

REGULATION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND RESPONSE

On September 4, 2019 the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau proposed to enact new regulation "Regulation for Energy Efficiency and Demand Response", that takes a step forward into reducing the costs associated with energy consumption in the island. This proposed regulation establishes short, medium and long term goals that focus on creating Demand Response programs for costumers and giving them a chance to become more efficient in the use of energy, reducing their peak demand and the costs of it as well. This is proposed to be done by allowing a third party administrator to control the energy usage of the costumers. Annually, the third-party administrator will be responsible for verifying the compliance of these short term goals that will lead Puerto Rico to reach a much more ambitious goal that consists in reaching a level of 30% of energy efficiency by 2040.

The third-party administrator will be chosen by the Energy Bureau by issuing a Request for Proposal and accepting bids from qualified firms, which will be given a contract for a period of three years that can be extended to an additional three. This third-party administrator will receive compensation depending on the achievements of the goals established for the three-year term.

The proposed regulation aims to bring positive consequences not only by economically reliving costumers of the high costs of energy, but also in starting to implement ways in which we can make the energy service around the island much more reliable. The reduction in costs will not only benefit the clients, but it also is said to reduce the costs of the electric system as a whole.



The principles by which our Energy Public Policy of the Government of Puerto Rico obliges to are efficiency, quality, continuity, adaptability, impartiality, solidarity and equality. This proposed regulation plans to rebuild the energy system the island has, to make it more reliable by assuring its quality.

Should your company have any questions or interest with respect to the proposed Regulation for Energy Efficiency and Demand Response you may contact the attorneys at Vidal, Nieves & Bauzá, LLC.

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