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East Texas Electric Cooperative

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
TO SUPPLY PARTIAL REQUIREMENTS
POWER TO SELECTED LOADS
IN SPP AND ENTERGY**

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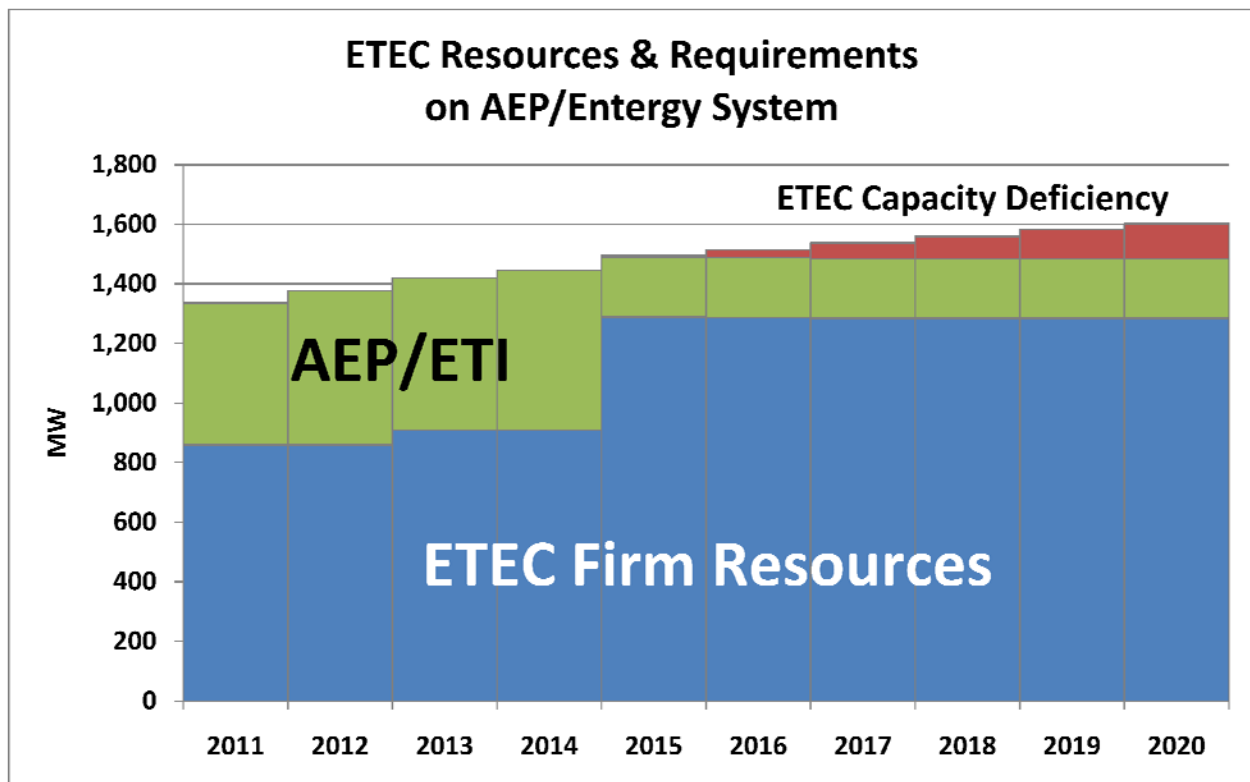
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1.0 Scope

East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("ETEC") is issuing this Request for Proposals ("RFP") to solicit Proposals from power suppliers, energy management agents, and others ("Respondents") for partial requirements capacity and associated energy, energy management services, and balancing authority services beginning **January 1, 2015**. ETEC will use resources obtained through this RFP to serve a portion of ETEC's power requirements within the Entergy and the Southwest Power Pool ("SPP") control areas for ETEC's members: Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NTEC"); Sam Rayburn G&T Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SRG&T"); and Tex-La Electric Cooperative of Texas, Inc. ("Tex-La"). The new resources will replace existing resources that will become unavailable as of December 31, 2014 due to a contractual reduction of purchases under a Power Supply Agreement ("PSA") with Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCo"), a subsidiary of American Electric Power ("AEP") and an expiring Agreement for Partial Requirements Wholesale Electric Service ("PR Agreement") with Entergy-Texas, Inc. ("ETI").

In 2010, the RFP related loads on the Entergy system to be served by resources acquired in this solicitation had a peak demand of approximately 587 MW and energy requirements of 2,184 GWh, while the RFP related loads on the SPP system had a peak demand of approximately 901 MW and energy requirements of 3,485 GWh. The chart shown below illustrates ETEC's future capacity requirements, and Sections 6 and 7 of the RFP contain projected demand/energy requirements for both the SPP and Entergy control areas.



ETEC meets its members' power supply requirements on the Entergy system with a combination of purchased power contracts and unit ownership. ETEC has an existing PR Agreement with ETI under which ETI provides wholesale power (including load growth) and separate control area services for ETEC's member loads on the Entergy transmission system and is also responsible for scheduling ETEC's resources and providing all necessary scheduling, load following, generation dispatch and other services. The ETI PR Agreement

will terminate as of December 31, 2014. Beginning January 1, 2015, ETEC and its members will have sufficient capacity resources to serve their firm load requirements but will need to acquire capacity to meet the appropriate planning reserve requirements, and more importantly, will need to obtain the necessary scheduling, load following, generation dispatch and other control area services to serve its total load on the Entergy system.

ETEC also meets its members' power supply requirements on the SPP system with a combination of purchased power contracts and unit ownership. Resources acquired from this RFP will be used to replace some expiring purchases under ETEC's PSA with SWEPCo. The SWEPCo PSA provides for SWEPCo to supply all of ETEC's supplemental requirements, and SWEPCo is also responsible for scheduling ETEC's resources and providing all necessary scheduling, load following, generation dispatch and other services. The SWEPCo PSA contract converts to a 200 MW block purchase after December 31, 2014. Beginning January 1, 2015, ETEC and its members will have sufficient capacity resources to serve their firm load requirements but will need to acquire capacity to meet the appropriate planning reserve requirements, and more importantly, will need to obtain the necessary scheduling, load following, generation dispatch and other control area services to serve its total load on the SPP system, or more specifically, the AEP/CSWS Balancing Authority.

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit Proposals containing sufficient information to allow comprehensive evaluation of the Respondents' capability to supply reliable power, energy, and related services to ETEC. ETEC desires to receive Proposals from Respondents in a standard response format, and will utilize these Proposals to compare the alternatives offered.

Section 1.A – Power Supply Component

ETEC is interested in acquiring partial requirements power to replace the SWEPCO PSA and ETI PR Agreement. ETEC is specifically seeking partial requirements capacity and associated energy provided by existing or new capacity from a Respondent who is also able to provide or arrange for the provision of transmission and all necessary ancillary services to the SPP/Entergy transmission systems, as applicable. In addition to the partial requirements power, the Respondent should also provide power necessary to serve future load growth, meet planning reserve requirements, provide emergency and back-up power for all non-RFP resources, and provide scheduling, load following and generation dispatch services.

Respondent may choose to bid resources located outside the SPP/Entergy footprint; however, the Respondent must secure sufficient firm point-to-point transmission service (including losses) to the SPP/Entergy border to be considered in this RFP. Please note that any resources bid into the RFP must be willing to submit a Designated Network Resources attestation form, consistent with the requirements of FERC Order No. 890, for Network Resource designation under the provisions of the SPP or Entergy Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT"), as applicable. In addition, for resources selected for further review after initial screening, ETEC will submit the appropriate Transmission Service Requests on the SPP OASIS as part of the SPP Aggregate Study process by January 31, 2012 or to the Entergy ICT via the Entergy OASIS. All transmission service requests will be for service from the Respondent's Delivery Point to ETEC's load in SPP/Entergy, as applicable, and ETEC shall be the Transmission Customer associated with each request. If the Respondent's resource(s) is located outside the SPP/Entergy area, ETEC will also submit the appropriate point-to-point transmission service requests. **Respondents will be responsible to pay all study costs for the evaluation of any Transmission Service Request in relation to this RFP by either reimbursing ETEC for such costs or paying for such costs directly to SPP or the Entergy ICT.** Respondents should be aware that ETEC will incorporate all estimated construction cost of transmission facilities or re-dispatch cost

necessary to procure firm transmission service from a Respondent's proposed power supply resource to the RFP-related loads in ETEC's feasibility study to determine the most economical power supply alternative.

In order for ETEC to submit transmission service requests to SPP/Entergy for the Respondent's proposed resources, the Respondent will need to provide general information as outlined in the Resource Data Worksheet. The Resource Data Worksheet is required to be submitted along with the Respondent's proposal on **September 30, 2011**. The [Resource Data Worksheet](#) is available in the RFP documents as [Attachment E](#). Given the timing requirements for evaluation of transmission service requests under the SPP and Entergy OATTs, ETEC requests all Proposals to be binding for 90 days from September 30, 2011. Preference will be given to Proposals that are binding for such 90-day period.

Additional detailed information regarding ETEC's resources in SPP/Entergy, along with the actual/projected capacity and energy requirements for the RFP-related load, are described in Sections 6 and 7 of this RFP.

Section 1.B – Scheduling, Load Following and Generation Dispatch Services

Respondent will be required to supply the following services:

- Load Forecasting
- Unit Commitment
- Generation and Transmission Scheduling
- NERC Electronic Tag Submittal
- Generation Dispatch Service
- Ancillary Services 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6
- Transmission Loss Service

Respondent may provide services listed above by the following means (either individually or in combination):

- Demonstrating self-supply according to the terms and conditions of the SPP/Entergy OATT
- Purchasing services directly from SPP/Entergy
- Dynamically scheduling load and resources into another NERC-certified Balancing Authority
- Establishing a NERC-certified Balancing Authority
- Contracting with a Third-party for Balancing Authority services

All load and generation taking service under the SPP OATT will settle imbalances through the Energy Imbalance Services ("EIS") market, which is a nodal priced financial settlement system. It is anticipated that the Respondent will settle all SPP-related energy imbalances for ETEC through this means. For the Entergy system, ETEC anticipates that Respondents will settle all energy imbalances via Schedule 4 of the Entergy OATT or with "inadvertent energy" as an independent Balancing Authority.

Section 1.C – Metering Services

The Respondent will be required to supply certain metering services as part of this proposal. Metering services are associated with the settlement of all power supply, transmission and ancillary (other) services. Services will include:

- Retrieval and translation of metered energy data from three-phase electronic meters located at NTEC/SRG&T/Tex-La's Member System Delivery Points
- Supply of translated meter data to SPP/Entergy, as applicable, for settlement and billing purposes
- Retrieval of real-time telemetered data necessary to perform load-following and generation dispatch functions listed in Section 1.B. This includes retrieval of data from ETEC and ETEC members' power supply resources, the Respondent's resources used to serve the RFP-related load, and ETEC's members' load at their delivery points.

Respondent may provide services listed above by the following means (either individually or in combination):

- Contract with a third-party meter agent for Delivery Point billing data
- Use of Inter Control Center Protocol ("ICCP") links from SPP/Entergy for real-time telemetry

It is anticipated that supply of Metering Services will require close coordination with the ETEC members, the AEP/CSWS Balancing Authority and the Entergy Balancing Authority.

Section 1.D – Day 2 Markets in SPP/Entergy

ETEC recognizes that the timing of the requested power supply and energy management services complements the advent of a Day 2 market in SPP and potentially, Entergy's transition into an RTO, be it SPP or MISO. ETEC requests that Respondents provide, at a minimum, Proposals based on the current status of the markets in SPP and Entergy. Thus Respondents should assume an operating environment consisting of the existing EIS market in SPP, and likewise on the Entergy system, purchase the necessary ancillary services under the Entergy OATT or establish a separate Balancing-Authority in Entergy's control area or to integrate ETEC into an existing BA within the Entergy system.

ETEC is interested in relying on third-parties to manage its eventual transition to a Day 2 market in SPP or Entergy's control area so Respondents are encouraged to provide additional information on the services that they could provide to ETEC under a Day 2 market design. ETEC would prefer arrangements where the Respondent would manage ETEC's FTR portfolio and potentially ETEC's generation portfolio, coupled with the Respondent providing a fixed-price contract for serving ETEC's load. Any agreements that ETEC enters into with a Respondent as a result of this RFP would also take into account these potential Day 2 transitions and if necessary, both parties would enter into discussions to re-negotiate the power supply arrangements such that there was "equivalent economic benefits" under the Day 2 markets as compared to the original arrangements.

Section 1.E – General

All Proposals received will be considered. ETEC welcomes Proposals from all suppliers of power and services, including, but not limited to: utilities, exempt wholesale generators, independent power producers, and power marketers. Also, ETEC welcomes Proposals to serve all or any part of the load being solicited for the SPP/Entergy area and/or balancing authority and metering services for ETEC total load and resources. ETEC is not considering a “self-build” power supply option that would compete with Proposals that are received in response to this RFP.

Respondents should recognize that ETEC desires the flexibility of possibly incorporating a combination of alternatives from one or more Respondents to meet the total requirements being solicited at this time. Unless specifically stated otherwise in a Proposal, ETEC will assume that all Respondents are willing to allow ETEC this desired flexibility of incorporating a combination of alternatives to serve requirements being solicited.

Proposals must incorporate a start date of **January 1, 2015**.

2.0 RFP Communication

ETEC has set up an RFP email address for distribution of the RFP document and to allow uniform communication to all registered Respondents during the RFP bidding process. The RFP email address is RFP@gtpower.com and will be used by registered Respondents (those who have signed and returned the [Confidentiality Agreement {Attachment C}](#) and a [Respondent Registration and Contact Information Form {Attachment D}](#)) to submit questions through **September 16, 2011**. ETEC will use the email address of the registered Respondent (as provided in [Respondent Registration and Contact Information Form](#)) to provide notices and to send responses to questions asked. ETEC will provide answers to all relevant RFP questions by **September 21, 2011** or earlier. All questions and answers will be provided to all registered Respondents.

Any non-technical RFP questions or other communication regarding ETEC's RFP should be submitted to ETEC's engineering consultants:

GDS Associates, Inc.

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Marietta, GA 30067

Attention: Mr. Chris Dawson, P.E.

Phone: 770-425-8100

Facsimile: 770-426-0303

E-Mail: chris.dawson@gdsassociates.com

3.0 Schedule

The following schedule and deadlines apply to this solicitation:

Release of RFP	August 15, 2011
Contact Registration Deadline	August 27, 2011
Pre-Bid Conference	August 30, 2011
RFP Questions Due	September 16, 2011
Resource Data Worksheet Due	September 30, 2011
Proposals Due	September 30, 2011
Initial Screening Completed	October 25, 2011
Initiate Transmission Study Requests	November 2, 2011
Evaluation Completed	April 2012
Begin Contract Negotiations	April 2012
Contract Effective Date	January 1, 2015

ETEC reserves the right to modify this schedule if, in the sole opinion of ETEC, such modifications are necessary.

4.0 Pre-Bidder's Conference

All parties interested in becoming a participant in this RFP will be required to sign and return a **Confidentiality Agreement {Attachment C}** and a **Respondent Registration and Contact Information Form {Attachment D}**. Signed Confidentiality Agreements should be scanned and returned to the RFP email address, RFP@gtpower.com, and must be received by 5:00 p.m. (CDST) on **August 27, 2011**. Respondent Registration forms can be emailed to the RFP email address.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Houston Airport Marriott at George Bush Intercontinental Airport on **August 30, 2011**. The conference will begin at 10:00 a.m. (CDST) and is expected to last until approximately noon (CDST). In addition to returning the **Confidentiality Agreement** and the **Respondent Registration and Contact Information Form**, each Respondent wishing to attend the Pre-Bid Conference must give notice of the Respondent's plans to attend the Pre-Bid Conference to the RFP email address, RFP@gtpower.com. Notice must be given by 5:00 p.m. (CDST), **August 27, 2011** and should indicate the number of representatives that the Respondent expects to send.

At the Pre-Bid Conference, representatives from ETEC and ETEC's RFP consultant will summarize the basis for this RFP and the RFP process, and will be available to answer questions regarding this RFP. ETEC may provide additional information at the Pre-Bid Conference. ETEC intends to distribute responses to questions asked during the meeting to the email addresses of all registered Respondents.

5.0 Background

Information contained in this RFP is provided for background use only. ETEC makes no representation that the information is complete or applicable to any Respondent's Proposal. The following is a general description of ETEC and ETEC's members, along with a description of the power supply resources that serve each of ETEC's members. Section 6 describes ETEC's specific resources and requirements for the SPP area, or more specifically, the AEP/CSWS Balancing Authority, and Section 7 describes ETEC's specific resources and requirements for the Entergy area.

5.1 Description of ETEC

ETEC is an electric generation and transmission ("G&T") cooperative headquartered in Nacogdoches, Texas. ETEC was formed in 1987 by three other G&T cooperatives, all located in east Texas, for the purpose of coordinating and planning their power procurement activities. In 1994, ETEC's three members assigned a portion of their load responsibility and then-current resources to ETEC. ETEC now supplies power to the three G&T's utilizing a combination of purchased power arrangements and unit ownership and sells the power under RUS-regulated rates. ETEC's three members are:

1. Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2. Sam Rayburn G&T Electric Cooperative, Inc.
3. Tex-La Electric Cooperative of Texas, Inc.

ETEC's three member G&T's in turn serve ten distribution cooperative members. NTEC serves its entire load in the SPP area, while SRG&T serves its entire load within Entergy's area. Tex-La serves load in Entergy, SPP and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT").

Since 1998, ETEC has acquired ownership interests in Independence Steam Electric Station 2 ("ISES 2"), Nelson Station, Coal Unit No. 6 ("Nelson 6"), Plum Point Energy Station ("Plum Point"), Harrison County Power Project ("HCPP"), San Jacinto Peaking Facility ("San Jacinto"), and Hardin County Peaking Facility ("Hardin County"). ETEC has a 60 MW ownership stake in the ISES 2 coal plant located near Newark, Arkansas; a 50 MW ownership interest in the Nelson 6 coal plant located near Lake Charles, Louisiana; a 50 MW ownership interest in Plum Point 1 coal plant located near Osceola, Arkansas; a 248 MW ownership stake in the HCPP combined-cycle facility located near Marshall, Texas; a 150 MW ownership interest in the San Jacinto combustion-turbine power plant located near Livingston, Texas; and a 150 MW ownership interest in the Hardin County combustion-turbine power plant located near Kountz, Texas.

In addition, ETEC has entered into an agreement for the purchase of a 50 MW ownership interest in the John W. Turk, Jr. Power Plant, a coal plant, located near Hope Arkansas, expected to be online in 2013, which will provide power to serve ETEC's member loads on the SPP system. ETEC is also in the process of developing a 24 MW run-of-the-river hydroelectric generation facility on Lake Livingston, expected to be on-line in 2014, which will provide power to serve ETEC's member loads on the Entergy system.

While ETEC has purchased power contracts with multiple suppliers on behalf of its three members, each member also has their own power supply resources, independent of ETEC, to serve a portion of their loads. The purpose of this RFP solicitation is to acquire resources on behalf of ETEC that will be used to serve the RFP-related load requirements of ETEC's three member G&T's in SPP and Entergy.

5.2 Description of NTEC

NTEC is a G&T cooperative headquartered in Longview, Texas. NTEC is comprised of six member electric distribution cooperatives: (1) Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative, Inc., (2) Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., (3) Panola-Harrison Electric Cooperative, Inc., (4) Rusk County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (5) Upshur-Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., and (6) Wood County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Each of these distribution cooperatives has wholesale delivery points located on the transmission system of SPP. The service areas of NTEC's member distribution cooperatives include sections of Bowie, Cass, Morris, Titus, Red River, Rusk, Gregg, Upshur, Camp, Marion, Wood, Harrison, Smith, Panola, Shelby, Van Zandt, Jasper, Newton, Nacogdoches, Sabine, San Augustine, Hopkins and Franklin Counties in east and northeast Texas and DeSoto and Caddo Parishes in northwest Louisiana. NTEC's peak load in 2010 was 901 MW and its total energy requirement was 3,485 GWh.

5.3 Description of SRG&T

SRG&T is an electric G&T cooperative, headquartered in Nacogdoches, Texas. SRG&T supplies three member distribution cooperatives: (1) Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc., (2) Jasper-Newton Electric Cooperative, Inc., and (3) Houston County Electric Cooperative, Inc. All of SRG&T's delivery points are on the Entergy system. SRG&T's peak load in 2010 was 515 MW, and its total energy requirement was 1,902 GWh.

5.4 Description of Tex-La

Tex-La is an electric G&T cooperative headquartered in Nacogdoches, Texas, which purchases wholesale power and energy to serve its members needs in ERCOT, Entergy and the SPP. Tex-La's members are: (1) Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc., (2) Jasper-Newton Electric Cooperative, Inc., (3) Houston County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (4) Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., (5) Rusk County Electric Cooperative, Inc., (6) Cherokee County Electric Cooperative, Inc. and (7) Wood County Electric Cooperative, Inc. In ERCOT, Tex-La serves approximately 107 MW of member load connected to Tex-La's current power supply for these loads includes long term purchases from SWEPCO and SWPA, plus a short-term contract with AEP for all remaining supplemental needs in ERCOT. In SPP and Entergy, Tex-La serves approximately 246 MW and 52 MW of member load connected to the SWEPCo and Entergy systems, respectively. In 2010, Tex-La had a peak demand of 427 MW and energy sales of 1,687 GWh.

6.0 SPP Requirements

For the SPP area, ETEC meets its members' power supply requirements with a combination of purchased power contracts and unit ownership. Resources acquired from this RFP will be used to replace ETEC's existing partial requirements purchased power from SWEPCo.

ETEC and NTEC's combined power supply resources in SPP will be used to serve NTEC's load. Currently, SWEPCo supplies partial requirements power to ETEC and NTEC pursuant to the SWEPCo PSA. Under the PSA, SWEPCo supplies all of NTEC's supplemental requirements and is also responsible for scheduling ETEC and NTEC's resources and providing all necessary scheduling, load following, generation dispatch and other services through December 31, 2014. Section 6.1 provides a more detailed description of the power supply arrangements that will be available to serve a portion of ETEC and NTEC's power requirements beginning January 1, 2015. These resources, in conjunction with the Respondent's proposed resources, will be used to meet NTEC's total power requirements.

6.1 ETEC/NTEC's Power Supply Arrangements Beginning 2015

As mentioned earlier, beginning in 2015, ETEC/NTEC are responsible for acquiring sufficient resources to serve NTEC's total load, obtaining the necessary Balancing Authority services and scheduling its own resources. ETEC/NTEC's power supply resources will consist of: (1) 79.1 MW ownership share of Pirkey, (2) 38.1 MW ownership share of Dolet Hills, (3) 30 MW ownership share of ISES 2, (4) 550 MW ownership of HCPP (of which 380 MW will be used to serve NTEC's load in SPP), (5) 127.5 MW firm power purchase from SWPA and (6) 200 MW firm power purchase from SWEPCo. The remaining supplemental load, reserve capacity, forecasting, scheduling, load following, generation dispatch and other services will need to be supplied by potential Respondent(s).

ETEC is seeking Proposals from Respondents for any combination of services that will establish a generation and load control function for ETEC/NTEC's total load and resources, beginning in 2015, or incorporated as a part of a partial requirements power supply to replace the existing arrangement with SWEPCo.

Scheduling of ETEC and NTEC's resources, by either ETEC or Respondent(s), to meet daily load requirements will be necessary beginning in 2015. The scheduling parameters for each of ETEC and NTEC's available resources in 2015 are as follows:

Resource Name	Available Capacity	Fuel Source	Expected Availability	Scheduling Basis
Pirkey	79.1	Coal	90%	Dispatched (must take)
Dolet Hills	38.1	Coal	90%	Dispatched (must take)
ISES 2	30.0	Coal	90%	Day-ahead
SWPA (System Power)	102.0	Hydro	30%	Day-ahead
SWPA (Narrows Dam)	25.5	Hydro	30%	Day-ahead
HCPP	380.0	Natural Gas	95%	Day-ahead
Turk	50.0	Coal	90%	Dispatched (must take)
SWEPCo 200 MW	200.0	Contract	100%	Day-ahead plus Intra-day Schedule Charges

Pirkey, Dolet Hills and ISES 2 are base load units that are dispatched by SWEPCo, CLECO and Entergy Arkansas, respectively. These units historically have had high annual availability ratings and low variable cost. ETEC/NTEC must take the dispatched output from Pirkey and Dolet Hills when it is available and, while there is some flexibility with scheduling ISES 2, it is considered a "must take" resource for purposes of this RFP. ETEC/NTEC do not anticipate any minimum load issues with all three of these resources running at off-peak times (each of these units typically has an annual one month maintenance outage in the spring).

It is expected that once Turk comes online in 2013, it will be operated similar to the base load units described above.

SWPA provides power from two resources, system peaking and Narrows Dam, and provides a weekly notice of expected available energy. SWPA has a day-ahead scheduling requirement. SWPA guarantees a minimum availability of 1,200 hours per year (approximately 122 GWh) and supplies additional supplemental energy as is allowed by the current hydrology conditions at the time. Historically, SWPA has supplied an annual average of over 200 GWh of supplemental energy.

ETEC/NTEC's operational agreement for HCPP (a 2-on-1 combined cycle facility) allows ETEC/NTEC to schedule its 380 MW on a day-ahead basis on a 16 or 24 hour schedule. As ETEC and NTEC have recently closed on a purchase for the remainder of the HCPP capacity, there may be increased scheduling flexibility forthcoming, limited only by the unit characteristics and flexibility of fuel supply.

Scheduled energy associated with the SWEPCo 200 MW purchase must be taken at a minimum 42% annual capacity factor (maximum annual capacity factor is 71%). In addition, the scheduling of the 200 MW purchase must be arranged such that: (1) the minimum hourly schedule is 50 MW, (2) the hour-to-hour percentage changes in the scheduled deliveries do not vary significantly with the hour-to-hour percentage changes in NTEC's system load, (3) the maximum daily scheduled deliveries do not vary significantly from the previous day's schedule during any one week, excluding the weekend. Intra-day scheduling is allowed up to 40 minutes before the hour and ETEC/NTEC are able to change the previously submitted schedule by up to 30 MWH per hour. In addition, ETEC/NTEC are allowed up to six schedule changes per day with at least 40 minutes notice, and (4) The minimum monthly schedule of energy shall be at least 6% of the annual scheduled energy (maximum 12%). Because this block of power has an energy price tied to the average SWEPCo system energy rate, ETEC/NTEC expect that this resource would be utilized to the maximum extent possible.

After the previously mentioned resources have been scheduled, the RFP supplemental resource(s) must be scheduled to provide the remainder of NTEC's system load requirements. Any type of day-ahead scheduling or dynamic scheduling (with load following) will be acceptable as long as NTEC's system requirements are met in a firm, reliable and continuous basis.

Due to NTEC's contractual load and resource assignments with ETEC, Respondents should be aware that if their proposal is selected, via this RFP solicitation, the Respondent will ultimately be contracting with NTEC and ETEC under a joint agreement.

6.2 Existing Transmission Tariff Arrangements

ETEC/NTEC currently receive transmission and ancillary services from (i) Entergy under the Entergy OATT for point-to-point service to deliver an external resource and (ii) SPP under the Network Integration Transmission Service ("NITS") agreement under SPP's OATT as filed with the FERC. All of ETEC/NTEC's existing resources are Designated Network Resources under the NITS agreement. ETEC/NTEC's existing transmission entitlements on the SPP system are as follows:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>END</u>	<u>MW</u>	<u>PATH</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
SPP	1/1/2010	1/1/2015	1	SPA-CSWS	BLAKELY
SPP	1/1/2010	1/1/2015	38.1	CSWS-CSWS	DOLET
SPP	1/1/2010	1/1/2015	30	EES-CSWS	ISES2
SPP	1/1/2010	1/1/2015	165	CSWS-CSWS	HCPP
SPP	1/1/2015	1/1/2040	335	CSWS-CSWS	HCPP
SPP	1/1/2010	1/1/2015	79.1	CSWS-CSWS	PIRKEY
SPP	1/1/2008	1/1/2016	102	SPA-CSWS	SPA
SPP	1/1/2010	1/1/2015	285	CSWS-CSWS	SWEPCO PSA
SPP	1/1/2010	1/1/2015	25.5	SPA-CSWS	NARROWS DAM
SPP	4/1/2012	4/1/2032	52	CSWS-CSWS	TURK

Capacity and energy to be supplied to ETEC as a result of this RFP must use the network transmission service available through the SPP OATT and required ancillary services available through AEP-SWEPCo or an alternate provider. However, the SPP NITS Agreement will need to be modified to designate new Network Resource(s) as a result of this RFP. If necessary, the selected supplier(s) will be expected to provide information to support any modification requirements.

As mentioned earlier, Respondent may choose to bid resources located outside the SPP footprint; however, the Respondent must arrange sufficient firm point-point transmission service (including losses) to the SPP border to be considered in this RFP (ETEC will be the owner of the point-to-point transmission). Please note that any resources bid into the RFP must be willing to submit a Designated Network Resources attestation form, consistent with the requirements of FERC Order No. 890, for Network Resource designation under the provisions of the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT"). In addition, for resources selected for further review after initial screening, ETEC will submit the appropriate Transmission Service Requests on the SPP OASIS as part of the SPP Aggregate Study process by January 31, 2012. All transmission service requests will be for service from the Respondent's Delivery Point to ETEC's load in SPP, as applicable, and ETEC shall be the Transmission Customer associated with each request. If the Respondent's resource(s) is located outside the SPP area, ETEC will also submit the appropriate point-to-point transmission service requests. **Respondents will be responsible to pay all study costs for the evaluation of any Transmission Service Request in relation to this RFP by either reimbursing ETEC for such costs or paying for such costs directly to SPP.** Respondents should be aware that ETEC will incorporate all estimated construction cost of transmission facilities or re-dispatch cost necessary to procure firm transmission service from a Respondent's proposed power supply resource to the RFP-related loads in ETEC's feasibility study to determine the most economical power supply alternative.

In order for ETEC to submit transmission service requests to SPP for the Respondent's proposed resources, the Respondent will need to provide general information as outlined in the Resource Data Worksheet. The Resource Data Worksheet is required to be submitted along with the Respondent's proposal on **September 30, 2011**. The **Resource Data Worksheet** is included in the RFP documents as **Attachment E**. Given the timing requirements for evaluation of transmission service requests under the SPP, ETEC requests all Proposals to be binding for 90 days from September 30, 2011. Preference will be given to Proposals that are binding for such 90-day period.

6.3 Historical and Forecasted Capacity and Energy Requirements

In 2010, NTEC's total peak demand was 901 MW (at generation), with energy requirements of 3,485 GWh (at generation). Projected peak demands and energy requirements along with a projection of NTEC's purchased power and generation is provided in the following table (no warranty is made as to the accuracy of the projections):

NTEC PROJECTED DEMAND REQUIREMENTS (MW at generation– excluding planning reserves)					
	Winter Peak Demand	Summer Peak Demand	Dolet, Pirkey, ISES 2, HCPP, SWPA, Turk Capacity	AEP Capacity Purchase	SPP RFP Demand
2010	901	720	440	280	n/a
2011	809	718	440	278	n/a
2012	825	739	440	299	n/a
2013	851	756	490	266	n/a
2014	869	775	490	285	n/a
2015	896	800	706	200	n/a
2016	909	811	704	200	5
2017	924	824	702	200	22
2018	938	836	702	200	36
2019	952	849	702	200	50
2020	966	861	702	200	64
2021	981	874	702	200	79
2022	995	887	702	200	93
2023	1,010	900	702	200	108
2024	1,025	913	702	200	123

NTEC PROJECTED ENERGY REQUIREMENTS (GWh at generation)				
	Energy Requirements	Dolet, Pirkey, ISES 2, HCPP, SWPA, Turk Generation	AEP Energy Purchased	SPP RFP Energy Requirements
2010	3,485	1,794	1,691	n/a
2011	3,348	1,800	1,548	n/a
2012	3,452	1,857	1,595	n/a
2013	3,540	2,268	1,272	n/a
2014	3,619	2,297	1,322	n/a
2015	3,743	2,402	1,341	-
2016	3,793	2,439	1,354	-
2017	3,850	2,495	1,354	-
2018	3,903	2,549	1,354	-
2019	3,959	2,604	1,354	-
2020	4,009	2,655	1,354	-
2021	4,066	2,712	1,354	-
2022	4,122	2,767	1,354	-
2023	4,178	2,823	1,354	-
2024	4,232	2,877	1,354	-

Attachment A contains historical hourly load data from January 2009 through December 2010 (at the meter) in Excel spreadsheet form. The hourly load data provided on the website contains data for ETEC/NTEC’s RFP-related load in the SPP area, including resources that are not within the scope of this RFP (i.e., Pirkey, Dolet, SWPA, SWEPCo 200, HCPP, and ISES 2).

