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ADVICE 5091-E
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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENERGY DIVISION

SUBJECT: Southern California Edison Company Seeking Approval of ICF Resources, L.L.C. as the Candidate-implementer for the Wildfire and Natural Disaster Resiliency Rebuild Program in Decision 21-11-002

I. PURPOSE

In compliance with page 51 and Appendix B-2 of Decision (D.) 21-11-002, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) hereby submits for approval ICF Resources, L.L.C. (ICF) as the program implementer for the Wildfire and Natural Disaster Resiliency Rebuild (WNDRR) Program.

The background on the selection process is provided in greater detail below.

II. BACKGROUND

On November 9, 2021, the Commission issued D.21-11-002 (Decision), which adopted the statewide WNDRR program to provide incentives to help homeowners affected by natural disasters to rebuild all-electric homes in alignment with the state's long-term climate and energy goals.

The Decision states, "SCE, with input from the Scoring Committee, will, as the designated contracting agent, negotiate and sign the contract with the winning bidder. SCE will submit a Tier 2 Advice Letter (Tier 2 Implementation Advice Letter) requesting Commission approval of the contract."¹

¹ D.21-11-002, p. 51

The request for SCE to submit a Tier 2 advice letter is confirmed in Appendix B-2 of the Decision, which states, “SCE will submit advice letters on behalf of the program implementer and/or program evaluator for Commission approval: 1. Tier 2 Advice Letter for the final contract for the program implementer (years 1-5).”

In addition, the Decision states, “In order to promote the potential for wide public review, and in consultation with Energy Division, SCE will add persons to the Service List of this proceeding for service of the Tier 2 Advice Letter including, but not necessarily limited to: local jurisdictions (e.g., permitting offices), community-based organizations, others SCE and/or Energy Division believe have an interest in the WNDRR Program (expanded WNDRR service list).”²

III. DISCUSSION

This section provides details on the RFP process.

A. Scoring Committee

The Decision states, “Bids will be scored by a WNDRR Scoring Committee. Energy Division will convene the Scoring Committee, which will consist of one representative from each participating electric IOU and Energy Division. The Scoring Committee will evaluate bids using the pre-established RFP scoring criteria and exercising professional judgment. The Scoring Committee may send questions to a bidder to seek clarification of a bid and may request interviews or presentations with finalists. The Scoring Committee will recommend the preferred choice. The Energy Division Director will make the final decision on the winning bid and will inform the contracting agent (SCE) of the selection.”³

Thus, Energy Division staff recruited a Scoring Committee that consisted of the following individuals from the following organizations:

- Abhilasha Wadhwa, CPUC Energy Division
- Natalie Flores-Rios, SCE
- Conrad Asper, Pacific Gas and Electric
- Athena Besa, San Diego Gas and Electric
- Ryan Harvey, PacifiCorp
- Nicholas Raft, Liberty Utilities
- Tom Chou, Bear Valley Electric Service

² D.21-11-002, p. 51

³ D.21-11-002, p. 51

B. Solicitation

The Decision states, “SCE, as program administrator and contracting agent, will draft the RFP, subject to oversight by and final approval from the Energy Division. The draft RFP will include proposed scoring criteria. The draft RFP will be circulated to the service list for one round of quick comments. SCE and the Energy Division will consider the submitted comments in drafting the final RFP. SCE and Energy Division shall ensure that the final RFP complies with all necessary procurement rules, and that it is widely posted and publicized (including posting the final RFP on SCE’s procurement website, and publicizing the RFP to reach a qualified pool of potential contractors). Once the RFP is issued, bidders will have eight weeks to submit bids to the contracting agent (subject to adjustment by Energy Division if more time is needed). Bidders and potential bidders must direct all communications and questions about the solicitation to SCE. Bids and scoring of bids shall be designated as confidential, market-sensitive information pursuant to D.06-06-066.”⁴

On August 12, 2022, SCE launched the solicitation for the WNDRR program through their Ariba solicitation platform. By October 4, 2022, SCE received two proposals in response to the solicitation.

Between October 4, 2022, and January 12, 2023, the Scoring Committee evaluated each of the proposals, giving each of them a technical evaluation and scoring as appropriate based on the Program Implementer criteria outlined in Section V.A of Appendix B of D.21-11-002. The proposals were ultimately evaluated for the following:

- Approach to work;
- Reflects understanding of difficult life situation of potential participants;
- Reflects understanding of key market and program barriers;
- Clearly articulates workable strategies to overcome market and program barriers;
- Organization skills, capabilities, and experience;
- Staffing Plan; and
- Budget and Incentive strategy.

In addition, SCE evaluated each proposal for the following factors: (1) Compliance with SCE’s terms and conditions, (2) redlines (if applicable), (3) Cybersecurity, (4) Supplier Responsibility Forms, and (5) Diverse Business Enterprise (DBE) Certifications.

