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March 21, 2022

Mr. Brian Knipe
FirstEnergy Service Corporation
76 S. Main Street
Akron, OH 44308

Re: Notification of PIPP RFP Results

Dear Brian:

This is to inform you that we have confirmed the results of the FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities' Request for Proposals process to procure supply for Percentage of Income Payment Plan ("PIPP") program customers for the FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities. No bidder submitted a conforming bid in the RFP process during the Bid Window on Monday, March 21, 2022.

There are three tables attached to this letter.

- Table 1 summarizes the results of the RFP process.
- Table 2 provides the identities of all registered bidders.
- Table 3 provides the PIPP RFP Manager's assessment of the conduct of the RFP process.

Following the PUCO review of today's process and results, bidders will be notified of the date for any Supplemental RFP.

Sincerely yours,

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradley A. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bradley A. Miller
Vice President

cc:

Jenifer French, Chairperson, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
M. Beth Trombold, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Lawrence Friedeman, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Sam Belcher, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Ed Shuttleworth, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
John Skory, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Dean Stathis, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Melanie Mancuso, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Jimi Oluwabiya, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Frank Mossburg, Bates White
Karen Morgan, Bates White

Table 1. Summary of PIPP RFP Results

Period of Delivery	June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023
Number of Registered Bidders	
Number of Registered Bidders that submitted conforming bids during the Bid Window	0
% of PIPP Load to procure in the RFP	100%
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Lowest bid price bidder	(No conforming bids were submitted)
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Benchmark Price	\$53.62 per MWh

Table 2. Bidders and Bids

Bidder	Conforming Bid(s) Submitted?	Tentative Winning Bidder?	Last Conforming Bid		
			Bid Price (\$/MWh)	Bid Submission Time (ET)	Bid Confirmation Number

Table 3. PIPP RFP Manager's Assessment of the Conduct of the RFP

	Question	
1	Were the competitive bidding rules violated?	No
2	Does the PIPP RFP Manager believe the RFP was open, fair, transparent, and competitive?	Yes
3	Did bidders have sufficient information to prepare for the RFP?	Yes. Bidders received information from the RFP process documents, the Information Website, questions-and-answers posted to the Information Website, and bidder information sessions.
4	Was the information generally provided to bidders in accordance with the published timetable? Was the timetable updated appropriately as needed?	Yes
5	Were there any issues and questions left unresolved prior to the RFP that created material uncertainty for bidders?	We do not believe that there were any unresolved issues or questions that created material uncertainty for bidders.
6	Were there any procedural problems or errors with the RFP, including the electronic bidding process, the back-up bidding process, and communications between bidders and the PIPP RFP Manager?	No
7	Were protocols for communication between bidders and the PIPP RFP Manager adhered to?	Yes
8	Were there any hardware or software problems or errors, either with the RFP software or with its associated communications systems?	No
9	Were there any unanticipated delays during the RFP?	No
10	Did unanticipated delays appear to adversely affect bidding in the RFP?	No
11	Were appropriate data back-up procedures planned and carried out?	Yes
12	Were any security breaches observed with the RFP process?	No

	Question	
13	Were protocols followed for communications among FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities, the PIPP RFP Manager, the PUCO, and the PUCO's consultant during the RFP?	Yes
14	Were the protocols followed for decisions regarding changes in auction parameters (e.g., benchmark price)?	Yes
15	Were the calculations (e.g., the determination of the tentative winning bid price and winning bidder) produced by the RFP software double-checked or reproduced off-line by the PIPP RFP Manager?	N/A
16	Was there evidence of confusion or misunderstanding on the part of bidders that delayed or impaired the RFP?	No
17	Were the communications between the PIPP RFP Manager and bidders timely and effective?	Yes
18	Was there evidence that bidders felt unduly rushed during the process?	No
19	Was there any evidence of collusion or improper coordination among bidders?	No
20	Was there any evidence of anti-competitive behavior in the RFP?	No
21	Was information made public appropriately? Was confidential and sensitive information treated appropriately?	Yes
22	Were there factors exogenous to the RFP (e.g., changes in market environment) that materially affected the RFP in unanticipated ways?	No

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