## **CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

		of the date of the signatures below (this s, Inc., a Delaware corporation, ("ESI") and
		are each sometimes referred to
individually as a "Party" and collecti	ively, as the "Parties."	are each sometimes referred to
WHEREAS, ESI has issued its Ja Supply-Side Resources ("RFP") for	•	on Request for Proposals for Long-Term apacity resources;
	process, the Parties may d	onnection with the RFP and in connection is close to one another information, which confidential and proprietary;
WHEREAS, in connection with the transaction (the "Possible Transaction	•	their respective Affiliates) may enter into a
<b>WHEREAS</b> , each Party wishes to r not intend to waive any of its rights		atus of such information, and, further, does
WHEREAS, as a condition to furn accorded confidential treatment in a		ach Party requires that such information be ons of this Agreement;
		nts and promises contained herein and other which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties
business or other information, incluspecifications, operating procedures in written or electronic form, or when to this Agreement, a Party (the "Distonary of the ESI Representatives including without limitation, all musurveys, inspections or evaluations defined below), which contain, relationship information. Documents so classificationship information." The term "Highly Servefers to material that the Disclosing of such material or providing underpresentatives, would expose the I	ding without limitation, day, correspondence, formulae other communicated by write closing Party") discloses to so of the	and all technical financial, operational, ta, documents, processes, drawings, plans, e, programs, analyses, and studies, whether ting, verbally, or otherwise, which pursuant to the other Party (the "Receiving Party") orRepresentatives (as defined below), ses, interpretations, compilations, studies, ing Party or any of its Representatives (as n whole or in part, any of such data or y shall bear the designation "Confidential is a subset of Confidential Information and highly sensitive nature that making copies material to the Receiving Party or its on or entity to which the Disclosing Party an unreasonable risk of harm. Documents ghly Sensitive Protected Material."
disclose any part of it to any Person approval of the Disclosing Party. Information only for the purposes Confidential Information may be d	except in accordance with Each Party further agree of this Agreement and for isclosed by ESI only to E	of the other Party in confidence and not to h this Agreement, without the prior written es to use the other Party's Confidential or no other purpose's SI's or the Entergy Operating Companies' risors (the "ESI Representatives") and the

RFP's Independent Monitor who need to know the Confidential Information for the purposes
contemplated by this Agreement and who will be advised by ESI of this Agreement; provided, however
that ESI will satisfy itself that the ESI Representatives will act in accordance herewith. ESI shall be
responsible for any breach of this Agreement by any of the ESI Representatives. ESI's Confidentia
Information may be disclosed by only to's or's Affiliates
directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, or advisors (the "
Representatives") who need to know the Confidential Information for he purposes contemplated by this
Agreement and who will be advised by of this Agreement; provided, however, that
will satisfy itself that the Representatives will act in accordance
herewith shall be responsible for any breach of this Agreement by any of the
Representatives. The ESI Representatives and the Representatives may
hereinafter sometimes be referred to as the "Representatives" of the respective Parties (by way of example
only, the ESI Representatives may be referred to as "the Representatives of the Disclosing Party" when
ESI is the Disclosing Party.)

