



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

**Order No. 202-25-1B**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Energy by section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act (FPA),<sup>1</sup> and section 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act,<sup>2</sup> and for the reasons set forth below, I hereby determine that an emergency continues to exist in Puerto Rico due to a shortage of electric energy, a shortage of facilities for the generation of electric energy, and other causes, and that issuance of this Order will meet the emergency and serve the public interest.

Order Nos. 202-25-1 and 202-25-1A

Order No. 202-25-1, issued pursuant to FPA section 202(c) on May 16, 2025, required additional dispatch of the Specified Resources, as described in the attachment "Order No. 202-25-1 Specified Generation Resources." I determined that an emergency existed in Puerto Rico and that the Order was necessary to best meet emergency conditions and serve the public interest given the emergency nature of the expected load stress, the responsibility of Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) to ensure maximum reliability on its system, and the ability of PREPA to identify and dispatch generation necessary to meet load requirements. Order No. 202-25-1 expired on August 14, 2025. That same day, I issued Order No. 202-25-1A pursuant to FPA section 202(c). In Order No. 202-25-1A, I determined that continued dispatch of the Specified Resources was necessary, finding that the emergency conditions described in Order No. 202-25-1 were still present. I noted that the number and frequency of forced outages remained high, adversely affecting grid operations and delaying much needed planned maintenance outages.

Continuing Emergency Conditions

The emergency conditions that led to the issuance of Orders Nos. 202-25-1 and 202-25-1A continue. Puerto Rico's electrical grid is facing an energy crisis, given unstable reserve capacity and widespread blackouts. Factors contributing to this state include decades of deferred maintenance, the bankruptcy of the system owner and operator, as well as devastating hurricanes and earthquakes. These factors have combined to significantly deteriorate the Puerto Rican electrical grid, resulting in repair times that take years rather than months. Given the extended nature of the emergency, I will continue to assess the state of the Puerto Rican electrical grid for the potential of additional emergency orders for successive periods until such time as the emergency conditions are no longer present.

As the island continues to repair critical infrastructure and prepares for next summer's peak demand season, the number and frequency of forced outages remain high. The most recent load shedding event occurred on October 8, 2025, with nearly 127,000 customer power outages. While progress has been

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<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 824a(c).

<sup>2</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 7151(b).

made, most of the conventional generation units are still being repaired. However, these repairs are subject to numerous delays caused by funding authorizations, contract disputes, and supply chain challenges, resulting in severely inadequate capacity reserves, which threatens public safety, healthcare, residential customers, industry, commerce, telecommunications, and other essential critical services.

As outlined in this order, I have imposed operational limitations to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, adherence to applicable environmental laws and regulations. I have also imposed reporting requirements to ensure transparency with the implementation of the directives contained within this Order. Accordingly, I hereby issue Order No. 202-25-1B to permit operation of Specified Resources, as described in Order No. 202-25-1, with modifications as explained below, for an additional 90-day period to expire at 11:59 PM EST on February 10, 2026.

Pursuant to section 202(c)(4)(B) of the FPA, the Department has consulted with the primary Federal agencies with expertise in the environmental interests protected by laws or regulations that may conflict with this Order. These agencies did not submit conditions for inclusion in this Order.

### ORDER

FPA section 202(c)(1) provides that whenever the Secretary of the Department of Energy determines “that an emergency exists by reason of a sudden increase in the demand for electric energy, or a shortage of electric energy or of facilities for the generation or transmission of electric energy . . . or other causes,” then the Secretary has the authority “to require by order . . . such generation, delivery, interchange, or transmission of electric energy as in its judgment will best meet the emergency and serve the public interest.”<sup>3</sup> This statutory language constitutes a specific grant of authority to the Secretary to require the operation of the Specified Resources when the Secretary has determined that such operation will best meet an emergency.

Such is the case here. As described above, the emergency conditions supporting the issuance of Order Nos. 202-25-1 and 202-25-1A continue. This could lead to the potential loss of power to public safety, healthcare, residential customers, industry, commerce, telecommunications, and other essential critical services. Given the emergency nature of the expected load stress, the responsibility of PREPA and its agents to ensure maximum reliability on the system, and the ability of PREPA and its agents to identify and dispatch generation necessary to meet load requirements, I have determined that, under the conditions specified below, additional dispatch is necessary to best meet the emergency and serve the public interest for the purposes of FPA section 202(c). This determination is based on the expected electricity demand, the shortage of electric energy, the shortage of facilities for the generation of electric energy, and other causes.

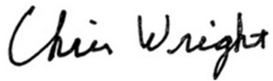
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<sup>3</sup> Although the text of FPA section 202(c) grants this authority to “the Commission,” section 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act transferred this authority to the Secretary of the Department of Energy. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 7151(b).

Based on my determination that an emergency continues to exist in Puerto Rico, I hereby order PREPA and its agents to operate the Specified Generation Resources under the specified circumstances:

- A. Beginning at 00:00 AM EST on November 13, 2025, and continuing to 11:59 PM EST on February 10, 2026, in the event that a specified resource is necessary to maintain grid reliability, PREPA and its agents must operate such resource as needed to prevent reliability issues.
- B. To minimize adverse environmental impacts, this Order limits operation of dispatched units to the times and within the parameters determined by PREPA and its agents must operate such resource as needed for maintaining grid reliability.
- C. Every two weeks, PREPA and its agents shall report all dates between November 13, 2025, and February 10, 2026, on which Specified Resources are operating beginning on November 13, 2025, through February 10, 2026, to DOE (via [AskCR@hq.doe.gov](mailto:AskCR@hq.doe.gov)). Each biweekly report shall continue to provide complete information using the DOE 202(c) Reporting Templates submitted to PREPA and its agents on July 8, 2025.

Issued in Washington, D.C. at 5:36pm Eastern Standard Time on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.



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Chris Wright  
Secretary of Energy