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RESOLUTION

To order the Committee on Energy Affairs and Water Resources to conduct a thorough investigation on all aspects pertaining to alternative energy resources available in the market with the potential to reduce the cost of electricity in the Island in the short, medium, and long term; to analyze the management and operations of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority; and evaluate all facilities linked to the Island's electrical grid; among other matters.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Reducing the costs of electricity should be one of our main goals in order to promote economic development and growth in all areas. Such reduction, along with other efforts to become a more competitive jurisdiction worldwide, requires us to diversify our energy production portfolio. Recognizing the complexities and particularities of the electrical grid of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, this Legislative Assembly deems necessary to allow and encourage the broad participation of industry, academia, the citizens, among others, in the evaluation

and analysis of all available alternatives to reduce the cost of electricity in Puerto Rico.

Consequently, it is necessary to conduct the investigation ordered in this Resolution to integrate multiple sectors in this dialogue process. Accordingly, different sectors can share their recommendations and strategies to attain the common goal that our society has set for itself, which is obtaining energy services at a reasonable cost, which in turn alleviates consumers' burdens and furthers the development of new economic activity within the next three (3) years.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF PUERTO RICO:

1 Section 1.- The Committee on Energy Affairs and Water Resources of the
2 Senate of Puerto Rico is hereby ordered to conduct a thorough investigation on
3 alternative energy resources available in the market with the potential to reduce the
4 cost of electricity in the short, medium, and long term, including, but not limited
5 to, an analysis of the management and operations of the Puerto Rico Electric
6 Power Authority and an evaluation of all facilities linked to the Island's electrical
7 grid, among other matters.

8 Section 2.- The Committee shall submit a report detailing its findings,
9 conclusions, and recommendations within ninety (90) days after the approval of
10 this Resolution.

11 Section 3.- This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval.