January 29, 2021

Notice of Intent to Issue a Request for Proposals 2021 Entergy Texas, Inc. Solar RFP

Entergy Services, LLC ("ESL") hereby provides notice to interested parties that it intends to issue a Request for Proposals for Solar Generation Resources (the "RFP") on behalf of Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI"). ESL expects to issue the RFP in April 2021. RFP documents will be posted to ESL's website for the RFP, https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2021ETIRenewablesRFP/Index.htm. ESL plans on holding a Bidders Conference in April 2021, prior to the RFP documents being posted. Interested participants should monitor the RFP website for information about the Bidders Conference, including the date, time, and location. Proposals responsive to the RFP may be due as early as July 2021.

Through the RFP, ETI would seek to obtain a minimum of 200 megawatts ("MW") of Solar photovoltaic ("Solar") resources that can provide cost-effective energy supply, capacity, fuel diversity, and other benefits to ETI's customers. Resources would be procured through a combination of build-own-transfer ("B-O-T") agreements, self-build alternatives, and power purchase agreements ("PPAs"). The delivery term for a PPA arising out of the RFP would be a minimum of ten (10) years and a maximum of twenty (20) years, with an interest in fifteen (15) year or shorter term options. The guaranteed start date for any such PPA would be no later than January 2025. Under the RFP, ETI will not enter into a PPA, or any related agreement, that will or may result in the recognition of a long-term liability on the books of ETI (or any of its Affiliates), whether the long-term liability is due to lease accounting, the accounting for a variable interest entity ("VIE") or derivatives, or any other applicable accounting standard.

Solar resources would be eligible to be offered into the RFP. The minimum electric generation capacity in any proposal offered into the RFP would be 50 MW. ETI reserves the right to acquire more or less capacity than the above target amounts for any product solicited.

All resources proposed for the RFP would be required to be physically located within the Texas region of Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") South. All PPA deliveries would be required to be financially settled at the MISO commercial pricing node for ETI load (EES.ETILD).

Bidders in the RFP would be permitted to submit proposals for eligible Solar resources that have a fully executed Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") with MISO or are active in the 2021 Cycle 1 Definitive Planning Phase ("DPP") studies or an earlier DPP study. Resources that are not included in any such DPP study and lack an executed GIA would be ineligible to participate in the RFP. The guaranteed substantial completion date for any new-build generating resource offered into the RFP would be required to be no later than January 2025 (subject to permitted extensions described in the RFP documents). Any resource location or RFP schedule question should be directed to the Bid Event Coordinator (see the final paragraph below).

Proposals would be allowed to include a separately priced option for a battery energy storage system ("BESS") to supplement the energy delivery capabilities of the Solar resource. They could also include, for B-O-T proposals, a separately priced option for the provision of short-term operation and maintenance ("O&M") services after the substantial completion payment is made to the B-O-T seller.

The RFP would not preclude consideration of any self-build option that may be submitted on behalf of ETI or any proposal that may be submitted by Entergy Regulated Affiliates or Entergy Competitive Affiliates. The self-build option(s) and/or Affiliate proposal(s) would be considered and evaluated as an alternative to third party proposals submitted in response to the RFP.

Any transaction emerging from the RFP would be subject to ETI's receipt of all regulatory approvals on terms acceptable to ETI in its sole discretion and other conditions precedent.

Consistent with prior ETI RFPs, the registration process contemplates that Bidders would be required to register each proposal with ETI and pay a proposal submission fee of \$10,000 per proposal in advance of the RFP's proposal submission period. Any alternative proposal submitted into the RFP (e.g., a proposal containing alternative pricing, alternative completion dates or an alternative transaction structure) would be required to be registered as a separate proposal. A bidder that offers a proposal that also includes BESS or O&M proposals would be required to pay an incremental charge of \$1,000 for each BESS or O&M option offered.

Bidders are advised that various rules, regulations, and other laws apply to the development of new-build Solar projects in Texas. Bidders may be required to demonstrate to ETI that they have timely obtained, or have a plan to timely obtain, the licenses and other authorizations required under such laws to submit its proposal(s) in the RFP or to perform their obligations under any resulting contract with ETI.

All dates and time periods referenced in this notice are subject to change. This notice is intended in part to give prospective bidders interested in participating in the RFP advance notice of the RFP. While ETI expects to issue the RFP, by publishing this notice ETI is not assuming, and expressly disclaims, any obligation or commitment to issue the RFP or any other obligation or liability of any kind of ETI that could result from or arise out of this notice.

ETI has engaged Mr. Marc Sawicki of ESL to serve as the Bid Event Coordinator, and Mr. Wayne Oliver of Merrimack Energy Group Inc. to serve as the Independent Monitor ("IM") for the RFP. Mr. Oliver can be reached via email at MerrimackIM@merrimackenergy.com. Questions about this notice or the RFP should be directed to the Bid Event Coordinator of the RFP at <u>etirfp@entergy.com</u> and to Mr. Oliver at the referenced email address.