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To all LPSC qualified outside consultants:

Enclosed please find a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for an **outside consultant** issued by the Louisiana Public Service Commission. If your firm is interested in submitting a proposal, please review the RFP carefully to ensure you adhere to the requirements contained therein, as well as to determine whether your firm meets the specific requirements of the RFP. All Proposals must include a showing that your firm possesses the requisite qualifications and experience to represent the Commission in this matter. Please note that deviations from the requirements contained in the RFP, or conditional bid amounts, shall result in the rejection of a proposal as non-conforming.

All Proposals, including the original, plus (1) one copy, and an electronic copy must be received on or **before Thursday, December 3, 2025 by 4:30 p.m.** Selection of consultants is anticipated to take place at the Commission’s December 2025 Business and Executive Session.

Sincerely,

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cc: Brandon M. Frey, Executive Secretary
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The Louisiana Public Service Commission (“Commission” or “LPSC”), in accordance with the requirements of the LPSC General Order dated November 10, 2014 regarding the selection of contract employees (the “Contract Order”) to represent the Commission, issues this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to **outside consultants** who will assist the Commission with the integrated resource planning (“IRP”) process of Cleco Power, LLC (“Cleco Power”), Entergy Louisiana, LLC (“ELL”), and Southwestern Electric Power Company (“SWEPCO”) pursuant to the IRP Rules attached to the General Order cited in the above caption (“IRP Rules”).

Consideration of qualifying proposals received in response to RFP 25-13 are anticipated to be on the Commission’s December 2025 Business and Executive Session (“B&E”). Should an Applicant be selected at the Commission’s B&E, this RFP and the Applicant’s proposal shall constitute the contract between the parties, including all terms and conditions. The Commission will not accept new terms, conditions, or proposals once an Applicant has been retained.

Please note, deviations from the requirements contained herein, or conditional bid amounts, shall result in rejection of the proposal as non-conforming.

I. Overview

Pursuant to the IRP Rules, Cleco and ELL have filed correspondence requesting to initiate its 2025 IRP process. These matters will be docketed as “I” dockets, published in the Commission’s next Official Bulletin on November 7, 2025 for intervention, and shall follow the schedule contained in the IRP Rules. SWEPCO will also file its correspondence to initiate its 2025 in December 2025, which will also be published in a subsequent Commission Bulletin.

Cleco and SWEPCO’s IRPs are anticipated to follow the procedural schedule set out in the IRP Rules; however, ELL has provided notice that it anticipates a deviation from the schedule found in Section 10 of the IRP Rules. ELL indicates this deviation is necessary in order to conduct a survey of interested stakeholders to gather feedback prior to filing data assumptions. This survey will result in a two-month deviation from the timing of three events: the date ELL will file data assumptions; the date for the first stakeholder meeting; and the date on which stakeholder comments are due. Commission Staff is aware of, and amendable, to this deviation.

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP shall include sufficient budget to complete all three dockets and see all three dockets to completion, including but not limited to a contested hearing if there are disputed issues pursuant to Event 12 of the Schedule of Events, which states the following:

- i) Event 12 - If the Commission determines there are any disputed issues it will need to resolve, it will establish a procedural schedule to address the issues. Once all issues are resolved, the Commission will issue an acknowledgement that the utility's IRP process and its IRP Report have fully complied with the requirements of these IRP rules, though the acknowledgement will not constitute Commission approval of the IRP. The Commission may also, at its discretion, provide recommendations to the utility for improvements to the utility's IRP inputs and process, including the IRP Report. Any such recommendations may be considered in any future Commission proceedings concerning the resource plans of the utility.

II. Scope of Representation

All proposals shall be consistent with the Schedule of Events found in the IRP Rules, as well as account for ELL's proposed deviation to its Schedule of Events. Therefore, Applicants must be prepared to assist Commission Staff in holding technical conferences, drafting comments, drafting and responding to discovery as appropriate, preparing direct and cross-answering testimony if necessary, reviewing and analyzing stipulation terms, testifying before an administrative law judge, and conducting informal meetings with the parties and Commissioners. For ELL's Schedule, Applicants must also be prepared to review and potentially participate (as a spectator) in the stakeholder feedback survey.

All proposals shall include an outline of a plan of action for conducting all three IRPs, including the activities described above, and shall be accompanied by a professional firm resume indicating the qualifications and experience necessary to meet the requirements of this RFP. The Commission and its Staff shall have the right to determine how the scope of representation will be carried out, including setting internal deadlines if necessary to ensure all work is completed timely. Please note that the use of ChatGBT or any other AI type platform is strictly prohibited when reviewing and analyzing information provided to the Commission pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure, Rule 12.1.

III. Period of Representation

The time period estimated to complete the Scope of Representation is approximately 24 months. This is merely an estimate and the Commission makes no representations as to the accuracy of the Period of Representation.

