

2022-P00013

**GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

-----APPEAR-----

AS FIRST PARTY: The Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA), a public corporation and government instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, created by Act 83 of May 2, 1941, as amended (Act 83), represented in this act by its Interim Executive Director, Efran Paredes Maisonet, of legal age, married, and resident of Bayamón, Puerto Rico. -----

AS SECOND PARTY: Armstrong Teasdale, LLP., hereinafter referred to as "Consultant", a Professional Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, represented in this act by Rafael X. Zahraiddin-Aravena, of legal age, married, lawyer, and resident of the State of Delaware, USA, by virtue of the authority given by the Consultant's Partnership Agreement to its Managing Partner through a Managing Partner Resolution dated July 6, 2021.-----

Both PREPA and Consultant are herein individually referred to as a Party and collectively referred to as the Parties. -----

-----WITNESSETH-----

WHEREAS, PREPA, by virtue of Act 83 has the authority to engage those professional, technical and consulting services necessary and convenient to the activities, programs and operations of PREPA; -----

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this Contract, hereinafter stated, the Parties agree themselves, their personal representatives, and successors to enter into this Contract under the following:

-----TERMS AND CONDITIONS-----

Article 1. Scope of Services

1.1 In accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, Consultant shall provide to PREPA legal representation in connection with claims by or against PREPA in bankruptcy cases in the United States (Services), as requested by PREPA. -----

1.2 PREPA will provide Consultant all necessary information to perform the Services and will ensure that the required information is made available to Consultant in a timely manner. -----

1.3 At the direction of PREPA, the Consultant may be required to work with other consulting, legal, investment, or other type of firms. The Parties agree to discuss such assignment in advance, so that all the Parties have a clear understanding as to their responsibilities. The Consultant is not responsible for worked performed by others. -----

Article 2. Services Coordination

All the Services of Consultant in relation to the terms and conditions of this Contract will be coordinated through PREPA's General Counsel or the person delegated by her. -----

Article 3. Contract Assignment or Subcontract

The Consultant, except as provided in Article 9. Transfer of Funds, shall not assign nor subcontract its rights and obligations under this Contract, except in the event PREPA gives written authorization for such actions. Provided, that no subcontract shall be considered for PREPA's approval, except when the following requirements are met: (1) the Consultant delivers to PREPA a copy of the subcontract, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the proposed subcontract; (2) the subcontract includes, as a condition for its legal validity and enforceability, a provision whereby PREPA has the right to substitute, subrogate or assume Consultants' rights under the subcontract, in the event that PREPA declares the Consultant in breach or default of any of the Contract terms and conditions; and (3) the subcontract includes, as a condition for its validity and enforceability, a provision establishing for the subcontractor the obligation to comply with all Consultants' obligations under the Contract (*mirror image clause*), except for such obligations, terms and conditions exclusively related with works or services not included under the subcontract. A request to subcontract shall specify the issues or matters that will be referred to the subcontractor. These services shall be paid as part of the Contract Amount, as stated in Article 6, Payment. -----

Article 4. Contract Term

This Contract shall be in effect from the date of its execution until December 31, 2021 (The Contract Period). The Contract may be extended, for an additional annual fiscal period, at the exclusive option of PREPA and subject to the availability of funds, and the

performance of the Consultant only by written amendment agreed upon by both Parties. Consultant and PREPA agree to allow for a withdrawal by Consultant under Delaware Lawyers Rule of Professional Conduct 1.16 and applicable Delaware law including but not limited to PREPA substantially failing to fulfill an obligation to Consultant regarding the Consultant's services and is given reasonable warning that the lawyer will withdraw unless the obligation is fulfilled and will not contest such withdrawal.

Article 5. Contract Termination

5.1 PREPA shall have the right to terminate this Contract, at any time, with thirty (30) days prior written notice by registered mail, return receipt requested, or overnight express mail to the Consultant. If notice is given, the Contract shall terminate upon the expiration of the thirty (30) days and PREPA shall be obligated to pay all fees and expenses incurred up to the day of effective termination, in accordance with the terms of this Contract. The rights, duties and responsibilities of the Parties shall continue in full force and effect during the thirty (30) day notice period. The Consultant shall have no further right to compensation except for what has been accrued for services rendered and expenses incurred under the Contract until said date of effective termination. -----

5.2 PREPA shall have the right to terminate this Contract immediately in the event of negligence, dereliction of duties or noncompliance by the Consultant, without prior written notice. We reserve the right to withdraw from our representation of you as required or permitted by, and in accordance with, applicable rules of professional

conduct, including but not limited to Delaware Lawyers Rule of Professional Conduct 1.16. If we terminate the engagement, we will take such steps as are reasonably practicable to protect your interests in the matter or matters we may be handling for you, and you agree to take all steps necessary to free us of any obligation to perform further, including the execution of any documents necessary to perfect our withdrawal. We will be entitled to be paid for all services rendered and costs or expenses incurred on your behalf through the date of withdrawal. If permission for withdrawal is required by a court or arbitration panel, we will promptly request such permission, and you agree not to oppose our request.-----

