

2025 EAL Renewable and Storage RFP Bidder Questions:

Question: (5/20/25)

I have a clarification question on the bid requirements for wind, am I reading this correctly that Entergy is not accepting proposals for wind projects located in the state of Arkansas (LRZ 8)?

Response:

The 2025 EAL Renewable and Storage RFP is not soliciting proposals (whether PPAs or BOTs) for Wind projects located in the State of Arkansas. The RFP is soliciting Wind PPA resources located in LRZ 9 or LRZ 10 in MISO South or in the State of Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, or Oklahoma in SPP (see Section 1.6 of the Main Body of the RFP (Threshold Requirements and Proposal Options)).

Question: (5/21/25)

The proforma PPA requires that projects have full NRIS, and also that the Seller pay for NITS. On Monday, I thought we'd discussed that Entergy was interested in ERIS-only as Entergy could allocate its NITS to the project. Do you know if that's still the case?

I'm also a bit confused by the requirement in the proforma PPA of NRIS *and also* NITS. I could be mistaken, but isn't NITS a substitute for *not* having NRIS?

Response:

The terms of the RFP do not contemplate ERIS-only proposals. For transmission service in MISO, ERIS must be paired with either NRIS or NITS for the proposed facility. If Bidder proposes NRIS, the PPA seller (Seller) will be required to obtain the necessary amount of NRIS for the facility directly from MISO. If Bidder proposes NITS, Seller will be required to secure the necessary amount of NITS for the facility from MISO through EAL, which will work to obtain the required NITS at Seller's cost and risk. Please see Sections 1.6 and Sections 2.4.1-2.4.2 of the Main Body for more detailed information.

The Model Solar PPA (RFP Appendix C-1) and the Model Wind PPA (Appendix C-2) assume that Seller has committed to obtain ERIS and NRIS from MISO for the facility. If Bidder has proposed ERIS and NITS as the transmission service in MISO for the facility and the proposal is selected for negotiation, the terms of the applicable model contract will need to be modified (consistent with the terms of the RFP) to reflect and account for the change from NRIS to NITS.

Both Model PPAs include language, in Section 7.6(b), that permits EAL to seek and obtain NITS from MISO at Seller's cost as a supplement to NRIS. EAL has long retained this right in its PPAs to ensure that, in circumstances considered unlikely to materialize (e.g., EAL is no longer in MISO), it has a documented transmission power flow from the applicable PPA resource to its load and can retain the deliverability benefits resulting from the resource's procurement of NRIS. The granting to a resource of NITS as a mere adjunct to NRIS is, based on EAL's prior experience, a perfunctory matter. In the scenario contemplated by Section 7.6(b), if EAL desires to obtain NITS for a facility in the RFP that has secured NRIS, EAL would submit to MISO a NITS request for the same amount of NRIS granted the resource along with the required (currently modest) application fee and any related incidental amounts. MISO would be expected to provide the requested NITS (or equivalent transmission rights) as a matter of course, without the need for any additional studies, upgrades or improvements, or schedule delays, as the resource will already have obtained full deliverability service via ERIS and NRIS.

Question: (5/28/25)

On behalf of [redacted], I have a few questions regarding the 2025 EAL Renewable and Storage RFP that I'm hoping you can answer:

1. What is the official name of the EAL load node?
2. Will the SPP wind projects financially settle at the EAL load node or another location?
3. Will any busbar-settled PPA proposals be accepted?
4. If a Bidder posts a submission fee for a project but then decides not to pursue submitting a proposal for it, will that submission fee be returned to the Bidder? In addition, would the submission fee be returned to Bidder if a withdraws from the RFP after the end of the proposal submission period?

Response:

1. The official name of the EAL load node is "EAL.EAILD".
2. Under the terms of the RFP, contract energy and other electric products provided from a PPA resource located in SPP and under contract to EAL pursuant to the RFP will settle financially at the EAL load node. (See Section 2.4 of the Main Body of the RFP, including Section 2.4.4, and the Model Solar PPA (Appendix C-1) or Model Wind PPA (Appendix C-2).) Similarly, contract capacity offered and made available to EAL via the RFP from a PPA resource located in SPP that is participating in the MISO

market (i.e., in MISO terms, an external resource) and accredited as a capacity resource would be settled in accordance with the terms of the MISO OATT, related business practice manuals, and other MISO rules, policies, and procedures applicable to capacity resources located in the SPP external resource zone, including, without limitation, those pertaining to planning resource auctions, zonal resource credits, auction clearing pricing, and payment. Capacity resources considered border external resources by MISO would be subject to similar rules, but with important differences.

