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Request from: Interconnection Customer Coalition

Question:

Provide in a chart, separated by year: 1) the number of formal interconnection disputes initiated, 2) the number of formal interconnection disputes that required mediation, 3) the number of formal interconnection disputes that required PURA adjudication.

Response:

A "formal interconnection dispute" is any dispute authorized to be adjudicated by PURA pursuant to the Interconnection Guidelines ("Guidelines"); specifically, Section 5.2 of the Guidelines authorizes PURA to adjudicate disputes related to: (1) one or both of the parties' compliance with specified timelines set forth in the Guidelines and in the Interconnection Agreement; and (2) any EDC interconnection requirement disputed by the customer. The Company does not interpret the term "formal interconnection dispute" to include: (1) any dispute that PURA is not authorized by statute to adjudicate, such as a claim for breach of the Interconnection Agreement; and (2) any dispute that does not follow the formal dispute resolution process set forth in the Guidelines.

Since January of 2020, while there have been instances of customers reaching out to PURA EOE to help resolve an issue between CL&P and the customer, there have been no formal interconnection disputes initiated and, consequently, there has been no mediation or adjudication of such disputes. Section 21.1 of the PURA-approved form of Interconnection Agreement requires that the parties attempt to resolve all disputes promptly, equitably and in good faith prior to following the dispute resolution process in the Guidelines. The Company works with customers to resolve any disputes prior to the potential initiation of a formal interconnection dispute.