



## Questions and Answers

### For OG&E's 2024 All Source RFP

#### Question #1

Will OG&E consider solar assets in the 9.5-9.9MW capacity range as meeting minimum nameplate capacity per Section 1, Table 1?

**A:** *No. The minimum nameplate Capacity of any Project, including solar, is 10 MW as noted in Section 1, Table 1 of the 2024 All Source RFP Document.*

#### Question #2

Our team is going to attend the Technical Conference. Are the invites unique, do we need to submit a full list of attendees and email addresses?

**A:** *All attendees interested in joining the Technical Conference may register by emailing 2024AllSourceRFPComm@oge.com prior to 3 PM on May 20, 2024. Bidders may submit a list of attendees along with their email addresses for registration.*

#### Question #3

Its noted that OG&E anticipates completing any agreements selected through this RFP in April 2025. Does this OG&E expect to also have received regulatory approval at this time as well? If not, can OG&E provide when they expect to file and receive regulatory approval?

**A:** *OG&E expects to file for regulatory approval shortly after contract execution, and expects a decision within 240 days after filing.*

#### Question #4

Does OG&E expect any changes to the draft RFP based on the Department of Commerce's announcement on AD/CVD investigation?

**A:** *Our presumption is that the question refers to the U.S. Department of Commerce's May 15, 2024, announcement of updated antidumping and countervailing duty investigations of certain photovoltaic (PV) cells originating in four Asian nations. OG&E does not intend to make any changes to the All Source draft RFP based on that government announcement. If a Bidder has concerns about PV system pricing based on that government announcement or other factors, the Bidder can identify those concerns on Form O, P, or Q of Appendix E. Those forms cover the three pricing options for All Source Bids, and each form has a question allowing Bidders to "describe dependencies or contingencies in the offered price, if any, and how they are in the interests of OG&E customers."*



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#### Question #5

Can you advise on whether our previously executed NDA is sufficient for this RFP? It looks like its essentially the same as the latest form OG&E sent out.

**A:** *OG&E prefers Bidders to execute a new NDA for this RFP process.*

#### Question #6

Is OGE expecting to execute this mutual NDA as is or will it allow for redlines to align with our previous agreement?

**A:** *OG&E will allow Bidders to redline the NDA prior to execution of the mutual agreement.*

#### Question #7

Is there a cap on how much capacity OG&E will seek from this RFP?

**A:** *There are several SPP policies that can impact OG&E's capacity needs. As those policies become clearer, OG&E will be able to more clearly identify how much capacity will be needed. For reference, OG&E's 2024 IRP identified capacity needs between 2026 and 2034.*

#### Question #8

Will OG&E accept a combined bid of different generation types that is less than 1500 MW? For example, would OG&E accept a combined bid for 500 MW gas & 500 MW that CODs before May 2029?

**A:** *Yes, OG&E will accept combination bids comprised of different generation technologies.*

#### Question #9

Will the evaluation timeline for the Net Present Value of Customer Cost calculation be adjusted to match the asset's life? It is currently only shown as a 30-year period (from 2026-2055).

**A:** *Yes, the analysis will be a 30-year analysis period from 2026-2055.*

#### Question #10

As a follow up to the previous question, how will the proxy capacity value be calculated?



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**A:** The analysis will be a 30-year analysis period from 2026-2055. If the resource is expected in service after 2026, the quantitative evaluation will include a proxy capacity cost between 2026 and the in-service year. Similarly, if the resource life is expected to end prior to 2055, a proxy capacity cost estimate will be included in the quantitative evaluation for the period between the expected end date and 2055.

#### Question #11

How does the 6 bid max work if, for each project submits a PPA, CPA and PSA with separate CODs? Could you add a hourly 6-hr [Battery] variation, for example, in addition to a 4-hr [Battery], for a 2026 COD, 2027 COD and 2028 COD?

**A:** Bidders can submit a maximum of six (6) different Bids at a Site that include variations regarding contract type, technology, and other assumptions of their choice.

#### Question #12

Does OG&E intend to select a PPA from this RFP?

**A:** The purpose of this RFP is to select projects that support affordability for customers and mitigates risks.

#### Question #13

When does OG&E expect to have final regulatory approval for any bids selected?

**A:** Following project selections and completion of agreements, OG&E will file for regulatory approval which is expected to take approximately 240 days.

#### Question #14

Could you please direct me to where the presentation PPTs from all three of these RFP technical conferences could be found?

**A:** Slides from the RFP Technical Conferences will be posted on the RFP website:

[https://www.oge.com/wps/portal/ord/who-we-are/supplierscontractors!/ut/p/z1/04\\_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zijTxczDy83A38DcL8XQwCjY3MLYLDvIwNflz1wwkpiAJKG-AAjgZA\\_VGEIBTkRhikOyoqAqDHMMn5/dz/d5/L2dJQSEvUUt3QS80TmxFL1o2XzJIRDZISkcwTzhWQUQwUTM2Nk9JOVAyRzQz/](https://www.oge.com/wps/portal/ord/who-we-are/supplierscontractors!/ut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zijTxczDy83A38DcL8XQwCjY3MLYLDvIwNflz1wwkpiAJKG-AAjgZA_VGEIBTkRhikOyoqAqDHMMn5/dz/d5/L2dJQSEvUUt3QS80TmxFL1o2XzJIRDZISkcwTzhWQUQwUTM2Nk9JOVAyRzQz/)



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#### Question #15

The RFP should invite various durations of Energy Storage to Bid.

**A:** *As noted in the RFP, Energy Storage resources must be capable of discharging energy for a minimum of four hours to be accredited as capacity in SPP.*

#### Question #16

OG&E should remove or modify terms that preclude long-duration and multi-day storage systems from participating in the RFP.

**A:** *The terms precluding long-duration and multi-day storages systems will be removed in the Final RFP issuance.*

#### Question #17

OG&E should appropriately value the benefits of long-duration and multi-day storage systems to its system.

**A:** *As noted in the RFP, OG&E will analyze Bids using a quantitative evaluation process similar to the analysis used for the 2024 IRP.*

#### Question #18

The Thermal specifications reference T&D Standards, where can those be found?

**A:** *T&D Standards will be provided upon request of Technical Specifications. Parties who have previously requested Technical Specifications will be provided with the T&D Standards.*

#### Question #19

With the EPA removing hydrogen as BSER last week, will OG&E modify any portion of the specification(s) to remove references to hydrogen as a primary and/or secondary fuel for CTs?

**A:** *In light of the EPA removing hydrogen as BSER, OG&E is modifying the thermal technologies Technical Specifications to remove this requirement. As soon as those modifications are complete, OG&E will send the updated Technical Specifications to all parties who have already requested and received the thermal technologies Technical Specifications.*



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#### Question #20

Is it possible to share a track changes version of the updated RFP document posted Friday? Also, were there any changes to the CT Technical Specification and/or Form Contract Documents? If so, can those documents be shared electronically as well?

**A:** A track changes version of the final All Source RFP document is available by request to all Bidders. There were no changes to the Form Contract Documents. Please see response to Question #19 above regarding modification of CT Technical Specification.

#### Question #21

Could OG&E clarify who they plan to receive Regulatory Approval from and whether they have an estimated NTP date?

**A:** OG&E plans to seek Regulatory Approval from both the Oklahoma Corporation Commission and the Arkansas Public Service Commission. OG&E expects to file for regulatory approval shortly after contract execution and expects a decision within 240 days after filing.

#### Question #22

Is this correct?

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| OG&E 2026 Bridge Capacity      | Questions Due           | 7/11/2024 |
| OG&E 2026 Bridge Capacity      | Notice of Intent to Bid | 7/18/2024 |
| OG&E 2026 Bridge Capacity      | Bid Due                 | 7/23/2024 |
| OG&E 2024 All Source RFP       | Questions Due           | 9/2/2024  |
| OG&E 2027-2028 Bridge Capacity | Questions Due           | 9/4/2024  |
| OG&E 2027-2028 Bridge Capacity | Notice of Intent to Bid | 9/18/2024 |
| OG&E 2024 All Source RFP       | Notice of Intent to Bid | 9/18/2024 |
| OG&E 2027-2028 Bridge Capacity | Bid Due                 | 9/25/2024 |
| OG&E 2024 All Source RFP       | Bid Due                 | 9/25/2024 |

**A:** Bidder questions deadline for both the 2024 All Source RFP and 2027-2028 Bridge Capacity is 9/4/2024. All other deadlines sent in your question email conform to the schedule published in the three OG&E issued RFPs.

#### Question #23

The CT Technical Specification references a [specific time requirement to achieve Minimum Emissions Compliant Load (MECL)] in several places for simple cycle (SC) operation. It is our understanding that this requirement would correspond to a gas turbine operating in SC operation only, without SCR. Since the specification does not appear in our review to contemplate SCR in SC operation, please confirm that OG&E will allow this exception and evaluate the bid accordingly.



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**A:** Yes, OG&E will allow this exception. The threshold evaluation for the RFP does not include a minimum start up time for resources. Bidders may redline the technical specification to align to the capabilities of their Project.

#### Question #24

To more accurately bid the [Thermal Resource] LTSA agreement that meets the desired needs, could OG&E supply their current belief of what the actual number of yearly unit cycles will be under normal operating conditions?

