FEMA Authorized Statements on PREPA Projects

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Guaynabo, Puerto Rico – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved nearly \$9.5 billion to the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) in September 2020, representing the largest funding allocation in the history of the federal agency's Public Assistance program under the FEMA Accelerated Awards Strategy (FAASt).

For the rebuilding of the Island's power grid, FEMA works on the basis of project submissions that must include a detailed scope of work of how the work will be done as well as a hazard mitigation proposal.

At the moment, FEMA has not received transmission and distribution projects for evaluation and the approval of construction funds. The projects submitted by the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) for generation and by LUMA for substations are broken down as follows:

- Transmission and distribution: 0
- Substations: Only 5 have a detailed scope of work.

- Generation: Only 5 have a detailed scope of work. Below is a breakdown of the five generation projects with detailed scopes of work:

Aguirre plant, units 1 and 2

- Detailed Scope of Work submittal date: March 31, 2022
- Repairs to the condenser circulating water pump motor, among other repairs.

Aguirre Power Plant Infrastructure Projects

Detailed Scope of Work submission date: March 31, 2022



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 Wastewater treatment plant improvements, rehabilitation of the reserve tanks, fuel tanks of the generating facility, replacement of the steam plant, among other repairs.

Permanent repairs to the Cambalache power plant

- Detailed scope of work submission date: March 7, 2022.
- Repairs to the wastewater pumping system, hydraulic equipment, storm water pump system, among other repairs.

Mayagüez Hydro-Gas Power Plant Permanent Repairs

- Detailed Scope of Work submission date: March 7, 2022
- This project was recently approved with a federal share of over \$16.3 million.
- Repairs include the gas generator and Fuel Tank 1, among other repairs.

San Juan Power Plant - Auxiliary Infrastructure

- Detailed Scope of Work submission date: March 31, 2022
- Repairs to auxiliary infrastructure, Nautilus water treatment system, acquisition of raw water tank for units 7 and 10.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to develop the scope and cost of the projects. The development of the scope and cost of the projects by the applicant means that the project was created. For each project, the applicant must develop a detailed scope of work with its initial design in accordance with industry codes and standards. FEMA can only consider and approve a project once the applicant has completed all of these steps.

As it has for the past four and a half years, FEMA continues to be at the complete disposal of PREPA, LUMA and the Government of Puerto Rico to provide the necessary technical support to address delays in the submission of projects by local agencies. The objective is for PREPA and LUMA to submit their projects with the complete documentation that is required and to accelerate the work related to the electric grid for the benefit of all residents and PREPA customers in Puerto Rico.



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FEMA allocates federal funds to the Government of Puerto Rico, which are managed by the Central Office for Recovery, Reconstruction and Resiliency (COR3). Disbursements to subrecipients, such as PREPA, can be found on COR3's transparency portal. Information on obligations and disbursements is updated weekly: <u>https://www.recovery.pr/</u>. Any questions regarding disbursements of funds to PREPA should be directed to COR3.

For more information on Puerto Rico's recovery from Hurricane María, please visit <u>fema.gov/es/disaster/4339</u> and <u>recuperacion.pr</u>. Follow our social media pages at Facebook.com/FEMAPuertoRico, Facebook.com/COR3pr and Twitter @COR3pr



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