Commission Staff Report

DATE: September 29, 2016

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: October 27, 2016

SUBJECT: Burns & McDonnell – Five Year Multi-Task Professional Services Agreement for Consulting Services for Project Support and Plant Operations; Applicable to the following projects: All NCPA Facility Locations, Members, SCPPA, and SCPPA Members.

AGENDA CATEGORY: Consent

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve resolution 16-XX authorizing the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task Professional Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell for consulting services related to project support and plant operations, with any non-substantial changes recommended and approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed $1,000,000 over five years for use at all facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, its members, by the Southern California Public Power Authority (“SCPPA”), or by SCPPA members.

BACKGROUND:

Consulting services related to project support and plant operations are needed at various NCPA facility locations as well as member facilities for the operation of the plants. Burns & McDonnell is a provider of these services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total cost of the agreement is not-to-exceed $1,000,000 over five years to be used out of NCPA approved budgets as services are rendered. NCPA will bid the specific scope of work consistent with NCPA procurement policies and procedures. Purchase orders referencing the terms and conditions of the Agreement will be issued following NCPA procurement policies and procedures.

SELECTION PROCESS:

This enabling agreement does not commit NCPA to any expenditure of funds. At the time services are required, NCPA will bid the specific scope of work consistent with NCPA procurement policies and procedures. NCPA currently has in place three other enabling agreements for similar services with Black & Veatch Construction, Inc., IEC Corporation, and Worley Parsons. NCPA will seek bids from as many qualified providers as possible. Bids are awarded to the lowest cost provider. NCPA will issue purchase orders based on cost and availability of the services needed at the time the service is required.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This activity would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the physical environment and is therefore not a “project” for purposes of Section 21065 the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

The recommendation was reviewed by the Facilities Committee on October 5, 2016 (and was recommended for Commission approval). For Facilities Committee meetings where a quorum was not present: No formal action was taken due to the lack of a quorum, however, the Project participants present at the meeting voiced their support for the recommendation below and no other meeting attendees had any objections.
The recommendation above was reviewed by the Lodi Energy Participant Committee on October 10, 2016 (and was approved).

Respectfully submitted,

RANDY S. HOWARD
General Manager

Attachments (2):
- Resolution
- Multi-Task Professional Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell
RESOLUTION 16-XX
RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY
APPROVING A MULTI-TASK PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
BURNS & MCDONNELL

(reference Staff Report #xxx:16)

WHEREAS, various consulting services related to operations and project support are periodically required at the facilities owned and/or operated by Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), its members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), and SCPPA members; and

WHEREAS, Burns & McDonnell is a provider of these services; and

WHEREAS, on __________, 2016, the LEC Project Participant Committee approved the agreement with Burns & McDonnell in an amount not-to-exceed $1,000,000 over five years; and

WHEREAS, this activity would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the physical environment and is therefore not a “project” for purposes of Section 21065 the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental review is necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission of the Northern California Power Agency authorizes the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Multi-Task Professional Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell, with any non-substantial changes as approved by the NCPA General Counsel, which shall not exceed $1,000,000 over five years for various consulting services at all facilities owned and/or operated by NCPA, its members, by the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), or by SCPPA members.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this ___ day of ______________, 2016 by the following vote on roll call:

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BOB LINGL
COMMISSION CHAIR

ATTEST: CARY A. PADGETT
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MULTI-TASK PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY AND
BURNS & MCDONNELL

This agreement for professional services ("Agreement") is made by and between the Northern California Power Agency, a joint powers agency with its main office located at 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, CA 95678-6420 ("Agency") and Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., a Missouri corporation with its office located at 9400 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114 ("Consultant") (together sometimes referred to as the "Parties") as of ____________, 2016 ("Effective Date") in Roseville, California.

Section 1. SERVICES. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Consultant shall provide to Agency the services described in the Scope of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein ("Services"), at the time and place and in the manner specified in the appropriate Purchase Order.

1.1 Term of Agreement. The term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and shall end five (5) years from the date this Agreement was signed by Agency; provided that if Services due under a Purchase Order are still outstanding at that time, the Agreement shall end upon completion of such Services.

