

United States v. Larry Puckett (D. Connecticut 2019)

Nature of the Business.

Alstom S.A. is a French power and transportation company focused on constructing and providing services related to power generation facilities, power grids, and rail transportation systems around the world. Alstom S.A. maintained a class of securities on the New York Stock Exchange until August 2004. Alstom S.A. had a subsidiary, Alstom Power, Inc., headquartered in Connecticut, through which it bid on projects to secure contracts to perform power-related and transportation-related services.

Larry Puckett was employed as a regional sales manager for Alstom Power, Inc.

Influence to be Obtained.

According to the DOJ, in 2002, Alstom S.A. entered into a joint-venture partnership with Marubeni Corporation to procure a valuable power services contract in Indonesia (the "Tarahan Project").

Beginning in 2002, the DOJ alleges that executives from the Alstom S.A. and Alstom Power, Inc. hired two consultants with the intent to bribe members of the Indonesian parliament and the state-owned power company, Perusahaan Listrik Negara ("PLN"), in exchange for securing the contract for the Tarahan Project. According to the DOJ, Puckett coordinated via email, phone, and in person with fellow co-conspirators to pay the consultants and conceal the payments. In 2005, Marubeni and Alstom S.A. were awarded the contract for the Tarahan Project.

Enforcement.

On June 10, 2019, the DOJ charged Puckett with one count of conspiracy to violate the FCPA. On the same day, Puckett pleaded guilty to the one-count information charging him with conspiracy to violate the FCPA. On April 13, 2020, Puckett was sentenced to twenty-four months of supervised release and ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine.

Key Facts

Citation. *United States v. Puckett*, No. 3:19-cr-00150 (D. Conn. 2019).

Date Filed. June 10, 2019.

Country. Indonesia.

Date of Conduct. 2002 – 2009.

Amount of the Value. Not Stated.

Amount of Business Related to the Payment. Not Stated.

Intermediary. Third-party Consultants.

Foreign Official. Unnamed government officials at PLN, Indonesia's state-owned and controlled electricity company.

FCPA Statutory Provision. Conspiracy (Anti-Bribery).

Other Statutory Provision. None.

Disposition. Guilty Plea.

Defendant Jurisdictional Basis. Domestic Concern; Agent of Domestic Concern.

Defendant's Citizenship. Not Stated.

Total Sanction. Twenty-four months supervised release; \$5,000 fine.

Related Enforcement Actions. *United States v. Alstom S.A.*; *United States v. Marubeni Corporation*; *United States v. Hoskins*; *United States v. Pierucci*; *United States v. Rothschild*; *United States v. Kusunoki et al*; *United States v. Thiessen*.