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### Via Electronic Mail

To LPSC qualified consultants

Re: Docket No. S-33828 – *CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., ex parte*. In re: Request for Letter of Non-Opposition Regarding CenterPoint Energy Amendment to Asset Management Agreement

In the above-captioned docket, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. (“CenterPoint”) recently requested that the Commission express its non-opposition to an Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Asset Management Agreement (the “Amendment”) concerning a certain no-notice gas storage and transportation contract on the Gulf South Pipeline (“Gulf South”) system entered into between CenterPoint and BP Energy Company (“BP”). The Commission expressed its non-opposition to the original Asset Management Agreement in LPSC Order S-31146 dated October 22, 2009 (the “AMA”).

By way of this bid solicitation letter, the Commission is seeking bids from independent technical consultants to assist the Commission in conducting a review of CenterPoint’s filing. Any outside consultant retained by the Commission will work closely with in house Legal and Auditing Staff in this review. Applicants will be assisting Staff by reviewing the Application submitted by CenterPoint, as well as any additional information that will be submitted by CenterPoint or any other party. The applicant will be required to assist Staff in the conducting of discovery, preparation of a Staff recommendation, participate in discussions with the parties and Commissioners as necessary and to testify before the Commission’s Business and Executive Session, if necessary.

In addition to meeting the minimum requirements set forth in the Commission’s November 10, 2014 General Order, the consultant chosen must be qualified to review and analyze the Company’s request, and be familiar with the Commission’s Orders regarding Purchase Gas Adjustments and be able to analyze all aspects of Centerpoint’s request and

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make a recommendation to the Commission on the application.

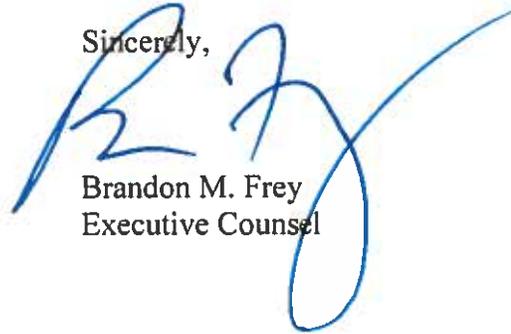
The November 10, 2014 General Order provides as follows:

*Contracts for consulting and/or legal services which are anticipated to result in a maximum bid amount of compensation, including all professional fees but excluding expenses, to not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), may be considered and approved by the Commission without the necessity of an RFP. The expenses allowed for such services shall be limited to twenty percent (20%) of the total bid amount, unless the Commission specifically authorizes a greater amount.*

Staff believes that an outside consultant can assist in this matter for under \$50,000.00, thus no formal RFP is required by the General Order. Should you be interested in submitting a proposal to assist the Commission Staff in this docket, please forward your proposal to **Kathleen Richardson, Louisiana Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 91154, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821** no later than **November 16, 2015**.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Deputy General Counsel Melissa Watson.

Sincerely,



Brandon M. Frey  
Executive Counsel

cc: Eve Kahao Gonzalez, Executive Secretary  
Melissa Watson, Deputy General Counsel