7.0 Entergy Requirements

In the Entergy control area, ETEC meets its members' power supply requirements with a combination of purchased power contracts and unit ownership. Resources acquired from this RFP will be used to replace ETEC's existing PR Agreement with ETI, which expires December 31, 2014.

ETEC's power supply resources in the Entergy control area are used to serve a portion of SRG&T and Tex-La's load. Currently, ETI supplies partial requirements power to ETEC pursuant to the PR Agreement. Under the PR Agreement, ETI supplies all of ETEC's supplemental power requirements and is also responsible for scheduling ETEC/SRG&T's resources and providing all necessary scheduling, load following, generation dispatch, back-up/emergency power for ETEC/SRG&T's existing generation, and other services. Section 7.1 provides a more detailed description of the existing and future power supply arrangements that will be available to serve a portion of ETEC's power requirements. These resources, in conjunction with the Respondent's proposed resources, will be used to meet ETEC's total power requirements.

7.1 Description of ETEC/SRG&T's Present Power Supply Arrangements

Within the Entergy control area, SRG&T supplies its members' power and energy requirements with a combination of non-ETEC and ETEC resources, while Tex-La purchases all its Entergy requirements from ETEC. SRG&T's non-ETEC resources include a 55 MW (10%) jointly owned share of the Nelson 6 coal-fired unit and SWPA purchases of hydro generation from the Sam Rayburn Dam (34.7 MW) and Town Bluff hydro facility (1.1 MW). ETEC meets SRG&T/Tex-La's total requirements with a combination of generation ownership and purchased power agreements. ETEC has a 50 MW joint ownership share in the Nelson 6 unit, a 50 MW joint ownership share in the Plum Point 1 unit, a 60MW joint ownership share in the ISES 2 unit (of which 29 MW is used to serve ETEC's load on the Entergy control area), a 248 MW ownership share in HCPP (of which 50 MW is used to serve ETEC's load on the Entergy control area), and a 150 MW ownership share in the Hardin County peaking power plant. ETEC also has a 150 MW ownership share in the San Jacinto peaking power plant and that facility is tolled to ETI until January 1, 2015. All remaining power requirements are met by supplemental wholesale purchases from ETI and ETEC also purchases reserve capacity and backup energy from ETI.

Nelson 6, Sam Rayburn Dam and R.D. Willis are dispatched by ETI, while ISES 2 is dispatched by Entergy Arkansas. On a daily basis, ETEC prepares an hourly schedule (Business day-ahead) of its projected load and expected resource generation and submits it to ETI. ETI provides all necessary integration services including, energy imbalancing, back-up energy and planning reserves, to meet ETEC's total power requirements in the Entergy control area through December 2014.

Due to SRG&T and Tex-La's contractual load and resource assignments with ETEC, Respondents should be aware that if their proposal is selected, via this RFP solicitation, the Respondent will ultimately be contracting with SRG&T, Tex-La and ETEC under a joint agreement.

7.2 ETEC's Power Supply Arrangements Beginning 2015

As mentioned earlier, beginning in 2015, ETEC is responsible for acquiring sufficient resources to serve its total load, obtaining the necessary control area services and scheduling its own resources. ETEC/SRG&T's combined power supply resources in the Entergy control area will consist of: (1) 105 MW ownership share of Nelson 6, (2) 50 MW ownership share of Plum Point 1, (3) 29 MW ownership share of ISES 2, (4) 50 MW ownership share of HCPP, (5) 150 MW ownership of San Jacinto, (6) 150 MW ownership of

Hardin County, (7) 24 MW ownership of Lake Livingston, and a (8) 35.8 MW firm power purchase from SWPA. The remaining supplemental load, reserve capacity, forecasting, scheduling, load following, generation dispatch and other services will need to be supplied by potential Respondent(s).

ETEC is seeking Proposals from Respondents for any combination of services that will establish a generation and load control function for ETEC's total load and resources beginning in 2015, or incorporated as a part of a partial requirements power supply to replace the existing arrangement with ETI.

Scheduling of ETEC/SRG&T's resources, by either ETEC or Respondent(s), to meet daily load requirements will be necessary beginning in 2015. The scheduling parameters for each of ETEC's available resources in 2015 are as follows:

Resource Name	Available Capacity	Expected Availability	Scheduling Basis
Nelson 6	105.0	90%	Dispatched (must take)
ISES 2	29.0	90%	Day-ahead
Plum Point	50.0	90%	Day-ahead
SWPA (Sam Rayburn)	34.7	30%	Day-ahead
SWPA (Town Bluff)	1.1	30%	Day-ahead
Lake Livingston	24.0	65%	Day-ahead
HCPP	50.0	95%	Day-ahead
San Jacinto/Hardin County	300.0	95%	Day-ahead and Intra-Day

Nelson 6 is dispatched by Entergy, ISES 2 is dispatched by Entergy Arkansas, and Plum Point is dispatched by LS Power. These units historically have had high annual availability ratings and low variable cost. ETEC must take the dispatched output from Nelson 6 when it is available and while there is some flexibility with scheduling ISES 2 and Plum Point, they are considered "must take" resources for purposes of this RFP. ETEC does not anticipate any minimum load issues with these resources running at off-peak times (each of these units typically has an annual one month maintenance outage in the spring).

SWPA provides power from the two hydro resources, Sam Rayburn and Town Bluff, and provides a weekly notice of expected available energy. SWPA has a day-ahead scheduling requirement. Historically, the hydro resources have supplied an annual average of over 100 GWh of hydro generation.

ETEC's operational agreement for HCPP (a 2-on-1 combined cycle facility) allows ETEC to schedule its 50 MW on a day-ahead basis on a 16 or 24 hour schedule. As ETEC and NTEC have recently closed on the purchase of all of the HCPP capacity, there may be increased scheduling flexibility forthcoming, limited only by the unit characteristics and flexibility of fuel supply. ETEC's operational agreement for San Jacinto and Hardin County allows ETEC to schedule these facilities on a unit by unit basis with day-ahead scheduling arrangements, and to a limited degree, also on an intra-day basis, with a minimum run-time of two hours.

After the previously mentioned resources have been scheduled, the RFP supplemental resource(s) must be scheduled to provide the remainder of ETEC's system load requirements in the Entergy control area. Any type of day-ahead scheduling or dynamic scheduling (with load following) will be acceptable as long as ETEC's system requirements are met in a firm, reliable and continuous basis.

