

# Louisiana Public Service Commission



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February 6, 2017

***Re: Solicitation for under \$50K bids from outside consultant to assist Staff in Reviewing Docket No. U-34342 Cleco Power, LLC. In re: Request for Recovery Through its Fuel adjustment Clause Costs Associated with New Natural Gas Supply.***

Dear Consultants:

The Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" "Commission") has received a request from Cleco Power LLC ("Cleco") requesting recovery through its Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC") the revenue requirement associated with the building of a proposed 7.2 mile pipeline directly connecting the Pine Prairie Energy Center, a natural gas storage facility, and Cleco's Coughlin Power Station ("Coughlin"). 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 Cleco's filing and to work closely with in-house Utilities, Legal and Auditing Staff.

Bidders who reply should demonstrate their familiarity with Public Utilities in general, as well as a the Commission's General Order dated November 6, 1997 (the "FAC Order"), any other experience in proposing and reviewing fuel adjustment clause filings, as well as other relevant Commission General Orders. 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 in-house Staff in the review of the filings. In performing this duty, the Consultant shall review the application and supporting documentation; propound data requests, prepare pre-filed testimony and/or a report in support of Staff's ultimate recommendations, together with exhibits supporting the pre-filed testimony or report, and participate in any meetings or hearings as deemed necessary by Commission Legal Staff. The scope of the work shall continue through a Commission vote on Staff's Recommendation.

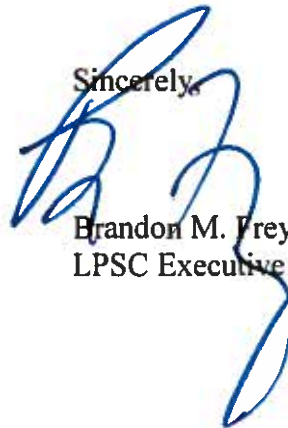
The November 10, 2014 General Order states,

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, 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.

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 13, 2017 at 12:00 PM.

Sincerely,



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LPSC Executive Counsel

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