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RE: CONFIDENTIAL: RFI Cuyahoga County Utility & Microgrids

Minimum Requested Information

- Somerset Gas Transmission Company, LLC and its operating subsidiaries North Coast Gas Transmission, LLC and Sustainable Field Services, LLC
 - North Coast Gas Transmission, LLC is a public utility operating under the authority of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio as a pipeline company (natural gas)
 - NCGT was established in the 1990s and owns and operates natural gas infrastructure supplying LDC/s and industrial end users
 - Sustainable Field Services, LLC is an unregulated Ohio limited liability company established to support Renewable Energy initiatives - most frequently Renewable Natural Gas Projects
- Roles from Section 3:
 - Utility Management
 - Somerset could support the Utility Establishment. Somerset's operating subsidiary, North Coast Gas Transmission, performs the functions of a natural gas utility and manages many functions through third-party service providers. While electricity would be a new service offering, NCGT has built processes and procedures that would likely be effective in launching the County Utility.
 - Business Model, Organizational Model, Master Service Agreements and Tariff Rates.
 - Enable customer billing, outsource call center operations similar to NCGT's existing emergency call service, perform accounting etc.
 - Manage Development, Construction and Ongoing Operations
 - Developer of Utility Customers, Distributed Generation Projects, and/or Microgrids
 - Today, North Coast Gas Transmission actively pursues industrial customers for gas services by working with state and local economic

development personnel to attract new businesses. Recently, electric reliability has been a topic of discussion whereby NCGT would partner with a generation technology provider to ensure/provide uninterrupted electricity produced from natural gas and battery storage.

Somerset/NCGT is working to develop some of these projects through its subsidiary Sustainable Field Services, LLC.

- Recruit customers to join the County Utility – assisting with contracts
 - Develop distributed generation projects (e.g., in front of the meter generation) for individual customers or the County Utility. We propose first pursuing a natural gas generation component to reliability. Provide the capital and insurance for these projects.
 - Single site or multi-customer district microgrids
- Other
 - NCGT owns and operates natural gas assets in Cuyahoga and adjacent counties which could provide additional resources to the County Utility. Natural gas and electric integration appear paramount for future grid reliability as electrification expands particularly in transportation.

Closing:

Somerset is interested in discussing the County Utility's aspirations and believes its businesses are structured in ways that could be helpful to the Utility's development and progression. Somerset doesn't have all the resources the Utility will need but may very well be able to support some of the initiatives identified above. We look forward to the discussion.

Additional information and previous North Coast Projects can be found at www.northcoastgas.com.



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