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VIA EMAIL

Re: Docket TBD, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte, In re: Application for Approval to enter into unsolicited Purchase Power Agreement with Louisiana National Guard and Power Strategies, LLC.

Solicitation for under \$50,000 bids from an outside consultant.

Dear Qualified Consultants:

The Louisiana Public Service Commission (“LPSC” or “Commission”) issues this bid solicitation letter, seeking bids from independent technical consultants to assist with the possible approval and certification, should such an application be filed, of an unsolicited offer to Entergy Louisiana, LLC (“ELL”) for potentially four (4) 20-year Purchase Power Agreements (“PPAs”) to acquire up to approximately 18.3 MW of solar photovoltaic electric generation.¹ The proposed PPAs would be between ELL, the Louisiana National Guard, and Power Strategies, LLC. The total MWs acquired will be located at four separate National Guard sites across Louisiana and will include battery backup.

Within the upcoming weeks, there is potential that ELL may file an application with the Commission seeking approval of the four PPAs. Through this solicitation letter, the Commission seeks an independent consultant to assist in the task of reviewing and evaluating the proposed PPAs and making a recommendation whether such PPAs meet the certification requirements in the Commission’s General Order dated September 20, 1983 (the “1983 General Order”). Tasks anticipated as part of this engagement include, but are not limited to, working with Staff, Commissioners, representatives of the Louisiana National Guard, Power Strategies, LLC, and ELL regarding the general technical and economic feasibility of the proposed project. The period of representation is estimated at 6-8 months from publication of the potential application in the Commission’s Official Bulletin. This is merely an estimate and the Commission makes no representations as to the accuracy of the period of representation.

¹ While there are ongoing discussions between the parties, to date no application has been submitted for approval to the Commission.

Bidders who reply should demonstrate their familiarity with issues related to the Commission's rules and regulations regarding certification of electric utility supply-side resources, including the Commission's 1983 General Order, interconnection agreements, and solar resources including associated costs and value of solar projects. Bidders should also familiarize themselves with the Commission's Unsolicited Offers General Order. All proposals shall be accompanied by a professional firm resume indicating the qualifications and experience necessary to assist the Commission with this project and an estimated of fees and costs associated with assisting in this project. Fees and costs should be separated and fees should include the hourly rate(s) of each individual who would assist in this project.

The November 10, 2014 General Order states,

Contracts for consulting and/or legal services which are anticipated to result in a maximum bid amount of compensation, including all professional fees but excluding expenses, to not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), may be considered and approved by the Commission without the necessity of an RFP. The expenses allowed for such services shall be limited to twenty percent (20%) of the total bid amount, unless the Commission specifically authorizes a greater amount.

The Commission Staff anticipates that the consultant hired in this proceeding will be able to satisfactorily perform the services described herein for a bid an amount less than \$50,000.00 and, thus, an RFP is not mandated.

Interested parties should submit the original (hard copy), 5 copies, and e-mail an electronic copy of the proposal to:

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To be considered, an original, five copies, and the electronic copy of the proposal must be received on or before **September 6, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.** Selection of consultants is anticipated to take place at the Commission's September 2019 Business and Executive Session, which is currently scheduled for September 11, 2019. Information concerning billing procedures and the Commission's RFP policy may be obtained from the address listed above, or by calling (225) 342-9888.