



## **2020 SPS Tolk Analysis RFI – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**2020.09.21**

1. Q: What is the best way for bidders to ask questions?

A: Send all inquiries to [SPSTolkAnalysis@xcelenergy.com](mailto:SPSTolkAnalysis@xcelenergy.com)

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2. Q: Do companies need to submit to this RFI to be eligible to submit into any follow-on RFP?

A: No, companies will still be eligible to submit into any future RFPs regardless of submitting into this RFI.

3. Q: If no to question 2, should companies expect any other pre-RFP screening steps to be able to participate in an eventual RFP?

A: Companies should not expect any pre-RFP screening steps to be able to participate in any future RFP(s).

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4. Q: The Dispatchable Resource excel form appears to be more geared to a gas fired generator. We would like to offer a dispatchable solar PV + battery storage system for SPS' consideration. I am not quite sure how to fill out the form. If you would like the battery priced in \$'s/kW-mo where should we put the solar PV (\$/MWh) pricing? I assume we could put it in the Battery Payment Rate / VOM

(\$/MWh) but that may be confusing for the solar PV rate. The alternative would be to price a solar PV + battery storage system as an all in \$/MWh at the POI.

A: Thank you for attending the Bidders Meeting on Monday September 21st. You pose a great question and one we will keep in mind when we update our bid forms for any future RFI/RFPs. To answer your question, you can either 1) complete the pertinent information in both forms and file it as one submission, or 2) you can copy the pertinent tabs from one of the forms over into the other form. If you decide to go with option 1, there is no need to fill out duplicate information. I hope this answers your question. If you think of any follow-up questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you.

## **2020.09.30**

5. Q: Will the pricing and results be made public so we understand what the market alternatives are, or will that remain confidential?

A: This RFI is pursuant to a stipulation that was settled on in a rate case, and it requires that we issue this RFI to update our Tolk Analysis. Parties to the case more than likely will be able to see some of the pricing. However, none of the pricing information will be filed publicly on the Commission website.

## **2020.10.29**

1. Q: With regards to the Tolk RFI for Generating Resources, the Appendix A form for the BOT has a 'construction milestone' tab that limits putting in any dates after May 2, 2023. Is the RFI focused only on the minimum 500MW needed by summer 2023? It mentions a maximum net capacity need of 2,200 MW beginning summer 2025. Would you consider projects in this RFI with a COD that is past May 2023?

A: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The construction milestone tab should not be restricted in any way. SPS will consider any COD, including those past May 2023.

We will work on correcting this issue. To provide you an alternative interim solution, you should be able to add a new tab where you can manually enter your own construction milestone dates.

If you encounter any further issues, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to receiving your proposal.