November 10, 2021

The Honorable Secretary Jennifer Granholm
Acting Assistant Secretary Patricia Hoffman
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm and Assistant Secretary Hoffman,

We are writing to follow up on our letter of October 29th urging you to reconsider the decision to appoint Mr. Mario Hurtado, Chief Regulatory Officer for LUMA Energy, as a member of the DOE’s Electricity Advisory Committee. We write to draw your attention to the fact that a Puerto Rico judge today ordered the immediate arrest of LUMA Energy CEO Wayne Stensby, finding him in contempt of court for LUMA’s failure to produce public information requested by the Puerto Rico House of Representatives over six months ago.

This conduct is unfortunately typical of LUMA’s arrogance and lack of transparency since the company began operating in Puerto Rico. In addition to failing to provide information to the House, there have been widespread complaints from citizens of LUMA’s poor communications, as well as complaints from mayors across the island of LUMA’s lack of responsiveness and unwillingness to coordinate with municipalities on emergency response.

Given LUMA Energy’s and Mr. Wayne Stensby’s serious misconduct, as well as all of the reasons stated in our previous letter, we re-iterate our request that Mr. Mario Hurtado be removed from his position on the DOE’s Electricity Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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Earthjustice
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Coalición de Organizaciones Anti-Incineración
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