Puerto Rico Governor Moves to Privatize Island's Public Power Authority After Maria

San Juan, January 24 (RHC)-- Puerto Rico's governor says he's moving to privatize the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, known as PREPA. The electrical authority faced widespread criticism after Hurricane Maria destroyed the island's power grid, and PREPA's then-director signed a $300 million contract with a tiny Montana company linked to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

Many activists have warned politicians would use Hurricane Maria to privatize the power authority, which is now the largest public power utility in the United States.

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