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February 5, 2018

Re: Solicitation for under \$50K bids from outside consultant to assist Staff in Reviewing Docket No. U-34688 - Entergy Louisiana LLC, ex parte. In re: Complaint and Petition for Declaratory Ruling on Proper Formula for the Pole Attachment Rental Rate under LPSC Order dated September 4, 2014.

Dear Consultants:

The Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" "Commission") received the above-referenced complaint from Entergy Louisiana, LLC on October 25, 2017. The request was published in the Commission's Official Bulletin December 15, 2017 and the Louisiana Cable and Telecommunications Association intervened. By way of this bid solicitation letter, the Commission is seeking bids from independent technical consultants to assist in-house Utilities, Legal and Auditing Staffs in this matter.

Bidders who reply should demonstrate their familiarity with the Commission's pole attachment General Order dated September 4, 2014, any other experience in reviewing pole attachment rates and utility-initiated complaints, as well as other relevant Commission Orders. All proposals shall be accompanied by a professional firm resume indicating the qualifications and experience necessary to assist the Commission with this project.

Tasks anticipated as part of this engagement include but are not limited to the following: review of the complaint and supporting documentation as well as the testimony and pleadings filed by any other party; preparation of data requests and review of responses; preparation of pre-filed testimony and/or a report in support of Staff's ultimate recommendations, together with exhibits supporting the pre-filed testimony or report; participation in meetings and hearings and assistance with legal briefs as deemed necessary by Commission Legal Staff. The scope of the work shall continue through a Commission Order.

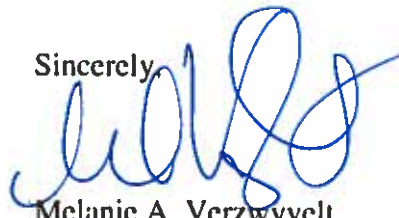
The November 10, 2014 General Order states,

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.

Staff intends to place conforming bids on the agenda for the Commission's February Business and Executive Session. If you would like to submit a bid, please do so electronically to melanie.v@la.gov and kim.trocsclair@la.gov on or before **Thursday, February 15, 2018**.

Sincerely,



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LPSC Staff Attorney