

June 6, 2025

**To: Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA")**

Attention: Eng. Mary C. Zapata Acosta

Executive Director

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San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-4267

**RE: LUMA's Reply to PREPA's June 3, 2025, Letter re: Compliance with DOE Emergency Order No. 202-25-2**

Dear Executive Director Zapata:

We acknowledge receipt of PREPA's letter dated June 3, 2025, in relation with the Emergency Order No. 202-25-2 issued by the United States Department of Energy ("DOE").

We'd like to begin by clarifying that contrary to the statement in your letter, LUMA did submit a plan detailing its plan to perform vegetation clearing work on specific 230 kV and 115 kV transmission lines as ordered by the DOE. This plan was submitted to PREPA on May 23, 2025.<sup>1</sup>

As we stated in our May 23<sup>rd</sup> response, and as you are well aware, execution of that work is dependent on funding being allocated and cash being disbursed to LUMA. There are currently no FEMA obligations in place for 230 kV and 115 kV transmission lines. Except for work currently ongoing, LUMA cannot perform any additional vegetation clearing work on these lines unless funding (federal or otherwise) is made available and disbursed. This limitation is exacerbated by the energy system's ongoing financial constraints, which limit the funds that can be made available for regular operation and maintenance work.

Currently three (3) FEMA project submissions related to transmission line vegetation clearance remain pending FEMA obligation. Despite multiple prior submissions, FEMA has continued to request additional information, which we have consistently provided, including as recently re-submitted earlier today.<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, we reiterate LUMA's request for your assistance in facilitating the obligations of these projects as it is PREPA's responsibility to cooperate with LUMA as expressed under the T&D OMA, Section 6.1(a). Once obligated, LUMA will be able to request the Working Capital Advance ("WCA") and proceed with the vegetation clearance work without delay.

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<sup>1</sup> See LUMA's Reply to PREPA's Letter, Compliance with DOE Emergency Order No. 202-25-2, Transmittal # LUMA-PREP-T00957 sent by LUMA to PREPA on May 23, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> The referenced projects include: 1) DSOWs for 5 transmission line construction projects, 2) 8 Single line transmission lines and 3) 8 Single line distribution lines



LUMA appreciates your continued collaboration so we may fulfill our responsibilities effectively and in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



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