

# *Puerto Ricans march to protest ongoing power outages after privatization of electric grid*

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San Juan, October 18 (RHC)-- In Puerto Rico, over 4,000 people took to the streets of San Juan over the weekend to protest ongoing and worsening power outages and increases in energy costs following the U.S.-imposed privatization of the electricity grid.

Demonstrators chanted "Get out, LUMA!" as they shut down traffic on a main highway. LUMA, a U.S. and Canadian company, took over Puerto Rico's transmission and distribution of power in June.

Residents of the island say the power cuts have damaged appliances and can be life-threatening to those who rely on certain medical machines.

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