**A:** While OG&E does not currently anticipate cycling Thermal Resource more than once a day, cycling capability is desired. Market dynamics require the flexibility to change run profiles, including cycling operation. An LTSA should be crafted to handle starts-based operation or hours-based operation. Payment formulas and timing between outages should account for changes in market dynamics over the life of the contract allowing for base load operation one year and cycling operation the next. As part of the quantitative Bid evaluation, OG&E will utilize an economic dispatch model to project resource dispatch in the SPP Integrated Marketplace in each of the scenarios and sensitivities identified in the RFP document. Individual resource dispatch can be impacted by the scenarios and sensitivities. As noted in the RFP, the quantitative evaluation will incorporate the results of the scenario and sensitivity analysis for each Bid. Bidders may redline the technical specification to align to the capabilities of their Project including the terms of the LTSA.

#### Question #25

For multiple bids at a single site, can bidders submit one proposal with separate forms for each configuration, or are completely separate proposals required for each configuration?

**A:** If multiple Bids are submitted for a single Site, Bidders must submit separate Bid Attribute Forms (Appendix E) for each Bid. However, Bidders can submit a single version of Bid Narrative (as noted in Section 2.2.3) as well as relevant attachments (e.g., financial statements) (as noted in Section 2.2.5) covering all Bids or separate attachments for each Bid. If submitting multiple Bids for an individual Site, please clearly identify and summarize each Bid in a single Bid Summary Form (Appendix C) for the Site.

#### Question #26

Does OG&E have a specific preference for battery storage technologies?

**A:** OG&E does not have a specific preference for battery storage technologies. The BESS Technical Specification can be requested after execution of the Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement included in the RFP Document as Appendix B.



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#### Question #27

For Purchase and Sale bids, must an operations and maintenance plan be submitted?

**A:** Please see Section 2.2.3 of the RFP document for the requirements related to Operations and Maintenance Plans for PSA Bids.

#### Question #28

Regarding Appendix H, will OG&E assume responsibility for any network upgrades identified during the surplus interconnection study process, including facility upgrades?

**A:** Projects proposing to utilize Surplus Interconnection service are required to be submitted into the RFP as PSA Bids, therefore, all project costs are expected to be the responsibility of OG&E. OG&E will include all expected project costs in the evaluation of Bids.

#### Question #29

Will OG&E submit a surplus interconnection request to SPP, or will that be the bidder's responsibility?

**A:** As noted in Appendix H, in the event Bid(s) submitted into this RFP propose to utilize OG&E Surplus Interconnection and are selected as a winning Bid(s), OG&E will apply for pertinent Surplus Interconnection Service study(ies) with SPP.

#### Question #30

What date each year does a project have to COD by to not get penalized by the proxy capacity payment (i.e., before the Summer accreditation season on June 1st, or before the next year on December 31st)?

**A:** New Projects must be available by May 1st of each year to be registered in the SPP Integrated Market and counted as capacity towards OG&E's Resource Adequacy requirement to avoid the application of the proxy capacity cost in the RFP analysis.

#### Question #31

How should questions be submitted regarding the Surplus Interconnection bids (ie, in reference to the confidential information)?

**A:** Questions related to the Confidential Surplus Interconnection information should be submitted via email to [2024AllSourceRFPComm@oge.com](mailto:2024AllSourceRFPComm@oge.com). Please refer to Section 2.1.1.1 of the RFP regarding the exchange of confidential information. OG&E may elect to post redacted questions and responses to the extent the non-redacted portions may be beneficial to other Bidders.



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#### Question #32

For bids using OG&E Surplus Interconnection, should the feasibility study follow SPP surplus interconnection study assumptions and processes?

**A:** Yes.

#### Question #33

When will final versions of Appendix A and Appendix D be published?

**A:** *Final versions of Appendix A (Notice of Intent to Bid Form) and Appendix D (Certification and Authorization Form) are available in Pages 28 and 31-32 of OG&E's 2024 All Source RFP document respectively.*

#### Question #34

Would OG&E would consider a project located within a floodplain, specifically a stand-alone battery storage project?

**A:** *Each Bid must include a written discussion in the Bid Narrative, including a Risk Mitigation plan which must address natural disaster and weather risks. Please refer to Section 3 of the RFP document for the factors OG&E will consider in the Evaluation of RFP Bids.*

#### Question #35

On the Mutual NDA, would OG&E be willing to consider a few markups?

**A:** *Please markup the draft document with any proposed language. OG&E Legal will then review the document and provide comments to the redlines.*

#### Question #36

What dollar per kilowatt (\$/kW) value is OG&E using to calculate the proxy capacity payment referenced in OG&E's answer to Question #10 of the Public RFP Q&A (e.g., SPP CONE)?

