

Applicant Questions and Answers

Northern States Power Company 2023 Firm Dispatchable Proceeding
Docket No. E002/CN-23-212

December 15, 2023

- 1) **Question: Are the bid forms expected to be posted for existing generation or other non-Build Transfer options this week? (The only detailed forms and exhibits we see are for Build-Transfer Options only).**

Answer: The Data Intake form contains pricing option tabs for both Company ownership (Build-Transfer and Company Self-Build) and power purchase agreement structures. We would request that you complete the pricing option tab(s) for the option type to be proposed in your project application. Please leave other pricing tabs blank, or if desired, add a note on blank tabs indicating that they are intentionally being left blank.

- 2) **Question: Given the delay in the posting of materials, is the January 22 date expected to change?**

Answer: The filing requirements for this proceeding were posted on November 22, 2023. The Data Intake form, while posted after November 22, is not a filing requirement but will be requested of all Applicants by the Company to assess their project applications. The January 22, 2024 filing deadline was set by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission as part of its procedural schedule in Docket No. E002/CN-23-212. Requests to modify the procedural schedule must be filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

- 3) **Question: If possible, can you confirm that this procurement is subject to MISO FERC Electric Tariff Schedule 33 Blackstart Service (Effective on June 6, 2022)?**

Answer: Blackstart service is an optional project feature in this proceeding. The Company has not requested that projects wishing to submit blackstart capable resources be subject to MISO Electric Tariff Schedule 33 Blackstart Service. Please see the Company's November 13, 2023 Compliance filing, Appendix A in Docket No. E002/CN-23-212 for Blackstart requirements for resources choosing to be considered as a Blackstart resource.

- a. **Question: If not, can you please provide the appropriate Tariff or compensation structure regarding Blackstart Service?**

Answer: On the Data Intake form, please see the tab "Blackstart Inputs." This tab allows for proposals regarding pricing for a Blackstart Power Purchase Agreement that conform with the Company's Model Blackstart PPA (Blackstart Term Sheet Purchased Power). The Model PPA and the data intake form are posted in the supplementary materials on the website.

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- 4) **Question: Regarding the MISO Transmission Tariff, specifically Schedule 33, the document indicates that the divisor can be calculated in one of two manners: (Option 1: Divisor provided by Commission/Option 2: Determined by Attachment O Page 1, Line 15).**
- a. **Will the divisor be provided by the commission as an alternative divisor?**
 - b. **If an alternate divisor will not be provided by the commission, could you clarify the divisor calculation(s)?**

Answer: Regarding part a., please see the answers to question 3) above, and if a further answer is still necessary, direct this question to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Regarding part b., the Company has not proposed that this procurement is subject to MISO FERC Electric Tariff Schedule 33, Blackstart Service.

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