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## MEETING IN RE DUKE ENERGY

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All right. Welcome everybody. 1 MR. BORSCH: 2 is the pre-release meeting for the Duke Energy Florida 3 2018 RFP. I appreciate everybody's coming. I'm going 4 to do -- before we get started, as I'm speaking, can 5 those of you who are on the phone, am I coming through 6 reasonably clearly? 7 CALLER: Yes. 8 MR. BORSCH: And let me ask one other question of 9 those of you on the phone. Has anybody out there 10 tried to get into the live meeting link? 11 CALLER: Yes. 12 MR. BORSCH: And is it working? 13 CALLER: Yes. 14 MR. BORSCH: Perfect. That's what I wanted to 15 hear. Excellent. Okav. 16 So by way of introduction, my name is Ben Borsch. 17 I am the director of innovative resource planning for 18 DEF, Duke Energy Florida. And I have a number of 19 other Duke Energy representatives with me. This is 20 Liliana Tanaka Ugaz, who works in my group. 21 Dave Dawson, who you were greeting in the back also 22 works with my group; Mike Keen, a Duke Energy 23 representative many of you know; back in the corner I 24 have Diane Triplett and Mike Walls representing Duke 25 Energy. There are at least that many of us here.



1	I will also introduce Alan Taylor, who works for
2	Segway Consulting. He will be supporting us in
3	administering the RFP. We will talk a little more
4	about Alan's role later on.
5	So what I'm going to do next, actually, is ask
6	all of you to introduce yourselves. We are going to
7	take roll on the phone here in just a moment. Give me
8	your name and the company that you are from.
9	Before I get to that, though, this is a recorded
10	meeting. We have the court reporter here, Megan, and
11	she is taking notes for us. And the transcript of
12	this will eventually not immediately, but
13	eventually get posted on the DEF RFP website. So if
14	there are questions that arise from this meeting,
15	hopefully I will answer them correctly, and they will
16	be in the transcript. If I misspeak, then we will
17	post some kind of correction later on.
18	Let me start over here.
19	MR. HALPER: Bob Halper, Florida Power
20	Development.
21	MR. NOBLE: Bob Noble, Florida Power Development.
22	MR. HOPKINS: Tony Hopkins, Florida Power

MR. FEIKEMA: Phil Feikema, Global Sanchez



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Elizabeth Sanchez, Global Sanchez 1 MS. SANCHEZ: 2 Engineering. 3 MR. TYLER: Shawn Tyler, Duke Energy. 4 David Lisko, an individual. MR. LISKO: 5 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Matt Romanowski, Johnson 6 Brothers. 7 MR. DAVISON: Brian Davison, Constellation. 8 MR. ZAMBRO: Rich Zambro; I represent a group of 9 non-utility generators. 10 Mark Daly; I'm with NTE Solutions. MR. DALEY: 11 Wayne Hopkins with Hill & Knowlton MR. HOPKINS: 12 public relations. 13 MR. BORSCH: And on the phone? 14 MR. ANTONEL: Mike Antonel. 15 MS. FANTANO: Jenny Fantano with Southern Power 16 Corporation. 17 Jim Peters. MR. PETERS: 18 MR. BORSCH: We had one other person join us in 19 the room. 20 MR. VILLA: Juan Villa with TECO Energy. 21 MR. BORSCH: Okay. I will just say that just a brief moment on safety, if there is some kind of a 22 23 need to evacuate the room, we will go directly out the 24 door to the back and into the parking lot, and across

the parking lot, and congregate across the street, if



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the building is on fire, or falling down, or something else.

The agenda today, we will talk a little bit about the contacts about why we are here, talking in a high level about the next planned generating unit listed in the RFP documents, the schedule, and go through the whole RFP process. There are two contacts listed in the RFP. This information that is up here is also in the RFP. Myself with the DEF address and Alan Taylor. The official contact for sending us I will say this: questions, asking for clarifications, all of those things, all those kinds of questions need to be sent in writing to this DEF2018RFP e-mail address. that e-mail address will be answered by me and also by Alan.

And I'll take a moment here, I think, to explain a little bit about Alan's role. Alan is going to serve with us as the independent monitor and evaluator. Alan has a number of roles, but the chief one will be to work through, managing all of the correspondence, requests for clarifications and questions, to make sure that we are providing a level playing field amongst the bidders, including the self-builds, so that whatever information, questions, clarifications, get answered, and that the information



is posted on the Power Advocate website and is open to everyone.