5.3 The Parties acknowledge that PREPA is undergoing a transformation process, and therefore, both Parties agree that after the front-end transition period of a Partnership Contract, Sale Contract, or any other PREPA Transaction (as these terms are defined in Act 120-2018), PREPA may sell, assign, convey, transfer, pledge, mortgage, sublease, delegate, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose (each, a “Transfer”) any of its rights, title, or interest in this Contract as permitted by applicable law and at any time, without Consultant’s consent,¹ and without cost, expense, or incremental liability to PREPA, to any future operator of Puerto Rico’s electric power transmission and distribution system or any of its affiliates, or to any

¹ If you affiliate with, acquire, are acquired by, or merge with another company, you agree to provide us with sufficient notice to permit us to withdraw as your lawyer if we determine that such affiliation, acquisition, or merger creates a conflict of interest between any of our clients and the other party to such affiliation, acquisition, or merger, or if we determine that it is not in the best interests of the firm to represent the new entity

governmental agency, body, public corporation or municipality of Puerto Rico; provided, that PREPA shall notify Consultant no later than thirty (30) days before the effective date of any such Transfer.-----

The Consultant acknowledges that all his responsibilities and obligations under the Contract, such as work to be performed and services to be provided, etc., will continue in full force and effect until the expiration of the thirty (30) day period. -----

Article 6. Payment

6.1 In accordance with the terms and conditions contained herein, PREPA agrees and Consultant accepts that the total amount to be paid under the Contract shall not exceed a cumulative amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), including reimbursable expenses (“Contract Amount”). All payments to be made under this Contract will be charged to account 01-4019-92311-556-615. PREPA will only pay for Services already rendered before the date of the invoice’s submittal . PREPA will not be required to make advance payments for any future service to be rendered by Consultant under the Contract. -----

6.2 Nothing herein shall preclude the Parties from agreeing to increase said amount in writing and signed by both Parties. -----

6.3 PREPA will pay for the Services rendered by Consultant according to the following hourly rates: -----

Armstrong Teasdale, LLP Rates	
Rafael X. Zahraiddin-Aravena, Esq.	\$775.00 per hour
Shelley A. Kinsella, Esq.	\$575.00 per hour
Eric M. Suttly, Esq.	\$575.00 per hour
Jonathan M. Stemerman, Esq.	\$500.00 per hour
Isaac Daniel Stevens Munoz	\$375.00 per hour
Maryann Millis	\$275.00 per hour
Brandi Vogt	\$275.00 per hour

6.4 Should the Consultant assign another person to attend to PREPA’s matters pursuant to this Contract, the Consultant shall promptly send PREPA an amended schedule to include such person’s name, position and rate, as well as request approval from PREPA. -----

6.5 The Consultant shall immediately notify PREPA when the billing under the Contract amounts to seventy-five percent (75%) of the Contract Amount. Once this notification has been issued, the Consultant, in coordination with PREPA, will ensure that no services will be rendered in excess of the Contract Amount, except that a written amendment is agreed upon by both Parties. In addition, the Consultant shall present an itemized list of the remaining billable Services under the Contract. -----

Article 7. Fees, Expenses and Disbursements

7.1 PREPA should not be billed for (a) time spent in processing conflict searches, preparing billing statements, or in responding to PREPA inquiries concerning Consultant’s invoices; or (b) travel time during which Consultant is billing another client for work performed while traveling. Moreover, PREPA requires that only

professional services be billed. Accordingly, PREPA should not be billed for the administrative tasks of creating, organizing, reviewing and/or updating files; routine or periodic status reports; receiving, reviewing, and/or distributing mail; faxing or copying documents; checking electronic mail or converting information to disk. ----

7.2 PREPA will reimburse the Consultant for actual costs and expenses related to matters assigned to Consultant and for necessary and reasonable out-of-pocket disbursements, subject to the limitations and exceptions set forth below. According to the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract, the Consultant is expected to have in place a system that ensures the prompt and accurate issuance and delivery of billings for expenses, disbursements and billable time to PREPA. ---

7.3 PREPA will not reimburse Consultant for: costs included in a miscellaneous' or 'other' category of charges; overhead costs and expenses-such as those relating to fees for time or overtime expended by support staff (secretaries, administrative/clerical personnel, internal messengers, and other similar services), word processing and/or proofreading, cost of supplies or equipment, and/or other similar costs of doing business; time spent attending education seminars or training programs; or mark-ups or surcharges on any cost or expense. In addition, if communications are sent to PREPA using more than one method, PREPA shall not be expected to pay for the costs attributable to several notifications of the same communication. For instance, if a piece of correspondence is sent to PREPA by email, we do not expect to pay for the cost of that same correspondence if it is also

sent via regular or expedited mail. In those situations, Consultant shall verify and ensure that the costs of any given communication sent via more than one method is not being duplicated in any billing delivered to PREPA. -----

7.4 PREPA will reimburse Consultant for separately itemized expenses and disbursements in the following categories: -----

7.4.1 Messenger/courier service – PREPA will reimburse actual charges billed to Consultant for deliveries (including overnight deliveries) where this level of service is required because of time constraints imposed by PREPA or because of the need for reliability given the nature of the items being transported. Appropriate summaries of messenger/courier expenses must reflect the date and cost of the service and the identity of the sender and the recipient or the points of transportation. -----

