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**FEMA**

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Mr. Manuel Laboy Rivera, Executive Director  
Central Office for Recovery, Reconstruction and Resiliency, COR3  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico  
P.O. Box 195014  
San Juan, PR 00918-5014

**SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

RE: FEMA-4671-DR-PR (Hurricane Fiona) – Direct Federal Assistance Emergency Work  
to Stabilize the Puerto Rico Power Grid by the Power System Stabilization Task Force

Dear Director Laboy Rivera,

The purpose of this letter is for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) to inform the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“the Commonwealth”) of its intentions regarding operation of the temporary electric generation combustion turbines recently commissioned at the Palo Seco and San Juan facilities owned by the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”).

At the request of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, FEMA agreed to provide Direct Federal Assistance (“DFA”) under the Public Assistance Grant Program for FEMA-4671-DR-PR (Hurricane Fiona) to stabilize the Puerto Rico electrical power grid. To accomplish this project, FEMA issued Mission Assignments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and established the Puerto Rico Power System Stabilization Task Force (PSSTF) to coordinate and integrate efforts to execute the Commonwealth’s Power System Stabilization Plan (“PSSTF Plan”).

Federal law limits the duration of emergency support FEMA provides under a major disaster declared by the President. Because this project is being performed under FEMA’s Emergency Work authority pursuant to Section 403 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b), as implemented by Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 C.F.R. § 206.208), FEMA funding and

operation of the temporary electric generation combustion turbines at PREPA's Palo Seco and San Juan sites will end on March 15, 2024. FEMA will commence internal demobilization planning meetings on October 18, 2023, which will be expanded shortly thereafter to include external participation. It is imperative that the Government of Puerto Rico, and its agents as necessary, participate fully in these external planning meetings in order to minimize disruptions to the Puerto Rico power grid following completion of FEMA support to the PSSTF Plan on March 15, 2024.

FEMA appreciates the ongoing coordination and partnership with the Government of Puerto Rico, and looks forward to continuing working with its agents, assigns, contractors, and subcontractors to maintain environmental compliance with local and Federal regulations while implementing the PSSTF Plan to stabilize the electrical grid in Puerto Rico. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact the PSSTF Lead, Pedro Leanza, at [Pedro.Leanza@FEMA.DHS.gov](mailto:Pedro.Leanza@FEMA.DHS.gov) or (202) 718-1598.

Sincerely,

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cc: [Recommend including, at a minimum, USACE, EPA, DOE, FEMA Recovery, FEMA Region 2, PSSTF Lead, and FEMA-4671-DR-PR OCC as "copy to" addressees]