**A:** *OG&E will use a proxy capacity cost of \$96.72/kW-year starting for year 2026 and will escalate by 2% per year. Please see the response to Question #10 for additional information regarding how the proxy capacity cost will be applied in the Quantitative Analysis of Bids.*





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#### **Question #37**

What ELCC values will OG&E be assuming for capacity accreditation of solar, wind, and battery energy storage in the Summer season, and are these values fixed over the 2026-2030 Summer seasons?

**A:** *OG&E will assume a 60% accreditation of solar resources, 20% accreditation of wind resources, and an 97% accreditation of battery energy resources in the Summer seasons applicable to the projects. These values will be fixed across the evaluation time horizon.*

#### **Question #38**

Can instruction manuals and other relevant electronic files be submitted electronically?

**A:** Yes.

#### **Question #39**

When necessary, can cable splices be allowed for control and instrumentation wiring?

**A:** *Generally, underground splices are not permitted. Above ground splices are acceptable only when utilizing NEMA 4X protective enclosures with terminal connections.*

#### **Question #40**

Can PV modules with different wattage ratings be used on the same project?

**A:** No.

#### **Question #41**

Can trackers be designed to withstand the design wind speed while at their design stow angle and not the full range of motion?

**A:** Yes.

#### **Question #42**

Can medium voltage cable be installed on above-grade structures? This may be necessary to meet environmental permitting requirements when crossing wetlands/flowlines or to cost-effectively run circuits from one portion of the site to the plant substation.



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**A:** Yes. Overhead above-grade MV cables beyond converter that must cross roads, wetlands grid tie or substation interconnection are permitted. However, above-grade collection cable trays are not permitted between solar array rows. Clear path between solar array rows is required.

#### Question #43

On the form what is expected in the field marked "SPP Point of Interconnection"?

**A:** SPP defines Point of Interconnection as the location where the generator connects to the Transmission System. Please enter the SPP Bus Name and Number, if available.

#### Question #44

Is a revision history of the Thermal Technical Specifications available of changes made or possibly a redline of the pages to focus attention on?

**A:** Yes, the revised version of the Thermal Technical Specifications has been sent to all Bidders who have previously requested it along with a list of changes compared to the previously issued Thermal Technical Specifications.

#### Question #45

Our team requests a three (3) week extension of bid due deadline from September 25, 2024 to October 16, 2024.

**A:** OG&E is not extending the RFP Bid due date. Bids will be due as planned on September 25, 2024. Please see Table 2 in the RFP document for the complete schedule.

#### Question #46

Can I be added to the RFP mailing list in order to receive potential updates on the subject of this RFP please?

**A:** Thank you for your interest in OG&E's 2024 All Source RFP. Information regarding OG&E's 2024 RFPs is available on the RFP website under Current Opportunities: [https://www.oge.com/wps/portal/ord/who-we-are/supplierscontractors!/ut/p/z1/04\\_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zijTxczDy83A38DcL8XQwCjY3MLYLDvIwNflz1wwkpiAJKG-AAjqZA\\_VGEIBTkRhikOyoqAgDHMMn5/dz/d5/L2dJQSEvUUt3QS80TmxFL1o2XzJIRDZISkcwTzhWQUQwUTM2Nk9JOVAyRzQz/](https://www.oge.com/wps/portal/ord/who-we-are/supplierscontractors!/ut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8zijTxczDy83A38DcL8XQwCjY3MLYLDvIwNflz1wwkpiAJKG-AAjqZA_VGEIBTkRhikOyoqAgDHMMn5/dz/d5/L2dJQSEvUUt3QS80TmxFL1o2XzJIRDZISkcwTzhWQUQwUTM2Nk9JOVAyRzQz/). The RFP website contains the current RFP documents as well as Bidder Q&A which is updated frequently. All potential Bidders are encouraged to submit questions through the Bidder inbox and to check the RFP website periodically.



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#### Question #47

Is NDA executed by parent company sufficient or does each project company need to have individual NDAs?

**A:** *These will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Please submit inquiries to the Bidder Communications Inbox.*

#### Question #48

Regarding OG&E's Surplus Interconnection, we would like to know if OG&E would share project boundaries, due diligence studies completed for these sites, etc.?

**A:** *All Projects planning to utilize OG&E Surplus Interconnection must be constructed on the Bidder's Site and will connect at the property line of the applicable OG&E Generation Facility. Bidders are responsible for identifying and securing a Site for construction of the Project.*

#### Question #49

For Bidders proposing to use Surplus Interconnection, is OG&E willing to provide to Bidders the appropriate SPP stability models or provide them to an independent third-party engineer to complete the interconnection studies?

