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Re: Solicitation for under \$50K bids from outside consultant to assist Staff in its review of Atmos Energy Corporation's 2016 Rate Stabilization Clause filing for its Louisiana Gas Service rate division

Dear Consultants:

The Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" "Commission"), in anticipation of the 2016 Rate Stabilization Clause ("RSC") filing for the Louisiana Gas Service ("LGS") Rate Division of Atmos Energy Corporation, is seeking bids from independent technical consultants to assist the Commission in conducting a review of the RSC filing and to work closely with in house Legal, Utilities, and Auditing Staff.

Bidders who reply should demonstrate their familiarity with Public Utilities in general, as well as any other experience in proposing and reviewing annual rate adjustments and audits. All proposals shall be accompanied by a professional firm resume indicating the qualifications and experience necessary to assist the Commission with this project.

Applicants will be assisting the Commission's Legal and Audit Divisions in the review of the filings. In performing this duty, Consultant shall review the application and supporting documentation; prepare for filing pre-filed testimony in support of Staff's ultimate recommendations, together with exhibits supporting the pre-filed testimony. The scope of the work shall continue through a Commission vote on Staff's Recommendation.

The November 10, 2014 General Order states,

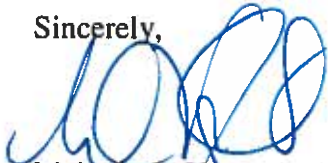
Contracts for consulting and/or legal services which are anticipated to result in a maximum bid amount of compensation, including all professional fees but excluding

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 consultant 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.

As the RSC provides for a short review period, the Commission needs to retain outside assistance on an expedited basis; thus this matter is scheduled to be considered at the Commission's April 2017 Business and Executive Session. If you would like to submit a bid, please do so electronically to melanie.v@la.gov on or **before Thursday, April 13, 2017**.

Sincerely,



Melanie A. Verzwylvelt
Staff Attorney