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

IN RE: ACCELERATED EVALUATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS TO SECURE FEDERAL INVESTMENT TAX CREDITS (ITCs) **CASE NO.:** NEPR-MI-2025-0005

**SUBJECT:** Eligibility Criteria and Project Evaluation Procedure to Be Followed by the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority in the Procurement of Renewable Energy, with or without Storage Capacity, Qualifying for ITCs, Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order OE-2025-047 and the Deadlines Established by the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act".

## **RESOLUTION AND ORDER**

On September 22, 2025 the Governor of Puerto Rico, Hon. Jennifer A. González Colón, issued Executive Order OE-2025-047 ("Executive Order") which amended and expanded the Puerto Rico energy emergency and authorized extraordinary measures to accelerate the evaluation and approval of renewable energy and storage projects qualifying for federal investment tax credits ("ITCs") under Public Law 119-21, also known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act ("OBBA"). On September 26, 2025, the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order ("September 26 Resolution") in the captioned case, through which it provided the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") with guidelines for the implementation of the accelerated acquisition of renewable resources in accordance with Executive Order.

On October 1, 2025, PREPA informed the Energy Bureau that it had notified the proponents in compliance with the Executive Order and the September 26 Resolution. Specifically, PREPA informed the proponents of the procedure to be followed for submitting their proposals and the process for submitting questions, indicating the date by which PREPA would provide its responses. PREPA also notified the proponents of the evaluation schedule and the timeline for the expedited review process established under the Executive Order and the Energy Bureau's Resolution. According to the established deadlines, proponents must submit their questions by October 3, 2025, and PREPA must provide its responses by October 8, 2025.

The Executive Order issued by the Governor is intended to expedite the evaluation of this matter and, consistent with prior executive orders, to adopt reasonable, common-sense measures that accelerate the proceedings. In this context, the Energy Bureau deems it appropriate that both the Energy Bureau and the Financial Oversight and Management Board ("FOMB") promptly receive the questions submitted by bidders and the corresponding responses provided by PREPA, rather than at the end of the process. This will allow these entities, if warranted, to provide timely guidance or clarification to PREPA to ensure that the process remains open, competitive, and accessible to the greatest number of participants, thereby promoting a fair and efficient outcome that ultimately benefits ratepayers. It is further clarified that the purpose of obtaining the bidders' questions and PREPA's responses is not, and should not be construed as, an attempt to delay the evaluation process that PREPA is currently conducting.

In addition, this requirement is consistent with established practice: in the Tranche 1 RFP conducted by PREPA, as well as in the Tranche 2 through Tranche 4 RFPs, the questions and answers were made available to both bidders and the Energy Bureau. In fact, during these proceedings, PREPA and Accion frequently sought guidance from the Energy Bureau in responding to certain questions submitted by bidders. These exchanges do not interfere in any way with the competitive process, particularly since the exchange of information between PREPA, the FOMB, and the Energy Bureau is generally conducted under confidentiality arrangements designed to protect any sensitive information during the ongoing competitive process.

Accordingly, PREPA is **ORDERED** to provide the Energy Bureau and the FOMB, **no later than Monday, October 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**, copies of all bidder questions and PREPA's corresponding answers.

The Energy Bureau **WARNS** PREPA that failure to comply with this Resolution and Order will result in the imposition of fines under Section 6.36 of Act 57-2014.

Be it notified and published.

Lillian Mateo Santos Associate Commissioner Ferdinand A. Ramos Soegaard Associate Commissioner

Sylvia B. Ugarte Araujo Associate Commissioner

Antonio Torres Miranda Associate Commissioner

## **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the majority of the members of the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau has so agreed on October 10, 2025. Chairman Edison Avilés Deliz did not intervene. I also certify that on October 10, 2025 I proceeded with filing the Resolution and Order and a copy was notified by electronic mail to MARY.ZAPATA@prepa.pr.gov; arivera@gmlex.net.

I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on October 10, 2025.



Sonia Seda Gaztambide Clerk