

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

IN RE: ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND
RESPONSE TRANSITION PERIOD PLAN

CASE NO: NEPR-MI-2026-0002

SUBJECT: Auto-enrollment in the Customer
Battery Energy Sharing Program

RESOLUTION AND ORDER

I. Introduction and Background

On October 23, 2024, the Energy Bureau of the Puerto Rico Public Service Regulatory Board ("Energy Bureau") issued a Resolution and Order ("October 23 Resolution")¹ through which the Energy Bureau ordered LUMA to file the first Three-Year Energy Efficiency (EE) and Demand Response (DR) Plan by July 15, 2025. The Energy Bureau also extended the Transition Period Plan (TPP) by six months to December 31, 2025, and ordered LUMA prepare and file a revised TPP and proposed permanent Customer Battery Energy Sharing (CBES) program and a proposed backup emergency DR program to be implemented by June 2025, subject to monthly reporting starting on January 15, 2025.

On January 31, 2025, LUMA submitted a *Motion to Submit Permanent Customer Battery Energy Sharing Program Proposal in Compliance with Resolutions and Orders of October 23, 2024, and December 5, 2024* ("January 31 Motion")². This motion included details regarding a proposed permanent Customer Battery Energy Sharing program that would begin July 1, 2025, and run for three years.

On January 31, 2025, LUMA also submitted a *Motion to Submit Revised Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Transition Period Plan and Request for Modification of Deadlines Relating to Three-Year Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Plan* ("January 31 Motion")³. This motion included as an attachment a revised TPP intended to run through June 30, 2026. The revised TPP included the permanent CBES program.

On April 3, 2025, the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order ("April 3 Resolution")⁴ through which the Energy Bureau partially approved LUMA's CBES program proposal, specifically, the customer and aggregator-facing aspects of the program that remain unchanged from the pilot stage; and scheduled a Technical Conference for April 24, 2025 to discuss LUMA's permanent CBES program proposal, the Emergency Demand Response program (using on-site generators), LUMA's Revised Transition Period Plan, and the 2026-2028 Plan process.

The Energy Bureau held a Technical Conference on April 24, 2025. LUMA representatives presented on the agenda items set forth in the April 3 Resolution. In addition, LUMA presented proposals for partially addressing the projected summer 2025 generation shortfall through its demand response portfolio. LUMA discussed its proposal to rapidly expand the CBES program ("CBES+").

On April 30, 2025, the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order ("April 30 Order")⁵ ordering LUMA to submit its proposed quick-start DR programs for summer 2025, including the CBES program, no later than May 8, 2025.

On May 8, 2025, LUMA submitted a *Motion to Submit Proposal for Expanded Customer Battery Energy Sharing Program and Revised Technical Conference Presentation in Compliance with*

¹ *In re: Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Transition Period Plan*, Case no. NEPR=MI-2022-0001.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*



Resolution and Order of April 30, 2025 ("May 8 Motion")⁶, through which LUMA submitted as Exhibit 1 its CBES+ proposal. CBES+ would expand the CBES program to auto-enroll participants.

On May 19, 2025, three stakeholders submitted comments⁷ regarding the CBES+ proposal: Solar United Neighbors ("SUN"), the Puerto Rico Solar Energy Industries Association DBA Solar and Energy Storage Association of Puerto Rico ("SESA"), and joint comments from Sunrun, Tesla, and Sunnova (jointly "the Aggregators").

On May 20, 2025, the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order ("May 20 Resolution")⁸ conditionally approving LUMA's CBES+ proposal, and the remaining unapproved portions of the permanent CBES proposal, subject to the fulfillment of responses to a set of requirements of information on or before May 27, 2025. In addition, the Energy Bureau ordered LUMA to submit monthly status reports, on or before the 20th of the month, on the CBES+ program for the summer season (June 2025 to October 2025), commencing in July 2025.

On May 27, 2025, LUMA submitted a *Motion to Submit Responses to Requirements of Information Regarding CBES+ Proposal in Compliance with Resolution and order of May 20, 2025, and Request for Confidential Treatment*.

