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Blue Ribbon Task Force Members Announced

Puerto Rican Energy Policy and Regulatory Strategy Focus of Partnership

Peachtree Corners, Ga.—August 29, 2018—The Southern States Energy Board (SSEB) announced membership for its Blue Ribbon Task Force as part of a project with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

The project, “Strategizing an Electric Energy Policy and Regulatory Framework in Puerto Rico,” has two primary goals:

(1) Work with the Governor and Legislature of Puerto Rico (PR) to establish a reliable, affordable, and sustainable electric energy grid system for the Commonwealth, and for other purposes; and (2) Develop a policy and legal framework to provide a regulatory regime for a possibly privatized electric energy grid system in Puerto Rico.

The Blue Ribbon Task Force was created under a DOE-funded project to make recommendations regarding the functions of a Puerto Rico regulatory agency with responsibilities for ensuring a safe, reliable, and resilient electric grid that provides a strategic energy plan for the future.

Task Force members come from a diverse group of organizations based in Puerto Rico and the continental United States. Task Force members were identified and appointed by Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rosselló Nevares, Senate President Thomas Rivera Schatz, House Speaker Carlos “Johnny” Méndez Núñez, and SSEB. Task Force membership is as follows:

Malu Blázquez, of the Resilient Puerto Rico Advisory Commission; Julie Imanuel Brown, of the Florida Public Service Commission; Edison Avilés Deliz, of the Puerto Rico Energy Commission; Nisha Desai, of Aurora Clean Energy Partners LLC; Martha Duggan, of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; Dr. Cris Eugster, of CPS Energy; Andres Rodriguez Figueroa, of Cygnus Healthcare and Technologies, Inc.; Julia Hamm, of the Smart Electric Power Alliance; Mike Hennen, of the Rocky Mountain Institute; Dr. Mark A. Jamison, of the University of Florida; Sergio Marxuach, of the Center for a New Economy; Erasto Rodriguez Molina, of Solar Energy & Resources, Inc.; Jose Ortiz, of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority; Dr. Carl Pechman, of the National Regulatory Research Institute; Marc G. Roumain Prieto, of the Windmar Group; Janet L. Sena, of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation; Tomás Torres, of the Institute of Competitiveness and Economic Sustainability; Alejandro J. Uriarte, of New Energy Consultants; and Pablo Vázquez, of the College of Engineers and Land Surveyors of Puerto Rico.

For further program information, visit www.sseb.org/strategizing-pr.

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The Southern States Energy Board (SSEB) is a non-profit interstate compact organization created in 1960 and established under Public Laws 87-563 and 92-440. The Board’s mission is to enhance economic development and the quality of life in the South through innovations in energy and environmental policies, programs and technologies. Sixteen southern states and two territories comprise the membership of SSEB: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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