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RFP 25-09 – Docket TBD, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for approval to complete uprate project at the Waterford 3 Nuclear Station, including cost recovery.

To all LPSC qualified outside consultants:

Enclosed please find a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for an **outside consultant** issued by the Louisiana Public Service Commission. If your firm is interested in submitting a proposal, please review the RFP carefully to ensure you adhere to the requirements contained therein, as well as to determine whether your firm meets the specific requirements of the RFP. All Proposals must include a showing that your firm possesses the requisite qualifications and experience to represent the Commission in this matter. Please note that deviations from the requirements contained in the RFP, or conditional bid amounts, shall result in the rejection of a proposal as non-conforming.

All Proposals, including the original, plus (2) two copies, and an electronic copy must be received on or before Thursday, August 7, 2025. Selection of consultants is anticipated to take place at the Commission’s August or September 2025 Business and Executive Session. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Bowman
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cc: Brandon M. Frey, Executive Secretary
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RFP 25-09
LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (“RFP”)
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DOCKET NO. TBD, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for approval to complete uprate project at the Waterford 3 Nuclear Station, including cost recovery.¹

The Louisiana Public Service Commission (“Commission” or “LPSC”), in accordance with the requirements of the LPSC General Order dated November 10, 2014 regarding the selection of contract employees (the “Contract Order”), issues this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to **outside consultants**, who will assist Commission Staff in the review of Entergy Louisiana, LLC’s (“ELL” or the “Company”) application seeking Commission approval to complete an uprate project at Waterford 3 Nuclear Station.

Consideration of qualifying bids received in response to RFP 25-09 are anticipated to be on the Commission’s August or September 2025 Business and Executive Session. Should an Applicant be selected at the Commission’s B&E, this RFP and the Applicant’s proposal shall constitute the contract between the parties, including all terms and conditions. The Commission will not accept new terms, conditions, or proposals once an Applicant has been retained.

Please note, deviations from the requirements contained herein, or conditional bid amounts, shall result in rejection of the bid as non-conforming.

I. Overview

ELL filed an application seeking Commission approval to complete an uprate project at the Waterford 3 nuclear station and for associated cost recovery in accordance with the Commission’s General Order dated September 20, 1983 (“1983 GO”).² Waterford 3 is a nuclear plant that currently has a net electrical output of approximately 1,150 MW, began commercial operation in 1985, and is licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to operate until December 18, 2044. The Company’s application is seeking to increase the electrical output of Waterford 3 by approximately 45 MWe.³

The Company also seeks Commission approval that the costs associated with the uprate project are eligible for recovery through the Additional Capacity Mechanism (“ACM”) within ELL’s

¹ The public version of ELL’s application will be published in the Commission’s Official Bulletin this Friday, July 18, 2025.

² See LPSC, ex parte. In re: Matter of the Expansion of Utility Power Plant, Proposed Certification of New Plant by the Louisiana Public Service Commission, and LPSC, ex parte. In re: Possible modifications to the September 20, 1983 General Order to allow: (1) for more expeditious certifications of limited-term resource procurements; and (2) an exception for annual and seasonal liquidated damages block energy purchase.

³ MWe refers to megawatts electric, as contrasted with MWth, which is megawatts thermal. Waterford 3’s NRC license limits the MWth that can be procured I the reactor core but does not address the MWe that can be produced by the main generator for the grid.

Formula Rate Plan (“FRP”), with express authorization of such treatment even if the project’s first-year non-fuel, retail revenue requirement is below \$10 million.

Applicants will be assisting Commission in-house Staff (Legal, Utilities, and Auditing Divisions) in reviewing the Company’s request and providing a recommendation to the Commission.

II. Scope of Representation

In assisting Staff, Applicants will review the application (including the direct testimony of four witnesses, any supporting documentation, and associated cost models); draft data requests and review responses thereto; potentially participate in informal meetings with Staff and ELL, Staff and Intervenors, or Staff, ELL, and Intervenors; assist in drafting a recommendation(s), including testimony, to the Commission regarding the Company’s request; review and respond to any rebuttal testimony; assist in preparing any necessary direct and cross-answering testimony; assist in trial preparation, including cross-examination of witnesses and drafting pleadings and motions related thereto; and review and analyze potential stipulation terms. Applicants shall assume this matter will result in a contested proceeding.

Applicants shall also assume that should the Commission authorize the Company to complete the uprate project, that the Commission will also want monitoring of ELL during the uprate process. While ultimately up to the Commission, Applicants can anticipate reviewing and analyzing quarterly project monitoring reports and submitting data requests for any follow-up information that may be necessary. Staff does not anticipate the need for site visits during any approved monitoring phase and therefore do not need to be included in Applicant’s proposed scope of work or proposed budget.

Additionally, the Applicant shall be available to participate in meetings, conference calls, status conferences, hearings, and other conferences with the Commission and its Staff, as well as attending any Business and Executive Session(s) that Staff deems necessary.

