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

IN RE: PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY RATE REVIEW

**CASE NO.:** NEPR-AP-2023-0003

**SUBJECT:** Hearing Examiner's Order

Adjusting PREPA Deadline

## Hearing Examiner's Order Adjusting PREPA Deadline

My Order of June 20, 2025, required PREPA to provide its proposed revenue requirement and accompanying testimony to LUMA by June 25, 2025. That deadline was PREPA's chosen deadline—one whose obvious lateness, given LUMA's July 3 deadline to submit the consolidated application, has already caused inconvenience to all. The June 20 Order kept in place LUMA's deadline for filing the consolidated rate application on July 3, 2025.

I received this morning PREPA's Urgent Motion "respectfully request[ing]" that I (a) allow PREPA to send LUMA the materials on June 30, and (b) extend LUMA's consolidated filing date to July 7.

A party that "respectfully requests" an extension after a deadline has passed is not respectfully requesting; it is demanding. Here I grant the demand, oxymoronically—not because it is deserved but because I have no choice. June 30 is PREPA's new deadline.

LUMA still must file its consolidated application on July 3, using its PREPA proxy as discussed in my Order of June 20. As that Order stated, we will do the fine-tuning of the consolidated revenue requirement, and the revenue allocation and rate design, later. This proceeding cannot afford a delay of LUMA's material.

PREPA talks of the pressures it faced in the past few weeks. But PREPA tells us nothing about the past six months—the months since December 2024 when it became clear that there would be a rate case in 2025. PREPA's behavior, and its excuse-making, reminds me of a Little League game 60 years ago. I was playing right field. The batted ball went over my head. I dashed back and made a circus catch. Everyone applauded. Next inning, as I prepared to bat, I said to my Dad—who was sitting behind home plate—"How'd you like that catch?" He said, "You should have started earlier."

PREPA should have started earlier. Everyone watching this situation—this Hearing Examiner, the Energy Bureau's consultants, the Commissioners, the bondholders, the customers, the public, FOMB, the Legislature, the Governor, P3A, AAFAF, everyone—has

to be wondering whether PREPA is capable of carrying out its statutory functions. For me, that wondering has become worrying.

Be notified and published.

Scott Hempling Hearing Examiner



## **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the Hearing Examiner, Scott Hempling, has so established on June 26, 2025. I also certify that on June 26, 2025, a copy of this Order was notified by electronic mail to mvalle@gmlex.net; arivera@gmlex.net; jmartinez@gmlex.net; javrua@sesapr.org; jgonzalez@gmlex.net; katiuska.bolanos-lugo@us.dlapiper.com; Yahaira.delarosa@us.dlapiper.com; margarita.mercado@us.dlapiper.com; andrea.chambers@us.dlapiper.com; carolyn.clarkin@us.dlapiper.com; sromero@sbgblaw.com; jennalvarez@sbgblaw.com; gcastrodad@sbgblaw.com; jfr@sbgblaw.com; regulatory@genera-pr.com; legal@genera-pr.com; hrivera@jrsp.pr.gov; contratistas@jrsp.pr.gov; victorluisgonzalez@yahoo.com; Cfl@mcvpr.com; nancy@emmanuelli.law; jrinconlopez@guidehouse.com; Josh.Llamas@fticonsulting.com; Anu.Sen@fticonsulting.com; Ellen.Smith@fticonsulting.com; Intisarul.Islam@weil.com; kara.smith@weil.com; rafael.ortiz.mendoza@gmail.com; rolando@emmanuelli.law: jan.albinolopez@us.dlapiper.com; Rachel.Albanese@us.dlapiper.com; varoon.sachdev@whitecase.com: loliver@amgprlaw.com; epo@amgprlaw.com; acasellas@amgprlaw.com; matt.barr@weil.com; Robert.berezin@weil.com; Gabriel.morgan@weil.com; corey.brady@weil.com; lramos@ramoscruzlegal.com; tlauria@whitecase.com; gkurtz@whitecase.com; ccolumbres@whitecase.com; isaac.glassman@whitecase.com; tmacwright@whitecase.com; jcunningham@whitecase.com; igreen@whitecase.com; mshepherd@whitecase.com; hburgos@cabprlaw.com; dperez@cabprlaw.com; howard.hawkins@cwt.com; mark.ellenberg@cwt.com; casey.servais@cwt.com; bill.natbony@cwt.com; thomas.curtin@cwt.com; escalera@reichardescalera.com; riverac@reichardescalera.com; erickay@quinnemanuel.com; susheelkirpalani@quinnemanuel.com; dmonserrate@msglawpr.com; rschell@msglawpr.com; fgierbolini@msglawpr.com; eric.brunstad@dechert.com; Stephen.zide@dechert.com; David.herman@dechert.com; Julia@londoneconomics.com; Brian@londoneconomics.com; luke@londoneconomics.com; juan@londoneconomics.com; mmcgill@gibsondunn.com; LShelfer@gibsondunn.com; jnieves@cstlawpr.com; arrivera@nuenergypr.com; apc@mcvpr.com. I also certify that on June 26, 2025, I have proceeded with the filing of the Order issued by the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau.

I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on June 26, 2025.

Sonia Seda Gaztambide Clerk