**A:** *Only SPP is permitted to distribute the appropriate stability models. Bidders must contact SPP for the required models. Please refer to Section 2.2.5(iii) of the RFP document for discussion of the requirements for interconnection studies.*

#### Question #50

What are OG&E's expected credit support amounts for the BESS Toll, BESS APA, BESS EPC, and BESS CPA contracts?

**A:** *All credit support amounts will be decided in contract negotiations.*

#### Question #51

Section 7.8.10.17 of the solar technical specification states "Inverters shall be designed for a DC to AC ratio of 1.25, in conjunction with the DC design". The DC to AC Ratio and Inverter Load Ratio (ILR) are not the same metric. The DC to AC ratio of a PV solar facility is the total installed DC divided by the AC capacity at the Point of Interconnection. The inverter load ratio is the total installed DC divided by the combined nameplate capacity of the project inverters. To be in compliance with the 1.25 ratio requirement in the specification, should the nameplate AC capacity have a 1.25 DC overbuild or should the 1.25 DC overbuild apply the individual inverters?



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**A:** The ratio of total installed DC capacity of the solar facility to total nameplate AC capacity should be a minimum of 1.25.

#### Question #52

Can OG&E elaborate on the process to get an equipment supplier approved if not already approved in the Technical Specifications for a given technology?

**A:** The process to request for new or alternate equipment supplier not listed in the Technical Specifications will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Bidders may submit a request for evaluation at any time through Bid Submittal. Bidder's submission must include the following information:

- Equipment Name Brand
- Equipment Description
- Equipment Data Plate and/or Technical Manual
- Equipment Country of Origin
- List of advantages over specified equipment supplier.

Bidders may submit information in addition to the requirements listed above. OG&E may request additional information prior to determination.

#### Question #53

Would OG&E be willing to schedule a pre-bid meeting with Bidder prior to the [Bid Due Date] September 25th?

**A:** No, OG&E will not be conducting a pre-bid meeting with any Bidder prior to the Bid Opening Day. Bidders may submit questions to OG&E via email to [2024AllSourceRFPComm@oge.com](mailto:2024AllSourceRFPComm@oge.com).

#### Question #54

Can OG&E provide Exhibits A – KK-2 outlined in the 2024 Form Solar BTA? Exhibits are not included in the attached version.

**A:** Exhibits A – KK-2 to the Solar BTA are project specific and will be provided or developed, as applicable, following the selection of any winning Solar BTA Bids.

#### Question #55

Instead of a Build Transfer Agreement, we are looking to sell a development asset as is (land, interconnection, etc). Is this something that OG&E would be interested in?



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**A:** *OG&E's 2024 All Source RFP process is only considering resources that can be transacted under one of the available form agreement types. A development asset that does not consider completion of construction does not meet the definitions of Project or PSA in the All Source RFP document.*

#### **Question #56**

Are the maximum and minimum temperatures listed in the Solar Technical Specification specifically for the freeze protection system or for the full site? Is this for survivability of the plant or does this require full power at these extreme temperatures?

**A:** *The specified temperature requirements are for the survivability of the plant, including freeze protection during extreme temperatures.*

#### **Question #57**

What is the "winder wind speed" noted in the Solar Technical Specifications?

**A:** *Thank you for pointing out this issue. This typographical error was inadvertently placed in the Solar Technical Specifications and is not a required design condition.*

#### **Question #58**

Is there a percentage above and below a specific wattage that is allowable for Solar PV modules? Generally, modules come in batches that are +/- 5 W of the nameplate wattage.

**A:** *The intent of this requirement is such that all solar PV modules are of the same wattage rating, as available from the manufacturer. OG&E understands that panels are manufactured under certain tolerance of the nameplate wattage, which is acceptable.*

#### **Question #59**

Does OG&E allow for a CAB system for solar projects?

**A:** *No, OG&E will not allow for a CAB system.*

#### **Question #60**

Does OG&E require a perimeter road around the full [solar] project?

**A:** *No, a perimeter road is not required.*



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We are currently preparing a proposal for early-stage developments and are concerned about maintaining our pricing through the end of the process. Could you please let us know if OG&E is open to further discussions on pricing during and throughout the process?

**A:** *As noted in Section 2.3 of the RFP, Bids shall remain valid for the entire evaluation period and, should OG&E elect to seek pre-approval from the Commission or Commissions, through the entire period of proceedings of the Commission or Commissions. During these periods, Bids shall be considered as irrevocable and may not be modified, except as agreed upon in mutual negotiations between the Bidder and OG&E in the post evaluation period. Additionally, Section 3.3 notes scoring of Bids based on the extent to which pricing is firm.*

#### Question #62

For a comparable RFP requirement of that in Section 2.2.5 (iii) and Footnote 8, and in lieu of completing a feasibility study applicable to Generator Interconnection Queue projects, can Surplus Interconnection projects comply with this section of the RFP by submitting financial security, in a security form chosen by OG&E, for each Surplus Interconnection Project Bid equivalent to the SPP Surplus Interconnection study deposit (\$60,000, see SPP OATT Attachment V Section 3.3.2)? This security can be used by OG&E to initiate a SPP Surplus Interconnection study for the Project and only be refunded if OG&E decides not to proceed with the surplus interconnection study of the Project.

**A:** *Footnote 8 refers to requirements for a feasibility study if a feasibility study is required for the type of interconnection the project is planning. For RFP purposes, the study requirement for projects proposing to use OG&E Surplus Interconnection should be comparable to the studies described in SPP OATT Attachment V Section 3.3.4. A financial security in lieu of the required studies is not permissible. The purpose of the study requirement is to identify network upgrades and associated costs related to the proposed Project.*

#### Question #63

For Surplus Interconnection Solar projects, does OG&E plan to elect the Investment Tax Credit or the Production Tax Credit?

**A:** *Election of available tax credits will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. OG&E will choose the election that is most beneficial for reducing the cost impact to its customers.*

#### Question #64

I am looking for the proper documents to fill out and send in before upcoming deadlines. If someone could get back to me as soon as possible I would greatly appreciate it.



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**A:** The 2024 All Source RFP document, RFP Bidder Q&A, and Technical Conference slides, Bidder Q&A details regarding the RFP are available in the [OG&E - Suppliers & Contractors \(oge.com\)](https://oge.com) website listed here under "Current Opportunities". Appendix G of the RFP document describes the eligible Form Agreements, durations, and Technical Specifications for various generation technologies, Contract Types, and Project types. Please identify and reply with applicable documents for your Bid.

This communication email inbox is set up for RFP for generation technologies. If you are interested in communication regarding other opportunities with the Company, please visit [OG&E - Suppliers & Contractors \(oge.com\)](https://oge.com).

#### Question #65

I am trying to find the specific documents or PDFs to fill out in order to submit. Is there someone in this department that I can call?

**A:** The RFP notes all communications between Bidders and OG&E must go through the RFP inbox: [2024AllSourceRFPComm@oge.com](mailto:2024AllSourceRFPComm@oge.com). OG&E strongly encourages Bidders to review the entire RFP document, which is located on the RFP Website (OG&E - Suppliers & Contractors (oge.com)) under Current Opportunities. The RFP includes important factors for Bidders to consider in preparation of their Bid materials. Requirements for submission of Bids and other communications are fully detailed in RFP Section 2.

OG&E requires a number of forms for submission of an RFP Bid. Certain Appendices can be found starting on Page 28 of the RFP. Appendices requiring detailed information can be found in the attachments to the RFP document. Please see slide 9 of the All Source RFP Technical Conference presentation on the RFP website [OG&E - Suppliers & Contractors \(oge.com\)](https://oge.com) for instructions to access the RFP attachments. Bidders may also review the Technical Conference slides further for a high-level summary of Bid requirements, including Redlines of Form Agreements and supplemental information related to specific Project types.

#### Question #66

Following up on Question #54, can OG&E provide a list of standard insurance requirements which will be finalized according to project specific details in Exhibit K of the 2024 Form Solar BTA? If not, how does OG&E prefer Bidders proceed in pricing insurance, particularly given weather risk in Oklahoma?

**A:** Required coverages for any project would include:

- Statutory Workers Compensation Coverage and Employer's Liability Coverage
- Commercial General Liability Coverage
- Business Automobile Coverage
- Excess Liability Coverage
- Professional Liability Coverage
- Pollution Liability Coverage
- Builders All-Risk Coverage





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- *Manned and Unmanned Aerial Coverage, if applicable*

*Required limits of coverage is dependent on the risks of the project in terms of size, type, and scope. Waivers of Subrogation, Additional Insured and Primary and Non-Contributory are also required.*

#### **Question #67**

With respect to Section 2.2 of the RFP (Bid Submittal Requirements), if we are bidding a repower of an existing project would that be categorized as a “new project” or “existing project” in OG&E’s eyes? While we would normally presume the latter, with how the RFP reads regarding existing projects it appears OG&E is presuming we will bid the project as-is which is technically not the case with a repower. We just want to make sure we are addressing the various bid form and bid narrative considerations correctly here.