1.2 Standard of Performance. Consultant shall perform the Services in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which Consultant is engaged in the same geographical location and for which Consultant is providing the Services ("Standard of Care"). Consultant represents that it is licensed, qualified and experienced to provide the Services set forth herein. If Consultant fails to meet the foregoing Standard of Care, Consultant will re-perform at its own cost, and without reimbursement from the Agency, the Services necessary to correct negligent errors and omissions which are caused by Consultant's failure to comply with the above standards and practices, and which are reported to Consultant within one year from the completion of such Services. This obligation to re-perform the Services necessary to correct negligent errors and omissions which are caused by Consultant's failure to comply with the above Standard of Care is Consultant's sole obligation and Agency's sole and exclusive remedy with respect to defects in the quality of the Services.

1.3 Assignment of Personnel. Consultant shall assign only competent personnel to perform the Services. In the event that Agency, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of this Agreement, requests the reassignment of any such personnel, Consultant shall, immediately upon receiving written notice from Agency of such request, reassign such personnel.

1.4 Services Provided. Services provided under this Agreement by Consultant may include Services directly to the Agency or, as requested by the Agency and consistent with the
terms of this Agreement, to Agency members, Southern California Public Power Authority ("SCPPA") or SCPPA members.

1.5 **Request for Services.** At such time that Agency determines to use Consultant's Services under this Agreement, Agency shall issue a Purchase Order. The Purchase Order shall identify the specific services to be performed ("Requested Services"), may include a not-to-exceed monetary cap on Requested Services and expenditures authorized by that Purchase Order, and a time by which the Requested Services shall be completed. Consultant shall have seven business days from the date of the Agency's issuance of the Purchase Order in which to respond in writing that Consultant chooses to perform the Requested Services. If Consultant fails to respond within such time and agree to perform the Requested Services on the terms set forth in the Purchase Order, this Agreement, and its Exhibits, the Purchase Order is deemed rejected and Agency shall not be bound by the Purchase Order issued to Consultant.

**Section 2. COMPENSATION.** Agency hereby agrees to pay Consultant an amount **NOT TO EXCEED** One Million dollars ($1,000,000) for the Services, which shall include all fees, costs, expenses and other reimbursables, as set forth in Consultant's fee schedule, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B. This dollar amount is not a guarantee that Agency will pay that full amount to the Consultant, but is merely a limit of potential Agency expenditures under this Agreement.

2.1 **Invoices.** Consultant shall submit invoices, not more often than once a month during the term of this Agreement, based on the cost for services performed and reimbursable costs incurred prior to the invoice date. Invoices shall contain the following information:

- The beginning and ending dates of the billing period;
- Services performed;
- The Purchase Order number authorizing the Services;
- At Agency's option, the total number of hours of work performed under the Agreement by Consultant and each employee, agent, and subcontractor of Consultant performing services hereunder; and
- At Agency's option, when the Consultant's Scope of Work identifies tasks, for each work item in each task, a copy of the applicable time entries showing the name of the person doing the work, the hours spent by each person, a brief description of the work, and each reimbursable expense, with supporting documentation, to Agency's reasonable satisfaction.

Invoices shall be sent to:

Northern California Power Agency  
651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, California  95678
2.2 Monthly Payment. Agency shall make monthly payments, based on invoices received, for services satisfactorily performed, and for authorized reimbursable costs incurred. Agency shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of an invoice that complies with all of the requirements above to pay Consultant.

2.3 Payment of Taxes. Consultant is solely responsible for the payment of all federal, state and local taxes, including employment taxes, incurred under this Agreement.

2.4 Authorization to Perform Services. The Consultant is not authorized to perform any Services or incur any costs whatsoever under the terms of this Agreement until receipt of written authorization from the Contract Administrator.

2.5 Timing for Submittal of Final Invoice. Consultant shall have ninety (90) days after completion of its Services to submit its final invoice. In the event Consultant fails to submit an invoice to Agency for any amounts due within the ninety (90) day period, Consultant is deemed to have waived its right to collect its final payment from Agency.

Section 3. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT. Except as set forth herein, Consultant shall, at its sole cost and expense, provide all facilities and equipment that may be necessary to perform the Services.

Section 4. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS. Before beginning any work under this Agreement, Consultant, at its own cost and expense, shall procure the types and amounts of insurance listed below and shall maintain the types and amounts of insurance listed below for the period covered by this Agreement.

4.1 Workers’ Compensation. If Consultant employs any person, Consultant shall maintain Statutory Workers’ Compensation Insurance and Employer’s Liability Insurance for any and all persons employed directly or indirectly by Consultant with limits of one million dollars ($1,000,000) per accident, each employee by disease, and policy limit by disease.