7.3 Existing Transmission Tariff Arrangements

ETEC currently receives transmission and ancillary services from Entergy under the NITS (“NITS”) agreement under Entergy’s OATT as filed with the FERC. All of ETEC’s existing resources are Designated Network Resources under the Entergy NITS agreement. ETEC’s existing transmission entitlements on the Entergy system are as follows:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>END</u>	<u>MW</u>	<u>PATH</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
EES	1/1/2010	1/1/2040	168	EES-EES	CYPRESS
EES	1/1/2010	1/1/2015	175	EES-EES	ENTERGY PR
EES	1/1/2009	1/1/2017	50	CSWS-EES	HCPP
EES	1/1/2008	1/1/2017	29	EES-EES	ISES
EES	1/1/2015	1/1/2040	168	EES-EES	JACINTO
EES	1/1/2006	1/1/2017	55	EES-EES	NELSON
EES	1/1/2009	1/1/2017	50	EES-EES	NELSON
EES	3/1/2010	3/1/2045	50	EES-EES	PLUMPOINT
EES	1/1/2008	1/1/2017	35	EES-EES	SAMRAYBRN
EES	1/1/2008	1/1/2017	1	EES-EES	TOWNBLUFF

Capacity and energy to be supplied to ETEC as a result of this RFP must use the network transmission service available through the Entergy OATT and required ancillary services available through Entergy or an alternate provider. However, the Entergy NITS Agreement will need to be modified to designate new Network Resource(s) as a result of this RFP. If necessary, the selected supplier(s) will be expected to provide information to support any modification requirements.

As mentioned earlier, Respondent may choose to bid resources located outside the Entergy footprint; however, the Respondent must arrange sufficient firm point-to-point transmission service (including losses) to the Entergy border to be considered in this RFP (ETEC will be the owner of the point-to-point transmission). Please note that any resources bid into the RFP must be willing to submit a Designated Network Resources attestation form, consistent with the requirements of FERC Order No. 890, for Network Resource designation under the provisions of the Entergy Open Access Transmission Tariff (“OATT”). In addition, for resources selected for further review after initial screening, ETEC will submit the appropriate Transmission Service Requests to the Entergy ICT via the Entergy OASIS. All transmission service requests will be for service from the Respondent’s Delivery Point to ETEC’s load in Entergy, as applicable, and ETEC shall be the Transmission Customer associated with each request. If the Respondent’s resource(s) is located outside the Entergy area, ETEC will also submit the appropriate point-to-point transmission service requests. **Respondents will be responsible to pay all study costs for the evaluation of any Transmission Service Request in relation to this RFP by either reimbursing ETEC for such costs or paying for such costs directly to the Entergy ICT.** Respondents should be aware that ETEC will incorporate all estimated construction cost of transmission facilities or re-dispatch cost necessary to procure firm transmission service from a Respondent’s proposed power supply resource to the RFP-related loads in ETEC’s feasibility study to determine the most economical power supply alternative.

In order for ETEC to submit transmission service requests to Entergy for the Respondent’s proposed resources, the Respondent will need to provide general information as outlined in the [Resource Data Worksheet {Attachment E}](#). The [Resource Data Worksheet](#) is required to be submitted along with the Respondent’s proposal on **September 30, 2011**. Given the timing requirements for evaluation of transmission service requests under the Entergy OATT, ETEC requests all Proposals to be binding for 90 days from September 30, 2011. Preference will be given to Proposals that are binding for such 90-day period.

7.4 Historical and Forecasted Capacity and Energy Requirements

In 2010, ETEC's total peak demand in the Entergy area was 587 MW, with energy requirements of 2,184 GWh (at generation). Projected peak demands and energy requirements along with a projection of ETEC's purchased power and generation is provided in the following table (no warranty is made as to the accuracy of the projections):

ENTERGY PROJECTED DEMAND REQUIREMENTS (MW at generation – excluding planning reserves)						
	Winter Peak Demand	Summer Peak Demand	Nelson 6, Plum Point, ISES 2, Livingston, & SWPA Capacity	HCPP, San Jacinto, and Hardin County Capacity	ETI Capacity Purchase	Entergy RFP Demand
2010	587	438	220	200	150	n/a
2011	526	436	220	200	150	n/a
2012	550	464	220	200	150	n/a
2013	568	467	220	200	150	n/a
2014	577	478	220	200	150	n/a
2015	599	498	233	350	-	16
2016	606	504	233	350	-	23
2017	613	510	233	350	-	31
2018	621	516	233	350	-	38
2019	629	522	233	350	-	46
2020	636	528	233	350	-	53
2021	644	534	233	350	-	61
2022	652	541	233	350	-	69
2023	660	547	233	350	-	77
2024	669	554	233	350	-	86

ENTERGY PROJECTED ENERGY REQUIREMENTS (GWh at generation)					
	Energy Requirements	Nelson 6, Plum Point, ISES 2, Livingston & SWPA Generation	HCPP, San Jacinto, and Hardin County Generation	ETI Energy Purchased	Entergy RFP Energy Requirements
2010	2,184	1,269	113	802	-
2011	2,129	1,387	131	610	-
2012	2,289	1,387	131	771	-
2013	2,337	1,387	131	819	-
2014	2,395	1,387	131	877	-
2015	2,512	1,513	475	-	524
2016	2,538	1,513	475	-	551
2017	2,565	1,513	475	-	577
2018	2,593	1,513	475	-	605
2019	2,621	1,513	475	-	633
2020	2,647	1,513	475	-	659
2021	2,675	1,513	475	-	687
2022	2,704	1,513	475	-	716
2023	2,733	1,513	475	-	745
2024	2,764	1,513	475	-	776

Attachment B contains historical hourly load data from January 2009 through December 2010 (at the meter) in Excel spreadsheet form. The hourly load data provided on the website contains data for ETEC/SRG&T's RFP-related load in the Entergy area, including resources that are not within the scope of this RFP (i.e., Nelson 6, PPES, Sam Rayburn, Town Bluff, HCPP, and ISES 2).

8.0 Proposal Content

ETEC requires that all Proposals submitted pursuant to this RFP contain, at a minimum, the information requested on the **Standard Response Form {Attachment F}**. If Respondent does not provide the minimum required information then the Respondent's Proposal will be deemed incomplete and not in compliance with the requirements of the RFP and therefore the Proposal will be rejected in the initial screening phase.

ETEC will review and may utilize all information, if any, submitted by a Respondent, which is not specifically requested as a part of the **Standard Response Form**. Also, ETEC reserves the right to request additional information from Respondents during the proposal evaluation process. The Respondent is not required to complete the **Standard Response Form**, but all submitted proposals should include the appropriate information as outlined by the Form.