**A:** *An offer of an Existing Project including a repowering will be categorized as an Existing Project. The RFP defines Existing Project as “a Project with a Commercial Operation Date before the Bid Due Date”.*

#### **Question #68**

With respect to Form I (Expected Annual Data for Cost, Performance, and Permitting) in the Bid Attribute Forms, does this form need to be filled out if only a PPA bid is submitted for a project? The reason I ask is it appears the nature of this form is geared towards PSA bids.

**A:** *As noted in the tab “Index of Applicable Forms” of Appendix E, information in Form I is required for all categories of Projects. OG&E understands that not all information may be applicable for all Contract Types. For example, O&M information may not be relevant for PPA Bid. Information in columns G and H addressing production details are required for all Bid types.*

#### **Question #69**

Would OG&E consider suppliers not included in the Technical Specifications?

**A:** *OG&E has a strong preference for the suppliers identified in the Technical Specifications. However, OG&E will consider Bidders’ deviations from the Technical Specifications on a case-by-case basis. Bidders may submit requests for review of their suppliers at any point in the RFP process up to Bid submittal.*

#### **Question #70**

Could OG&E clarify how they are evaluating requested co-located storage deliverable (hourly charging and discharging schedule of Energy Storage if the Energy Storage will be charged from the generator technology) outlined in "Additional Required Attachments to Bid" sub-section viii. in their scoring process? Is OG&E evaluating this mainly to see how projects meet resource adequacy requirements?





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**A:** *The information requested will be used in OG&E's Quantitative Analysis when determining forecasted market revenues for Projects that include energy. For example, if a storage resource is co-located with another resource, such as solar or wind, the charge and discharge cycles of the storage resource can be impacted by the output of the co-located resource, especially if the total nameplate capacity of the co-located resources exceeds the Generator Interconnection Agreement.*

#### Question #71

Appendix 3 of the Solar Technical Specification describes the performance test requirements. The availability section states that the Seller shall guarantee 95% of the "Measured Availability" of the plant and the capacity section states the plant shall deliver power equal to or greater than the plant guaranteed capacity. What is the basis for that measured availability and guaranteed capacity values? Would the values from a project specific PVSyst 8760 report for the exact testing day/time serve as the source for the basis value? (e.g., If testing took place on March 15th at 1:00PM, the project's 8760 could be referenced to determine the expected plant output.)

**A:** *Measured Availability will be based on the testing procedure to be developed and mutually agreed upon by the parties to any eventual contract agreement. OG&E has a strong preference for a robust testing procedure that would extend over multiple days to weeks. Guaranteed Project Capacity is defined in the form Solar BTA and would also be agreed by the parties prior to contract execution.*

#### Question #72

What information does OG&E require to evaluate a non-equipment related contractor for approval if not already approved in the Technical Specifications for a given technology?

**A:** *OG&E does not intend to evaluate non-equipment contractors prior to Bid submittal. The Form Agreements relevant to the Contract Type and technologies address common Industry Practices and related requirements. Bidders must submit a redline version of the Form Agreements with their Bid(s).*

#### Question #73

Can OG&E provide the native word file of the Technical Specifications to allow us to supplement and submit exceptions/clarifications as 'redlined' to increase visibility in your review of the bid submittal "Appendix-F"?

**A:** *Bidders are encouraged to complete Appendix F (Technical Specification Exception Form) as applicable as it relates to the capabilities of their Project. Redlines to the Technical Specifications may be prepared using commonly available commercial software tools such as Adobe Acrobat Pro.*



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#### Question #74

Will OG&E accept edits to the NDA, or does it need to be signed as is?

**A:** Please refer to the response to Question #6 in the RFP website. OG&E will allow Bidders to redline the NDA prior to execution of the mutual agreement. Bidder redlines will be subject to OG&E legal review.

#### Question #75

The only option provided under Form Q of Appendix E is the Capacity Price (\$/kW-Month). However, in the Renewable PPA Form Exhibit I, the contract rate is mentioned in \$/MWh. Can we expect a revised Form Q with fields to provide \$/MWh rate for Solar only Bids and \$/MWh and \$/kW-month price for projects co-located with battery storage?

**A:** Bidders may enter rates and units of measure for products other than capacity on Form Q, item 3. Bidders offering an energy product at a \$/MWh rate should enter the offer price information in the row(s) provided in Form Q, Item 3. No revisions to Form Q are anticipated at this time.

#### Question #76

Can the bidder provide different contract term for the same project? For example, for a Solar + BESS project can the bidder offer 30 years for the Solar component and 20 years for BESS component?

**A:** Different contract term are allowed only in cases where the Bidder considers the offer as two separate Bids and, therefore, would offer the Projects to be evaluated separately.

#### Question #77

The bidder has results of the completed DISIS Phase 1 study which includes facilities and network upgrade costs, timeline for completion and contingency results. Will this be sufficient to meet the requirements set forth in Section 2.2.5(iii) of the RFP?

