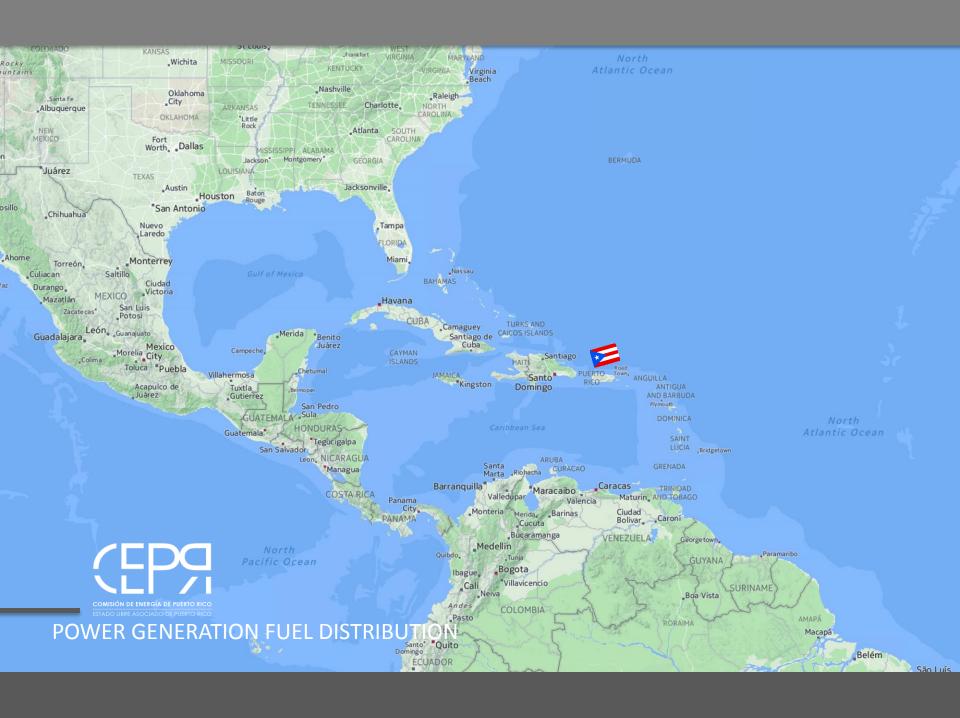


# The security of electricity supply in an isolated system such as Puerto Rico

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#### **BACKGROUND**

- Puerto Rico has a natural monopoly established in 1941. Their mandate was to provide electric power to the island.
- The electrification was not efficient as it followed population centers.
- Puerto Rico doesn't have local fuel resources. PR depends on receiving fuel shipments and maintaining a 30 day storage.
- This has become one of the major challenges in converting the oil burning plants to natural gas plants: figuring out the logistics of delivering natural gas to all converted plants.
- Federal Environmental Regulations



## **PUBLIC POLICY**

- Cost of the electric power generated, transmitted, and distributed in PR shall be affordable, just, and nondiscriminatory for all consumers;
- Safety and reliability of the electricity infrastructure shall be guaranteed by integrating clean and efficient energy;
- Become a jurisdiction with diversified energy sources and high efficiency electric power generation;
- Transparency and citizen participation in every process related to electric power service in Puerto Rico shall be promoted;









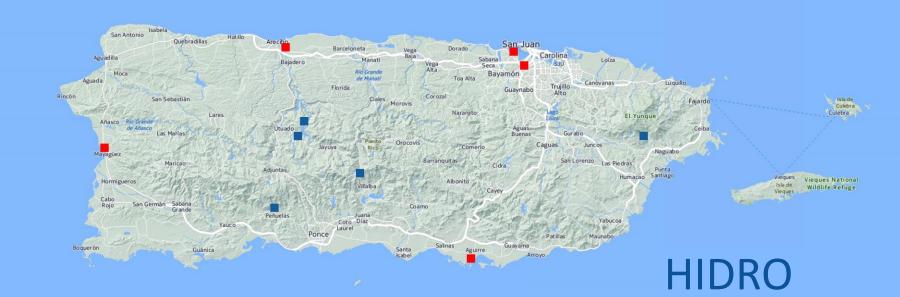
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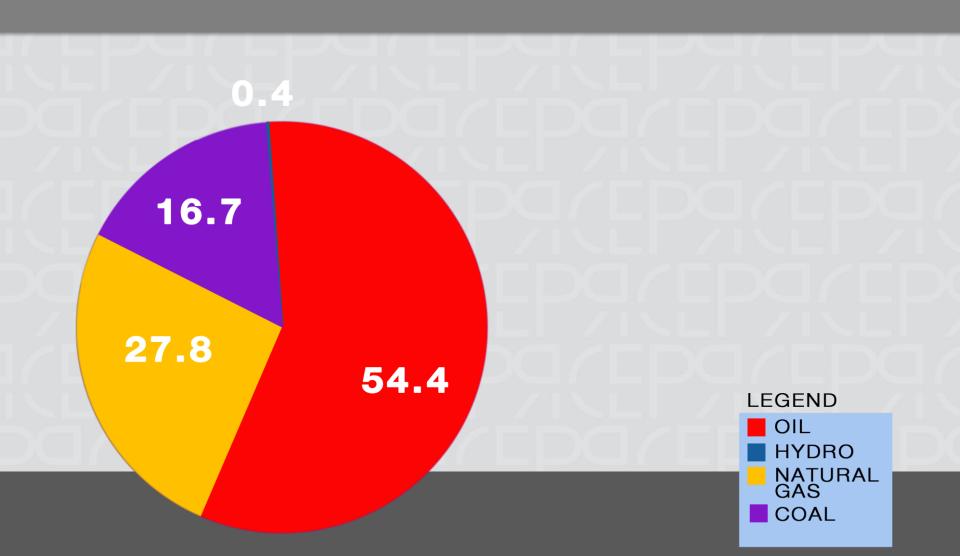








#### FUEL PERCENTAGE





### ACT 57-2014

- Puerto Rico Energy Transformation and RELIEF Act
  - Transformation of PREPA
  - Creation of the Commonwealth Energy Public Policy Office (CEPPO)
  - Public policy for the conservation and efficient use of energy in public facilities and buildings
  - Adoption of expedited procedures for the interconnection of renewable energy generation systems
  - Creation of Energy Commission
  - Creation of the Independent Consumer Protection Office (ICPO)



# **ENERGY CHALLENGES**

- Fossil fuel dependency
- Government bureaucracy
- New regulatory scheme: resistance to change
- Environmental Compliance
- Fiscal restructuring: bondholders
  - Low credit rating
  - Increased debt; government fiscal problems
- Limited capital
- Public Policy ??



#### **FUTURE**

- Restructuring outcome
- Open market: energy generation
- Vice President Biden's Caribbean Energy Summit (Jan. 2015)
  - To promote a cleaner and more sustainable energy future in the Caribbean through improved energy governance, greater access to finance, and donor coordination.
  - It was discussed the interconnection of the Caribbean islands using Puerto Rico as a principal energy hub.
- Role of PR Energy Commission

