

## Exhibit A

### Form of Federal Funding Certifications

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

To the extent Owner and Operator determine to submit any of the costs incurred [REDACTED] under the Agreement for Federal Funding reimbursement, [REDACTED] will be required to comply with all applicable federal certifications and requirements, including the execution by [REDACTED] of these two (2) certifications. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Puerto Rico Transmission and Distribution System Operation and Maintenance Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_.

### **CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. By executing the Agreement, [REDACTED] (referred to herein as the “prospective lower tier participant”) is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this [REDACTED] (*Form of Federal Funding Certifications*) is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the United States federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to [REDACTED] if, at any time, the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, Agreement and voluntarily excluded, as used in this [REDACTED] (*Form of Federal Funding Certifications*), have the respective meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by executing the Agreement that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by executing the Agreement that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the United States federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND  
VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by execution of the Agreement, that neither it, nor its principals, is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to the Agreement.

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OPERATOR  
Company Name

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Contract Number

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Name of Operator's  
Authorized Official

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Title

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Signature of Operator's  
Authorized Official

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Date

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING FOR  
CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**

The undersigned Operator certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of Operator or any Affiliate, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a member of the United States Congress, an officer or employee of the United States Congress, or an employee of a member of the United States Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of the United States Congress, an officer or employee of the United States Congress, or an employee of a member of the United States Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than US\$10,000 and not more than US\$100,000 for each such failure.

OPERATOR certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, OPERATOR understands and agrees that the provisions of 31U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

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OPERATOR Name

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Signature of Operator's  
Authorized Official

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Name and Title of Operator's  
Authorized Official

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Date