Alan also, as you may have read in the RFP, will be receiving separate copies of all the bids electronically. And we will talk about that in a moment. And the purpose of that will be so that Alan has a verification copy of whatever gets sent in so that there are not questions later about the way that we have potentially manipulated any of the information.

Furthermore, Alan will be working with us to oversee the evaluation of the bids and the interpretation of any of the data which is supplied as a part of the bids, again, to insure that we are following the process that is laid out in the RFP and throughout applying those processes evenly across the bidding community.

MR. TAYLOR: If I could add one thing, as far as your questions or clarifications requests, if you could be sure to send them to both e-mails, the Duke Energy e-mail and CC me on your request so I can stay in the loop with all communications, I would appreciate it. Thanks.

MR. BORSCH: So the purpose of the meeting today is really to talk about the RFP and the RPF process



and the rules, and to give you-all the opportunity to ask questions either today or hopefully very soon in writing about how the RFP is going to proceed forward.

I'm not going to attempt to answer detailed questions about the evaluations, about numbers, about any of those things. We will take your questions, and some of those questions will be addressed either in writing through the website -- or I should say and/or at the bidders conference in two weeks.

So there will be a -- I really want to focus today on the question of, how are we administering the RFP, what is the bidding procedure, and go through that part of it, so that if you have -- if there are things which are in the RFP document itself which are for some reason unclear, or you have suggestions of how they might be changed, or something that doesn't seem right, those are the kinds of questions we are trying to answer or take under consideration today.

The purpose of the RFP, as I think most of you understand, is to solicit energy alternatives to our next planned generating unit. Obviously our secondary purpose is to meet bid rules as required by the Public Service Commission, and eventually to allow us to collect a project which offers the maximum value to our customers. That will include both price and



1 | non-price attributes of the specific bids.

And I think I've been making sure. We have gotten a number of inquiries from folks who are interested in providing services. That is not actually part of this RFP. This RFP is focused on receiving bids for power generation.

The next planned generating unit, which is laid out in this document, we have a need for the 1,640 megawatts in 2018. That is listed there. We have the proposal of the next planned generating unit, which is to be located in Citrus County, natural gas fired. In Section 4 of the RFP there is a required number of statistics about that unit, and so that is there. That is our bid. And under the rules of the road here in Florida, if we make modifications to that proposal, then we will let you know, that is, however many bidders are remaining at whatever stage we do that, what those changes to our proposal might be, and allow an opportunity to respond to those.

I guess it's worth mentioning at this point that while on the one hand, the RFP is a request, a solicitation for power, functionally, in front of the Commission, the RFP also serves the purpose of saying that we are looking for alternatives to our proposal. So our proposal is there. It's kind of the benchmark.



This is the opportunity for any of you who are bidding against it to provide us with alternatives that we can demonstrate or we will demonstrate through the evaluations, are somehow more cost effective, more technically effective, what have you.

So the RFM documents are broken up into five pieces. The primary solicitation document itself outlines how to make submittals, what we are looking for, all those kinds of things. Attachment A, Key Terms and Conditions; one of the requirements of the submittal is that you either agree the key terms and conditions, or offer us a red line with your own changes to that document.

Our 2013 10-year site plan is included and Attached with B, although I will say that there is also in the solicitation document in Section 5, an update on some of the information from the 10-year site plan, specifically reserve margins and capacities for different years that we have developed as we have moved through this year. That is more specific to the RFP than the 10-year site plan itself.

Attachment C is the instructions for the response packages. It lays out, hopefully clearly, all of the things that we will need, all of the information that we will need. There is a very specific list of 12



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1	sections, chapters, to which we ask that all bidders
2	respond to all 12 of the chapters. Some of them may
3	not be applicable, but in that case, we ask that you
4	include a page identifying a particular section not
5	applicable to your type of bid and one sentence or two
6	of why.

And then finally, Attachment D are the schedules which are specific and responsive to the instructions.

MR. TYLER: It might be a good time to address if anybody came in late on the call or in here.

MR. BORSCH: Okay. We have all introduced ourselves. Can you please introduce yourself.

