

PV RFO FAQs

General Questions:

1. In the RFP it says that projects must connect to transmission or distribution facilities of PG&E, SCE, or SDG&E. Does this then exclude projects within the CAISO but outside the three IOU territories, specifically, projects that are in Valley Electric territory?

Commission decision language requires projects to be physically interconnected in one of the three IOU territories. A project located in Valley Electric territory would not be eligible.

2. Your TOD factors heavily discount value during typical solar production hours. Are you willing to consider storage coupled with solar if integrated into the PPA price?

No, as outlined in the 2017 PV Protocol, PG&E will not be entertaining any storage-related offers in this solicitation.

3. For the quantitative evaluation, would integration costs be similar for all PV projects in California? Or would they be specific to the project?

Integration costs would be the same for all PV technology. They are not project specific.

4. Can you clarify if pro-rata shares of larger projects will qualify for this RFO?

Submitting a bid for a portion of a larger project is allowable; however it would need to be separately metered.

5. Regarding the energy benefit calculation on the net market value assessment, are LMPs projected into the future or do you just take historical LMPs at the project node into the analysis?

The LMP prices are calculated by applying an LMP multiplier to a forecast NP or SP price. LMPs are calculated based on historical data, and apply a ratio moving forward.

6. I have a project with full deliverability status with no required deliverability upgrades located within PG&E Service Territory and interconnecting to a PG&E Substation, with a Tendered IA. The substation is located in Path ZP26. How will PG&E value RA and Full deliverability status at this location verses NP15 and SP15 and considering it is located within PG&E Service territory but outside of NP15.

As Path ZP26 is in PG&E service territory, it is treated as NP15. PAV adjustments are truly for SP15 only, being outside of PG&E service territory. A project located at Path ZP26 with full deliverability would get full capacity value.

7. Can we install and activate a site any time after PPA approval and subsequent agreement with PGE? If PV is installed and activated within 12 months of approval/agreement is that ok?

Under the terms of the PV PPA, the Commercial Operation Date (COD) cannot occur more than 180 days prior to the Guaranteed Commercial Operation Date (GCOD). With an anticipated GCOD of July 31, 2021, the earliest COD that could occur under this PPA while still being within the allowable window of 180 days prior to GCOD would be January 31, 2021. These dates are expected as of now and will become firm once the CPUC approves the executed PPA's.