4.2 Commercial General and Automobile Liability Insurance.

4.2.1 Commercial General Insurance. Consultant shall maintain commercial general liability insurance for the term of this Agreement, including products liability, covering loss or liability, including the cost of defense of a claim, for bodily injury, death, personal injury and broad form property damage which may be caused by the operations of Consultant. The policy shall provide a limit of $1,000,000 per occurrence/$2,000,000 aggregate. Commercial general coverage shall be at least as broad as ISO Commercial General Liability form CG 0001 (current edition) on “an occurrence” basis covering Commercial General Liability. No endorsement shall be attached limiting the coverage.
4.2.2 **Automobile Liability.** Consultant shall maintain automobile liability insurance form CA 0001 (current edition) for the term of this Agreement covering a loss or liability, including the cost of defense of an action, caused by the operation, maintenance or use of any vehicle (symbol 1), whether or not owned by the Consultant, on or off Agency premises. The policy shall provide a limit of $1,000,000 per each accident. This insurance shall provide contractual liability covering all motor vehicles and mobile equipment to the extent coverage may be excluded from general liability insurance.

4.2.3 **General Liability/Umbrella or Excess Insurance.** The coverage amounts set forth above may be met by a combination of underlying and umbrella/excess policies as long as in combination the limits equal or exceed those stated.

4.3 **Professional Liability Insurance.** Consultant shall maintain professional liability insurance appropriate to Consultant's profession performing work in connection with this Agreement in an amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000) per claim and two million dollars ($2,000,000) aggregate covering the Consultant's errors and omissions. Such insurance shall be on a “claims-made” basis, subject to the following conditions: (1) the retroactive date of the policy shall be on or before the Effective Date of this Agreement; (2) the policy shall be maintained for at least five (5) years after completion of the Services and, if requested by Agency, evidence of coverage shall be provided during this period; and (3) if, within five (5) years of completion of the Services, coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement, Consultant shall purchase “extended reporting” coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of the Services and, if requested by Agency, provide evidence of coverage during this period.

4.4 **All Policies Requirements.**

4.4.1 **Verification of coverage.** Prior to beginning any work under this Agreement, Consultant shall provide Agency with (1) a Certificate of Insurance that demonstrates compliance with all applicable insurance provisions contained herein and (2) policy endorsements to the policies referenced in Section 4.2, adding the Agency as an additional insured and declaring such insurance primary in regard to work performed pursuant to this Agreement.

4.4.2 **Notice of Cancellation of Coverage.** Consultant shall provide at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Agency of any reduction in scope or amount below the amounts required herein, cancellation, or modification adverse to Agency making Consultant non-compliant with the requirements herein of the policies referenced in Section 4.
4.4.4 **Additional Certificates and Endorsements.** If Consultant provides services to Agency members, SCPPA and/or SCPPA members, Agency shall have the right to require the Consultant to provide certificates of insurance and/or policy endorsements, as referenced in Section 4.4.1, naming the specific Agency member, SCPPA or Agency member for which the Services are to be performed.

4.5 **Waiver of Subrogation.** The Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of Agency for all work performed by Consultant, its employees, agents and subcontractors.

4.6 **Consultant's Obligation.** Consultant shall be solely responsible for requiring that all equipment, vehicles and other items utilized in the performance of Services are operated, provided or otherwise utilized in a manner that ensures they are and remain covered by the policies referenced in Section 4 during this Agreement. Consultant shall also require that all workers involved in the provision of Services are properly classified as employees, agents or independent contractors and are and remain covered by any and all workers' compensation insurance required by applicable law during this Agreement.

**Section 5. INDEMNIFICATION AND CONSULTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES.**

5.1 **Effect of Insurance.** Agency's acceptance of insurance certificates and endorsements required under this Agreement does not relieve Consultant from liability under this indemnification and hold harmless clause. This indemnification and hold harmless clause shall apply to any damages or claims for damages whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to apply. By execution of this Agreement, Consultant acknowledges and agrees to the provisions of this Section and that it is a material element of consideration.

5.2 **Scope.** Consultant shall indemnify, defend with counsel reasonably acceptable to the Agency, and hold harmless the Agency and its officials, commissioners, officers, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all claims for bodily injury (including death) or property damage to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of the Consultant in its performance of Services under this Agreement. Consultant shall bear all losses, costs, damages, expense and liability of every kind, nature and description that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to such claims, whether directly or indirectly (“Liabilities”). Such obligations to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the Agency shall not apply to the extent that such Liabilities are caused by the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the Agency.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event Consultant defends the Agency and it is ultimately determined or agreed to that the Consultant was either not negligent or was only partially negligent with respect to the loss, liability, claim, suit, action or damages, the
Agency agrees that it shall promptly reimburse Consultant for such proportion of the Consultant's costs incurred in defending the Agency that is not attributable to the negligence of the Consultant.