MS. EWE: Sharon Ewe from Ecology and Environment.

MR. BORSCH: Has anyone joined the call since we did the role call and introductions?

17 Fair enough.

MR. CHUNG: Edward Chung from GE Energy Services on the line.

MR. BORSCH: The next thing is the schedule of the RFP. Again, this is the same as you will find in the document. I think the key dates here, besides today's meeting of course, a week from Tuesday, that is to say six days from today, we will be releasing the RFP itself. The document which you have all seen



on the website is the draft. Hopefully there won't be any material changes, but the final actual document will be released on the 8th.

If there are material changes, we will also post some kind of a notice on the website saying, "notice on Page X, Y, or Z, we changed this."

And then there will be a bidders meeting, which will be back here on the 18th. For those of you who want to call in to that meeting or come in remotely, the contact information will be the same. It is again also posted already on the website. And that is on Friday, the 18th, at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Then the proposals will be due on the 9th of December.

And then from there we will proceed to obviously the evaluation and screening. We are expecting to get a to a short list around March, final list in May, selection and negotiations over the Summer, and making our final certification around September, or before that if we can conclude the evaluation more quickly.

It's probably worth noting too that -- go back, please.

This schedule is obviously subject to change, depending a little bit on how many bids we get, on how the evaluation proceeds. This schedule may shorten or



lengthen considerably. We will see how that goes once we get into it.

Proposal types we are looking for supply site proposals. We are looking for actual dependable energy and capacity, but we are open to how that might be supplied, whether it's from existing units, new units, all of the above, if need be. We are looking for a total of 1,640 Summer megawatts. We are open to a range of choices around sizes, types, fuels, terms.

It's probably worth noting at this point, one of the questions that we've gotten already is about the term of this bid. You will see in the document that we have asked for bids with minimum term of 15 years and a maximum term of 35. The question that arose was the 35 is consistent with our commission mandate life of unit for a combined cycle. And so that will be the term over which we will evaluate projects that are alternate bids.

The submission information, as I mentioned a moment ago, is due no later than 3:00 p.m. on the 9th of December. And we will -- I will talk in a moment about our Power Advocate website, but we are asking that all submissions be uploaded to our Power Advocate website. Some people here have already registered as users on that Power Advocate website. In order to



submit a bit you do need to do that, to submit the bids through that website.

As I mentioned earlier, we are going to ask that everyone submitting a bid also put an electronic copy of that bid on a device -- flash drive seems the most convenient -- and mail those, or overnight them, or however you want to have them delivered, to Alan at the Segway Consulting address which is in the RFP for receipt no later than the following day, the 10th of December.

The official copy that we, Duke Energy, will be working from in the evaluations will be the copy that's uploaded on to the Power Advocate site. But in the event that there are any questions later, Alan will be maintaining second copies of all of the bids that are received.

Obviously, any bidder may submit as many proposals as they wish. We have -- this is discussed at some length in the RFP document. There is a submittal fee of \$20,000 for each bid. In addition to that, bidders may, at no additional cost, submit up to two additional variations on their base bid, which will be variations in things like terms, or variations in length of service, possibly additional bells and whistles, whether it's supplemental firing, or



whatever you want to propose different. I think the fundamental drivers for whether it is a second submittal or not is going to be, is it fundamentally the same project in the same place, same kind of base project? If the variations are -- again, if they are actual variations on the base project, we will evaluate up to two of those with each bid at no additional cost.

The proposal fees need to be sent to the St. Petersburg address, which is on the website, and received by the 10th of December.

Just a little bit at a high level about the evaluation process; we are going to take these seven steps here, an initial screen, an evaluation, choose a short list, and detailed evaluation, a final list, and final decision. The purpose of the initial threshold screening is to insure that the proposals meet the minimum requirements. There are minimum requirements listed in the RFP on Figure 3-2. Functionally, are these going to be projects that meet our basic needs for reliable energy and capacity, basic operating performance, have you filled out the proposals correctly in the sense of getting us all the schedules, all of the information, are the fees in, do you have control over a site on which your project



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might be built if it's not a pre-existing site, and transmission.

I will pause at this moment to talk a little bit about transmission. The fundamental requirements that we're asking for on transmission is that all of the projects, if they are not existing projects, any new projects may submit a request for transmission service at the time of the proposal submittals.