On May 29, 2025, the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order ("May 29 Resolution") in which it determined that LUMA had complied with the conditions of the May 20 Resolution, fully approved the CBES+ proposal, and established revised information requirements applicable to the monthly CBES+ reports. The Energy Bureau also clarified several operational and reporting requirements for the CBES program and stated that it would re-evaluate several topics raised by stakeholders later following the summer 2025 period.

On January 9, 2026, the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order⁹ in which it required LUMA to respond to several requirements of information to understand to what extent the topics the Energy Bureau identified for further consideration in the May 29 Resolution and Order still apply.

On January 23, 2026, LUMA submitted a *Motion to Submit LUMA's Responses to Requirements of Information in Compliance with Resolution and Order of January 9, 2026*.¹⁰

On March 2, 2026, LUMA filed its *Motion to Submit the Three-Year EE and DR Plan* ("March 2 Motion")¹¹, in which LUMA submitted its Three-Year Plan for Energy Efficiency and Demand Response ("TYP") covering the two-year period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028. In its TYP, LUMA proposed to continue auto-enrollment for customers through fiscal year ("FY") 2028.

On March 4, 2026, the Energy Bureau issued a Resolution and Order initiating the current proceeding for the review of the 2026-2028 TYP and establishing a procedural calendar. The Energy Bureau scheduled a technical workshop and established deadlines for stakeholders to submit comments and reply comments.

On March 26, 2026, the Energy Bureau held a virtual technical workshop. LUMA presented its TYP and answered questions from the Energy Bureau and stakeholders.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*



On April 1, 2026, the Aggregators submitted a *Joint Motion for Authorization of Additional Auto-enrollment of Batteries in the Customer Battery Energy Sharing Program for the Summer 2026 Season* (“Joint Motion”).

II. Discussion

In the Joint Motion, the Aggregators state that auto-enrollment of customers in the summer of 2025 was a proven success and assert that continuing auto-enrollment in 2026 will allow CBES to avoid or mitigate larger generation shortfalls, and thus power outages, in the upcoming summer of 2026. The Aggregators state that customer unenrollment rates have been low and that participating customers report high satisfaction with the CBES program. The Aggregators explain that auto-enrollment is a multi-step process requiring time and resources from both LUMA and the Aggregators. Therefore, to ensure the new battery capacity is enrolled and ready for use by the start of the summer season, the Aggregators request the Energy Bureau expedite the approval of the continued use of rolling auto-enrollment of customers for the remainder of 2026.

III. Conclusion

Given the success of auto-enrollment, the Energy Bureau agrees the continued auto-enrollment of customers in the CBES program is appropriate to help further build the emergency capacity available for summer 2026. Paired with the appropriate customer protections explained in the Joint Motion, including providing adequate notice to customers before auto-enrollment, allowing customers to unenroll at any time, and allowing customers to modify their backup reserve level at their discretion, the continuation of auto-enrollment presents an opportunity to increase the size of the CBES resource and thus its ability to mitigate or prevent emergency load shed events. The Energy Bureau **APPROVES** continued auto-enrollment of customers in the CBES program for the summer of 2026. The Energy Bureau will address the additional two summers covered by the TYP (the summers of 2027 and 2028) as part of its full consideration of the TYP.

Additionally, the Energy Bureau notes that the issues it identified in its May 29 Resolution and Order as meriting additional consideration after the summer 2025 season are no longer at issue and require no additional action or changes to the CBES program design. Topics like the appropriate process for un-enrollment for non-performance are not relevant to the current program since LUMA is no longer planning to implement a distributed energy resource management system (DERMS). In its response to the Energy Bureau’s January 9 Resolution and Order, LUMA explained it maintains ongoing and effective coordination with CBES aggregators and other stakeholders and that no modifications to the CBES program design have been necessary.

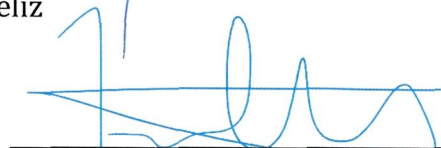
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CERTIFICATION

I certify that the majority of the members of the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau has so agreed on April 10, 2026. I also certify that on April 10, 2026 I have proceeded with the filing of the Resolution and a copy was notified by electronic mail to the
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I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on April 10, 2026.



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