7.4.2 Travel – PREPA will reimburse actual charges for transportation and hotels reasonable and necessary for effective services to PREPA. PREPA will not pay for any first-class or business-class travel. Summaries of transportation expenses should reflect the identity of the user, the date and amount of each specific cost, and the points of travel. Summaries of lodging and meals expenses should include the identity of the person making the expenditure, the date and amount, and the nature of the expenditure. -----

Travel expenses reimbursement applies for personnel providing the services to PREPA, travel expenses for family members or guests are not chargeable to PREPA or reimbursable. -----

7.4.3 Air Travel - The cost of air travel will be reimbursed up to an amount of \$500 per person per flight (including: seat assignment, applicable taxes, and other applicable fees). The Consultant shall submit a copy of the airline ticket and paid invoice. Airfare may only be invoiced following completion of travel. -----

Airfare necessary to attend PREPA's official business will be paid by PREPA according to these guidelines. The Consultant shall buy an economic class ticket or equivalent, then if desired, he/she may upgrade, but PREPA will only pay the amount corresponding to the economy class or equivalent airfare. Baggage fees will not be reimbursed. -----

Travel and lodging expenses for services undertaken outside the continental United States shall be authorized in writing and in advance by PREPA. -----

7.4.4 Maximum Per Diem Rates (no proof of payment will be required): -----

Meals: - \$57 per person for each traveling day. -----

Lodging (standard not smoking room): \$200 per person, per night not including government fees and taxes. The Consultant will use the most economical alternative of lodging, including temporary rentals of apartments or rooms (Airbnb like rentals). For travel period longer than five days,

temporary rentals shall be coordinated when this temporary rental is less expensive than hotel accommodation, and evidence of said temporary rental shall be provided. -----

Ground Transportation: - \$20 per person, per working day. If a car is rented for the services to be provided, a fixed amount of \$25 per day will be reimbursed for rental expenses, upon presentation of evidence of the car rental (no proof of payment will be required). -----

7.4.5 Reimbursable expenses shall not exceed six percent (6%) of the Contract Amount in one year and will be reimbursed by PREPA through the presentation of acceptable evidence for such expenses. -----

7.4.6 Photocopying/printing – PREPA will reimburse actual charges for outside binding, and printing services and costs of outside photocopying services, which are not to exceed the actual five (5) cents per page for black and white copies, and twenty-five (25) cents per page for color copies. Summaries of expenditures for copying should reflect both the number of copies made and the cost per copy. -----

7.4.7 Third-Party Services – The approval of PREPA must be obtained in writing prior to retaining any third-party services. The Consultant shall be responsible for ensuring that there are no conflicts of interest between any third party and PREPA or between any third-party clients and PREPA. In addition, all arrangements with third-party vendors should include an

appropriate undertaking of confidentiality and data privacy. Invoices from third-party vendors should be paid directly by Consultant, incorporated into its invoice to PREPA and should include appropriate detail. Copies of third-party invoices may be requested by PREPA and should be retained in accordance with PREPA's guidelines. -----

7.4.8 PREPA reserves the right to question the charges on any bill (even after payment) and to obtain a discount or refund of those charges that are disputed. At PREPA's request, copies of bills and records reflecting reimbursable expenses must be provided to PREPA. -----

Article 8. Invoices

8.1 Consultant shall submit its invoices on a monthly basis for the work already performed during the preceding month. Each invoice shall include: invoice number, a brief description of the project or task to which the services relate, a full chronological description of the services performed during the statement period, the name of the professional who performed such services, the applicable hourly rates and the number of hours spent (by date) for each professional, reasonable detail of the reimbursable expenses and disbursements made on behalf of PREPA during the invoice period, fees, disbursements and total charges during the statement period, fiscal year-to-date and since the commencement of the matter and name of PREPA's official that requested the services. If reimbursement for third party services is to be made, a copy of the relevant third party invoice must be

attached. The Consultant shall allocate any invoiced fees between: (i) activities undertaken outside of Puerto Rico; and (ii) those relating to activities undertaken within Puerto Rico. -----

8.2 PREPA will review the invoices upon receipt, and if they are in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Contract, it will proceed with its payment. Payment is due sixty (60) days of receipt of the invoice with all the evidence needed, and in compliance with all payment and invoice requirements set forth in this Contract. PREPA reserves the right to conduct the audits it deems necessary, and it will not be subject to finance charges regarding invoice payments subject to an audit. -----

8.3 All invoices submitted by Consultant shall include the following Certification in order to proceed with its payment: -----

No Interest Certification:

"We certify under penalty of nullity that no public servant of PREPA will derive or obtain any benefit or profit of any kind from the contractual relationship which is the basis of this invoice. If such benefit or profit exists, the required waiver has been obtained prior to entering into the Contract. The only consideration to be received in exchange for the performance of the Services provided is the agreed-upon price that has been negotiated with an authorized representative of the PREPA. The total amount shown on this invoice is true and correct. The Services have been rendered, and no payment has been received".