**A:** Yes, a completed DISIS Phase 1 study will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the RFP.

#### Question #78

How will OG&E evaluate and prioritize bids that propose a combination of generation technologies (e.g., wind, solar, energy storage) from a qualitative perspective?

**A:** In the qualitative evaluation, Bids are assessed against each of the sub-criteria described in Section 3.3 of the RFP. Each Bid is evaluated holistically, inclusive of all technology(ies) included in the Generation Facility, on how well the Bid meets the sub-criteria. Therefore, there is no general prioritization nor de-



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*prioritization of multi-technology Generation Facilities. For sub-criteria affected by technologies (e.g., Capacity Security, Technology, and Environmental Impacts), the holistic characteristics of the Generation Facility are considered.*

#### **Question #79**

How does, if at all, OG&E evaluate BESS in non-capacity attributes in its qualitative analysis?

**A:** *There are many aspects of Bids, in addition to issues of Capacity Security, that are part of the qualitative evaluation per the evaluation sub-criteria (see Section 3.3 of the RFP). These sub-criteria apply equally to all eligible Generation Facilities, including those with battery energy storage systems.*

#### **Question #80**

What are the acceptable exceptions to the technical specifications that OG&E is willing to consider without penalizing the Bid?

**A:** *Bidders' exceptions to the technical specifications will be evaluated based on their impact on Project risks described in Section 3.3 of the RFP. As the range of potential exceptions is extremely broad, the technical specification exception risk for each Bid will be evaluated as a whole with the Bid submittal. OG&E's response to Bidder question #52 for additional information on this topic.*

#### **Question #81**

Are there any technology restrictions for surplus interconnection capacity?

**A:** *No, there are no technology restrictions for surplus interconnection capacity as long as the offered Project satisfies the requirements of the RFP.*

#### **Question #82**

Threshold evaluation demands "robust" plans for A) risk mitigation for convective storms and B) thermal runaway and secondary impacts of BESS. What constitutes "robust"?

**A:** *A robust risk mitigation plan will identify specific technologies, engineering, operational practices, or other approaches to minimize the future risk associated with, at least, convective storms and thermal runaway.*



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#### Question #83

The quantitative evaluation of a project (70% of total eval) is determined with a 30-year Net Present Value of Customer Cost ("NPVCC"). That figure is weighted using 4 different asset performance case studies (base gas, high gas, low gas, and energy evolution). According to OG&E, energy evolution refers to accelerated decommissioning of coal facilities in the SPP ISO. What does energy evolution specifically refer to?

**A:** *The Energy Evolution case is used by OG&E in its modeling to simulate the impacts to hourly energy values that could result from policy changes leading to increased electrification and a region-wide or nationwide acceleration of retirements among coal-fired generation resources. Energy market values from each of the cases will be used to calculate projected market revenues in the quantitative analysis.*

#### Question #84

What are the contingency plans for projects that require extensive network upgrades interconnections to meet the capacity requirements? How are costs delegated?

**A:** *All Bids should include the costs of Interconnection, including network upgrade costs. The Bid Evaluation process will incorporate the full amount of interconnection costs and network upgrade costs with the total Project costs. The evaluation will assign the full cost of network upgrades to the Project.*

#### Question #85

Are there specific measures or incentives that OG&E offers to encourage early capacity availability before the 2030 deadline?

**A:** *Please see the RFP Section 3.3.2 for the description of qualitative assessment related to Project Schedule. Please see OG&E's response to Bidder question #10 for a description of availability timing on the quantitative evaluation.*

#### Question #86

What ELCC values will OG&E be assuming for capacity accreditation for 4-hour tier 2 energy storage in the Summer and Winter season over the 2026-2048 time frame?

**A:** *See OG&E's response to Question #37 for the estimated Summer Accreditation value. The Winter Accreditation value will be assumed to be 75% of nameplate.*

#### Question #87

Does each Site need its own Bidder ID number?



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**A:** No, each Site will not need a separate Bidder ID number. If you intend to offer multiple Sites, use separate Site Identification Codes for each Site. If you intend to offer multiple Bid variations per Site, such as those based on size, technology, contract type, or other variables, please also use separate Bid numbers. As noted in the RFP document, and shown in Appendix C, Bid Summary Form, Bidders may offer up to six (6) Bids per Site.

#### **Question #88**

Can OG&E please confirm whether the due dates for the NOI and Bid are midnight (12:00am) CPT, the early morning of 9/18/24 and 9/25/24, or the evening of those dates?

**A:** NOIs for the RFPs are due by midnight (evening) CPT of Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Similarly, Bids for the RFPs are due by midnight (evening) CPT of Wednesday, September 25, 2024.