9.0 Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be judged based on their ability to meet ETEC's need for economical and reliable power supply, effective energy management and balancing authority services. Respondents to this solicitation should provide all relevant information necessary to allow ETEC to conduct a thorough analysis of the proposal. Proposals will be analyzed over a range of scenarios defined by price and non-price variables. Key price variables include, but are not limited to: fuel price escalation, inflation, capital costs and interest rates. Key non-price variables include, but are not limited to, provisions for load growth and projected resource availability factors and the creditworthiness of the Respondent.

The principal criteria to be used by ETEC in evaluating Proposals include, but are not limited to:

- Reliability of proposed power supply
- Reliability of proposed transmission service
- Total delivered cost of power and energy management/balancing authority services
- Financial viability of the Respondent, including its parent or any other guarantor of services under the Respondent's Proposal (please include copies of the most recent Moody's/Fitch/S&P ratings reports for the performance guarantor)
- Operational viability of the Respondent
- Impact on diversification of ETEC's resource portfolios
- Cost of compliance with the environmental protection requirements of all applicable state and federal laws, rules and orders
- Minimization of the risks of future fuel cost changes
- Term of contract

Each of these factors is critical to the successful integration of a new power supply resource with ETEC's existing resources. ETEC reserves the right to consider any other factors that ETEC deems to be relevant to its power supply needs.

9.1 Total Delivered Cost of Power to ETEC

The total cost of power delivered to ETEC Members' PODs, taking into account any additional costs required for ETEC to utilize the proposed power supply resource, including losses, transmission charges, transmission and/or interconnection facilities and the costs of any other services required to be provided by the Respondent or third parties must be competitive with other available alternatives. Such additional costs will be included in ETEC's overall evaluation of the Proposal. ETEC will consider such factors as total delivered power supply cost including related transmission facilities/charges, cost of energy management and Balancing Authority services, and legal/engineering and other costs required to implement proposed services.

ETEC requires that all Proposals submitted pursuant to this RFP contain, at a minimum, the information requested on the [Standard Response Form {Attachment F}](#).

9.2 Viability of Respondent

The respondent must provide sufficient evidence of financial and operational capability to provide the services outlined in the Proposal during the contract term. The financial and operational viability of any third parties relied upon by the Respondent for providing service to ETEC must also be demonstrated. The Respondent, its parent and any other guarantor of services under the Respondent's Proposal should provide audited financial statements from the previous three years in order to demonstrate financial viability. If the Respondent's guarantor has a credit rating, the most recent ratings reports must be provided also. Respondents should also provide any current litigation the Respondent, and any of its subsidiaries or any off-balance sheet companies in which Respondent has an interest, is involved in regarding power supply contracts. Finally, the Respondent should provide references for current and/or prior power supply agreements with municipal and cooperative wholesale customers.

9.3 Reliability of Power Delivered to ETEC

A power supply resource, by itself or in conjunction with services to be supplied by any third parties, must be firm and qualified as a Designated Network Resource under the SPP/Entergy OATT, as applicable, to be acceptable to ETEC. If the Respondent is a utility providing wholesale and/or retail service to other customers, preference will be given if the Respondent's Proposal provides reliability equal to that now being provided to the Respondent's native load customers. In general, the power and energy provided to ETEC should be available at all times, even during adverse conditions, subject only to interruption due to Force Majeure.

Preference will be given to those Proposals providing assurances of reliability in the form of corporate guarantees of the responsibility of the Respondent to secure replacement and/or emergency service should the proposed power supply resource be unavailable to serve ETEC Members' load, sufficient planning and operating reserves, and the responsibility of the Respondent to reimburse ETEC for the purchase of emergency and/or replacement energy should the Respondent be unable to deliver service to ETEC.

10.0 Proposal Duration

As mentioned earlier, ETEC requests all Proposals be binding for 90 days from the Proposal due date of September 30, 2011, or binding until December 31, 2011. Preference will be given to Proposals that are binding until December 31, 2011.

11.0 Proprietary Data

A Proposal may include data that the Respondent does not want disclosed to the public or used by ETEC for any purpose other than proposal evaluation. Proprietary data should be specifically identified as such on every page where the same may be contained. Such information will be used by ETEC or its designated representatives, including staff and consultants, solely for the purpose of evaluating the Proposal. In addition, ETEC may need to disclose proprietary data to its regulators and/or lenders. Reasonable care will be exercised so that data identified as proprietary will not be disclosed or used without the Respondent's permission except to the extent provided in any resulting contract or to the extent required by law. This restriction does not limit ETEC's right to use or disclose any data contained in the Proposal if it is obtainable from another source without restriction. In any event, ETEC, its employees and consultants will not be liable for the accidental disclosure of such data, even if it is marked.

12.0 Costs Incurred

All costs directly or indirectly related to the preparation of a Proposal in response to this RFP or any oral presentation required to supplement and/or clarify a Proposal, which may be required by ETEC shall be the sole responsibility of and shall be borne by the Respondent(s) incurring such costs. ETEC or its members shall not reimburse any Respondent for any costs incurred in the preparation or submission of a Proposal and/or in negotiating an agreement as a result of a Proposal.

13.0 Regulatory Approval

Any contracts, which may be considered as a result of this RFP or subsequent negotiations, may be subject to regulatory approvals, including approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and/or the Rural Utilities Services.

14.0 Proposal Rejections

ETEC reserves the right to accept any Proposal(s), or to reject any and all Proposals and to re-solicit for Proposals in the event that all Proposals are rejected or ETEC deems otherwise necessary. ETEC reserves the right to revise this RFP, including the desired capacity specifications and the requirements for Proposals, at any time. Additionally, ETEC reserves the right to accept Proposals other than the lowest cost Proposal. Respondents should recognize that factors other than cost, as described above, will be considered during the Proposal evaluation process.

15.0 Release of Information

ETEC or its consultant shall not release information submitted relative to this RFP during the evaluation process, except that ETEC may provide information to regulatory authorities and lenders during the proposal evaluation process. ETEC may also release the number and names of respondents, including the names of short-listed respondents.

16.0 Supplemental Information

ETEC reserves the right to request additional information from individual respondents or to request all respondents to submit supplemental materials in fulfillment of the content requirements of this RFP or to meet additional information needs of ETEC. ETEC also reserves the unilateral right to waive any technical or format requirements contained in the RFP.

17.0 Submittal Instructions

Five (5) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy of each Proposal should be submitted. The electronic copy must be delivered by no later than 5:00 p.m. (CDST), **September 30, 2011** but hard copies will be accepted as late as 2:00 p.m. (CDST) on October 3, 2011. Proposals can be sent to:

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Copies of each Proposal will be forwarded to ETEC and their respective legal counsel.