

The Honorable Raúl Grijalva, Chair
The Honorable Nydia Velázquez, Member
House Natural Resources Committee
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

November 10, 2021

Dear Representatives Grijalva and Velázquez:

On behalf of CAMBIO PR, El Puente, Sierra Club of Puerto Rico, UTIER, Comité Diálogo Ambiental, Coalición de Organizaciones Anti-Incineración, and Amigos Río Guaynabo, we are writing to urge your continued urgent attention to the conduct of LUMA Energy in Puerto Rico. As you may know, today a Puerto Rico judge ordered the arrest of Wayne Stensby, CEO of LUMA, finding him in contempt of court for LUMA's failure to provide public information requested by the Puerto Rico House of Representatives more than six months ago.

This move is the latest in a long series of controversies and scandals related to LUMA Energy's operations in Puerto Rico, many of which were brought to greater attention by your committee's October 6th hearing on Puerto Rico's electrical system. These include widespread complaints from island mayors of LUMA's lack of communication and unwillingness to coordinate with municipalities on emergency response; longer outage repair times, voltage fluctuations and even house fires due to LUMA's mismanagement of the grid; and LUMA's failure to hire thousands of former electrical system workers. Additionally, there were numerous red flags in the contracting process itself, including Quanta Energy Service's federal lobbying during the period of contract procurement.

The Financial Oversight and Management Board played a large role in both negotiating and approving the LUMA Energy contract. Specifically, the FOMB's financial advisor, CitiGroup, was involved in the process of evaluating bids and negotiating contracts. Citi received a significant financial bonus from the FOMB for the successful completion of the transaction, which the FOMB then approved.

It is more than evident that the LUMA Energy contract is not serving the people of Puerto Rico. We urge Congress to exercise its authority over the Financial Oversight and Management Board and demand the immediate cancellation of the LUMA Energy contract by the Board.

Sincerely,
CAMBIO PR
El Puente
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Amigos Río Guaynabo