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KANSAS ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

KANSAS (JANUARY 5, 2022). Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCo) is seeking competitive proposals for solar and/or wind Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) as well as structured SPP market energy and capacity blocks to serve a portion of their load, which represents approximately 10% of their annual energy requirements. KEPCo currently has a PPA for approximately 50 MW of capacity to serve this load. In April 2021, KEPCo's Resource Planning Study (RPS) evaluated their future power supply needs for this load through the development of an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The results of the IRP identified renewables as a cost-effective option to serve the load once their current PPA expires at the end of 2026. The IRP specifically recommended KEPCo pursue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to determine the availability and pricing of wind and solar resource options as future power supply alternatives. Due to the intermittent nature of these renewable resources, KEPCo is also considering energy and capacity block purchases to firm up the renewable generation. KEPCo is open to proposals that combine renewable resources and market block products.

Potential respondents can request the RFP and other information by contacting KEPCo's consultant, GDS Associates, Inc. KEPCo welcomes all interested respondents to submit a proposal as per the submission instructions in the RFP document by 5:00PM CPT, **February 16, 2022**.

Questions concerning the RFP should be directed to the following email address:

KEPCo2022RFP@gdsassociates.com

KEPCo is a not-for-profit generation and transmission electric cooperative headquartered in Topeka, Kansas. It is KEPCo's responsibility to procure an adequate and reliable power supply for its 16 distribution rural electric cooperative members at a reasonable cost. KEPCo's members collectively serve over 75,000 consumer-members in the eastern two-thirds of Kansas, which represents nearly 200,000 rural Kansans.