IV. Minimum Requirements

To be considered, all Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements in addition to those provided in Commission General Order dated November 10, 2014. Consideration will be given to factors which indicate degrees of competence such as the amount of practical experience in the field of public utility practice, and similar practice before this or other regulatory agencies, in addition to the Applicant's knowledge of Louisiana resource acquisitions, certifications, regulatory law, and ratemaking principles. Applicants shall be qualified and prepared to participate in technical conferences, draft and render a report on the IRP process, expert testimony, and be cross-examined— if necessary, with respect to all of the issues addressed in this RFP and which are likely to arise in the proceeding. Applicants shall also, at a minimum, have knowledge of:

- 1) The Commission's IRP Rules;
- 2) The Commission's Rules and Orders pertaining to the RFP process as it relates to the acquisition of power supply resources, including but not limited to, the Commission's Market Based Mechanisms Order and its 1983 General Order, as amended;
- 3) Policies related to Energy Efficiency and Distributed Generation and their applicability to resource planning;
- 4) Policies related to Transmission and their applicability to resource planning;
- 5) Principles associated with resource acquisitions, including but not limited to whether or not a particular resource meets the utility's need for power and whether the considered resources are able to meet those needs;
- 6) Whether or not a resource will provide reliable service at the lowest reasonable cost;
- 7) Resource planning methods to improve the efficiency and reliability of a utility's power supply operations and whether the utility is making use of any such methods;
- 8) Public interest criteria for approval and monitoring of electric generating facility projects;
- 9) Rules and policies on cost recovery, including each Investor-Owned Utility's formula rate plan or other rate plan in place during the course of the IRP; and
- 10) MISO and SPP tariffs, rules, and planning processes, generally.

Applicants shall also, at a minimum, be experienced in participating in cases involving public utility regulation, or other regulatory issues on administrative and judicial levels, including the presentation of direct testimony or report and recommendations, assistance in developing cross examination of adverse witnesses, and the analysis of comments and exceptions to proposed recommendations. Consideration is given to indicia of competence such as previous experience in complex cases, publications, educational achievement and other previous employment suggesting competence in regulatory matters involving the above areas; significant personal experiences before regulatory agencies such as the SEC, FERC, FCC, or other similar entities may be a favorable factor. Firm size may be considered in matters likely to be prolonged, complex, or involving multiple forums.

V. Estimate of Costs

Applicants shall provide an overview of the estimated costs in the summary of the bid proposals. All proposals shall include fees and direct costs (expenses) in order to provide the services described above. Applicants responding to this RFP shall quote their rates on an hourly basis and submit a total budget, separating professional fees from direct costs. While Applicants may separate the fees and costs by each IRP docket, Staff will take the total fees and cost as one proposal.

Applicants shall only be allowed to charge for actual hours of work performed and costs incurred. Once selected, an Applicant's hourly rates and budget shall not be altered except by formal approval of the Commission.

VI. Conflict of Interest

Applicants shall prominently and separately disclose current, as well as past, employment which could possibly result in a conflict of interest. Potential conflicts could include, but are not to be limited to, employment with regulated utilities, affiliates of regulated utilities, consumer advocacy groups, or any other party that comes before the Commission. In addition, Applicants shall disclose matters in which they currently represent clients before the Commission.

VII. Billing Guidelines

As required by the November 10, 2014 General Order, all bills will be rendered to the Commission monthly and shall specifically identify and describe all work performed, the person performing such work, the time and charge for such work, and shall additionally show the total amount billed to date and the authorized original estimate. Bills will be rendered in strict accordance with the Commission's guidelines. Pursuant to La. R.S. 45:1180, Cleco, ELL, and SWEPCO are the ultimate responsible parties for payment of services provided pursuant to this RFP; therefore, timely submittal of invoices to the Commission facilitates timely payments to Applicant.

Expenses shall also be separately disclosed with proof of such expenses attached. Expenses, where applicable, shall be reimbursed at state authorized rates as specified in the Travel Policies and Procedures Memorandum issued by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration in effect at the time such expenses are incurred ("Allowable Expenses"). Any expenses that exceed the Allowable Expenses shall be borne by the contract employee and shall not be reimbursed by either the Commission, or the correspondent utility, unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

VIII. Reservation of Rights

The LPSC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to amend and/or supplement this RFP at any time, and to consider proposals or modifications thereof received at any time prior to LPSC vote at Open Session, if such action is found by the LPSC to be in the public interest. Pursuant to the General Order regarding the selection of contract employees, the LPSC has the right to accept other than the lowest offer with regard to price. In addition, there is also no assurance, express or implied, that an award will necessarily be made pursuant to this RFP.

IX. Submission of Proposals

Interested parties should submit the **original (hard copy), 1 copy, and e-mail an electronic copy** of the proposal to:

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