Consultant's Signature

This is an essential requirement and those invoices without this Certification will not be processed for payment. In order to comply with the certification requirements set forth above, Consultant shall require that subcontractors, if any

approved by PREPA, providing Services also make the certification set forth above in any invoices submitted in connection with the Services. -----

Article 9. Transfer of Funds

9.1 If Consultant decides to assign or transfer an amount, due or payable, to which he is entitled for services rendered or goods provided during the term of this Contract, Consultant shall notify PREPA of such transfer of funds, in accordance to the provisions of Act 21-2012. Said notice shall clearly indicate the rights granted, including a copy of the contract under which the assignment or transfer of funds is made, the exact amount of funds to be assigned or transferred, and specific identification information regarding the assignee (full name of the person or company), address and any other contact information. -----

9.2 Consultant acknowledges and agrees that PREPA may deduct any amount, due or payable under this Contract, that Consultant owes; PREPA may retain any said amount if Consultant fails to fulfill its obligations and responsibilities under this Contract, or a claim arises for warranty or defects regarding the services rendered or goods provided under this Contract. Consultant also acknowledges and agrees that PREPA's payment obligation under any assignment of funds will cease upon payment of the outstanding amounts under this Contract. PREPA shall not be required to make payments or transfer any funds for an amount that exceeds the payment to which Consultant is entitled to under this Contract. -----

9.3 Consultant shall include with its notice of assignment of funds a cashier's check or money order for two hundred dollars (\$200), payable to "Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority", to cover administrative costs in processing such assignment. ----

Article 10. Information and Material Facts

10.1 PREPA shall promptly provide to Consultant all information under the control of PREPA and necessary for Consultant to perform the Services under this Contract and those material facts that Consultant may reasonably require in order to provide its Services to PREPA. PREPA will ensure, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the documents, data, and other information and material facts provided to Consultant, which are under its control, are true and complete, and does not constitute misleading or inaccurate information and Consultant shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy and completeness of the documents, data, and other information and material facts. -----

10.2 PREPA will advise Consultant, in writing, of any developments of which PREPA becomes aware, and which PREPA considers may have a material effect with respect to the information and/or facts provided to Consultant. -----

Article 11. Information Disclosure and Confidentiality

11.1 The Parties shall take all reasonable steps to keep confidential and use only for the purposes contemplated by the terms of the Contract the information provided by PREPA and/or Consultant, and take all reasonable steps to ensure that such

information is not disclosed or distributed by its employees or agents in violation of the terms of this Contract. -----

11.2 The Parties also agree that, except as agreed to in writing by both Parties, and subject to section 11.6 of this Contract, they will not, at any time after termination of this Contract, disclose any confidential information to any person whatsoever, or permit any person whatsoever to examine and/or make copies of any reports prepared by Consultant or under its control by reason of its consulting services, and that upon termination of this Contract each Party will turn over to the other all documents, papers, and other matters in its possession or under its control that relate to the other Party. Consultant may retain one file copy for its records. -----

11.3 The term “confidential information” shall include, but not be limited to, all information provided to Consultant by PREPA or at PREPA’s direction regarding its facilities or operations and any and all information gathered or developed by Consultant regarding the same. The Parties further agree that proprietary records and documents related to Consultant’s business operations are confidential to Consultant and will not be disclosed to PREPA or other Parties, except as ordered by the court. The Parties agree that PREPA will resist any attempt by opposing counsel or other Parties to obtain Consultant’s proprietary information. The term “confidential information”, however, will not include information that: -----

- (i) is or becomes public other than through a breach of this Contract;
- (ii) is known to the receiving Party prior to the date of this Contract and with respect to which the receiving Party does not have any obligation of confidentiality; or
- (iii) is independently developed by the receiving Party without use of, or reference to, confidential information.

11.4 The Parties acknowledge that disclosure of any confidential information by either Party will give rise to irreparable harm to the injured Party inadequately compensable in damages. Accordingly, either Party may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies, which may be available, including but not limited to any applicable rules of professional responsibility. ----

11.5 If this Contract terminates for any reason, Consultant shall maintain in strictest confidence both; during the term of this Contract and subsequent to termination of this Contract, and shall not during the term of this Contract or thereafter disclose or divulge to any person, firm, or corporation, or use directly or indirectly, for its own benefit or the benefit of others, any information which in good faith and good conscience ought to be treated as confidential information including, without limitation, information relating to PREPA's operations or trade secrets relating to the business or affairs of PREPA which Consultant may acquire or develop in connection with or as a result of the performance of the Services

hereunder. In the event of an actual or threatened breach by Consultant of the provisions of this paragraph, PREPA shall be entitled to injunctive relief for such breach. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting PREPA from pursuing any other legal remedies available, including the recovery of damages from Consultant. -----

11.6 The above provisions do not apply with respect to information, which Consultant is requested to disclose under applicable law and regulations, court order, subpoena or governmental directives, in which case Consultant shall provide PREPA prompt notice of such request in order to procure for PREPA a reasonable opportunity to oppose such disclosure. Consultant agrees to expeditiously notify and submit to PREPA a copy of any court order or subpoena and to the extent possible provide any assistance to PREPA (in the form of documents) regarding the submission of such information. -----

11.7 With respect to this Contract and any information supplied in connection with this Contract and designated by the disclosing Party as confidential, the recipient agrees to: (i) protect the confidential information in a reasonable and appropriate manner and in accordance with applicable professional standards; (ii) use confidential information only to perform its obligations under this Contract; and (iii) reproduce confidential information only as required to perform its obligations under this Contract.-----

