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1	A few of the documents are failing to download (Ownership Budget Form, MIPA Term Sheet/Agreement, BTA Term Sheet/Agreement). Is this because of where we are in the proposal creation process? Is there a minimum set of details we need to provide, or a specific point we need to be at in the process, before download of these documents is enabled?	Please refresh the page and try again. There is no minimum set of details needed before download.
2	Is the minimum requirement to have 50% site control for the project site and 50% site control for the gen-tie line, or is the minimum requirement to have 50% site control for the combined acreage of the project site + the gen-tie line?	To meet the minimum requirement, the bidder must have 50% site control for the combined acreage of the project site + gen-tie line.
3	Is it possible to duplicate proposals? Can we export proposals to Excel, make updates in Excel, and then import the updated Excel file back into the form?	No, proposals cannot be duplicated. Proposals can be downloaded to an Excel or PDF format using the export button on the proposal tile; however, proposals cannot be reuploaded from an Excel file. Questions must be answered directly in the web form.
4	Our contract team noted that we have an existing NDA with PSE. We would be bidding into the RFP under the same business entity; would this NDA satisfy the NDA requirements of the RFP or are we required to sign the NDA from the RFP documents?	All Bidders must execute the Mutual Confidentiality Agreement (Exhibit D) included in the 2026 Voluntary Utility-Scale RFP. This agreement includes terms specific to the RFP procurement process and subsequent rate recovery process. A signed copy of the agreement is required to submit a proposal through the RFP proposal submission portal.
5	Regarding peaking capacity (ELCC), will a PSE-owned wind repowering project be classified as a new resource and therefore assigned a very low ELCC as per the 2026 Voluntary RFP Document (Attachment A, Table 3)? Or will it retain the ELCC of the existing project, which will be retired once the new repowered project is operational? Assuming repowered project will have same nameplate capacity as existing one.	PSE intends to evaluate RFP resources based on the ELCC numbers published in the RFP; however, if a bid includes project details that would support a higher contribution to capacity, PSE may consider that in its evaluation.
6	We had some questions regarding your available transmission capacity: 1. Would any project located within (or within reach of) NV Energy's Northern System be able to utilize PSE transmission, regardless of substation? 2. Would any project that can tap into the California Oregon Intertie be able to utilize PSE transmission, regardless of substation? 3. Regarding the transmission paths that end at AVA.BPAT (see the footnotes above), is the developer expected to take care of delivery from AVA.BPAT to PSE territory?	1. If a project intends to utilize PSE's NV transmission, the Point of Interconnection (POI) substation must have a corresponding scheduling point of NORTHSYS; and the bidder must confirm with NV Energy that once interconnected at the substation, the project is eligible to schedule through the NORTHSYS scheduling point. 2. Only project substations associated with COB/MALIN scheduling point would be eligible to utilize PSE transmission. 3. Yes, delivery from AVA.BPAT to PSE territory shall be the responsibility of the bidder.
7	I have a question regarding user access to the RFP portal. Our team collaborates with various third parties to develop bids for this RFP. Is it possible to give different third parties distinct access rights to different bids with users having read only or editor access?	Our RFP portal currently operates with organization-level access permissions, meaning all users within an organization can view and access all of that organization's active proposals. We are not able to set different permission levels or restrict access to specific bids on a user-by-user basis.  For third-party collaborators who should not have visibility into all your organization's proposals, we suggest they work outside the portal system. You can share the RFP documentation with these external partners for their input and collaboration, then have an authorized member of your organization enter the consolidated responses through the portal.  This approach ensures compliance with access requirements while still allowing you to leverage external expertise in developing your proposals.
8	I renamed the Project on the bid form but the old name is still showing on the "Your Proposals" page.	The proposal name is distinct from the Project/Facility name on the Proposal Registration page. Changes to the Project/Facility name will not automatically update your proposal name. To edit the proposal name, open up the proposal and click the pencil icon next to the proposal name at the top of the page.
9	When I try to download the 8760 form I get an error message, "failed to download file".	Please refresh the page and try again.

