

**Committee on Natural Resources  
Oversight Hearing  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
10:00 AM**

**Oversight Hearing on**  
*“The Status of the Rebuilding and Privatization of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA)”*

**Questions from Rep. Hice** for Bruce Walker, Assistance Secretary, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy

1. Do you feel that the Board has executed its responsibilities to ensure hurricane preparedness for 2019 and beyond?
  - a. What kind of technical work has DOE done to ensure the Puerto Rican grid is reliable and resilient? Can you provide any examples?
2. Do you know of any examples of similarly situated utilities successfully executing a “transformation” of this scope and magnitude on this timeline? *(The reported plan is to be fully executed this calendar year.)*
3. Would you describe the impediments you observed attributable to central government interference with PREPA planning, operations and emergency response?