Section 6. STATUS OF CONSULTANT.

6.1 **Independent Contractor.** Consultant is an independent contractor and not an employee of Agency. Agency shall have the right to control Consultant only insofar as the results of Consultant's Services and assignment of personnel pursuant to Section 1; otherwise, Agency shall not have the right to control the means by which Consultant accomplishes Services rendered pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other Agency, state, or federal policy, rule, regulation, law, or ordinance to the contrary, Consultant and any of its employees, agents, and subcontractors providing services under this Agreement shall not qualify for or become entitled to, and hereby agree to waive any and all claims to, any compensation, benefit, or any incident of employment by Agency, including but not limited to eligibility to enroll in the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) as an employee of Agency and entitlement to any contribution to be paid by Agency for employer contributions and/or employee contributions for PERS benefits.

Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agency for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of Consultant or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of Agency. Consultant and Agency acknowledge and agree that compensation paid by Agency to Consultant under this Agreement is based upon Consultant's estimated costs of providing the Services, including salaries and benefits of employees, agents and subcontractors of Consultant.

Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agency from any lawsuit, administrative action, or other claim for penalties, losses, costs, damages, expense and liability of every kind, nature and description that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to such claims, whether directly or indirectly, due to Consultant's failure to secure workers' compensation insurance for its employees, agents, or subcontractors.

Consultant agrees that it is responsible for the provision of group healthcare benefits to its fulltime employees under 26 U.S.C. § 4980H of the Affordable Care Act. To the extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Agency from any penalty issued to Agency under the Affordable Care Act resulting from the performance of the Services by any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Consultant.

6.2 **Consultant Not Agent.** Except as Agency may specify in writing, Consultant shall have no authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of Agency in any capacity whatsoever as an agent. Consultant shall have no authority, express or implied, pursuant to this Agreement to bind Agency to any obligation whatsoever.
6.3 **Assignment and Subcontracting.** This Agreement contemplates personal performance by Consultant and is based upon a determination of Consultant's unique professional competence, experience, and specialized professional knowledge. A substantial inducement to Agency for entering into this Agreement was and is the personal reputation and competence of Consultant. Consultant may not assign this Agreement or any interest therein without the prior written approval of the Agency. Consultant shall not subcontract any portion of the performance contemplated and provided for herein without prior written approval of the Agency. Where written approval is granted by the Agency, Consultant shall supervise all work subcontracted by Consultant in performing the services and shall be responsible for all work performed by a subcontractor as if Consultant itself had performed such work. The subcontracting of any work to subcontractors shall not relieve Consultant from any of its obligations under this Agreement with respect to the services and Consultant is obligated to ensure that any and all subcontractors performing any services shall be insured in all respects commensurate with the size of the subcontract.

6.4 **Certification as to California Energy Commission.** If requested by the Agency, Consultant shall, at the same time it executes this Agreement, execute Exhibit C.

Section 7. **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.**

7.1 **Governing Law.** The laws of the State of California shall govern this Agreement.

7.2 **Compliance with Applicable Laws.** Consultant and its subcontractors and agents, if any, shall comply with all laws applicable to the performance of the work hereunder.

7.3 **Licenses and Permits.** Consultant represents and warrants to Agency that Consultant and its employees, agents, and subcontractors (if any) have and will maintain at their sole expense during the term of this Agreement all licenses, permits, qualifications, and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to practice their respective professions.

Section 8. **TERMINATION AND MODIFICATION.**

8.1 **Termination.** Agency may cancel this Agreement at any time and without cause upon ten (10) days prior written notice to Consultant.

In the event of termination, Consultant shall be entitled to compensation for Services satisfactorily completed as of the effective date of termination; Agency, however, may condition payment of such compensation upon Consultant delivering to Agency any or all records or documents, as referenced in Section 9.1 hereof.

8.2 **Amendments.** The Parties may amend this Agreement only by a writing signed by all the Parties.
8.3 **Survival.** All obligations arising prior to the termination of this Agreement and all provisions of this Agreement allocating liability between Agency and Consultant, including any written waivers and releases, shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

8.4 **Options upon Breach by Consultant.** If Consultant materially breaches any of the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to those set forth in Section 4, Agency’s remedies shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

8.4.1 Immediately terminate the Agreement;

8.4.2 Retain the plans, specifications, drawings, reports, design documents, and any other deliverable prepared by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement;

8.4.3 Retain a different consultant to complete the Services not finished by Consultant; and/or

8.4.4 Charge Consultant the difference between the costs to complete the Services that is unfinished at the time of breach and the amount that Agency would have paid Consultant pursuant hereto if Consultant had completed the Services.

