## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION II

IN THE MATTER OF:

Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority,

Respondent

STATUS REPORT

DOCKET NUMBER CAA-02-2010-1235



## STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Complainant, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Complainant") through the undersigned attorney, and respectfully alleges, prays and requests as follows:

Pursuant to the January 10, 2011 Prehearing Order issued by the Chief Administrative Law Judge, Honorable Susan L. Biro, Counsel for Complainant submits the following status report in the above captioned matter.

The Complainant and the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (Respondent) (herein together the "Parties") have been actively participating in good faith negotiations, including conference calls, in order to expedite a final settlement of this matter. The Parties have presented each other with arguments and settlement proposals, which the Parties are still considering. This Motion has been filed today in order to have the Chief Administrative Law Judge, Honorable Susan L. Biro, take notice of the efforts made by the Parties in trying to reach a settlement agreement dispositive of all matters asserted in the administrative complaint.

This Motion was discussed today, January 24, 2011, with María Mercado, Esq., attorney for the Respondent, who agreed to the filing of this motion.

Respectfully submitted, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day caused to be sent the foregoing **Status Report**, dated January 24, 2011, and bearing the above-referenced docket number, in the following manner to the respective addressees below:

Original and copy by facsimile, Overnight Mail to:

Karen Maples Regional Hearing Clerk Region II U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 290 Broadway, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10007-1866 Fax (212) 637-3202.

Copy by facsimile, Certified Mail and return receipt to:

Attorney for Respondent: **María Mercado, Esq.** P.O. Box 364267 San Juan, P.R. 00936-4267 Tel: (787) 521-4195 Fax: (787) 521-4660.

Copy by facsimile, Overnight Mail to:

Chief Administrative Law Judge **Honorable Susan L. Biro** Office of Administrative Law Judges U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1099 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 350 Washington, D.C. 20005 Fax (202) 565-0044.

Date