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Louisiana Public Service Commission
Attention : Kimberly O'Brian
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Re: RFP 21-23
Docket No. R-36131
In Re: Determination of Commission Jurisdiction Over the Various
Methods of Providing Electricity to Electric Vehicles, and the
Infrastructure Associated Therewith

Dear Kimberly:

McQ Group, LLC is pleased to respond to the Louisiana Public Service Commission RFP referenced hereinabove to assist the Commission in the above captioned rulemaking to determine the Commission's jurisdiction over electric vehicle charging stations or any other method of providing electricity to electric vehicles , and whether a non-jurisdictional entity that owns and/or operates a charging station is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Our proposal is incorporated herein, as follows:

A) ANTICIPATED SCOPE OF WORK

As outlined in the RFP in question, it is projected that McQ Group, LLC and its principal consultants Richard Demint and Scott McQuaig will be assisting Commission Staff (Legal, Utilities and/or Auditing Divisions) in the following efforts : conducting the requisite research, analysis, and docket management to determine the extent of the jurisdiction of the Commission, if any, over electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS); conducting the requisite research, analysis and docket management re: whether an entity that owns or operates an EVCS is to be considered a public utility, and thus under the jurisdiction of the Commission; and, identification and research of all associated legal and public policy issues associated with ownership and operation of EVCS. These efforts are anticipated to include all appropriate docket management and discovery with respect to Intervenor, as well as interaction with and data gathering from other state agencies/authorities, such as but not limited to the Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Natural Resources, and/or the Department of Transportation and Development.

In addition to the projected scope of work outlined above, it is further anticipated that the RFP in question will require additional efforts, including but not limited to the following: preparation and

issuance of requests for comment and data requests; receipt, review and analysis of responses thereto; interaction with other state agencies and/or authorities and/or governmental bodies such as parish or municipal governments; assistance in preparation of Staff Recommendation and/or proposed rules and regulations; conduct of necessary research; preparation for and participation in Technical Conference; meetings with stakeholders, Staff and Commissioners; and, preparation for and participation in Commission B & E Sessions when needed.

B) PROPOSED WORK PLAN

In response to the anticipated scope of work as outlined in the RFP, McQ Group LLC and its principal consultants Mr. Demint and Mr. McQuaig propose the following plan of action which would include, but may not be limited to, the following necessary efforts : research and analysis of all factual and policy issues associated with the scope of work; preparation and analysis of discovery, including request for comment, data requests, meetings with stakeholders/intervenors, representatives of state agencies/authorities, parish and/or municipal governments; preparation of Staff Recommendation, Rules and Regulations; assistance to, support of and meetings with Staff, Commissioners; preparation for and participation in Technical Conference; and, preparation for and participation in required B&E Sessions.

C) PERIOD OF REPRESENTATION

The time period of representation is projected by the RFP to be approximately 12-18 months. Consultants agree that this is merely an estimate and is subject to change as required by docket circumstance and/or the Commission.

D) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS/EXPERIENCE

The principal consultants of McQ Group LLC have the requisite knowledge, experience and expertise to assist Staff and the Commission in the administration and completion of this rulemaking docket. As an experienced former senior level representative of major telecommunication service providers and current consultant to the Commission Mr. Demint has vast experience in dealing with regulatory , administrative and legislative matters and procedure, including significant experience with and a working knowledge of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, its members and Staff. As a former practicing attorney with over 35 years of high level representation of governmental and administrative entities, including the LPSC, Mr. McQuaig also previously served as a member of the adjunct faculty of Tulane Law School; was a multiterm member of the LSBA House of Delegates, and, has the education and professional experience needed to properly assist Commission Staff , as a consultant, with the jurisdictional issues in question in this RFP. In addition, Mr. McQuaig has significant experience in the representation of the Commission, institutional experience with the Commission and Staff, and a vast working knowledge of administrative procedure and process.

The experience and institutional knowledge of Mr. Demint and Mr. McQuaig are particularly suited to be invaluable to the Commission and Staff in the management and completion of the referenced docket. Additional information is available upon request.

E) CONFLICT OF INTEREST

McQ Group, LLC is unaware of any current or past employment which could result in a conflict of interest regarding this RFP/Docket.

F) ESTIMATE OF FEES AND COSTS

All billing will be submitted pursuant to the requirements of the November 10, 2014 General Order of the Commission, and will be issued in strict accordance with the guidelines of the Commission. It is anticipated that the scope of representation and work plan set forth hereinabove will require a maximum total of fees not to exceed \$43,600.00 at an hourly rate of \$225.00 per hour. It is further anticipated that costs and/or expenses incurred in connection with these efforts will not exceed \$1050.00. Accordingly, the total proposed budget for the services of this firm as outside contract consultants consists of the following respective fees and expenses:

Maximum Fees:	\$43,600.00
Expenses:	1,050.00
Total fees and Expenses	\$44,650.00

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

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the above-referenced RFP, and look forward to being of continued service to the Commission and Staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott W. McQuaig