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

**IN RE:** REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION SOL **CASE NO.:** NEPR-CT-2024-0013 ECOLUTION PUERTO RICO LLC

SUBJECT: Request for Certification as an **Electric Service Company.** 

# **RESOLUTION**

#### I. Introduction

On December 27, 2024, Sol Ecolution Puerto Rico LLC ("SEPR") filed before the Energy Bureau of the Puerto Rico Public Service Regulatory Board ("Energy Bureau") a Request for Certification as an Electric Power Service Company ("Application"). The Application includes the following documents:

1. Form NEPR-B01 (Personal Information) with supporting documentation:

- Certificate of Good Standing from Puerto Rico Secretary of State
- Certificate of Organization from Puerto Rico Secretary of State 0
- Ownership Structure of Sol Ecolution Puerto Rico LLC
- 2. Form NEPR-B03 (Operational Report) with:
  - Statement on Projection for Percent of Total Demand Intended to Meet in Puerto Rico
  - Statement on Charges and Rates
  - Statement on Projection of Capital Investments 0
  - Information on Contracted Entity 0
  - Statements on Energy Generation from Units 0
- 3. Form NEPR-B04 (Request for Certification) with:
  - **Certified Financial Statements** 0
  - Human Resources Statements 0
  - Installation Locations 0
  - **Equipment Specifications** 0
  - Waiver Agreements 0
  - **Net Metering Agreements** 0
  - Electrical Installation Certification for Distributed Energy Resource from LUMA
- 4. Evidence of Application Fee Payments

DEE SEPR seeks certification as an Electric Service Company, with the stated intention of installing solar photovoltaic panels systems.

In its Application, SEPR requested that the Energy Bureau certify SEPR as an Electric Service Company, pursuant to Regulation No. 8701<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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,

# II. Applicable Law and Analysis

Act No. 57-2014<sup>2</sup> requires all electric service companies<sup>3</sup> to obtain a certification<sup>4</sup> and to file certain information under the terms established by the Energy Bureau.

Sections 2.01 and 3.03 of Regulation 8701 describe the information that every electric service company seeking to offer services in Puerto Rico must submit with its Request for Certification.

SEPR submitted various documents containing information required by Sections 2.01 and 3.03 of Regulation 8701. However, the Energy Bureau notes the following discrepancies and deficiencies in the submission:

a) Permits, Authorizations, and Endorsements – Upon evaluation of the submitted documentation, the utility agreements and authorizations presented do not match SEPR's name.

Specifically, SEPR presents utility agreements and authorizations for Southern Fuel Management Corp, Caimito Fuel Corp, J. Seil Corp, Regis Serv Center, J&V Group Inc, Shell Lomas Corp. It is unclear to the Energy Bureau how these companies relate to SEPR.

Until clarification is provided, the Energy Bureau is unable to establish that SEPR has provided the permits, authorizations, and endorsements required to operate its systems and provide service in Puerto Rico to satisfy Section 3.03(A)(5) of Regulation 8701.

b) The Energy Bureau understands that SEPR installs and may service distributed solar energy systems that do not feature energy storage. Despite that understanding, SEPR states in its operational report that "Our system operates without interruption 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, guaranteeing continuous and reliable service."<sup>5</sup> This statement needs clarification.

# III. Conclusion

After careful evaluation of SEPR's Request for Certification, the Energy Bureau **DETERMINES** that the Application is **INCOMPLETE** and does not fully meet the requirements in Regulation 8701.

Specifically, the Energy Bureau has identified the following deficiencies:

1. Permits, Authorizations, and Endorsements as required by Section 3.03(A)(5) of Regulation 8701.

<sup>4</sup> See Section 6.13 of Act 57-2014. See also Section I.3(h) of Act 57-2014 which defines the term "Certified" as follows: "Shall mean every electric power service company that has been evaluated and authorized by the Energy [Bureau]."

<sup>5</sup> SEPR operational report, Additional Information Item #7.

Amendment to Regulation No. 8701, on Certifications, Annual Fees and Operational Plans of Electric Service Providers in Puerto Rico, June 24, 2020 ("Regulation 9182").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Known as the Puerto Rico Energy Transformation and RELIEF Act, as amended, ("Act 57-2014").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 1.3(1) of Act 57-2014 defines the term 'Electric Power Company' or 'Electric Power Service' as follows: 'Shall mean any natural or juridical person or entity, energy cooperative, engaged in the provision of generation services, transmission and distribution services, billing, wheeling, grid services, energy storage, resale of electric power as well as any other electric power service as defined by the Bureau. The Electric Power Authority or its successor as well as any Contractor under a Partnership or Sales Contract executed in relation to PREPA Transactions conducted by virtue of Act No. 120-2018 shall be deemed Electric Power Service Companies for purposes of this Act.'

2. Clarification regarding alleged uninterruptible service in the operational report.

The Energy Bureau **GRANTS** SEPR **thirty (30) days from the notification date of this Resolution** to:

- 1. Submit copies of any permits, authorizations, and/or endorsements related to the system issued in favor of Sol Ecolution Puerto Rico LLC.
- 2. Provide clarification about the statement regarding uninterruptible service in the operational report.
- 3. Describe if/how is SEPR billing customers associated with the installations in Appendix B of the Certification Request.

The Energy Bureau **ADVISES** SEPR that failure to provide the requested information within the specified timeframe may result in the Application receiving no further consideration. Any request for extension of the thirty (30) day period must be filed at least five (5) business days before its expiration.

Be notified and published.

Edison Avilés Deliz

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# CERTIFICATION

I certify that the majority of the members of the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau has so agreed on March  $\cancel{12}$  2025. I also certify that on March  $\cancel{12}$  2025 a copy of this Resolution was notified by electronic mail to info@solecolution.com; abner.hiraldo@solpetroleum.com, and I have proceeded with the filing of the Resolution issued by the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau.

I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on March  $\frac{18}{2025}$ .

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