After reviewing each bid against the published evaluation criteria and conducting interviews with each bidder, the consensus of the Scoring Committee was that the proposal by ICF was the strongest.

Given these results, the Energy Division director directed SCE to establish a contract with ICF Resources, L.L.C. for implementation of the WNDRR program, and file a Tier 2 Advice Letter as directed in the decision requesting CPUC’s approval of the contract.

⁴ D.21-11-002, pp. 50-51

IV. TIER DESIGNATION

Pursuant to P.51 and Appendix B-2 of D.21-11-002, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 2 designation.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This advice letter will become effective on September 16, 2023, 30 days after this advice letter is submitted.

VI. NOTICE

Anyone wishing to protest this advice letter may do so only electronically. Protests must be received no later than 20 days after the date of this advice letter. Protests should be submitted to the CPUC Energy Division at:

E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this advice letter should also be sent electronically to the attention of:

Connor Flanigan
Managing Director, State Regulatory Operations
E-mail: AdviceTariffManager@sce.com

and

Tara S. Kaushik
Managing Director, Regulatory Relations
c/o Karyn Gansecki
E-mail: Karyn.Gansecki@sce.com

With a copy to:

Olivia Samad
Senior Attorney
E-mail: Olivia.Samad@sce.com

There are no restrictions on who may submit a protest, but the protest shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which it is based and must be received by the deadline shown above.

In accordance with General Rule 4 of GO 96-B, SCE is furnishing copies of this advice letter to the interested parties shown on the attached R.19-01-011, including the "Expanded WNDRR Service List" as described in the Decision, and GO 96-B service lists. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed to

AdviceTariffManager@sce.com or at (626) 302-4747. For changes to any other service list, please contact the Commission's Process Office at (415) 703-2021 or at Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov. To view other SCE advice letters submitted with the Commission, log on to SCE's website at <https://www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/regulatory/advice-letters>.

All questions concerning this advice letter should be directed to Ka-Wing Maggie Poon at (626) 302-1194 or by electronic mail at Ka-Wing.Poon@sce.com.

Southern California Edison Company

/s/ Connor Flanigan
Connor Flanigan

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ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY



MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.:

Utility type:

- ELC GAS WATER
 PLC HEAT

Contact Person:

Phone #:
E-mail:
E-mail Disposition Notice to:

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas WATER = Water
 PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #:

Tier Designation:

Subject of AL:

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL:

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL:

Confidential treatment requested? Yes No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:

Resolution required? Yes No

Requested effective date:

No. of tariff sheets:

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%):

Estimated system average rate effect (%):

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected:

Service affected and changes proposed¹:

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

¹Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

Protests and correspondence regarding this AL are to be sent via email and are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

California Public Utilities Commission
Energy Division Tariff Unit Email:
EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Contact Name:
Title:
Utility/Entity Name:

Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Email:

Contact Name:
Title:
Utility/Entity Name:

Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Email:

CPUC
Energy Division Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

ENERGY Advice Letter Keywords

Affiliate	Direct Access	Preliminary Statement
Agreements	Disconnect Service	Procurement
Agriculture	ECAC / Energy Cost Adjustment	Qualifying Facility
Avoided Cost	EOR / Enhanced Oil Recovery	Rebates
Balancing Account	Energy Charge	Refunds
Baseline	Energy Efficiency	Reliability
Bilingual	Establish Service	Re-MAT/Bio-MAT
Billings	Expand Service Area	Revenue Allocation
Bioenergy	Forms	Rule 21
Brokerage Fees	Franchise Fee / User Tax	Rules
CARE	G.O. 131-D	Section 851
CPUC Reimbursement Fee	GRC / General Rate Case	Self Generation
Capacity	Hazardous Waste	Service Area Map
Cogeneration	Increase Rates	Service Outage
Compliance	Interruptible Service	Solar
Conditions of Service	Interutility Transportation	Standby Service
Connection	LIEE / Low-Income Energy Efficiency	Storage
Conservation	LIRA / Low-Income Ratepayer Assistance	Street Lights
Consolidate Tariffs	Late Payment Charge	Surcharges
Contracts	Line Extensions	Tariffs
Core	Memorandum Account	Taxes
Credit	Metered Energy Efficiency	Text Changes
Curtable Service	Metering	Transformer
Customer Charge	Mobile Home Parks	Transition Cost
Customer Owned Generation	Name Change	Transmission Lines
Decrease Rates	Non-Core	Transportation Electrification
Demand Charge	Non-firm Service Contracts	Transportation Rates
Demand Side Fund	Nuclear	Undergrounding
Demand Side Management	Oil Pipelines	Voltage Discount
Demand Side Response	PBR / Performance Based Ratemaking	Wind Power
Deposits	Portfolio	Withdrawal of Service
Depreciation	Power Lines	