Section 9. **KEEPING AND STATUS OF DELIVERABLES.**

9.1 **Deliverables Created as Part of Consultant's Performance.** All deliverables in electronic or any other form, that Consultant prepares pursuant to this Agreement and that relate to the matters covered hereunder shall become the property of the Agency upon full payment of all amounts properly due hereunder. Consultant hereby agrees to deliver those documents to the Agency upon termination of the Agreement. Agency and Consultant agree that, unless approved by Agency in writing, Consultant shall not release to any non-parties to this Agreement any data, plans, specifications, reports and other documents. Any and all deliverables are prepared specifically, and intended to be utilized exclusively for the project and location contemplated under the Agreement. Any completion, extension, or modification of deliverables by Agency or others without participation by Consultant, or written authorization by Consultant, or any reuse by Agency of Consultant’s deliverables or work product other than for the specific purpose intended will be at Agency’s sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Consultant. Consultant shall retain ownership of Consultant’s prior developed intellectual property (including standard drawings and specifications, computer programs and models, copyrights, trade secrets, patented, patent pending, or other patentable technology, processes, or business practices).

9.2 **Consultant’s Books and Records.** Consultant shall maintain any and all records or other documents evidencing or relating to charges for Services or expenditures and
disbursements charged to the Agency under this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, from the date of final payment to the Consultant to this Agreement.

9.3 **Inspection and Audit of Records.** Any records or documents that this Agreement requires Consultant to maintain shall be made available for inspection, audit, and/or copying at any time during regular business hours, upon oral or written request of the Agency. Under California Government Code Section 8546.7, if the amount of public funds expended under this Agreement exceeds ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00), the Agreement shall be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor, at the request of Agency or as part of any audit of the Agency, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement. In no event shall Agency be entitled to audit the composition of any agreed upon fixed rates or percentage multipliers nor shall it be entitled to audit any rates, charges, costs, hours worked or expenses related to work performed on a lump sum or fixed price basis. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, Consultant understands and agrees that Agency can make no representations or promises concerning the scope or extent of an audit by the State Auditor.

9.4 **Confidential Information and Disclosure.**

9.4.1 **Confidential Information.** The term "Confidential Information", as used herein, shall mean any and all confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information, whether written, recorded, electronic, oral or otherwise, where the Confidential Information is made available in a tangible medium of expression and marked in a prominent location as confidential, proprietary and/or trade secret information. Confidential Information shall not include information that: (a) was already known to the Receiving Party or is otherwise a matter of public knowledge, (b) was disclosed to Receiving Party by a third party without violating any confidentiality agreement, (c) was independently developed by Receiving Party without reverse engineering, as evidenced by written records thereof, or (d) was not marked as confidential Information in accordance with this section.

9.4.2 **Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information.** During the term of this Agreement, either party may disclose (the "Disclosing Party") Confidential Information to the other party (the "Receiving Party"). During the term of this Agreement and five (5) years thereafter, the Receiving Party shall: (a) hold the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information in confidence; (b) take all reasonable steps to prevent any unauthorized possession, use, copying, transfer or disclosure of such Confidential Information; and (c) return or destroy all Confidential Information (including all copies thereof) within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written request from the Disclosing Party.
9.4.3 **Permitted Disclosure.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following disclosures of Confidential Information are allowed. Receiving Party shall endeavor to provide prior written notice to Disclosing Party of any permitted disclosure made pursuant to Section 9.4.3.2 or 9.4.3.3. Disclosing Party may seek a protective order, including without limitation, a temporary restraining order to prevent or contest such permitted disclosure; provided, however, that Disclosing Party shall seek such remedies at its sole expense. Neither party shall have any liability for such permitted disclosures:

9.4.3.1 Disclosure to employees, agents, consultants, contractors, subcontractors or other representatives of Receiving Party that have a need to know in connection with this Agreement.