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10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you mean by ownership start date?</li> <li>• What do you mean by ownership price?</li> <li>• Should the ownership price include taxes, contingency and overhead?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For projects that anticipate investment tax credits (ITCs), the ownership start date will be mechanical completion. For projects that anticipate production tax credits (PTCs), the ownership start date will be substantial completion of the facility. For projects that don't anticipate ITCs or PTCs, the ownership start date may align with either substantial completion or COD.</li> <li>• The ownership price would be the total CAPEX.</li> <li>• The ownership price should be an all-in cash price for the project. This should include taxes, contingency, overhead, and any other costs paid out of pocket.</li> </ul> <p>Unless otherwise specified, please provide all required details using the Ownership Budget forms available for download from the proposal web form.</p>
11	Does PSEM have to submit the Mutual Confidentiality Agreement for self development projects?	A signed 2026 Voluntary Utility-Scale RFP Mutual Confidentiality Agreement (Attachment D) is a requirement for all proposals. All Bidders must upload a signed Mutual Confidentiality Agreement to submit a proposal through the RFP proposal submission portal.
12	When is the bidders' conference? Will the conference be in person or online?	The Bidders' Conference will be held online on March 5, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time. A registration link can be found on PSE's 2026 Voluntary Utility-Scale RFP web page in the Bidders' Conference section.
13	I see a "PSE participating resources offer" and an "All other offers" in the online submission portal, what is the difference?	"PSE participating resources offers" are offers submitted by PSE's development team. "All other offers" refers to offers submitted by external parties. The RFP proposal submission portal separates the two because PSE participating offers are due on March 18, 2026, a little more than three weeks prior to all other offers, which are due on April 10.
14	Can PSE confirm that a proposed transmission plan satisfies the Energy Delivery/Proposal requirements outlined in Attachment B-2, Section 1.3.3 of the RFP before a proposal is submitted?	To ensure a fair and consistent process for all bidders, PSE is unable to pre-evaluate or provide direct guidance on proposals or elements of proposals during the bidding period.
15	For projects connected to BPA's system, can PSE provide guidance on which PODs to deliver to?	PSE's RFP evaluation team is unable to provide specific guidance on delivery point selection. BPAT.PSEI serves as a transmission scheduling point that encompasses 24 distinct interconnections between balancing authority areas of PSEI and BPAT. Please refer to Section 4 of the RFP document for the OASIS link, which may provide more information on transmission providers.
16	<p>1. In the Site Control &amp; Real Estate section: Could you clarify what specific elements are encompassed within the "key project components" referenced in questions #3 and #4?</p> <p>2. In the Site Control &amp; Real Estate section: How do the requirements differ between question #7 ("Submit supporting documentation for land area controlled relative to project facility, if available") and question #11 ("Submit all site control agreements in your possession and any supporting documentation")?</p>	<p>1. Key project components include the legal documentation required for project development, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deeds, leases, easements, and other site control agreements</li> <li>• Rights-of-way for generation tie-lines</li> <li>• Access agreements</li> <li>• Title reports and title insurance</li> <li>• All other legal instruments necessary for construction and long-term operation</li> </ul> <p>2. As long as all required site control documentation is submitted, it is not critical which specific question number the attachments are associated with. However, here's the distinction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question #7 asks for supporting documentation specifically related to the land area you currently control relative to your project facilities. This focuses on demonstrating your existing site control position.</li> <li>• Question #11 serves as a comprehensive catch-all question, asking for all site control agreements in your possession plus any additional supporting documentation, which may also include additional materials such as letters of intent, option agreements, or documentation related to properties you're still working to secure control of, consistent with the requirement in section 2.3.1 (RFP document) for summaries of property owner contacts and negotiation status for properties not yet under control.</li> </ul>
17	We are repeatedly getting a "Failed to upload file" error when attempting to upload documents to the portal.	Please refresh the page and try again.
18	If a bidder is to select the bid option "Other or Combination: Ownership Offer," is a term sheet required? If so, what term sheet type should be selected (MIPA_TERM_SHEET.DOCX vs BTA_TERM_SHEET.DOCX)?	Yes, a term sheet is required. Please use the BTA term sheet and complete all applicable sections.
19	We are considering to bid into the RFP with a project interconnecting at the Colstrip 500kV substation. I did not see available transmission available from this location. Can you please confirm?	That is correct, we can confirm that there is not available transmission listed from Colstrip 500 kV. All transmission made available for the delivery of bidder proposals will be found in Attachment F of the RFP document. Any other propositions can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

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20	Can the RFP team provide a link to the Design Guidelines for PSE's BESS Projects?	BESS Design Guidelines can be downloaded from the Proposal Registration section once your proposal is created.