Article 12. Rights and Titles

- 12.1 The Consultant will submit any reports reasonably required by PREPA regarding the Services performed under this Contract. If required by PREPA, at the completion of any assigned task, the Consultant will submit a final written report describing the work it has performed. This requirement shall not be interpreted as a waiver by PREPA of Consultant’s ethical obligation and responsibility of keeping PREPA informed of the progress of the assigned matters. -----
- 12.2 All rights, titles and interest in any reports, documents, analyses, investigations and any other by-product conceived or developed by the Consultant exclusively for PREPA as a result of performing its obligations under this Contract shall be the exclusive property of PREPA. The Consultant shall retain all right, title, and interest in and to proprietary works of authorship, pre-existing or otherwise, that have not been created specifically for PREPA under this Contract. With the exception of items marked as “CONFIDENTIAL” by the Consultant, PREPA shall retain the right to use, refer, share, or provide to any third party, as PREPA may determine, the results of any reports, documents, analyses, investigations or any other by-product of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract. -----

Article 13. Copyright

Consultant and PREPA shall jointly defend any suit or action brought against either party based solely on a claim that any document, report, study, analysis, copyrighted

composition, article or any by-product of those, either used in the performance of the Services by Consultant or provided to PREPA by Consultant as part of its Services and used in the performance of this Contract, including their use by PREPA, constitutes an infringement of any patents or copyrights of the United States. The Party of this Contract subject to the claim or that becomes aware of a potential claim shall promptly notify in writing the other Party of this Contract, and give the authority, information, and assistance reasonable and necessary for the defense of such claim. -----

Article 14. Warranty

14.1 Consultant warrants that it shall perform the Services in accordance with the applicable standards of care and diligence at the time of performance of the Services, and which are normally practiced and recognized in performing services of a similar nature (the "Standard"). Should any of the Services provided by Consultant not fulfill the above established Standard, Consultant shall take all necessary corrective measures to rectify such deficient Services, at its own and exclusive cost, whenever such course of action is possible or desirable. The rectification of deficient Services by Consultant shall not be understood as a waiver by PREPA to any other remedy it may have under this Contract or under the law or equity for any damages that Consultant's may have caused to it by rendering such deficient Services. -----

14.2 No other warranty, express or implied, is made or intended by this Contract, by furnishing oral or written reports of findings made, or by any other act of

Consultant. -----

Article 15. Responsibility for Damages

The appearing Parties agree that their responsibilities for damages under this Contract will be governed by the Puerto Rico Civil Code and its case law, as dictated by the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico. -----

Article 16. Liability

16.1 Matters relating to the organization and structure of the Consultant and individual liability of its partners are governed by the law of the State of Delaware, where Consultant is organized. To the extent appropriate, the Delaware Rules of Professional Conduct shall also be applied. -----

16.2 To the fullest extent permitted by law, neither party nor its subsidiaries or affiliates shall be liable to the other party or its clients, customers, agents, contractors or subcontractors, or their shareholders, officers, directors, employees, affiliates and subsidiaries for any loss of profit or revenue, loss of use, loss of opportunity, loss of goodwill, cost of capital, or any special, indirect, consequential, incidental, exemplary, or punitive damages arising out of or in connection with this Contract. In no event will the liability of either party, or their shareholders, officers, directors, employees, affiliates and subsidiaries, exceed the amount of fees paid or payable under this Contract. The Parties hereby agree and recognize that the responsibility for claims arising out of any third party claim made by any person for bodily injuries, including death, or for property damage, to the extent directly

caused by the Consultant by the negligent act or omission, in the performance or nonperformance of its obligations under the Contract shall be governed by the provisions of Article 26. Save and Hold Harmless. -----

16.3 Each Party agrees to release, indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the other from and against any and all claims, damages, injuries, losses, expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees and legal costs) and other liabilities of any kind, up to an amount not exceeding the fees to be paid to Consultant in this engagement, and arising in any manner out of gross negligence or willful misconduct, related to this Contract or the performance, non-performance of the Services, to the extent that such claims, damages, injuries, losses, expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees and legal costs) and other liabilities are in excess of or outside the scope of the limitations or exclusions of liability to which each Party is entitled under this Contract.-----

16.4 Consultant acknowledges that it is liable for damages caused by its negligent acts or omissions and that it carries sufficient professional liability insurance. -----

16.5 Consultant shall make, use, provide, and take all proper, reasonably necessary and sufficient precautions, safeguards, and protection against the occurrence or happenings of injuries, death and/or damages to any person or property during the progress of the work.-----

Article 17. Independent Contractor

- 17.1 Consultant shall be considered as an independent contractor, for all material purposes under this Contract, and all persons engaged or contracted by Consultant for the performance of its obligations herein, shall be considered as its employees or agents, and not as employees or agents of PREPA. -----
- 17.2 As an independent contractor, Consultant shall not be entitled to any fringe benefits, such as, but not limited to vacation, sick leave, and to which PREPA's employees are entitled. -----

Article 18. Employees not to Benefit

No officer, employee or agent of PREPA, nor of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or its Municipal Governments shall be admitted to any share or part of this Contract or to any benefit that may arise therefrom. -----

Article 19. Conflict of Interest

- 19.1 Consultant certifies that none of its representatives under this Contract receive payment or compensation of any nature, for the services regularly rendered through an appointment in another government agency, body, public corporation or municipality of Puerto Rico. Consultant also certifies that it may have other consulting services contracts with other governmental agencies or bodies, but such condition does not constitute a conflict of interest for Consultant. -----
- 19.2 Consultant acknowledges that in executing its services pursuant to this Contract it has a duty of complete loyalty towards PREPA which includes not having

conflict of interest. "Conflict of Interest" means representing clients who have or may have interests that are contrary to PREPA, but does not include rendering services that are unrelated to the services covered in this Contract. Also, Consultant shall have the continuous obligation to disclose to PREPA all information and circumstances of its relations with clients and third persons that would result in a conflict of interest which would influence the Consultant when performing its responsibilities under this Contract.

