

2025 All Source RFP - Responses to questions received from bidders
As of August 29, 2025

#	Question	Answer
1	What is the assumed BPA Variable Energy Resource Balancing Service rate to be assessed on renewable energy bids delivering from BPA? Is the assumption based on current rates or rates forecasted on the BP-26 rate case?	All BPA tariff rate assumptions use the most updated information available. PGE will update input assumptions once BPA adopts its BP-26 rates.
2	Will PGE value capacity from bids relying on the BPA Conditional Firm Bridge System Conditions product after the expected plans of service are completed for them to go firm for the rest of the bid in contract? This is made explicit for the Number of Hours product but not the System Conditions product. If the System Conditions product and Number of Hours product are treated differently as it relates to "going firm", please explain why.	Eligible SC transmission products will be modeled at a derated capacity value prior to their anticipated conversion to a firm product, at which point, firm transmission value would be assigned; this treatment will be consistent with NH service.
3	Will PGE accept short term redirects of long term firm BPA transmission to the listed VER PORs as meeting the "transmission requirements"?	PGE will view short-term redirects to VER PORs as conforming if redirects can be confirmed as viable prior to final shortlist publication and long-term transmission rights are available following the conclusion of the short-term product.
4	How will the ROSE-E portfolio modeling and resulting price scores impact the final price score of an individual bid in its comparison to other bids during final shortlist selection?	PGE intends to use ROSE-E portfolio modeling and sensitivities to confirm the appropriateness of final shortlist selections based on price scores. PGE intends to study how the capacity contribution of unique portfolios differs from the capacity contribution for each individual project. Results of this analysis will show how ROSE-E portfolio modeling price results differ from individual bid analysis. PGE will calculate portfolio price scores as described in the scoring methodology and will consult with the IE on the setup and interpretation of modeling results.
5	Wondering if Appendix B (the draft form BTA) could be provided in word?	PGE will provide Word versions of the Form Contracts and Term Sheets with the Final version of the RFP.
6	Is PGE considering distribution-connected resources as part of this RFP?	PGE confirms that distribution-connected resources are eligible, provided they meet minimum requirements.
7	Will PGE consider the value that distribution-connected resources can provide to the distribution and transmission systems as part of its "Value" evaluation?	Distribution-connected resources will be valued using the same scoring and modeling methodology as bulk-system-connected resources. PGE does not intend to apply general or specific locational adders.
8	We want to confirm that, prior to submitting a bid, we must already have an active interconnection request submitted to PGE or the relevant transmission provider.	This is correct. As indicated in 2025 RFP Appendix A, "Bids must meet the following interconnection requirements: - An active generation interconnection request in the transmission provider's interconnection queue..."
9	Does an equipment supplier need to be pre-approved by PGE in order to participate in the 2025 All-source RFP process?	PGE's technical specifications (Appendix M) identify a set of "Approved Vendors/Suppliers" for equipment and services. Although PGE would prefer that Bidders adhere to this list when preparing their bids, PGE recognizes that the market for renewables and renewable technologies is evolving. If a bidder proposes a project that includes equipment/services from a vendor/OEM that is not on the approved list, they are not disqualified from bidding. Once a bid reaches the Final Short List, PGE will begin the process of evaluating any new equipment/services that are being proposed. The evaluation will include verification activities including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site visit to manufacturing facility; • Validation of performance under varying conditions; • Market penetration; • Conflict of interest; • Financial health; • Government restrictions; and • Technical evaluation. PGE does not perform these vendor approval activities prior to short-listing.