21	Phase 1 screening relies on Levelized Cost of Capacity based on nameplate capacity. Since long-duration storage provides significant reliability value relative to its nameplate rating – as evidenced by the ELCC values – will PSE consider applying the Levelized Cost of Peak Capacity metric during Phase 1 to ensure these resources are not prematurely screened out?	We plan to use LCOC for ranking in Phase 1, but resources will be organized into evaluation groups, and some resources from each evaluation group will advance to Phase 2. We plan to group long-duration storage (100 hours) separate from short- and mid-duration storage for Phase 1 evaluation and ranking. LCOPC will be used to compare resources in Phase 2.
22	Where can bidders find information about PSE transmission available for use in their RFP proposals?	PSE has provided a current list of PSE transmission resources available for use in 2026 Voluntary Utility-Scale RFP bids in an Updated Attachment F file dated March 4, 2026, which can be found on PSE's RFP web site in the Documents and Submission section.
23	Would PSE accept a full busbar offer, where PSE pays for all energy as produced at the busbar, and then Seller transmits all power it can (up to 120 MW at any given time) to NWH? Or is this RFP only open to paying as delivered at Northwest Hub?	Yes, PSE will consider a full busbar offer. If the busbar is elected as the Delivery Point, the applicable transmission from the busbar to any of the specified Points of Delivery (outlined in attachment F of the RFP) must be secured by the bidder and assigned to PSE. Please include any necessary details on the proposal in the term sheet. Note that any alternative transmission proposals (e.g. selecting NWH as the Delivery Point, rather than busbar) would need to be submitted as a separate bid.
24	We're hoping you could help clarify the RFP requirements for generator interconnection submissions regarding repower and modification bids. Is ownership of the relevant LGIA and the right to pursue the interconnection arrangement sufficient? Few Transmission Providers do not have a separately defined repower process and instead rely on the LGIA Article 5.19 (Modification) to receive a repower request. It is our understanding there is no associated queue # via that process. We would expect to select the Not Applicable option within the proposal web form question asking if the bidder has submitted a valid Interconnection Service Request that supports the COD. We would also expect to respond that the project has a pending queue number to the question asking for the number. How will repower or modification bids with "Not Applicable" and "Pending" responses to these questions be evaluated?	<p>Yes, ownership of the relevant LGIA and the right to pursue the interconnection arrangement under the Transmission Service Provider's tariff is sufficient to meet the interconnection minimum requirements for a bid including a repower, modification, or surplus interconnection service. If the repower, modification, or surplus interconnection service does not have an associated interconnection queue #, please select these options in the RFP Web Form:</p> <p>Q: "(Min Req.) Has the bidder submitted a valid Interconnection Service Request that supports the COD? If yes, provide interconnection queue number on the 'Interconnection and Transmission' page." A: "Not Applicable"</p> <p>Q: "What is the queue #?" A: "Pending"</p> <p>A bid of this type with these responses will be sufficient for meeting these specific minimum interconnection service requirements. The bid will be evaluated per the standard RFP evaluation process thereafter. A description of the process, cost, timeline, and relevant tariff sections from the associated Transmission Service Provider would be helpful for evaluation. Please submit all relevant documentation and correspondence with the Transmission Service Provider regarding the associated repower, modification, or surplus interconnection service request.</p>
25	We have a few questions surrounding the 8760 request in the RFP: 1. The solar 8760s look like they request energy forecasts based on typical meteorological year, should these scenarios be run based on actual TMYs from NSRDB instead of our standard solar satellite + met-station adjusted data averaged over 28 years? 2. For projects that include wind, solar, and storage together, energy generation forecast data before clipping would mean that the solar and wind generation would not interfere with each other, so it would be the unconstrained generation from each of the independent generators. Just to confirm, is this what is being requested?	<p>1. No, 8760 energy forecasts do not need to be based on TMYs from NSRDB. PSE will have an external expert review the energy estimates.</p> <p>2. Yes. The unconstrained generation from each renewable generator should be provided.</p>