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RFP 25-11 – Docket U-37735, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application to terminate the River Bend Deregulated Asset Plan, return said deregulated assets to rate base, and other associated relief.

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, October 16, 2025 by noon**. Selection of consultants is anticipated to take place at the Commission’s October 2025 Business and Executive Session. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KB", is written over a faint circular watermark of the Louisiana Public Service Commission seal.

Kathryn Bowman
Executive Counsel

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cc: Brandon M. Frey, Executive Secretary
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (“RFP”)
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DOCKET NO. U-37735, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application to terminate the River Bend Deregulated Asset Plan, return said deregulated assets to rate base, and other associated relief.

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 terminate the Deregulated Asset Plan (“DAP”) and return the remaining net book value into rate base.

Consideration of qualifying bids received in response to RFP 25-11 are anticipated to be on the Commission’s October 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 terminate the DAP associated with the River Bend Nuclear Station (“River Bend”), return the remaining net book value of the asset into rate base, along with the balance of the capital additions and operating expenses previously subject to the DAP disallowance.

In 1988, the Commission approved the DAP in connection with finding that former Entergy Gulf States was imprudent in its construction of River Bend. The DAP was originally designed to address the financial impact of an approximate disallowance of \$677 million. The DAP is a rate base exclusion plan that resulted in the reduction of capital investment included in former Entergy Gulf States’ revenue requirement.¹

Per ELL’s application, which includes the testimony of four witnesses, the removal of the DAP serves the public interest as the DAP is effectively a forty-year old penalty that is still being assessed against current investments made at River Bend, and ELL has “more than satisfied the \$677 million original disallowance penalty.”²

¹ For additional background, see Commission Docket No. U-17282 and specifically Order No. U-17282.

² See ELL’s application, pg 5, paragraph XII.

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 prior Commission Orders creating and/or modifying the DAP; a review of ELL's application, along with testimony and exhibits of four witnesses; draft and assist in the drafting of data requests; analyze data responses; participate in formal status conferences, pre-trial conferences, depositions, and hearings (whether contested or stipulation); draft and prepare pre-filed testimony in support of Staff's ultimate recommendations, together with exhibits supporting the pre-filed testimony; 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, motions, and exceptions related thereto; review and analyze potential stipulation terms; and assist in drafting briefing sheets and orders of the Commission, as necessary. Applicants shall assume this matter will result in a contested proceeding.

Additionally, Applicants shall be available to participate in informal conference calls, meetings and conferences with the Commission and Staff as well as attending any B&Es related to any certification proceedings arising from the RFP. The scope of the work shall continue through the conclusion of the docket through Commission vote, regardless of whether said vote is the result of a stipulated agreement or contested hearing recommendation.

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 reviewing and analyzing information provided pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure 12.1.

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 Orders pertaining to the DAP;
- (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) Familiarity with just and reasonable costs and prudent investments associated with providing reliable and quality service as recommended by NARUC;
- (5) Public interest criteria for approval of resources and purchase power contracts; and
- (6) 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), 1 copy, and e-mail an electronic copy** of the proposal to:

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