19.3 The Parties understand and agree that any conduct defined in the Rules of Professional Conduct regarding conflict of interests shall apply to Consultant and its personnel. The Parties understand and agree that a potential conflict of interest exists when Consultant must advocate a position or outcome on behalf of any existing or future client that is contrary to PREPA's interests and will alert PREPA to any conflict pursuant to obligations under the Rules of Professional Conduct. -----

19.4 In the event that any of the partners, directors, agents or employees of Consultant engaged in providing services under this Contract should incur in the conduct described herein, said conduct shall constitute a violation of the prohibitions provided herein. -----

19.5 Consultant's partners, directors, agents or employees and personnel shall avoid even the appearance of the existence of conflicting interests. -----

19.6 Consultant acknowledges that PREPA's Chief Executive Officer shall have the power to intervene with the acts of Consultant and/or its agents, employees, and subcontractors regarding the enforcement of the prohibitions contained herein. In the event that the existence of adverse interests is discovered, the PREPA's Chief Executive Officer shall inform Consultant in writing of PREPA's intention to terminate this Contract within a thirty (30) day period. During said period, Consultant may request a hearing with PREPA's Chief Executive Officer to present its arguments regarding the alleged conflict of interests. In the event that Consultant does not request such hearing during the specified thirty (30) day period or the controversy is not satisfactory settled during the hearing, this Contract shall be canceled. -----

19.7 The Consultant certifies that, at the time of the execution of this Contract, it does not have nor does it represents anyone who has Conflict of Interests with PREPA. If such Conflict of Interest arises after the execution of the Contract, the Consultant shall notify PREPA immediately. -----

Article 20. Notices

All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when delivered personally or sent by telecopy, or postage prepaid, by registered, certified or express mail (return receipt requested) or reputable overnight courier service and shall be deemed given when so delivered by hand, or telecopied, or if mailed, three

days after mailing (one business day in the case of express mail or overnight courier service) to the Parties to the following addresses:-----

To PREPA: Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority
PO Box 364267
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-4267

Attention: Efran Paredes Maisonet
Interim Executive Director

To Consultant: Armstrong Teasdale, LLP
300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 210
Wilmington, DE 19801

Attention: Armstrong Teasdale, LLP
c/o Rafael X. Zahraiddin-Aravena, Esq.

Article 21. Applicable Law and Venue

This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and any federal law and/or regulation if applicable. To the extent appropriate, the Delaware Rules of Professional Conduct shall be applied. Also, the Parties expressly agree that only the state courts of Puerto Rico will be the courts of competent and exclusive jurisdiction to decide over the judicial controversies that the appearing Parties may have among them regarding the terms and conditions of this Contract. -----

Article 22. Change in Law

During the term of this Contract, any change in law, including, but not limited to changes in applicable tax law, which cause an increase in Consultant's costs when providing the

services, shall be Consultant's responsibility and PREPA shall not be obligated to increase the Contract Amount. -----

Article 23. Force Majeure

23.1 The Parties shall be excused from performing their respective responsibilities and obligations under this Contract and shall not be liable in damages or otherwise, if and only to the extent that they are unable to perform or are prevented from performing by a force majeure event. -----

23.2 For purposes of this Contract, force majeure means any cause without the fault or negligence, and beyond the reasonable control of, the Party claiming the occurrence of a force majeure event. -----

23.3 Force majeure may include, but not be limited to, the following: Acts of God, industrial disturbances, acts of the public enemy, war, blockages, boycotts, riots, insurrections, epidemics, earthquakes, storms, floods, civil disturbances, lockouts, fires, explosions, interruptions of services due to the acts or failure to act of any governmental authority; provided that these events, or any other claimed as a force majeure event, and/or its effects, are beyond the reasonable control and without the fault or negligence of the Party claiming the force majeure event, and that such Party, within ten (10) days after the occurrence of the alleged force majeure, gives the other Party written notice describing the particulars of the occurrence and its estimated duration. The burden of proof as

to whether a force majeure event has occurred shall be on the Party claiming the force majeure. -----

Article 24. Novation

24.1 The Parties expressly agree that no amendment or change order, which could be made to the Contract during its term, shall be understood as a contractual novation, unless both Parties agree to the contrary, specifically and in writing. ----

24.2 The previous provision shall be equally applicable in such other cases where PREPA gives Consultant a time extension for the compliance of any of its obligations under this Contract, or where PREPA dispenses the claim or demand of any of its credits or rights under the Contract. -----

Article 25. Severability

If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any of the Contract provisions as null and void or invalid, such holding will not affect the validity and effectiveness of the remaining provisions of this Contract and the Parties agree to comply with their respective obligations under such provisions not included in the judicial declaration. -----

