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8. What market-based alternatives exist, if any, to address reliability issues on a TDU's transmission or distribution system?

9. How could a vertically integrated investor-owned utility maximize the value of an energy storage device without adversely affecting wholesale market outcomes and price formation in its respective market?

10. What impediments exist to using non-traditional technology devices on utility transmission or distribution systems?

11. Could the commission specify conditions under which a TDU could employ non-traditional technologies to support reliability? If so, what conditions would be appropriate?

12. If you are a utility, please provide a detailed overview of any batteries or other energy storage technologies on your transmission and distribution system in the state of Texas that are either currently operational or planned to be operational. Please explain the purpose, use, metering, and deployment of these technologies.

13. Are there any other issues that the commission should consider addressing in this project?

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Public Notice of Workshop

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) will conduct a workshop regarding Project No. 48551, *Review of Summer 2018 ERCOT Market Performance*, on Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. This notice has been previously posted as an open meeting. The workshop will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, located on the 7th floor of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701. Commission Staff will publish in this project an agenda for the workshop no later than October 18, 2018.

Questions concerning this notice should be referred to Mark Bryant at (512) 936-7279 or mark.bryant@puc.texas.gov. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1.

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Texas Department of Transportation

Request for Qualifications

Pursuant to the authority granted under Transportation Code, Chapter 223, Subchapter F (enabling legislation), the Texas Department of Transportation (department), may enter into, in each fiscal year, up to three design-build contracts for the design, construction, expansion, extension, related capital maintenance, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of a highway project with a construction cost estimate of \$150 million or more. The enabling legislation authorizes private involvement in design-build projects and provides a process for the department to solicit

proposals for such projects. Transportation Code §223.245 prescribes requirements for issuance of a request for qualifications and requires the department to publish a notice of such issuance in the *Texas Register*. The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) adopted Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Chapter 9, Subchapter I relating to design-build contracts (the rules). The enabling legislation, as well as the rules, govern the submission and processing of qualifications statements, and provide for the issuance of a request for qualifications that sets forth the basic criteria for qualifications, experience, technical competence, and ability to develop a proposed project and such other information the department considers relevant or necessary.

The commission has authorized the issuance of a request for qualifications (RFQ) to design, develop, construct, and potentially maintain the Oak Hill Parkway Project in Travis County, Texas. The Oak Hill Parkway Project will provide non-tolled improvements along US 290 from approximately the east end of Circle Drive to Loop 1, and non-tolled improvements along SH 71 from US 290 to Silvermine Drive, which improvements include the addition of frontage roads and grade separations at major intersections, in Travis County. As part of the Project, the US 290 and SH 71 interchange will be reconstructed with the US 290 mainlanes going underneath SH 71, and with direct connectors at the intersection. The Project will improve the existing four-lane divided roadway with signalized intersections along US 290 to a six-lane controlled access facility with grade separations and frontage roads. Additionally, the existing controlled access portion from Loop 1 to near Joe Tanner Lane will have minor widening for operational improvements near entrance and exit ramps.

The Project has an estimated design-build cost of approximately \$467.2 million.

Through this notice, the department is seeking qualifications statements (QSs) from teams interested in entering into a design-build contract and, potentially, a capital maintenance contract. The department intends to evaluate any QS received in response to the RFQ and may request submission of detailed proposals, potentially leading to the negotiation, award, and execution of a design-build contract, and potentially, a capital maintenance contract. The department will accept for consideration any QS received in accordance with the enabling legislation, the rules, and the RFQ, on or before the deadline in this notice. The department anticipates issuing the RFQ, receiving and evaluating the QSs, developing a shortlist of proposing entities or consortia, and issuing a request for proposals (RFP) to the shortlisted entities. After review and a best value evaluation of the responses to the RFP, the department may negotiate and enter into a design-build contract and potentially, a capital maintenance contract, for the Project.

RFQ Evaluation Criteria. QSs will be evaluated by the department for shortlisting purposes using the following general criteria: project qualifications and experience, statement of technical approach, and safety qualifications. The specific criteria under the foregoing categories will be identified in the RFQ, as will the relative weighting of the criteria.

Release of RFQ and Due Date. The department currently anticipates that the RFQ will be available on October 12, 2018. Copies of the RFQ will be available at the Texas Department of Transportation, 7600 Chevy Chase Drive, Building 2, Suite 400, Austin, Texas 78752, or at the following website:

<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/debt/strategic-projects/alternative-delivery/oak-hill/rfq.html>

QSs will be due by 12:00 p.m. (noon) CST on November 9, 2018, at the address specified in the RFQ.

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