9.4.3.2 Disclosure in response to a valid order of a court, government or regulatory agency or as may otherwise be required by law; and

9.4.3.3 Disclosure by Agency in response to a request pursuant to the California Public Records Act.

9.4.4 **Handling of Confidential Information.** Upon conclusion or termination of the Agreement, Receiving Party shall return to Disclosing Party or destroy Confidential Information (including all copies thereof), if requested by Disclosing Party in writing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Receiving Party may retain copies of such Confidential Information, subject to the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement: (a) for archival purposes in its computer system; (b) in its legal department files; and (c) in files of Receiving Party’s representatives where such copies are necessary to comply with applicable law. Party shall not disclose the Disclosing Party’s Information to any person other than those of the Receiving Party’s employees, agents, consultants, contractors and subcontractors who have a need to know in connection with this Agreement.

Section 10. **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

10.1 **Attorneys’ Fees.** If a party to this Agreement brings any action, including an action for declaratory relief, to enforce or interpret the provision of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys’ fees in addition to any other relief to which that party may be entitled. The court may set such fees in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose.

10.2 **Venue.** In the event that either party brings any action against the other under this Agreement, the Parties agree that trial of such action shall be vested exclusively in the state courts of California in the County of Placer or in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.
10.3 **Severability.** If a court of competent jurisdiction finds or rules that any provision of this Agreement is invalid, void, or unenforceable, the provisions of this Agreement not so adjudged shall remain in full force and effect. The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement shall not void or affect the validity of any other provision of this Agreement.

10.4 **No Implied Waiver of Breach.** The waiver of any breach of a specific provision of this Agreement does not constitute a waiver of any other breach of that term or any other term of this Agreement.

10.5 **Successors and Assigns.** The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the Parties.

10.6 **Conflict of Interest.** Consultant may serve other clients, but none whose activities within the corporate limits of Agency or whose business, regardless of location, would place Consultant in a “conflict of interest,” as that term is defined in the Political Reform Act, codified at California Government Code Section 81000 et seq.

Consultant shall not employ any Agency official in the work performed pursuant to this Agreement. No officer or employee of Agency shall have any financial interest in this Agreement that would violate California Government Code Sections 1090 et seq.

10.7 **Contract Administrator.** This Agreement shall be administered by Ken Speer, Assistant General Manager, or his designee, who shall act as the Agency’s representative. All correspondence shall be directed to or through the representative.

10.8 **Notices.** Any written notice to Consultant shall be sent to:

Burns & McDonnell
Attn. Mr. Adam Young, PE, Project Manager
9400 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64114

With a copy sent to:

Burns & McDonnell
Attn: General Counsel
9400 Ward Parkway,
Kansas City, MO 64114

Any written notice to Agency shall be sent to:
10.9 **Professional Seal.** Where applicable in the determination of the Agency, the first page of a technical report, first page of design specifications, and each page of construction drawings shall be stamped/sealed and signed by the licensed professional responsible for the report/design preparation.

10.10 **Integration; Incorporation.** This Agreement, including all the exhibits attached hereto, represents the entire and integrated agreement between Agency and Consultant and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated by reference herein.

10.11 **Alternative Dispute Resolution.** If any dispute arises between the Parties that cannot be settled after engaging in good faith negotiations, Agency and Consultant agree to resolve the dispute in accordance with the following:

10.11.1 Each party shall designate a senior management or executive level representative to negotiate any dispute;

10.11.2 The representatives shall attempt, through good faith negotiations, to resolve the dispute by any means within their authority.

10.11.3 If the issue remains unresolved after fifteen (15) days of good faith negotiations, the Parties shall attempt to resolve the disagreement by negotiation between legal counsel. If the above process fails, the Parties shall resolve any remaining disputes through mediation to expedite the resolution of the dispute.

10.11.4 The mediation process shall provide for the selection within fifteen (15) days by both Parties of a disinterested third person as mediator, shall be commenced within thirty (30) days and shall be concluded within fifteen (15) days from the commencement of the mediation.
10.11.5 The Parties shall equally bear the costs of any third party in any alternative dispute resolution process.

10.11.6 The alternative dispute resolution process is a material condition to this Agreement and must be exhausted as an administrative prior to either Party initiating legal action. This alternative dispute resolution process is not intended to nor shall be construed to change the time periods for filing a claim or action specified by Government Code §§ 900 et seq.

10.12 **Controlling Provisions.** In the case of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the Exhibits hereto, a Purchase Order, or Consultant's Proposal (if any), the Agreement shall control. In the case of any conflict between the Exhibits hereto and a Purchase Order or the Consultant's Proposal, the Exhibits shall control. In the case of any conflict between the terms of a Purchase Order and the Consultant's Proposal, the Purchase Order shall control.

