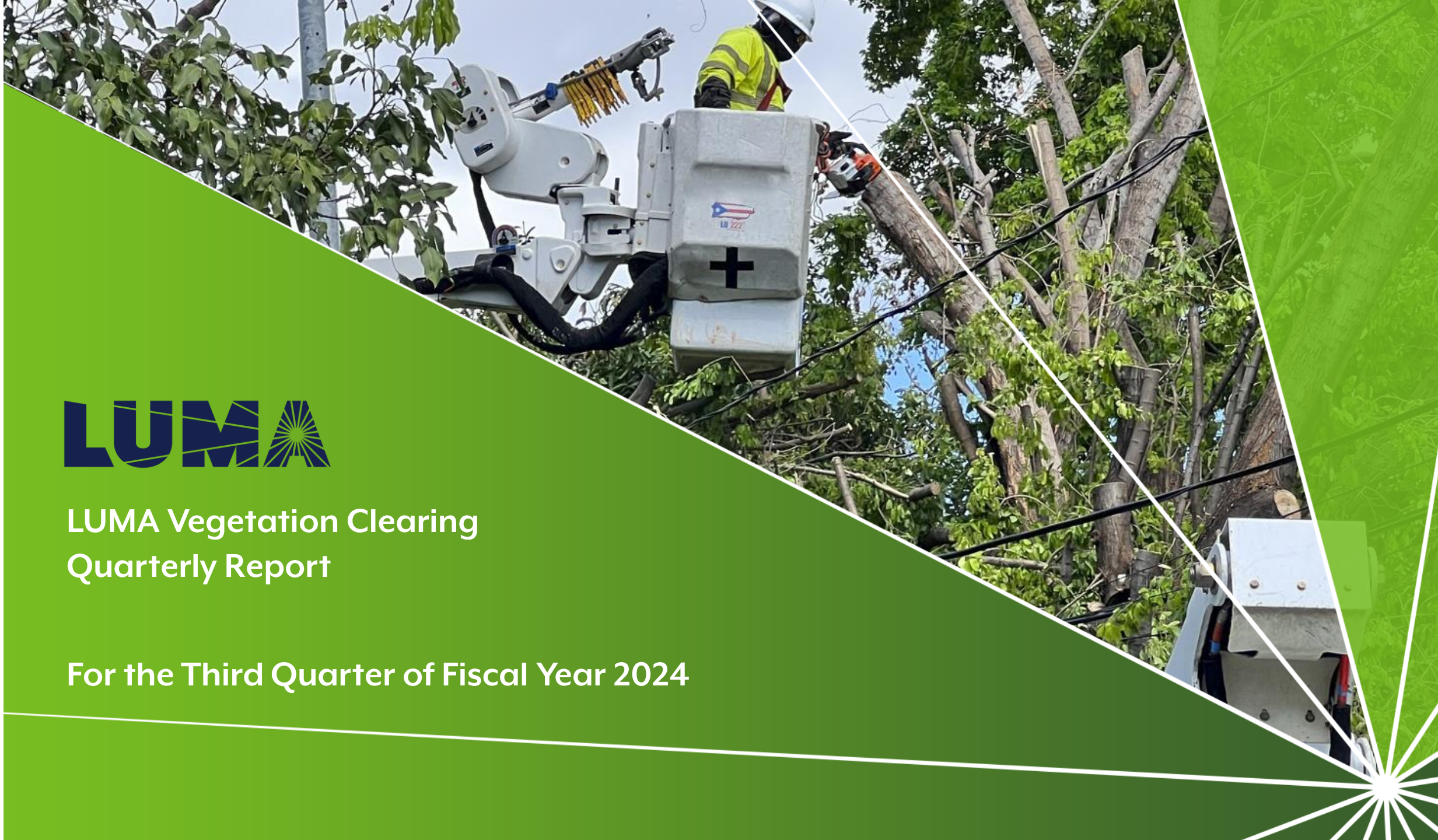
Exhibit 1

Vegetation Clearing Report for the Third Quarter of FY2024



LUMA Vegetation Clearing Quarterly Report

For the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024





Key Activities During Q3 FY2024

The **Vegetation Management and Capital Clearing Implementation Program** includes work to abate or mitigate the immediate hazards vegetation causes in critical locations and an ongoing program to clear and re-establish the cleared rights of way to standard widths. Key Q3 FY2024 activities included clearing 292 miles in distribution lines and 111 miles in transmission lines using funds from operating expenditures and finishing the fifth round of substation herbicide treatments; submitting four clearing crew contracts to the Financial Oversight & Management Board for Puerto Rico (FOMB) and Public-Private Partnership Authority (P3A) for approval and achieving FOMB approval on three of the four contracts.

LUMA Quarterly Vegetation Clearing by Voltage Level

For the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024

Voltage	FY2024 Q3 Miles Cleared			FY2024 YTD Miles Cleared			FY2024 Q3 Acres ¹ Cleared			FY2024 YTD Acres ¹ Cleared		
	Federally Funded	OpEx	Total Miles	Federally Funded	OpEx	Total Miles	Federally Funded	OpEx	Total Acres	Federally Funded	OpEx	Total Acres
Distribution	-	292	292	23	792	815	-	425	425	33	1,152	1,185
38 kV	-	14	14	1	103	104	-	20	20	2	210	212
115 kV	-	59	59	0	122	122	-	86	86	2	337	339
230 kV	-	38	38	8	108	116	-	55	55	101	509	610
Total	-	403	403	32	1,125	1,157	-	586	586	138	2,208	2,346

¹To calculate acres from miles, the miles are converted to feet by multiplying by 5,280. Then the width of the rights of way is assumed for each voltage level (distribution = 12', 38 kV = 25', and 115 & 230 kV = 100').

