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US Army Corps of Engineers
Antilles Office
400 Avenida Fernandez Juncos
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901-3223

Dear **Exemption (b)(6)**

Enclosed please find the updated Biological Assessment (BA) and the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Survey Report for the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) Via Verde pipeline project. PREPA appreciates the time and support the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided to help develop the survey protocols that were used to assess the various flora and fauna species of interest for the BA. PREPA hopes that the information in the BA will assist the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) with any requisite consultation the Corps must initiate with the appropriate Federal resource agencies. PREPA also appreciates the support provided by the National Marine Fisheries Service staff when we discussed preparations for the EFH Survey field work.

If you have any questions regarding these documents, or the information contained within them, please do not hesitate to contact the staff of BCPeabody at the letterhead address. If you wish, you may also contact Eng. Daniel Pagan at his email address, daniel_paganrosa@yahoo.com or by telephone at 787-382-7330.

As always, PREPA and its consultants remain available to provide any additional information that is relevant to the Corps review of the Project under the applicable regulatory programs. We remain committed to continuing to provide information as the review process moves forward to enable the Corps to expeditiously complete its evaluation process.

Sincerely,

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