



DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

September 15, 2021

Brian Knipe
FirstEnergy Corp.
76 South Main Street
Akron, OH 44308

Re: Notification of CBP Auction Results

Dear Brian:

Pursuant to the requirements of paragraph 10 of the August 25, 2021 Finding and Order of the Public Utility Commission of Ohio ("PUCO" or "Commission"), please find attached a less redacted version of the post-auction letter. That letter, addressed to you (and cc'd to others) was submitted by the Auction Manager, CRA International, on August 23, 2021 following the conclusion of the FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities' Competitive Bidding Process Auction. The Auction procures supply for Standard Service Offer customers for the FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities.

Compared to the redacted letter submitted on August 23, the attached letter has fewer redactions pursuant to paragraph 10 of the Finding and Order cited above.

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
Tim Benedict, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Attachment



DELIVERED BY EMAIL

CRA No. D20048 / D20049

August 23, 2021

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

Re: Notification of CBP Auction Results

Dear Brian:

This is to inform you that we have confirmed the results of the FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities' Competitive Bidding Process Auction ("Auction") to procure supply for Standard Service Offer (SSO) customers for the FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities. The Auction began on Monday, August 23, 2021 and concluded the same day.

There are three tables attached to this letter.

- Table 1 summarizes the results of the Auction.
- Table 2 shows, for each winning bidder, the number of tranches won for each contract in the Auction.
- Table 3 provides the Auction Manager's assessment of the conduct of the Auction.

In accordance with the Bidding Rules, winning bidders will be contacted directly by the FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities to execute the Master SSO Supply Agreement no later than three (3) business days following the close of the Auction.

Sincerely yours,

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.



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
Dennis Deters, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Daniel Conway, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Timothy Benedict, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Tamara Turkenton, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Matthew Snider, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Bob Reeping, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Christine Watchorn, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Sonny Fanelli, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Sam Belcher, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Richard Sweeney, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Mark Jones, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Gary Grant, Jr, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Ed Shuttleworth, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
John Skory, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Dean Stathis, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Melanie Mancuso, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities
Frank Mossburg, Bates White
Marjorie Romero, Bates White

Table 1. Summary of SSO Auction Results

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|---|-----------------------------|
| Period of Delivery | June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023 |
| Number of Registered Bidders | 11 |
| Total initial eligibility of Registered Bidders | |
| Total initial eligibility divided by tranche target | |
| Number of bidders that submitted bids in round 1 | |
| Number of tranches bid in round 1 | 144 |
| Number of tranches bid in round 1 divided by tranche target | 4.36 |
| Number of tranches to procure in auction (tranche target) | 33 tranches |
| Number of tranches procured in auction | 33 tranches |
| Number of rounds in clock phase | 14 |
| Was there a sealed-bid round? | No |
| Number of winning bidders | 5 |
| Starting price range | \$55.00 to \$75.00 per MWh |
| Starting price | |
| Tranche-weighted average price of winning bids | \$42.10 per MWh |

Table 2. Winning Bidders and Tranches Won

| Winning Bidder | Number of Winning Tranches | Tranche-Weighted Average Price to be Paid (\$/MWh) |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| DTE Energy Trading, Inc. | 2 | \$42.10 |
| Dynegy Marketing and Trade, LLC | 10 | \$42.10 |
| Energy Harbor, LLC | 17 | \$42.10 |
| Hartree Partners, LP | 1 | \$42.10 |
| TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.) Inc. | 3 | \$42.10 |
| | 33 | \$42.10 |

Table 3. Auction Manager's Assessment of the Conduct of the Auction

| | Question | |
|----|---|--|
| 1 | Were the competitive bidding rules violated? | No |
| 2 | Does the Auction Manager believe the auction was open, fair, transparent, and competitive? | Yes |
| 3 | Did bidders have sufficient information to prepare for the auction? | Yes. Bidders received information from the competitive bidding 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 auction 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 auction, including the electronic bidding process, the back-up bidding process, and communications between bidders and the Auction Manager? | No |
| 7 | Were protocols for communication between bidders and the Auction Manager adhered to? | Yes |
| 8 | Were there any hardware or software problems or errors, either with the auction system or with its associated communications systems? | No |
| 9 | Were there any unanticipated delays during the auction? | No |
| 10 | Did unanticipated delays appear to adversely affect bidding in the auction? | No |
| 11 | Were appropriate data back-up procedures planned and carried out? | Yes |
| 12 | Were any security breaches observed with the auction process? | No |

| | Question | |
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| 13 | Were protocols followed for communications among FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities, the Auction Manager, the PUCO, and the PUCO's consultant during the auction? | Yes |
| 14 | Were the protocols followed for decisions regarding changes in auction parameters (e.g., volume adjustments and price decrements)? | Yes |
| 15 | Were the calculations (e.g., for price decrements or bidder eligibility) produced by the auction software double-checked or reproduced off-line by the Auction Manager? | Yes |
| 16 | Was there evidence of confusion or misunderstanding on the part of bidders that delayed or impaired the auction? | No |
| 17 | Were the communications between the Auction 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 auction? | No |
| 21 | Was information made public appropriately? Was confidential and sensitive information treated appropriately? | Yes |
| 22 | Were there factors exogenous to the auction (e.g., changes in market environment) that materially affected the auction in unanticipated ways? | Due to restrictions related to COVID-19, the auction was conducted remotely by the Auction Manager team. There were no issues in conducting the auction remotely. |

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