Obviously you may not initially on the first try get the request approved, but if the requests are in and appear to be moving towards approval, everybody needs have one. And this is, as I said -- I'll talk a little further about transmission, how we're going to manage the transmission evaluation. But the first step is that request.

The second thing for projects which are not located within the DEF service territory, there needs to be evidence of a transmission evaluation being done by whoever the host transmission provider is. So if you're located -- if you have a project which is located outside of our territory, then we need to see that there is at least a transmission study underway for and nearing completion. PI think we have given 30 days in the RFP -- for transmission from that host utility.



For existing projects or system power, essentially what we will ask for is evidence that you can deliver, you have transmission rights to deliver the power to the DEF system.

The initial evaluation obviously, total cost, minimum technical requirements, and that we will just be kind of running through this, to see -- do a high level screening, making sure they are really going to be competitive.

Figure 3-3 in the proposal solicitation documents lists the screening criteria for the generator costs. We will be doing transmission cost screening and obviously adding those together. We have a list of minimum technical requirements in figure 3-4. And there is a list here, environment engineering design. You will see the list in the solicitation documents that covers all of the basic criteria that we are going to be looking at in the initial screening.

A little further discussion on the subject of transmission; we will be performing internal screening of all of the transmission costs associated with each of the various proposals initially. So there will be a kind of facility level screening study that is done for each of the proposals, and the cost of performing those studies is covered in the submittal fee. And



that will apply both to existing, new system, all
different kinds of proposals, in order to identify the
system upgrade costs associated with each project. We
will ask you in the proposals to provide the specific
interconnection cost, but system transmission upgrade
costs that will be specific based on the location of
each of the bids that are submitted will be screened
at this point.

Then we will proceed from there to a short list, obviously based on both the combination of the technical requirements and the overall economic requirements, including both generator and transmission screening. We expect do this around early March, and we will notify bidders of who has been selected and who hasn't. Recognizing that we don't know at this stage how many bids we will get or of what sizes, we are sort of holding open -- we are not going to say we are going to pick six, or we're going to pick three. We will wait and see how this goes, and how many bids we get, and what sizes, and how they might fill the capacity need in making this selection.

From there we are going to proceed to the detailed evaluation, and at this point we will do a couple of things. The first is to build each one of



the proposals into a portfolio or scenario for our evaluation. So in doing this, we are going to take the proposals that are -- that do not fill the entire capacity need, and match them up with either generic units. And we will eventually -- our generic unit costs from 2013 are actually available in the 10-year site plan.

We will be matching these up with generic units and/or we will a mix and match the proposals. So if we get proposals that pass the initial screening that are, say for instance, for half the capacity, we will test them as portfolios together in weighing them against the full capacity of the next plan generating unit. So what I said earlier that it could be all of the above in terms of system power, new units, existing units, we are going to do some mixing and matching to create what we consider to be good portfolios that will weigh well towards the next planned generating unit.

At this point we will do a more detailed technical evaluation. There is a list in Figure 3-5 of the many criteria that we will be going through in reviewing the technical criteria. And there will be a more detailed transmission review. Again, as we are constructing portfolios at this stage, we will create



a new set of transmission costs that may be associated with the placement of individual units within the portfolio.

Then finally, all of that information will come together in a total life cycle cost for each of the alternatives that we have identified to evaluate. Also at this point we are likely to have questions back to specific bidders who are on the short list and we will go through a round of bidder clarifications at that point.

From there we will select a final list. We are expecting that step will take us a couple of months and get us into May of next year, and ranking those people on the final list. We will move ahead to negotiate with the top contenders with the goal of awarding the RFP by August so that we can move forward to our commission filings in September next year.

If you have a new project for which a need determination is required, DEF would appear on that need determination as the co-applicant. We will make filings as required by the Public Service Commission.

Back to the subject for a moment of fees; the \$20,000 fee that I mentioned at the beginning is nonrefundable. I have talked about the fact that we will have two variations in term and/or pricing. For



those projects which are signing up that are not already existing projects, who are entering the transmission queue, there is, in addition to \$20,000, a \$10,000 fee for the deposit for the fees.

