

Parameter and Process Information Release

This information release for the upcoming Fall 2017 Utility Distributed Generation Requests for Proposals (“DG RFP”) serves to assist Bidders in preparing their proposals. The Procurement Administrator is releasing the **final capacity factors** and an overview of the **abbreviated qualification process** that will be available to returning Bidders.

Section 1: Final Procurement Parameters

Starting with the Fall 2017 procurement event, Bidders will be required to provide the **nameplate capacity (AC rating) for a system**, measured by the summing the nameplate AC ratings of the project’s inverters, as opposed to the DC rating that had been requested in prior procurement events. To account for this change, the Procurement Administrator adjusted the capacity factor related to solar photovoltaic cells and panels (fixed mount) from 14.38% to 17% and adjusted the capacity factor related to solar photovoltaic cells and panels (tracking) from 17% to 20%. The final capacity factors for all technologies are provided in the table below.

Table 1. Capacity Factors.

Technology	Fall 2017 Capacity Factors (%) (AC Rating)
wind (below 25 kW)	11.00
wind (25-2,000 kW)	16.00
solar thermal energy	17.00
solar photovoltaic cells and panels (fixed mount)	17.00
solar photovoltaic cells and panels (tracking)	20.00
biodiesel, crops and untreated and unadulterated organic waste biomass, tree waste	47.74
hydropower that does not involve new construction or significant expansion of hydropower dams	31.06

These capacity factors are used to calculate the quantity of RECs for a system to be delivered in a delivery year under the applicable supplier contracts (the “**Annual Quantity**”). The Annual Quantity is calculated as the product of (a) the planned installed size of the system in kW divided by 1,000; and (b) the capacity factor associated with the technology of the system as provided in table 1; and (c) 8760 hours. The result is rounded to the nearest REC. The overall Maximum Contract Quantity over the entire term of the applicable supplier contract for a system is obtained by multiplying the Annual Quantity (already rounded to the nearest REC) by five (5) years.

Bidders are reminded that additional parameters were released in final form on July 28, namely:

- A minimum bid size requirement of 1 MW. To reach the minimum of 1 MW, Bidders may include in their proposal existing systems, new systems that have yet

to be energized, as well as a forecast quantity of RECs for systems of the Small Size Class (below 25 kW) that are yet to be identified. For purposes of converting a forecast quantity to an equivalent kW size, the capacity factor applicable to solar photovoltaic cells and panels (fixed mount) will be used.

- An annual target of 8,153 RECs. This “Overall Target” is the sum of a Target for AIC of 1,614 RECs and a Target for ComEd of 6,539 RECs. No RECs will be procured for MEC. The Target for each Company is set in accordance with the Act as one percent (1%) of the renewable energy resource obligation. The Target for each AIC and ComEd accounts for the RECs procured in the 2015, 2016 and Spring 2017 DG RFPs

The Procurement Administrator also released an **estimate** for the supplier fee of \$7/REC. No further information in this regard is available at this time.

Section 2: Abbreviated Qualification Process

The requirements for the Part 1 and Part 2 Proposals in the upcoming Fall 2017 procurement event are generally the same as the Spring 2017 procurement event under the DG RFP. However, the process for returning Bidders will be further streamlined. In particular:

- Contract Information. Returning Bidders can confirm that contact information previously provided in the online forms remains valid.
- Previously Qualified System. For a system that was qualified in the Spring 2017 procurement event, but was not selected as a winning system, a Bidder will provide the nameplate AC output rating of the system, but the Bidder may otherwise rely on the previously provided system characteristics and documents. To the extent that these remain valid, the information will not have to be re-submitted.
- Letter of Credit. A Bidder that already holds a letter of credit with the IPA will be able to use this same letter of credit for purposes of providing the financial guarantees required by the Part 2 Proposal under the Fall Utility DG RFP. Instead of providing a new letter of credit, such Bidder will have the option to provide instead an amendment to increase the value of the letter of credit and to change the expiration date. Detailed instructions will be available from the Procurement Administrator prior to the Part 2 Window.

The **final letter of credit as well as a preliminary list of acceptable modifications** have been posted to the procurement website at this time.