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## Re: Solicitation for under \$50K bids from outside consultant to assist Staff in Reviewing EGSL<sup>1</sup> Gas 2015 Rate Stabilization Plan Filing.

Dear Consultants:

The Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" "Commission") has received Entergy's 2015 Rate Stabilization Plan ("RSP") filing for its Commission-jurisdictional gas utility. The filing is submitted consistent with the requirements of Order U-32425 which established the current RSP. By way of this bid solicitation letter, the Commission is seeking bids from independent technical consultants to assist the Commission in conducting a review of Entergy's filing and to work closely with in house Legal 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

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<sup>1</sup> Now Entergy Louisiana

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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 an amount less than \$50,000.00 and, thus, an RFP is not mandated.

As the RSP 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 February Business and Executive Session. If you would like to submit a bid, please do so electronically to [brandon.frey@la.gov](mailto:brandon.frey@la.gov) and [Kathleen.richardson@la.gov](mailto:Kathleen.richardson@la.gov) on or before **Monday, February 22, 2016 at 12:00 PM.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brandon M. Frey', is written over the typed name and title.

Brandon M. Frey  
LPSC Executive Counsel