Article 26. Save and Hold Harmless

The Consultant agrees to save and hold harmless and to indemnify PREPA for all expenses and costs of any nature (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by PREPA arising out of any third party claim made by any person for bodily injuries, including death, or for property damage, to the extent directly caused by the Consultant by the negligent act or omission, in the performance or nonperformance of its

obligations under the Contract, but not to the point directly caused by negligence or tort of PREPA or a third party, which is not an employee or subcontractor of the Consultant.- With respect to any indemnity set forth in this Contract, each indemnitee shall give prompt notice of its receipt of any threat, indication or other notice of any claim, investigation or demand that might give rise to any losses required to be indemnified hereunder and shall reasonably cooperate in the defense of such claim. The indemnifying party shall have the right to conduct defense of such action at its sole expense. -----

Article 27. Insurance

The Consultant shall secure and maintain at its sole expense, in full force and effect during the life of this Contract as provided herein, policies of insurance covering all operations engaged in by the Consultant, as follows: -----

-Professional Liability Insurance

The Consultant shall provide a Professional Liability Insurance with limits of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate. -----

All required policies of insurance shall be in a form acceptable to PREPA and the Consultant shall furnish a certificate of insurance in original signed by an authorized representative of the insurer , describing the coverage afforded.

Article 28. Compliance with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Contracting Requirements

The Consultant will comply with all applicable State Law, Regulations and Executive Orders that regulate the contracting process and establish the requirements for governmental contracting in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Also the Consultant shall provide, before the execution of this Contract, the following:

- A. Copy of its Articles of Incorporation or creation.
- B. Certificate of Existence, issued by the country in which it is incorporated or created.
- C. A sworn statement in which the Consultant will establish and certify:
 - (i) Consultant's tax identification number,
 - (ii) The country in which the Consultant is incorporated or created,
 - (iii) That the Consultant does not have any tax responsibility in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,
 - (iv) That the compliance with the terms and conditions of this Contract does not make the Consultant an entity doing business in Puerto Rico,
 - (v) That the Consultant does not have a local office in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- D. Puerto Rico Child Support Administration (*ASUME*): The Consultant shall present, to the satisfaction of PREPA, the necessary documentation certifying that the Consultant nor any of its owners, affiliates or subsidiaries, if applicable, have any debt, outstanding debt, or legal procedures to collect child support payments that may be registered with the Puerto Rico Child Support Administration (known in Spanish as the *Administración Para El Sustento de Menores (ASUME)*). -----

- E. Special Contribution for Professional and Consulting Services: As required by Act 48-2013, as amended, PREPA will withhold a special contribution of one point five percent (1.5%) of the gross amounts paid under this Contract.-----
- F. Social Security and Income Tax Retentions: In compliance with Executive Order 1991 OE- 24; and C.F.R. Part 404 et. Seq., the Consultant will be responsible for rendering and paying the Federal Social Security and Income Tax Contributions for any amount owed as a result of the income, from this Contract. -----
- G. Income Tax Retention Law: PREPA shall deduct and withhold ten percent (10%) of any and all payments to residents of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as required by the Internal Revenue Code of Puerto Rico. In case of US citizens and Non-US citizens, which are nonresidents of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico PREPA shall deduct and withhold twenty percent (20%) and twenty-nine percent (29%) respectively. PREPA will remit such withholdings to the Government of Puerto Rico's Treasury Department (known in Spanish as *Departamento de Hacienda de Puerto Rico*). The Consultant will request PREPA not to make such withholdings if, to the satisfaction of PREPA, the Consultant timely provides a release from such obligation by the Government of Puerto Rico's Treasury Department. 3 L.P.R.A. § 8611 et seq., 2011 L.P.R. 232; 232-2011. -----
- H. Compliance with Act No. 1 of Governmental Ethics: The Consultant will certify compliance with Act 1 of January 3, 2012, as amended, known as the Ethics Act of the Government of Puerto Rico, which stipulates that no employee or executive of

PREPA nor any member of his/he immediate family (spouse, dependent children or other members of his/her household or any individual whose financial affairs are under the control of the employee) shall have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the services to be rendered under this Contract, except as may be expressly authorized by the Governor of Puerto Rico in consultation with the Secretary of Treasury and the Secretary of Justice of the Government.³ L.P.R.A. § 8611 et seq.:-

- I. Act 127-2004: Contract Registration in the Comptroller's Office of Puerto Rico Act: Payment for services object of this Contract will not be made until this Contract is properly registered in the Office of the Comptroller of the Government of Puerto Rico pursuant to Act 18 of October 30, 1975, as amended. -----
- J. Prohibition with respect to execution by public officers: 3 L.P.R.A. §8615(c): No public officer or employee authorized to contract on behalf of the executive agency for which he/she works may execute a contract between the agency for which he/she works and an entity or business in which he/she or any member of his/her family unit has or has had direct or indirect economic interest during the last four (4) years prior to his/her holding office.-----
- K. Prohibition with respect to contracting with officers or employees: 3 §L.P.R.A. 8615(d): No executive agency may execute a contract in which any of its officers or employees or any member of their family units has or has had direct or indirect economic interest during the last four (4) years prior to their holding office, unless

the Governor gives authorization thereto with the previous recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Justice.-----