3. A proposal for a PPA transaction that requires contract energy, other electric product, or other product deliveries to EAL to settle at the busbar would be a non-conforming proposal (see Section 2.4 of the Main Body of the RFP, including Section 2.4.4, and the Model Solar PPA (Appendix C-1) or Model Wind PPA (Appendix C-2)) and would be subject to the RFP terms applicable to non-conforming proposals, including terms regarding the potential elimination of non-conforming proposals from the RFP.
4. To the first question in subpart 4, yes, if Bidder registers a proposal and pays the associated proposal submission fee but does not submit the proposal by the proposal submission deadline, the proposal submission fee for the proposal will be returned to Bidder. The answer to the second question in subpart 4 is no. If Bidder registers a proposal, pays the associated proposal submission fee, and submits the proposal and does not withdraw the proposal before the proposal submission deadline, the proposal submission fee for the proposal will not be returned to Bidder. (See Section 4.4 of the Main Body of the RFP)

Question: (6/2/25)

When we register, if we are registering the same project for different bid flavors (eg, both a Build-Transfer and PPA variant), do we need to fill out separate Bidder Registration Form? Or fill out a single Bidder Registration Form and note in line 23 our plan to make different bid types?

Response:

This would require an additional Bidder Registration Form as it would be an additional bid and require an additional bid fee.

Question: (6/2/25)

We would like clarification regarding the following question related to the Entergy - 2025 Request for Proposals for Renewable and Storage Resources for Entergy Arkansas, LLC:

“Are storage projects that would be added to existing solar facilities eligible for this RFP if they don't currently have an executed Surplus Generator Interconnection Agreement (GIA), but could submit a surplus interconnection request and complete the MISO surplus interconnection process and obtain one within the next 12 months? If yes, would the surplus storage be categorized similar to a stand-alone battery? Or should they be treated in some other manner?”

Response:

In the RFP, a bidder may offer proposals for a battery energy storage system (BESS) that would be an addition to an existing third-party solar facility, does not currently have an executed Surplus GIA, but would have an executed Surplus GIA meeting the RFP's requirements by June 2026. Any such BESS proposal would be assessed in the RFP's evaluation process as a stand-alone BESS proposal (or assessed in a manner comparable to a stand-alone BESS proposal). For any such proposal submitted in the RFP, please include in an appropriate location in the proposal package the queue number and the GIA (including all amendments) for the existing solar facility.

Question: (6/3/25)

Our team is hoping to participate in this upcoming RFP but are waiting on the DPP 2022 Post Phase 1 SIS Reports from MISO to be published to confirm what projects are the best fit for this RFP. MISO announced a delay in sharing the Draft System Impact Study results for assigned Network Upgrade costs and impacts today stating the results will be shared June 19th. Is there any way the due date for Bidder Registration, Proposal Submission Fee Payment Deadline and Proposal Submission can be pushed out to accommodate the MISO 2022 queue results?

Response:

Entergy does not intend to delay the RFP at this time.

Question: (6/3/25)

1. Our project will consist of [redacted] separate sub-projects or "phases". Each phase will ultimately be owned by a unique legal entity, and these six entities would ultimately be the "Sellers" on any PPA(s). Should I specify all of these entities in my form submission, or should I specify the "Holdings" entity which currently holds all of these entities?
2. More generally, will we be able to change or nominate legal entities after submission of Bidder enrolment?

Response:

1. Please submit the proposals in the name of a legal entity that can and would represent each of the project-level companies during the RFP's proposal selection process and any subsequent negotiations with EAL up to execution of any definitive agreement with respect to the proposal. This entity would be the "Bidder" in communications related to the proposals. Please identify for each proposal the specific project-level entity (if then known) that would be the seller under the proposed transaction. If the specific project-level entity is not known at the time of proposal submission, please confirm (if true) in the proposal that a project-level entity will be the seller under the proposed transaction.
2. A change in the identity of Bidder (or a previously specified project-level entity) after proposal submission may be allowed with EAL's consent. The granting of EAL's consent will be dependent on the facts and circumstances of the proposed change or nomination and the potential adverse effects on EAL. Proposed legal entity changes or nominations that would introduce an unaffiliated third party to the proposal process are not contemplated and, if considered, would be expected to receive more extensive scrutiny than intra-company transfers.

Question: (6/3/25)

1. Is the 100 MW minimum project size a standard? Is there flexibility for projects less than the 100 MW threshold?
2. Will there be modifications to the regulatory approval timeline in light of the recent tax reforms?

Response:

1. A proposal for a solar PV or wind resource offering less than 100 MW_{AC} of guaranteed capacity would be below the RFP's threshold requirements for capacity minimums and subject to the RFP terms applicable to non-conforming proposals, including terms providing for the potential elimination of such proposals from the RFP. The RFP's guaranteed capacity minimum threshold requirement for a standalone battery storage resource is 50 MW_{AC}. There is no capacity minimum for a battery storage resource proposed as an add-on option for a solar facility (and thus not as a standalone battery storage resource).
2. At the time of this response, EAL does not anticipate a material modification to the regulatory approval timeline set forth in Section 4 of the Main Body. As with any RFP, there remains the possibility that future changes in federal, state, local, and other laws could affect the regulatory approval timeline.

Question: (6/4/25)

Will the Self-Build Option proposals receive a preferential treatment against proposals submitted under the other options?

Response:

No. As described in various RFP documents (see, e.g., Section 5 of the Main Body), EAL's evaluation process is designed to facilitate the fair and impartial evaluation of all proposals and not to favor any type of proposal, including self-build options.