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INTERCONNECTION
Is the IPP expected to incur interconnection study costs?
Yes - selected bidder would submit a generation interconnection request using the LGIP provisions of the OATT upon selection which provides for interconnection study costs that they will incur.

Can the bidders get the technical specs for the interconnection equipment at the switchyard?
Technical specs for the interconnection eqpt at the switchyard are not available yet – they are typically developed during the Large Generation Interconnection Process. Our estimates of substation costs are based on high level assumptions, not specific technical specs.

LAND
Is the area used as a coal fines dumping area going to be cleared prior to construction? If not will EVRAZ or PSCo indemnify the winning bidder?
It should be assumed that the winning bidder is responsible for all clearing and remediation of the coal dumping area should that area be utilized. Related environmental indemnification of the winning bidder can be discussed.

Can the ditches and berms around the coal fines pond be leveled?
Yes, at the expense of the bidder.

Is the land still used for grazing? When will the grazing stop prior to construction?
The land is still used for grazing on a short term lease basis. Grazing will cease as early as necessary to accommodate construction operations.

When will the winning bidder get access to the Scanio land if that is needed to meet the 200 MW requirement?
Once a bidder is selected access to the Scanio property will be possible.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS
Does PSCo have any met data on this site? Any met data from the two solar projects surrounding the plant (including soiling data)?
Public Service does not have any met data available for the specific project site. Please see Section 4.3 Energy Production Profile of the RFP document for further discussion on the use of proxy meteorological data.

CONTRACTING
At the end of any term, are we required to decommission the site? If so, is a decommissioning plan required?
The project should follow standard decommissioning requirements. A decommissioning plan is not required for in bid submissions.

Section 2.1, re: Industry Standard Purchase Option for Xcel – is this a project buyout, or just the step-in rights? If buyout, please elaborate.
Please see Section 19.5 of Appendix C.
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INTERCONNECTION
Interconnection: 2.3, last paragraph - Is Xcel open to Seller self-building the interconnect and fixing that estimated pricing in its bid? If so, please elaborate on assumed POS (e.g. 3-ring bus)
The switchyard will be constructed by Public Service and funded by Seller. Seller will be responsible for construction of the project’s step-up and other facilities required for interconnection at the switchyard.

LAND
Would the Company be able to post the maps and exhibits from the Phase I ESA and any associated GIS files?
See posted Appendices to the Environmental Phase I.

There is a strip of land within the City of Pueblo's jurisdiction that extends from the rail-line along the western boundary of the EVRAZ property to the Comanche Generating Station. Is this land currently in use by EVRAZ (or others), and if not, can the facility develop on this land (provided that the developer obtains necessary approvals from the City)?
Yes this land can be developed for bidder’s projects.

Are there any [other] areas that need to be avoided on the EVRAZ and expansion properties?
Aside from the existing improvement (i.e. transmission lines, established roads, etc.) nothing needs to be avoided.

Should the area in red be avoided?

No, this parcel is available for development.

Would Xcel relocate or allow to be relocated the 115 kV lines feeding Evraz, at Seller’s cost?
No, transmission lines will not be relocated.

Will EVRAZ or PSCo pay land taxes through the term of the PPA or should the developer assume a certain amount of land taxes as part of their proposal?
EVRAZ will continue to pay their property taxes through the term of the PPA and lease agreements.
What are easement widths of foreign transmission on CF&I?
See Attachment A to this FAQ sheet for a survey plat showing the easements over CF&I property held by Public Service.

**CONTRACTING**

When will Appendix C (PSCo-EVRAZ Model PPA) be made available?
Unfortunately we are still finalizing the model PPA and will post it as soon as it is available. We recognize the importance of the thorough contractual review during bid development and we apologize for this delay. The PSCo-EVRAZ Model PPA will be based on Public Service’s standard renewable model PPA so a review of that document could assist with bidder’s initial contractual review. Many terms of the PSCo-EVRAZ PPA will be identical to Public Service’s model (security requirements, COD conditions, curtailments, committed energy, others), however it should be recognized that the PSCo-EVRAZ Model PPA is a unique contract and the content of that agreement will govern on any discrepancy between Public Service’s model and the PSCo-EVRAZ model.

Is the 200MWac a fixed upper limit or would projects greater than 200MWac be considered?
Yes, 200MWac is the upper limit of projects that will be considered.

**BID SUBMITTAL & SELECTION**

Bid evaluation fee of $5K - what does Xcel anticipate considering to be a separate proposal given narrow scope of project? Will alternative prices and footprints for 175 and 200 MW projects be deemed a single bid?
Yes. A single bid can consist of multiple project sizes and terms so long as they conform to the requirements outlined in the RFP. Considering the narrow scope of the solicitation, a single bid fee will suffice for any potential variations proposed by bidders (i.e. a 175MW option and a 200MW option).