10.13 **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one agreement.

10.14 **Construction of Agreement.** Each party hereto has had an equivalent opportunity to participate in the drafting of the Agreement and/or to consult with legal counsel. Therefore, the usual construction of an agreement against the drafting party shall not apply hereto.

10.15 **No Third Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is made solely for the benefit of the parties hereto, with no intent to benefit any non-signator third parties. However, should Consultant provide services to an Agency member, SCPPA or SCPPA member (collectively for the purpose of this Section only “Member”) pursuant to Section 1.4, the parties recognize that such Member may be a third party beneficiary solely as to the Purchase Order and Requested Services relating to such Member.

10.16 **Agency Provided Information.** Consultant shall have no liability for defects in the Services attributable to Consultant’s reliance upon or use of data, design criteria, drawings, specifications, or other information furnished by Agency or third parties not under contract to Consultant (collectively, for purposes of this Section 10.16, “Third Party Information”); provided, however, that: (1) this provision shall not excuse Consultant’s failure to perform the Services to the Standard of Care in Section 1.2 of this Agreement; and (2) where the scope of services includes checking or verifying the accuracy of Third Party Information, this provision shall not excuse Consultant from performing such checking or verifying to the Standard of Care in Section 1.2.

10.17 **Contractor Safety.** Consultant shall be responsible for the safety of its own employees at all times during the performance of any Services. Consultant's safety program shall include all requisite components required under Federal, state and local regulations and, if applicable, shall comply with all Agency or project site programs.
10.17.1 Consultant shall not be responsible for: (a) construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, or safety precautions and programs in connection with work related to the Services; (b) the failure of any of Agency's other contractors or consultants or their respective employees, subcontractors, vendors, or other project participants, not under contract to Consultant, to fulfill contractual responsibilities to Agency or to comply with federal, state, or local laws, regulations, and codes; or (c) procuring permits, certificates, and licenses required for any construction; provided, however, that this Section 10.17.1 shall not apply where the Services specified in a Purchase Order specifically include these responsibilities.

10.17.2 Consultant shall not have the authority to direct, control or stop the work of Agency's contractors or consultants or their respective employees, subcontractors or vendors; provided, however, that this Section 10.17.2 shall not apply where the Services specified in a Purchase Order specifically include these responsibilities.

10.18 Cost Estimates. Estimates and projections prepared by Consultant relating to construction costs and schedules, operation and maintenance costs, equipment characteristics and performance, and operating results are based on Consultant's experience, qualifications, and judgment as a design professional. Since Consultant has no control over weather, cost and availability of labor, material and equipment, labor productivity, construction contractors' procedures and methods, unavoidable delays, construction contractors' methods of determining prices, economic conditions, competitive bidding or market conditions, and other factors affecting such cost opinions or projections, Consultant does not guarantee that actual rates, costs, performance, schedules, and related items will not vary from cost estimates and projections prepared by Consultant.

10.19 Contractor Liability. In no event shall either Party or its subcontractors or subconsultants, of any tier, be liable in contract, tort, strict liability, warranty or otherwise, for any special, incidental, exemplary or consequential damages, such as, but not limited to, delay, disruption, loss of product, loss of anticipated profits or revenue, loss of use of the equipment or system, non-operation or increased expense of operation of other equipment or systems, cost of capital, or cost of purchase or replacement equipment, systems or power. In addition, to the fullest extent permissible by law, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any Purchase Order, the total liability, in the aggregate, of Consultant, its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, subcontractors and subconsultants, and any of them, to Agency and anyone claiming by, through or under Agency, for any and all claims, losses, liabilities, costs or damages whatsoever arising out of, resulting from or in any way related to the Services or this Agreement or any Purchase Order from any claim, including, but not limited to, tort claims, claims of negligence (of any degree), professional errors or omissions, breach of contract, breach of warranty, indemnity claims and strict liability of Consultant, its officers, directors,
shareholders, employees, agents, subcontractors and subconsultants, and any of them, shall not exceed Two Million dollars ($2,000,000.00).

10.20 **Hazardous Materials**, “Hazardous Waste” means any toxic or radioactive substance so defined under applicable federal, state or local laws or regulations. “Pre-Existing Contamination” is any Hazardous Waste present at the job site that was not brought onto such site by Consultant or at the direction of Consultant. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, title to, ownership of, and legal responsibility and liability for Pre-Existing Contamination shall at all times remain with Agency. Agency agrees to release, defend, indemnify, and hold Consultant harmless from and against any and all liability and claims, including attorneys’ fees, that may in any manner arise in any way directly or indirectly from such Pre-Existing Contamination. This indemnification obligation shall survive the completion or termination of the Agreement.

The Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date signed by the Agency.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY

Date________________________

Randy S. Howard, General Manager

Attest:

Assistant Secretary of the Commission

Approved as to Form:

Assistant General Counsel

BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.

Date________________________

Jeff Greig, Senior Vice President
EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Burns & McDonnell (“Consultant”) shall provide the Northern California Power Agency (“Agency”) and, pursuant to Section 1.4 of the Agreement, Agency members, the Southern California Public Power Authority (“SCPPA”), and SCPPA members, with consulting services related to project support and plant operations as needed. The scope of the Consulting services performed under the Agreement will be defined on an individual Purchase Order basis.

Services to include, but not be limited to the following:

- Feasibility Studies
- Business Model Development
- Forecasting and Resource Planning
- Transmission & Distribution Planning
- Technology Assessments
- Power Project Development
- Renewable Resource Development
- Valuations and Appraisals
- Cost of Service and Rate Studies
- Engineer of Record
- NERC Compliance
- Environmental Studies & Permitting
- Conceptual Design
- Cost Estimating
- Contract Planning
- Engineering Services (preliminary and detailed)
- Engineering Studies
- Execution Planning
- Operations and Maintenance Evaluation and Support
- Vendor Quality Assurance
- Construction Management
- Start-up and Commissioning Service
- Customer Information System Services
- Meter Data Management System Services
- Advanced Metering Infrastructure Services
- Smart Grid Solutions
- Technology Advisory Services
- Project Management Services
- Smart Grid Consulting Services
EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND HOURLY FEES

Compensation for all tasks, including hourly fees and expenses, shall not exceed the amount set forth in Section 2 of the Agreement. Consultant may increase the rates once per calendar year by an amount not to exceed two percent (2%) per year after the first year of the Agreement. Consultant shall notify Agency of any rate increase in writing at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of the increase. The hourly rates for providing professional services and method of expense reimbursement is included on the following page within Exhibit B.

NOTE: As a public agency, NCPA shall not reimburse Consultant for travel, food and related costs in excess of those permitted by the Internal Revenue Service.
### Schedule of Hourly Professional Service Billing Rates

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**NOTES:**

1. Position classifications listed above refer to the firm’s internal classification system for employee compensation. For example, "Associate", "Senior", etc., refer to such positions as "Associate Engineer", "Senior Architect", etc.

2. For any nonexempt personnel in positions marked with an asterisk (*), overtime will be billed at 1.5 times the hourly labor billing rates shown.

3. Project time spent by corporate officers will be billed at the Level 17 rate plus 25 percent.

4. For outside expenses incurred by Burns & McDonnell, such as authorized travel and subsistence, and for services rendered by others such as subcontractors, the client shall pay the cost to Burns & McDonnell plus 10%.

5. A technology charge of $9.65 per labor hour will be billed for normal computer usage, computer aided drafting (CAD) long distance telephone, fax, photocopy and mail services. Specialty items (such as web and video conferencing) are not included in the technology charge.

6. Monthly invoices will be submitted for payment covering services and expenses during the preceding month. Invoices are due upon receipt. A late payment charge of 1.5% per month will be added to all amounts not paid within 30 days of the invoice date.

7. The services of contract/agency and/or any personnel of a Burns & McDonnell subsidiary or affiliate shall be billed to Owner according to the rate sheet as if such personnel is a direct employee of Burns & McDonnell.

8. The rates shown above are effective for services through December 31, 2016, and are subject to revision thereafter.

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EXHIBIT C
CERTIFICATION
Affidavit of Compliance for Contractors

I, ____________________________________________________________

(Name of person signing affidavit)(Title)

do hereby certify that background investigations to ascertain the accuracy of the identity
and employment history of all employees of __________________________________________

(Company name)

for contract work at __________________________________________

(Project name and location)

have been conducted as required by the California Energy Commission Decision for the
above-named project.

__________________________________________

(Signature of officer or agent)

Dated this ___________________ day of ___________________, 20 _______.

THIS AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE PROJECT SECURITY PLAN AND
SHALL BE RETAINED AT ALL TIMES AT THE PROJECT SITE FOR REVIEW BY THE CALIFORNIA
ENERGY COMMISSION COMPLIANCE PROJECT MANAGER.