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Large Load Electric Service Agreement Analysis Support

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1.	The Deliverable schedule described on page 6 is very compressed given the quantity of work described in the RFP. Is the Department amenable to modifying the schedule to allow for more time to complete the tasks? If yes, what is the Department's expectation of what the Commission could adopt in terms of the lengthening the procedural schedule?	There is a possibility of requesting a 30-day extension from the Commission. The Department is unable to know if the Commission would enact an extension beyond 30 days.
2.	Please describe the share of work in developing comments and reply comments that will be accomplished by the consultant vs. the department. Any additional detail regarding task responsibilities and work that will be performed by the Department would be appreciated.	It is expected that the consultant will draft comment and reply comment text as outlined in the scope of work. The Department will review comments and collaborate on editing comments submitted by the consultant. The Department has started to evaluate the ESAs and submit Information Requests to the utilities. Any preliminary work done by the Department will be shared with the consultants. The consultant will be expected to submit any additional Information Requests as needed after the contract term begins. The Department will handle all resource planning for needed energy and capacity as noted in question 3 below. The Department has sent out several information requests addressing exit fees/stranded costs provisions, take-or-pay or minimum pay provisions, incremental cost test, and fully allocated via class cost of service study (CCOSS). The Department would appreciate review of these areas by the consultant to ensure we are capturing all concerns, plus help with evaluation of the incremental cost test and fully allocated CCOSS model. The Department is also looking for help in identifying any costs caused by the large load customer that have not been identified including transmission costs.

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3.	Regarding Task 3, does the Department expect the consultant will accomplish capacity system expansion modeling or other types of production cost modeling pursuant to the contract?	The Department does not expect the consultant to conduct capacity expansion modeling. The Department is able to do the limited EnCompass modeling that may be needed for the analysis.
4.	Please describe the type(s) of quantitative modeling and analysis the Department expects the Consultant will perform pursuant to the contract. Please include, if known, software programs that will be utilized to perform the work. Please also indicate if modeling inputs are to be provided by the Department or developed by the Consultant.	The consultant will not by expected to do EnCompass modeling as discussed in question 3. However, the Department does need help in evaluating the incremental cost test and fully allocated CCOSS, which we have request from the utilities in an Excel spreadsheet with all assumptions and formulas included. The Department also needs assistance with identifying costs caused by the large load customers that have not been identified including transmission costs.
5.	Regarding Task 3, does the Department expect the consultant will perform its own cost of service study, or will be able to leverage utility cost of service studies to complete the task? Please explain.	The consultant is not expected to perform independent cost of service studies and can leverage what has been provided in the filings and in information request responses. As noted in responses to questions 2 and 4, the Department wants help evaluating the incremental cost test and CCOSS that we have recently requested from the utilities to provide in an Excel spreadsheet with all assumptions and formulas included.
6.	Task 4 discusses "Evaluation of costs related to interconnection and system upgrades and verification that none are missing or incorrectly accounted for in the ESAs." Does the Department envision this will include an engineering analysis to help determine necessary upgrades and costs? Please explain.	The Department does not anticipate that an in-depth engineering analysis will be required to identify if there are missing or incorrectly accounted for interconnection and system upgrade costs in the ESAs. However, if consultants believe one is needed please detail that in your proposal.

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7.	Can the Consultant bid on a smaller scope of work than envisioned in the RFP? For example, by proposing to work on one ESA or to provide policy guidance at a higher level than envisioned by the RFP?	Consultants are welcome to submit proposals that meet their capacity and ability. Note that if a proposal does not address all items in the RFP it will likely impact its score.