

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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In Reply Refer To:
Entergy Services, Inc.
Docket No. ER05-127-000

Entergy Services, Inc.
Attn: Kimberly H. Despeaux
Associate General Counsel for Entergy Services, Inc.
639 Loyola Avenue, 26th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70113

Reference: Amendment No. 3 to the Master Power Purchase and Sale Agreement

Dear Ms. Despeaux:

1. On October 29, 2004, Entergy Services, Inc. (ESI) tendered for filing Amendment No. 3 to the Master Power Purchase and Sale Agreement (PPA) between Entergy Louisiana, Inc. (ELI) and Entergy Gulf States, Inc. (EGS). The amendment revises, among other things, the definition of the term "Delivery Period" in the PPA by extending the term of the "Interim Delivery Period," changing the beginning date of the Life-of-Unit Delivery Period and by amending the definition of the term "Contract Year." The Interim Delivery Period will begin July 1, 2004 and end on December 31, 2005. The Life-of-Unit Delivery Period will begin January 1, 2006 and end on the Retirement Date. The amended Contract Year will begin June 1 and end on May 31 during the Delivery Period, the portion of the Delivery Period prior to May 31, 2006, and the portion of the Delivery Period from the last June 1 during the Delivery Period until the last day of the Delivery Period.

2. Notice of the filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 69 Fed. Reg. 65,423 (2004), with comments, protests or interventions due on or before November 19, 2004. Notice of intervention in this proceeding were filed by the Louisiana Public Service Commission (Louisiana Commission) and the Council of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana (Council). Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2003), the notice of intervention serve to make the Louisiana Commission and Council parties to this proceeding.

3. On May 30, 2003, the Commission accepted for filing, suspended for a nominal period, to become effective on June 1, 2003, subject to refund the master purchase and sale agreement between ELI and EGS (Docket No. ER03-744-000) presently being amended.¹ The May 30, 2003 Order also consolidated the proceeding in Docket No. ER03-744-000 with three other proceedings involving related ESI purchase and sale agreements and set the eight purchase and sale agreements covered by those dockets for hearing in Docket No. ER03-583-000, *et al.* As a result, Amendment No. 3 is accepted for filing, suspended for a nominal period to be effective January 1, 2005, subject to refund, and to the outcome of the proceeding in Docket No. ER03-583-000, *et al.*

By direction of the Commission.

Linda Mitry,
Deputy Secretary.

¹ *Entergy Services, Inc.*, 103 FERC ¶ 61,256 (2003).