

**Environmental Law, Energy & Land Use Practice Group**

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**NOTICE TO CLIENTS AND FRIENDS**  
**PR Development: Proposed Regulation for Wheeling**

On March 1, 2019, the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau (the Bureau) announced its proposal to adopt the Regulation for Wheeling (the Regulation). The incorporation of wheeling to the island's regulatory framework would allow customers to choose the electric service provider that is more convenient for them. The scope of the Regulation can be summarized as follows:

- ✓ According to the Bureau, the Regulation would ensure that competitive generators have open and non-discriminatory access to the island's transmission and distribution (T&D) grid, promote competitive energy generation, increase efficiency, decrease cost, and incentivize investments on renewable sources.
- ✓ From the consumer side, the Regulation shall only be applicable to Industrial Customers and Large Commercial Customers. The Bureau has reserved its right to extend the applicability of the Regulation to other customer classes in the future.
- ✓ The proposed Regulation presents a detailed "Unbundling Plan" to segregate the costs between the generation, transmission, and distribution services. The unbundling of costs provides consumers with a clearer understanding of pricing that allows for educated choices in the selection of electric service providers.
- ✓ The Bureau will be accepting comments, in writing, regarding the proposed Regulation for a period of 30 days, starting from its publication date of March 1. Any interested parties should address their comments or concerns to the attention of the Bureau's Chairman, Edison Avilés Deliz, via the agency's electronic filing tool (<https://radicacion.energia.pr.gov/>), by mail, by email ([comentarios@energia.pr.gov](mailto:comentarios@energia.pr.gov)), or in person.
- ✓ The Bureau will hold a public hearing on **April 15, 2019**, at 10:00 am, at its Hearing Room in the World Plaza Building, located at 268 Muñoz Rivera Ave., Eight Floor, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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