- 3. In addition to the protections provided for herein for Confidential Information, Confidential Information that also has been designated as Highly Sensitive Protected Material shall be subject to the following protections. First, the Highly Sensitive Protected Material will be accorded by the Receiving Party the highest level of protection that is reasonably possible in order to preserve the confidentiality of this material. Second, only one copy of Highly Sensitive Protected Material will be provided to the Receiving Party, and the Receiving Party shall not be permitted to make my additional copies of such Highly Sensitive Protected Material, or any part of the Highly Sensitive Protected Material, without the written consent of the Disclosing Party. Second, the Receiving Party agrees that Highly Sensitive Protected Material shall be made available only for review by approved Representatives of the Receiving Party; which Representatives must be approved by the Disclosing Party, applying its sole and absolute discretion, before Highly Sensitive Protected Material may be provided to the proposed Representative.
- 4. The confidentiality obligations of this Agreement shall not apply to information disclosed in connection with this Agreement which: (i) is or becomes publicly known other than through a breach of the provisions of this Agreement with or other confidentiality obligation by the Receiving Party or any of its Representatives; (ii) is already known to the Receiving Party at the time of disclosure, provided the source of such information was not known by the Receiving Party to be bound by a confidentiality agreement with or other legal or fiduciary obligation of confidentiality owed to the Disclosing Party or any of its Affiliates; (iii) is lawfully received by the Receiving Party from a source other than the Disclosing Party or its Representatives without, to the Receiving Party's knowledge, breach of any confidentiality agreement with or other legal or fiduciary obligation of confidentiality owed to the Disclosing Party or any of its Affiliates by such source; (iv) is independently developed by the Receiving Party without use, directly or indirectly, of Confidential Information received from the Disclosing Party or any of its Representatives; or (v) is authorized in writing by the Disclosing Party to be released from the confidentiality obligations of this Agreement.
- 5. All Confidential Information may be subject to review by one or more of the regulatory commissions having jurisdiction over one or more of the Entergy Operating Companies (as defined below) or by the staff(s) thereof, and may be subject to formal or informal discovery by such commission(s) or staff(s) or other parties. In addition, all Confidential Information may be subject to review by a district or appellate court in a proceeding involving one or more of the Entergy Operating Companies (as defined below). \_\_\_\_\_\_ agrees that ESI or any of the Entergy Operating Companies may use and disclose Confidential Information in testimony, evidence or otherwise in any proceeding or non-public communication or discussion seeking or relating to approval by any such commission of the Possible Transaction or any other regulatory proceeding or proceeding before a district

or appellate court to which the Possible Transaction may be relevant, and in any such case, ESI will make reasonable efforts to obtain confidential treatment for disclosed Confidential Information. In addition, if the Receiving Party becomes legally compelled (by oral questions, interrogatories, request for information or documents, subpoena, civil investigative demand or similar process) to disclose any Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party, the Receiving Party will provide the Disclosing Party with prompt written notice so the Disclosing Party may seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy and/or waive compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. In the event such protective order or other remedy is not obtained reasonably in advance of the time the Receiving Party shall be required to disclose such Confidential Information, except to the extent the Disclosing Party shall have waived compliance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Receiving Party will disclose only that Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party the disclosure of which is compelled and will make reasonable efforts to obtain confidential treatment for such Confidential Information so disclosed (and may disclose such information in accordance with this Paragraph 4 without liability hereunder).

- 6. The Confidential Information shall remain the property of the Disclosing Party and upon the written request of the Disclosing Party, the Receiving Party shall, at its own expense, promptly return to the Disclosing Party all originals and copies of the writings in its possession which contain Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party, except that the portion of Confidential Information that may be found in analyses, compilations, studies and other documents prepared by or for the Receiving Party shall be destroyed rather than returned, as verified by a written certificate given by an officer of the Receiving Party to the Disclosing Party and except that ESI may retain one copy of Confidential Information that it receives from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the files of its Legal Department.
- 7. The Disclosing Party shall be entitled to equitable relief: including injunction and specific performance, in the event of a breach or threatened breach of this Agreement upon proof of such breach. The Receiving Party, further, waives any requirement that the Disclosing Party post a bond in connection with obtaining any such equitable relief In the event of a breach of this Agreement, such remedies shall be in addition to any other remedies available at law or equity. In no event shall any Party be entitled to exemplary, indirect, special, or punitive damages.
- 8. Neither Party acquires any property or other interest, including without limitation, any right under patent, trademark, or copyright in Confidential Information merely as a result of its disclosure or exchange under this Agreement.
- 9. Neither Party nor any of their respective Representatives have made or make any representation or warranty, whether express, implied, statutory or otherwise, as to the accuracy or completeness of Confidential Information or any condition or aspect thereof Except as otherwise agreed in writing, each Party agrees that neither the Disclosing Party nor its Representatives shall have any liability to the Receiving Party or any of its Representatives resulting from the use of the Confidential Information.
- 10. This Agreement does not constitute a joint venture or partnership between the Parties. Nothing herein shall require either Party to disclose Confidential Information or to negotiate or to enter into any agreement as a result of the discussions contemplated by this Agreement. \_\_\_\_\_\_ acknowledges and agrees that ESI has no obligation to negotiate exclusively with \_\_\_\_\_\_ or any other Person regarding the Possible Transaction except as may be otherwise expressly provided in a subsequent written agreement. The Parties are sophisticated and are advised and will continue to be advised by experienced counsel and, to the extent they deem appropriate, other advisors in connection with the Possible Transaction. No contract or agreement regarding the Possible Transaction or any transaction involving the Parties will be deemed to exist between the Parties unless and until a final definitive agreement has been executed and delivered. Unless and until a final definitive agreement

