

**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
Scheduling Public Conference to Ask LUMA
Questions about Rate Design for Provisional
Rates

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With thanks for LUMA's rapid cooperation, I am scheduling a public conference for **Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 11am AST**. The purpose is to ask follow-up questions of LUMA's witnesses Ms. Laird and Mr. Shannon, relating to the feasibility of implementing various rate designs for the provisional rates. Below are the questions that we have presently. We may think of others in advance and during the conference.

1. Please explain in detail the features of the current billing system that make an equal percentage increase in all rates infeasible at present.
2. What are the specific changes necessary to make an equal percentage increase in all rates feasible?
3. Assuming good-faith and vigorous effort, by what date would an equal percentage increase become feasible? What incremental expenditure would be necessary? The Commissioners' options on rate design for the permanent rates (Order to issue around April-May 2026) should not be constrained by the billing system.
4. Please discuss the billing-system feasibility, for the provisional rate (and later for the permanent rate), of combining an increase in the customer charges (both residential and nonresidential) with a lower per-kWh charge.
5. Assuming that there is an equal cents/kWh charge for the provisional-rate rider amount: (a) Is it feasible to have different levels of charges for different customer categories? (b) Is it feasible for some customer categories to have a zero charge?

6. Re the residential customer charge: Your Schedule E-2 FY2026 shows, for GRS, an increase in the customer charge from \$4 (Present Rates) to **\$15** (Proposed Rates). Mr. Shannon's testimony, and the Excel document entitled LUMA-Rate Design Schedules FY2026 (7.03.25) at the Rate Summary tab, state the proposed customer charge as **\$10**. Please explain this difference.

Be notified and published.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Hempling", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott Hempling
Hearing Examiner

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the Hearing Examiner, Scott Hempling, has so established on July 23, 2025. I also certify that on July 23, 2025, a copy of this Order was notified by electronic mail to mvalle@gmlex.net; arivera@gmlex.net; jmartinez@gmlex.net; jgonzalez@gmlex.net; katiuska.bolanos-lugo@us.dlapiper.com; Yahaira.delarosa@us.dlapiper.com; margarita.mercado@us.dlapiper.com; carolyn.clarkin@us.dlapiper.com; andrea.chambers@us.dlapiper.com; sromero@sbgblaw.com; gcastro@sbgbllaw.com; jennalvarez@sbgbllaw.com; jfr@sbgbllaw.com; regulatory@genera-pr.com; legal@genera-pr.com; hriviera@jrspr.gov; contratistas@jrspr.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; jdiaz@sbgbllaw.com; javrua@sesapr.org; Brett.ingerman@us.dlapiper.com; agraitfe@agraitlawpr.com; jpouroman@outlook.com; epo@amgprlaw.com; loliver@amgprlaw.com; acasellas@amgprlaw.com; matt.barr@weil.com; Robert.berezin@weil.com; Gabriel.morgan@weil.com; corey.bradley@weil.com; lramos@ramoscruzlegal.com; tlauria@whitecase.com; gkurtz@whitecase.com; ccolumbres@whitecase.com; isaac.glassman@whitecase.com; tmacwright@whitecase.com; jcunningham@whitecase.com; mshepherd@whitecase.com; jgreen@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; susheelkirpalani@quinnemanuel.com; erickay@quinnemanuel.com; dmonserrate@msglawpr.com; fgierbolini@msglawpr.com; rschell@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; mmcgrill@gibsondunn.com; LShelfer@gibsondunn.com; jnieves@cstlawpr.com; arivera@nuenergypr.com; apc@mcvpr.com. I also certify that on July 23, 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 July 23, 2025.


Sonia Seda Gaztambide
Clerk

