

## Phase 3 Integrated Resource Planning Reliability RFO Q&A

1. Is the slide deck available on the RFO website?  
A: The slide deck will be posted on the SDG&E RFO website today after the webinar.  
<https://www.sdge.com/2025-2031-irp-reliability-rfo>
2. The bid documents state that COD needs to be minimum of 2 years after the Phase II report is issued. This would allow a Cluster 15 project which will receive Phase II in January 2025 to bid for in with an online date of June 1, 2027. However, the presentation it seemed that you would only accept bids from projects with a Phase II already in hand...which is true? Would you accept a bid that does not have the Phase II report yet, but is scheduled for Jan 2025 and the COD offered is June 1, 2027?  
A. For the near-term requirements, projects need to have at least phase II, but for later projects in the Long-lead Time requirements, SDG&E will evaluate interconnection status qualitatively.
3. Please further elaborate on what is "near-term". Would you accept an offer for a project with a COD June 1, 2027 that is a Cluster 15 with the Phase II being delivered in January 2025?  
A. For the near-term requirements, projects need to have at least phase II, but for later projects in the Long-lead Time requirements, SDG&E will evaluate interconnection status qualitatively.
4. What's dev security for PV and Bess?  
A. SDG&E defines the Shortlist acceptance fee in the Protocols, however it does not have prescribed Construction Period or Delivery Period requirements and would evaluate shortlisted projects wholistically to determine collateral requirements based on, among other things, creditworthiness, market and receivable exposure, etc.
5. Is the CEQA permit required to be complete for 8hr BESS assets with 2028-2031 CODS?  
A. Because the Long-lead Time project COD requirements are further out in time, SDG&E will consider permitting status qualitatively and, for shortlisted parties, permitting milestones will be addressed in the contract negotiation process.
6. What does the "passed WDAT process" mean with regards to interconnection?  
A. Near-term projects participating in the solicitation and interconnecting pursuant to the Wholesale Distribution Open Access Tariff (WDAT) tariff should have completed the WDAT study process through Phase 2, set forth in the WDAT Tariff at:  
<https://www.sdge.com/sites/default/files/documents/wdat%20current%20and%20effective%201-23-15.pdf>
7. Is there a qualitative and quantitative scoring preference for projects sited in the Imperial Valley versus the rest of CAISO?  
A. SDG&E will consider this qualitatively.

8. It looks like the Hybrid\_RPS\_Generation\_Plus\_Storage\_Pro\_Forma is empty. I understand it is required to suggest edits to this document and the Renewable Resource Pro Forma Agreement. Is it the same document? If so, we will suggest edits to the PPA under the Renewable Resource Pro Forma Agreement. Please let me know if we should also make edits to the Hybrid Pro Forma when submitting two offers, PV-only, and PV+BESS.
  - A. Apologies for the empty pro forma. Please check now, it has been updated. The Hybrid Pro Forma and the Renewable Resource Pro Forma are two separate documents. For PV-only, please use the Renewable Resource Pro Forma. For the PV+ BESS, please use the Hybrid Pro Forma.
  
9. In the SDG&E contract, "Renewable Resource Pro Forma Agreement\_3-6-2024", it uses but does not define the term "Dispatchable Products". Can SDG&E provide a definition of this? Does this contract include co-located facilities?
  - A. The "Dispatchable Products" language is intended for renewable baseload projects such as geothermal. A co-located hybrid renewable plus storage facility would use the Hybrid RPS Generation plus Storage Pro Forma and not the Renewable Resource Pro Forma.
  
10. In the same contract, in article 3.1(a), Product to be delivered is "Energy, Capacity Attributes, Green Attributes, and other ancillary products, services or attributes similar to the foregoing which are or can be produced by or associated with the Project". It's not clear here whether SDG&E intends to contract for the full capacity rights (i.e. a tolling structure) for the BESS or just the capacity attributes (i.e. RA).
  - A. The product to be procured in the Renewable Resource Pro Forma Agreement is renewable energy, along with all available energy and capacity attributes. For co-located hybrid renewable plus storage facility would use the Hybrid RPS Generation plus Storage Pro Forma and not the Renewable Resource Pro Forma. If the product offered is solely capacity, the Long-term RA Only Capacity Pro Forma is intended to be used for RA-Only offers.
  
11. Is SDG&E able to publish the transcript and/or recording of the Pre-Offer Webinar if the contract description was explained in more detail on that call?
  - A. The webinar was not recorded, but the presentation slide deck and answers to questions asked have been published the RFO website: <https://www.sdge.com/2025-2031-irp-reliability-rfo>.
  
12. We noticed that for the Non-fossil Fueled Resource category didn't specify the COD's allowed. Does that mean any COD is permitted or we use the same COD as the Zero Emitting Resources?
  - A. Projects that qualify as zero-emitting or generic, non-fossil fueled resources should intend to meet a June 1, 2025, or June 1, 2027 online date.
  
13. Do the ELCC values in the table on page 8 have any effect on contracts settlements or our payment calculation provided in the Pro Forma?
  - A. ELCC values will determine the amount of RA attributes from a project's Contract Capacity, and capacity payments are calculated, among other things, on that basis.

14. Following up from our previous question on ELCC, from examination of the Hybrid RPS Generation Plus Storage Pro Forma\_3-6-2024, ELCC seems to factor into the Qualified RA Capacity definition. Our understanding of the PPA compensation mechanics, the Seller is not penalized for potential CPUC/CAISO rules changes for ELCC that would affect the amount of NQC that the project could deliver. In Appendix 9.2, Availability (b) states that Availability is (Qualified RA Capacity (or Qualified Flexible RA Capacity) + capacity unavailable due to Delivery Excuse) / Maximum RA Capacity. It seems the purpose of this is to hold the Seller liable for RA that should have been delivered to Buyer but was not due to unexcused performance. Can you confirm this is the intent as SDG&E has drafted this?
- A. The Qualified RA Capacity is intended to be the NQC value, or successor, assigned to the Product, and the Availability Factor in Appendix 9.2 places the risk on Seller for unexcused performance by reducing Seller's compensation, if necessary, for Product that should have been delivered to Buyer due to the unexcused performance.
15. In the Renewable Resource Offer Form, it is requested that we provide a bid number. Where can we find this bid number?
- A. The bid number is intended to capture different bids from the same project. So, for example, if you wanted to offer a toll and an RA-only product from the same project, one would be bid #1 and one would be bid #2.
16. We would like to request an extension to the April 19 bid submission date of 2-4 weeks please. Please advise.
- B. SDG&E believes that its bid submission timeline is sufficient, based on timing the Mid-term Reliability mandates, and will not be extending the RFO deadline to submit offers.
17. Could you please clarify if projects located outside of SDG&E are eligible for this RFO? The RFO Protocol states that "all proposed facilities and associated delivery points located within CAISO are eligible to participate in the RFO." However, the Energy Storage or Hybrid Resource Project Description Form has the following entry in Section F: "Host Utility/Muni (since projects must interconnect within SDG&E's local sub-area, this should be SDG&E)." Will a CAISO-connected project located outside of SDG&E's service territory or local sub-area be considered?
- A. Anything interconnected or pseudo-tied to CAISO is acceptable. We will need to correct that note on the Project Description Form. However, if claiming local RA attributes the project will need to be within SDG&E's service territory.
18. See attached Energy Storage or Hybrid Resource Confidentiality Agreement. Could you please review and let us know if edits are acceptable to SDG&E?
- A. SDG&E does not require participants to submit the confidentiality agreement form to bid into the Phase 3 IRP RFO. The form will be removed from the website. Please disregard.