regarding the Possible Transaction between the Parties has been executed and delivered, neither Party will be under any legal obligation of any kind whatsoever with respect to the Possible Transaction by virtue of this Agreement, except for the matters specifically agreed to herein or as otherwise expressly provided in a subsequent written agreement with respect to the Possible Transaction. Each Party reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate discussions and negotiations at any time, for any reason or for no reason.

- 11. This Agreement shall be effective from the date first hereinabove written to and for a period of two (2) years thereafter and shall terminate upon the expiration of such period. Termination shall not affect the obligations of either Party under this Agreement with respect to Confidential Information already disclosed to such Party or any of its Representatives.
- 12. This Agreement may not be assigned by either Party without the prior written consent of the other Party. \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledges and agrees that each of the Entergy Operating Companies is an express third-party beneficiary) of this Agreement.
- 13. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:
  - (a) "Affiliate" shall mean any Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with another Person, with control meaning the ability to direct the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting rights, by contract, or otherwise.
  - (b) "Entergy Operating Companies" means Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C., Entergy Louisiana, LLC., Entergy Mississippi, Inc., Entergy Texas, Inc., and Entergy New Orleans, Inc. and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
  - (c) "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, trust, estate, government or agency or subdivision thereof or any other entity.
- 14. No failure or delay by the Disclosing Party in exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise of any right, power, or privilege. No waiver by any Party of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and designated as a waiver, and such waiver shall not imply a subsequent or prior waiver of that or any other provision.
- 15. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflict of law rules thereof.

16. Any and all notices and other communications that are required or permissible pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be deemed given: (i) upon personal delivery to an officer of the recipient as set forth below; or (ii) upon the sender's receipt of electronic confirmation of transmission, if sent by facsimile; or (iii) upon receipt if sent by mail or courier. The Parties designate the following addresses for the provision of such notices:

- 17. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect. Any unenforceable provision shall be deemed modified to the limited extent required to permit its enforcement in a manner most closely representing the intention of the Parties as expressed herein.
- 18. The Parties hereby expressly acknowledge and agree that (i) they are or may be involved in the same or similar businesses, (ii) nothing herein or otherwise will restrict either Party from competing with another Party or its Affiliates, and (iii) there is no fiduciary relationship or other implied obligation of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof or based on any course of dealing, the Parties' respective obligations being solely those expressly set forth herein.
- 19. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties on this subject; there are no terms, conditions, representations, warranties, or agreements between the Parties concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that have not been specifically stated herein. This Agreement may not be modified except by written agreement designated as a modification executed by authorized officers of the Parties.
- 20. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and by different parties in separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one instrument.

IN WITNESS	WHEREOF,	each of the	Parties	has caused	this	Agreement	to b	be executed	by	its	duly
authorized repr	esentative as	of the date f	irst above	e written.							

	ENTERGY SERVICES, INC.
By:	By:
Name:	Name:
Title:	Title: