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VIA EMAIL

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Re: Solicitation for under \$50K bids from independent counsel to assist Staff in reviewing Docket No. X-34674 In re: *Dispute between Washington-St. Tammany Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("WST") and Cleco Power LLC regarding WST's expired franchise agreement with the City of Slidell. DEADLINE EXTENDED*

Dear Melanie:

McQuaig and Associates, LLC is pleased to respond to the Louisiana Public Service Commission request for bids from independent counsel to assist the Commission and Staff through to the resolution of Docket No. X-34674, including but not limited to possible interpretation of the applicable franchise agreements and possible mediation. Specifically, this correspondence is in response to your letter of November 3, 2017, and the information and requests contained therein.

The firm and its members have experience in matters involving franchise agreements, mediation, regulatory law, and contract law. The undersigned, together with other members of the firm, are currently authorized and approved to serve as independent contract contract counsel to assist in representing the Commission in such matters.

We are aware of no current or past representation which could result in a conflict of interest, and no member of this firm currently represents any interested clients or affiliated parties before the Commission.

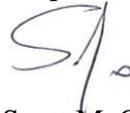
The time period or period of representation estimated by your solicitation correspondence should complete the scope of representation requested is considered to be from inception through interpretation of the applicable franchise agreements and possible mediation.

McQuaig and Associates, LLC accordingly responds to your November 3, 2017 requests for bids with a proposal of \$36,800 in professional fees, together with expenses not to exceed the amount of \$2,900, for a total bid of \$39,700, inclusive of professional fees and costs.

In the event you or any member of the Staff need any additional information or clarification of the contents of this bid response, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the referenced request for bids and look forward to being of service to the Commission and Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. McQuaig', written over a horizontal line.

Scott McQuaig