L. Prohibition with respect to contracts with officers and employees of other Government entities: 3 L.P.R.A. §8615(e): No public officer or employee may be a party to or have any interest in any profits or benefits produced by a contract with any other executive agency or government dependency unless the Governor gives express authorization thereto with previous recommendation from the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Justice.-----

M. Prohibition with respect to evaluation and approval by public officers: 3 L.P.R.A. §8615(f): No public officer or employee who has the power to approve or authorize contracts shall evaluate, consider, approve or authorize any contract between an executive agency and an entity or business in which he/she or any member of his/her family unit has or has had direct or indirect economic interest during the last four (4) years prior to his/her holding office.-----

N. Prohibition with respect to execution by public officers' contracts with former public officers: 3 L.P.R.A. §8615(h): No executive agency shall execute contracts with or for the benefit of persons who have been public officers or employees of said executive agency until after two (2) years have elapsed from the time said person has ceased working as such. -----

O. Dispensation: Any and all necessary dispensations have been obtained from any government entity and that said dispensations shall become part of the contracting record. -----

P. Rules of Professional Ethics: The Consultant acknowledges and accepts that it is knowledgeable of the rules of ethics of his/her profession and assumes responsibility for his/her own actions. -----

Article 29. Anti-Corruption Code for a New Puerto Rico

Consultant agrees to comply with the provisions of Act 2-2018, as the same may be amended from time to time, which establishes the Anti-Corruption Code for a New Puerto Rico. The Consultant hereby certifies that it does not represent particular interests in cases or matters that imply a conflicts of interest, or of public policy, between the executive agency and the particular interests it represents. -----

Consultant shall furnish a sworn statement to the effect that neither Consultant nor any president, vice president, executive director or any member of a board of officials or board of directors, or any person performing equivalent functions for Consultant has been convicted of or has pled guilty to any of the crimes listed in Article 6.8 of Act 8-2017, as amended, known as the Act for the Administration and Transformation of Human Resources in the Government of Puerto Rico or any of the crimes included in Act 2-2018.-----

Consultant hereby certifies that it has not been convicted in Puerto Rico or United States Federal court for under Articles 4.2, 4.3 or 5.7 of Act 1-2012, as amended, known as the Organic Act of the Office of Government Ethics of Puerto Rico, any of the crimes listed in Articles 250 through 266 of Act 146-2012, as amended, known as the Puerto Rico Penal Code, any of the crimes typified in Act 2-2018, as amended, known as the Anti-Corruption Code for a New Puerto Rico or any other felony that involves misuse of public funds or property, including but not limited to the crimes mentioned in Article 6.8 of Act 8-2017, as amended, known as the Act for the Administration and Transformation of Human Resources in the Government of Puerto Rico.-----

PREPA shall have the right to terminate the Contract in the event Consultant is convicted in Puerto Rico or United States Federal court for under Articles 4.2, 4.3 or 5.7 of Act 1-2012, as amended, known as the Organic Act of the Office of Government Ethics of Puerto Rico, any of the crimes listed in Articles 250 through 266 of Act 146-2012, as amended, known as the Puerto Rico Penal Code, any of the crimes typified in Act 2-2018, as amended, known as the Anti-Corruption Code for a New Puerto Rico or any other felony that involves misuse of public funds or property, including but not limited to the crimes mentioned in Article 6.8 of Act 8-2017, as amended, known as the Act for the Administration and Transformation of Human Resources in the Government of Puerto Rico.-----

Consequences of Non-Compliance: The Consultant expressly agrees that the conditions outlined throughout this Article are essential requirements of this Contract.

Consequently, should any one of these representations, warranties or certifications be incorrect, inaccurate or misleading, in whole or in part, there shall be sufficient cause for the PREPA to render this Contract null and void, and the Consultant shall reimburse the PREPA all moneys received under this Contract. -----

Article 30. Non-Discrimination

The Consultant agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on account of race, color, gender, age, sex, national or social origin, social status, political ideas or affiliation, religion, for being or perceived to be a victim of domestic violence, sexual aggression or harassment, regardless of marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or immigrant status, for physical or mental disability, for veteran status or genetic information.-----

Article 31. Provisions Required Under Joint Memorandum 2017-001 of the Governors Chief of Staff and the Office of Management and Budget

(1) Both contracting parties acknowledge and accept that the contracted services may be rendered to any entity of the Executive Branch with which the contracting entity enters into an interagency Contract with or as determined by the office of the Chief of Staff. These services shall be rendered under the same terms and conditions with respect to work hours and compensation, as set forth in this Contract. For purposes of this provision, the term “entity of the Executive Branch” includes all agencies of the Government of Puerto Rico as well as all instrumentalities and

public corporations. -----

(2) The office of the Chief of Staff shall have the authority to terminate this
Contract at any time. -----

Article 32. Entire Contract

The terms and conditions contained herein constitute the entire agreement between
PREPA and Consultant with respect to the subject matter of this Contract, and
supersede all communications, negotiations, and agreements of the Parties, whether
written or oral, other than these, made prior to the signing of this Contract. -----

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto sign this Contract in San Juan, Puerto Rico
this 26 day of July, 2021. -----

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