10	Is specific information available related to the Mountain View 500 kV substation (Jefferson County, OR), including its location and connection to the system?	PGE's 2025 All-source RFP, Appendix A includes the list of acceptable delivery points. A map of these delivery points is provided as Appendix E, Figure 1 in PGE's reply to Staff and Stakeholder comments, here https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HAC/um2371hac337165026.pdf . Bidders are expected to complete applicable interconnection request processes. PGE encourages potential bidders to seek additional information from transmission providers via interconnection processes.
11	RFP Appendix A, states "PGE will not accept delivery at Pelton Round Butte or at PacifiCorp West." Does this mean the whole interface between PAC West and PGE or does it refer to a specific substation/set of substations?	PGE's statement refers to the entire interface between PAC West and PGE.
12	If a bidder has transmission rights to the border of PGE, do they need to have additional rights to cross the area interface tie line?	PGE does not expect bids to provide additional transmission rights beyond the specified point of delivery. PGE may choose to consider any additional transmission rights that a bidder may offer.
13	What term sheet or form contract should bids for renewable+storage redline?	Bidders for hybrid renewable+storage bids with third-party ownership should review both the PPA and SCA commercial terms. PGE's evaluation process considers the technologies separately. Bidders may submit redlines applicable to either or both documents.
14	What term sheet or form contract should bids seeking an EPC commercial structure redline?	If bidders propose an alternative commercial structure such as an EPC agreement, PGE requests bidders review BTA commercial terms in preparation of their bid. EPC bidders may also reference the form EPC published within PGE's 2023 RFP documents. If they do so, bidders should expect the form to be reconciled with 2025 updates to applicable commercial terms prior to the Best and Final Offer step. 2023 RFP documents are available on the RFP website.
15	Referencing Footnote 5 in Appendix A, is PGE stating that there is no capacity on transmission paths coming into Bethel 230 kV on paths from Bethel 230 kV to PGE's load. If a project directly interconnects to the Bethel 230kV substation, would this mean that PGE would not be able to grant deliverability if selected from the RFP?	A project interconnected to the Bethel 230 kV substation would not be impacted by the footnote concerning transmission availability, which applies to a project's ability to request transmission delivering to Bethel 230 kV.
16	How can potential bidders gain access to confidential exhibits referenced by Appendix M, such as SDS-M010 and SDS-M011?	Bidders should first complete the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) process described on page 8 of the RFP Main Document. Once the NDA has been completed, PGE will provide a link to the confidential exhibits.
17	Based on the statement that PGE will not accept delivery at Pelton Round Butte or at PacifiCorp West, is it correct that PACW (PACW.PGE) and ROUND BUTTE scheduling points are not viable options for project delivery?	Correct, PACW and ROUND BUTTE scheduling points are not eligible delivery points. Bidders should demonstrate transmission service to an eligible delivery point identified in Appendix A Table 1.
18	Please clarify that the statement that bidders should provide a Letter of Credit in PGE's "(4) Credit requirement" viability assessment factor refers instead to a commitment letter for a Letter of Credit issued by a bank or financial institution to confirm its commitment to provide a Letter of Credit on behalf of the applicant?	Correct, PGE is issuing a corrected version of Appendix A that addresses this clarification.
19	Would PGE please confirm that projects requesting shared or surplus interconnection with the VER projects identified in Appendix L do not need an active interconnection request at the time of the bid?	Correct, PGE does not expect projects to have submitted surplus interconnection requests at the time of bid submission for projects seeking use of PGE interconnection agreements listed in Appendix L. PGE does expect bidders to demonstrate understanding of the surplus interconnection process and timing and be prepared to provide further supporting required information through exhibit requests by PGE following bid submission.
20	Beyond being a utility owned bid, and the requirements in Appendix M, does PGE have instructions or requirements for bids requesting shared interconnection with a VER? For Example, are there any requirements for how to physically interconnect with substations? Do the identified substations have surplus interconnection facilities?	BPA interconnection requirements specified in PGE's existing interconnection agreements may transfer to a surplus request. BPA's interconnection requirements are available at: https://www.bpa.gov/-/media/Aep/transmission/interconnection/tech-requirements-interconnection.pdf Additionally, PGE directs bidders to review applicable facility connection requirements for integrating generation resources into the transmission system, available at: https://www.oasis.oati.com/woa/docs/PGE/PGEdocs/2025_Book_Portland_GeneraI_Electric_Facility_Connection_Requirements.pdf

21	How is PGE considering and/or incorporating the DOI memo in this RFP? What are PGE's thoughts on the potential risks to project schedules, etc?	PGE recognizes the uncertainty that federal permitting changes may place on project development. PGE encourages bidders to provide any available information on their project's exposure to delay risks, including inclusion of an alternative schedule within their submission if appropriate.
22	Question 7 of Sheet 2 of the 2025 RFP Bid Form requests bidder agreement for PGE use of project site boundary information in anonymized public maps. How can bidders indicate if they are not comfortable sharing site boundaries in public maps, if they want this information to be subject to NDA?	Bidders may leave the specified field blank if they decline to agree to PGE's use of project site boundary information in anonymized public maps. PGE may follow up with bidders following bid submission to seek clarity.
23	Can PGE confirm that the Notice of Intent is non-binding, in that it doesn't require a bidder to submit a project by the due date.	Correct, the Notice of Intent is non-binding.
24	Please clarify what is meant by the prompt, "Specify the qualifying year of applicable tax credits."	PGE is requesting the project's start of construction date.
25	Can PGE clarify credit requirements for BTAs for non-investment grade bidders and requirements pre and post COD? Is a Letter of Credit from a Qualified Institution in lieu of a guarantee from an investment grade entity permissible?	The BTA term sheet and form contract provide additional details on credit requirements. As stated in Table 6 of Appendix A, PGE requires non-investment grade bidders to demonstrate that a qualified institution guarantor will secure the Bidder's performance obligations, which may be through a Letter of Credit or guaranty, in a form acceptable to PGE.
26	Does PGE have a publicly available process for suppliers to be included on the approved vendors list in order to ensure a fair, competitive bidding process for both Benchmark and IPP bids?	See PGE's response to Question #9.