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November 3, 2017

Re: Solicitation for under \$50K bids from independent counsel to assist Staff with the review and/or facilitation of the relocation of certain electric service lines at the Slidell regional airport

Dear Qualified Counsel:

At the Commission's October 19, 2017 Business and Executive Session, Chairman Skrmetta directed Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" or "Commission") Staff to "open a docket to review and/or facilitate the relocation of certain electric service lines at the Slidell regional airport".

By way of this bid solicitation letter, the Commission is seeking bids from independent counsel to assist the Commission Staff through to the resolution of the docket. All proposals shall be accompanied by a professional firm resume indicating the qualifications and experience necessary to assist the Commission with this project.

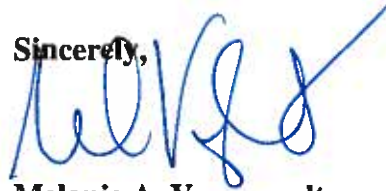
The November 10, 2014 General Order states,

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, based on prior proceedings, the counsel hired in this proceeding will be able to satisfactorily perform the services described herein for a bid amount less than \$50,000.00 and, thus, an RFP is not mandated.

Commission Staff intends to place this hire on the agenda for the Commission's November Business and Executive Session, currently scheduled for November 17, 2017. If you would like to submit a bid, please do so electronically to rene.robertson@la.gov, melanie.v@la.gov and kim.trosclair@la.gov on or before **Monday, November 13, 2017 at 12pm noon.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Melanie A. Verzwylt', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Melanie A. Verzwylt
Staff Attorney