Bid submission Form C-2 refers to a “Table XXX” in the RFP when considering Network Upgrades for Delivery. Will this table be provided before bid submission or is it not applicable?
This table is not applicable. Please use the estimate provided in Section 3.2 of the RFP for bid development.

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**INTERCONNECTION**

Substation – please provide location of PSCo Comanche substation and location of existing EVRAZ substation, as well as location of EVRAZ plant. Who owns land between the switch yard and the 230kVA, will we be responsible for negotiating right of way to connect to the line?
The PSCo Comanche and EVRAZ substations are located at their respective ends of the 230kV radial shown in Appendix E. As the map indicates, the switchyard will be located on land owned by EVRAZ, therefore there will be no right of way required to be negotiated to interconnect between the project’s substation and the planned PSCo/EVRAZ switchyard (so long as said substation is located on the same parcel as the switchyard).

Is there detailed information that corresponds to the estimated interconnection cost of $8.14 MM? Should bidder assume certain technical specs when estimating costs for the switch yard?
The $8.14MM estimate assumes that the switchyard will occupy 5 acres of land and include a 230kV three breaker ring bus. This estimate does not include any transmission to, and generation step up facilities for, the project’s connection to the interconnection facilities.
LAND
Should we assume land marked Comanche Solar PV West is not usable?
Yes

Bottom of page 12 notes: copies of all land acquisition contracts etc., please confirm not required.
Confirmed. Copies of any land acquisition contracts will not be required as part of bid submission.

What is the Voltage and required setback from foreign transmission lines on the property?
The transmission lines located on the property are inside of easements held by the owners of those lines. The project should not infringe on these easements.

Can we assume that we can build over any existing access roads within the EVRAZ-owned property?
Yes

Could additional information/clarification concerning the use and availability of non-EVRAZ land be provided? The RFP map includes land owned by EVRAZ and Scania; however, the Phase I ESA appears to have been conducted on those parcels as well as parcels owned by a Ervin Mitchek and Pueblo Suburban Development. We are looking to confirm what lands are theoretically available for use as we move into site design.
The only land available for the project is identified in Appendix E. The Phase I was conducted for the general area surrounding the Comanche plant, and any areas called out by that report but not identified in Appendix E cannot be used.

Can we assume the property has clean title, or would a recent title report be available for the EVRAZ and expansion properties?
Compiling a full title report will be the responsibility of the successful bidder.

Have there been previous biological, cultural, geotechnical, or other studies (other than the Phase I ESA) performed on the EVRAZ and expansion properties, and if so, can they be made available?
No additional studies regarding the condition, use or attributes of the proposed parcels will be provided.

Can PSCo and EVRAZ provide the land lease terms to prospective bidders for review?
The lease term for both projects will be 40 years. The EVRAZ property will be provided to the successful bidder for a nominal fee ($1). The financial terms for the non-EVRAZ land are still being finalized, however bidders should utilize the lease price adder to address this unknown cost.

CONTRACTING
Will the contract between Xcel and EVRAZ be provided to the seller before the PPA is signed?
It is not anticipated that the IPP will be a party to the EVRAZ-PSCo contract, therefore it is not expected to be provided to the bidders prior to execution the PPA.

Model PPA – when will this be available on the webpage? At the very least, I am looking for confirmation/details of Security Requirement asap.
The PSCo-EVRAZ model PPA will be made available as soon as possible. The Security Requirements will remain the same as what is included in Public Service’s standard PPA - $125/kW pre-COD, $75/kW post-COD. The pre-COD security can take the form of an escrow account or Letter of Credit. The post-COD
security can be an escrow account, Letter of Credit or Parental Guaranty (subject to net-worth and/or credit rating requirements).

**Term Extensions** – Section 2.3 of the RFP document requests pricing for 3 terms, two of which have one or multiple extension options. Are these extension options at the sole and absolute discretion of EVRAZ, or are there other considerations we should be aware of when pricing?
These options will be at the discretion of PSCo/EVRAZ.

Is PSCo and EVRAZ willing to allow the IPP the ability to repower the solar project at the end of the contract term?
The PPA will not contain any repower obligation for PSCo/EVRAZ at the end of the contract term.

Can you confirm if RECs are required to be included as a part of this solicitation?
Public Service will have the rights to the RECs

**BID SUBMITTAL & SELECTION**

Is a 3 ring binder hardcopy submission acceptable?
Yes

Is FedEx is an acceptable form of delivery, or is it USPS only?
Yes

Is there a points or weighting system that will be used to evaluate bid criteria? (ie price, development experience, financing, etc)
No. There is no specific point or weighting system that will be assigned to proposals for purposes of evaluation.