Now, the way that, under our Open Access

Transmission Tariff, we will follow a specific set of

FERC guidelines in analyzing applicants for

transmission service, which any new projects under

this RFP will be. So to that end, the costs that are

incurred and charged under the Transmission analysis

outside of the specific RFP are charged on an actual

cost basis.

So one of the things that we did in designing the RFP process here is that it is our expectation that under the initial screening work that we are going to do, initially in detail screening work that we are going to do as part of the RFP, that the bulk of the costs that would ordinarily be charged against the submission fee and the system impact study fee will actually be absorbed. In other words, they will already be used under the initial \$20,000 submission fee.

These deposits that are listed here at the bottom of the page are, in fact, refundable. However, if we get to the stage where a new project is actually going



forward to completion and becoming an actual applicant for transmission service, then this kind of gives you a ballpark of what the study costs round out to be for those steps as you go through to the final stage of analysis.

Again, these deposit levels and the way that that money is administered are discussed in detail on our transmission tariff and they are set basically by FERC rules.

Again, as I mentioned earlier, we are asking that all of the bidders register on our Power Advocate website. The link is on the page which I assume many of you have seen already. Many of you have already registered as Power Advocate users. On the 8th of October our Power Advocate page, this RFP will go live. So from that page you will be able to download the actual bidding documents in Word and Excel form. So for instance, all the instructions, the schedules, those will be available on that page beginning on the 8th of October. You have to register for the site and register as a supplier to download those documents, and then hopefully to re-upload your bids and submissions.

So that kind of covers really what we wanted to present today, and give you-all the opportunity to



walk through it with us. At this point essentially 1 2 I'm open to take questions and provide any 3 clarifications that I can on the bidding documents, 4 the process. 5 I have a question about the Power MR. ZAMBO: 6 Advocate. You said the suppliers have to register. 7 What if I'm representing suppliers? 8 MR. BORSCH: I believe that you can register as a 9 representative of the suppliers. I use the term 10 generically, but yes. 11 MR. ZAMBO: Great. Thank you. 12 MR. BORSCH: Questions on the phone? Anybody on 13 the phone? 14 MR. CHUNG: Edward Chung, GE Energy, about the 15 transmission study; you mentioned that there is a 16 transmission study to be done in the context of the RP 17 will be comparable to what's done of the feasibility 18 of the transmission application. Will we get results 19 from that study just as we would if we had paid for 20 the feasibility study and impact study? Is that performed by the same group with the same oversight as 21 22 the initial LGIA process? 23 MR. BORSCH: Let me take this question -- answer

your question backwards. The first answer to your

question in terms of is it performed by the same group



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with the same oversight as the LGIA process? The answer is yes. The transmission studies will be performed and coordinated through our DEF transmission planning group.

The second piece of your study, the answer is no. We will provide you with a summary of the results of the study, but it will not be at the same level of detail that you would receive if we were going through the full process. In part, that is by design, not, quite frankly, to limit your access to the information, but rather first of all, to streamline the RFP process, and second of all to allow us to -- partly to control the cost and the time of the duration of the analysis.

As you are probably aware, the preparation of the full study report under the LGIA is an expensive process. And so the feasibility studies that will be performed in this analysis will have, as I say, a comparable level of analysis, but we are not going to produce a full study reports. For those people who proceed to the short list, it may -- we will discuss the question of proceeding with the old process through the system impacted study. And under that venue obviously the reports will be available in accordance with the normal process.



1 MR. CHUNG: Thank you. 2 MR. BORSCH: Well, hearing no other questions, I 3 will say this: Any questions -- I have received a 4 number of questions already of a more detailed nature 5 that what we were going to discuss at the meeting 6 Ouestions that are sent in to the contact 7 e-mails will be answered, and the answers will be 8 posted to the website. Our intention is to provide 9 all of the bidders with equal access to the 10 So they will pretty much be posted up to information. 11 the website and available for review beginning the 8th 12 of October. 13 So if you think of questions that have not been 14 answered here, please e-mail them to us. Once again, 15 any information which you may talk to me, receive 16 answers verbally, talk to Alan, receive answers 17 verbally, we will do our best to answer the questions 18 straightforwardly. Official responses to questions --19 or the questions need to come in writing and the 20 official responses will be posted on the Power

All right. Well, thank you all for coming. (Concluded at 1:42 p.m.)

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