

2022 EAL Renewables RFP – Q&A as of 7/20/2022

Q-1 The 2022 EAL Renewables RFP specifies that resources must have network resource interconnection service or firm PTP transmission service to the Injection Point to meet threshold requirements. Would Entergy Arkansas consider resources that have energy only interconnection service, but are within Entergy Arkansas's territory?

Entergy Arkansas requires that resources have network resource interconnection service or firm PTP transmission service to the Injection Point and will not consider energy only interconnection service within MISO.

Q-2 Can you elaborate on the requirement for a BESS proposal to be DC coupled? Will you accept or consider proposals with an AC coupled BESS?

If the question relates to a proposal for a PPA transaction, Entergy Arkansas believes the answer is best provided by the bidder and its advisors. In the PPA structure, the PPA seller, not the PPA buyer, will own the facility (including any battery energy storage system). If the question relates to a proposal for a BOT transaction, the battery system, if offered, must be DC-coupled. The use of DC-coupled batteries is consistent with Entergy Arkansas's intended use of the facility.

Q-3a Are you able to provide more information on why EAL requires proposed storage systems to be DC-coupled? Our preference is AC-coupled, as it provides similar benefits and is generally cheaper. Why does EAL prefer DC-coupled? Will EAL consider AC-coupled storage proposals?

Refer to Q-2

Q-3b Could you please clarify the intended use for the battery for a BESS proposal added to solar?

The battery combined with solar will be a resource used to meet EAL planning objectives, which include affordability, reliability, and environmental stewardship. The battery is expected to enhance the resource's ability to provide capacity, energy, and flexibility to EAL's portfolio.

Q-4 Would EAL be open to considering proposals that are not in the traditional MISO queue process, but rather qualify for surplus interconnection or generator replacement status?

As stated by the RFP documents, below are proposal requirements:

- 1) The proposed facility must have an executed GIA with MISO or be included in the 2019, 2020 or 2021 MISO DPP Queue
- 2) Bidder must show that Seller has control of 75% or more of the project site or an enforceable contract to obtain control of at least 75% of the project site
- 3) The facility, whether for a BOT or a PPA transaction, must have a dedicated electric interconnection point for the facility's exclusive use and must not be part of a shared facility-type structure or arrangement.

The RFP allows for the use of an existing GIA (including those used through MISO's generator replacement process), but all proposals must comply with the threshold requirements of the RFP.

Q-5 Are there a specific species that Entergy Arkansas is seeking the environmental review and permitting to cover for the Wind PPA proposals as described below?

- ***Only for Wind PPAs:***
 - ***Approved Technical Assistance Letter or approved Incidental Take Permit and Habitat Conservation Plan for the project; or***
 - ***Draft of the Technical Assistance Letter, or drafts of the Incidental Take Permit and Habitat Conservation Plan, for the project pending the letter and/or plan's approval by the United States Department of Fish and Wildlife.***

All environmental permits, including Habitat Conservation Plans and Incidental Take Permits (if applicable), should cover all federally protected wildlife, including those species and wildlife protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, and Endangered Species Act. These permits should specifically include the species that have suitable habitat located within the state and area of the proposed facility, including but not limited to birds and bats.”

Q-6 Would you accept a project in AECl that is deliverable to Entergy's load zone [given some of the grandfathered agreements between Entergy and AECl], or would that be discounted at first submission for not adhering to the RFP requirements?

The RFP requires that all solar resources are located within Arkansas. To the extent the facility is located within Arkansas, we would consider special circumstances on a case-by-case basis.