The scope of work provided herein shall continue through the conclusion of the docket, including Commission consideration of the request at a B&E, or B&Es.

All proposals shall include an outline of a plan of action for conducting the review of the application, including the activities described above. The Commission and its Staff shall have the right to determine how the tasks will be carried out, including setting internal deadlines if necessary to ensure all work is completed timely. Please note that the use of ChatGBT or any other AI type platform is strictly prohibited when performing the scope of services contained herein.

In addition, all proposals shall be accompanied by a professional firm resume indicating the qualifications and experience necessary to meet the requirement of this RFP, including experience with certification proceedings with particular focus on the approval of uprates for nuclear units.

III. Period of Representation

The time period estimated to complete the Scope of Representation is approximately 8-10 months. This is merely an estimate and the Commission makes no representations as to the accuracy of the Period of Representation.

IV. Minimum Requirements

To qualify, all Applicants must have requisite knowledge of the topics listed below, in addition to those provided in Commission's Contract Order. Consideration will be given to factors which indicate degrees of competence such as the amount of practical experience in the field of public utility practice, similar practice before this or other regulatory agencies, in addition to the Applicant's knowledge and experience regarding Louisiana resource acquisitions, certifications, ratemaking standards, and regulatory law.

Applicants shall at a minimum be experienced in analyzing the operations, books, and records of utility companies, particularly investor-owned utilities, for the purpose of setting just and reasonable rates.

Applicants shall be qualified and prepared to draft and render expert testimony and be cross-examined with respect to all of the issues addressed in this RFP and which are likely to arise in the proceeding and be qualified and prepared to render testimony at a hearing and/or a B&E regarding the same and have knowledge of:

- (1) The Commission's Rules and Orders pertaining to the acquisition of power supply resources, including but not limited to the Commission's 1983 GO;
- (2) A detailed understanding of the major functional areas of a regulated investor-owned electric utility;
- (3) Appropriate accounting standards and practices for electric public utilities, public utility accounting, and generally accepted auditing standards;
- (4) Whether or not a resource/uprate will provide reliable service at the lowest reasonable costs;
- (5) Resource planning methods to improve the efficiency of a utility's power supply operations and whether the utility is making use of such methods;
- (6) Familiarity with just and reasonable costs and prudent investments associated with providing reliable and quality service as recommended by NARUC;
- (7) Public interest criteria for approval of resources and purchase power contracts; and
- (8) The basic components and requirements of ELL's Formula Rate Plan, including cost of capital, capital structure, cost of debt, cost of equity, and rates of return, as well as currently approved riders.

V. Estimate of Costs

Applicants shall provide an overview of the estimated costs in the summary of the bid proposal. All proposals shall include fees and direct costs in order to provide the services described above. Applicants responding to this RFP shall quote their rates on an hourly basis, and shall submit a total budget, separating professional fees from direct costs.

Applicants shall only be allowed to charge for actual hours of work performed and costs incurred. Once selected, an Applicant's hourly rates and budget shall not be altered except by formal approval of the Commission.

VI. Conflict of Interest

Applicants shall prominently and separately disclose current, as well as past, employment which could possibly result in a conflict of interest. Potential conflicts could include, but are not to be limited to, employment with regulated utilities, affiliates of regulated utilities, consumer advocacy groups, or any other party that comes before the Commission. In addition, Applicants shall disclose matters in which they currently represent clients before the Commission.

VII. Billing Guidelines

As required by the November 10, 2014 General Order, all bills will be rendered to the Commission monthly and shall specifically identify and describe all work performed, the person performing such work, the time and charge for such work, and shall additionally show the total amount billed to date and the authorized original estimate. Bills will be rendered in strict accordance with the Commission's guidelines. Pursuant to La. R.S. 45:1180, ELL is the ultimate responsible party for payment of services provided pursuant to this RFP; therefore, timely submittal of invoices to the Commission facilitates timely payments to Applicant.

Expenses shall also be separately disclosed with proof of such expenses attached. Expenses, where applicable, shall be reimbursed at state authorized rates as specified in the Travel Policies and Procedures Memorandum issued by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration in effect at the time such expenses are incurred ("Allowable Expenses"). Any expenses that exceed the Allowable Expenses shall be borne by the contract employee and shall not be reimbursed by either the Commission, or the correspondent utility, unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

VIII. Reservation of Rights

The LPSC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to amend and/or supplement this RFP at any time, and to consider proposals or modifications thereof received at any time prior to LPSC vote at Open Session, if such action is found by the LPSC to be in the public interest. Pursuant to the General Order regarding the selection of contract employees, the LPSC has the right to accept any offer and does not have to accept the lowest bid amount. In addition, there is also no assurance, express or implied, that an award will necessarily be made pursuant to this RFP.

IX. Submission of Proposals

Interested parties should submit the **original (hard copy), 2 copies, and e-mail an electronic copy** of the proposal to:

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