Distribution Resource Plan RFO FAQs

General Questions:

1. Many assets that could be used for this RFO have longer lives than 5 years. Will you accept and value longer duration contracts than 5 years?

No, for this RFO we are only looking at deferring a distribution investment for 3 or 5 years. You can bid a 5 year contract and at the end of that term you would be free to use the assets for some other purpose.

2. Is the utility scale PV plant in the area eligible to provide offers involving curtailment under this RFO? Who owns and operates that plant?

The utility scale PV plant is PG&E owned and operated. Within the scope of the DRP Demo D RFO, PG&E is seeking third party providers of hosting capacity, and curtailment of PG&E plant is not eligible.

3. If a bidder offers a bid using 50 or 200 hours of the account reps’ time, are those account reps’ fully loaded costs charged to the costs of the bid?

Yes, in the evaluation process we will attribute the costs of those services to your bid. PG&E is not charging you directly for this service. However, in your submission we are requiring you to submit an offer variation with zero hours of customer engagement support. We would expect to see the value of the 50 or 200 hours included in your bid, by providing a lower bid price than the zero hour variation.

4. Are some customers served by dedicated step-down transformers in the Huron area?

Yes, this is fairly common practice for larger and/or remote customers across our service territory.

4a. Would sizing of a large battery, either behind the meter or in front of the meter but adjacent to a customer site, potentially overload such a transformer?

This may be likely, depending on the size of the battery relative to the customer load and transformer capacity, and would be identified during the interconnection study. Replacing a single step-down transformer may be relatively straightforward and inexpensive compared to other potential feeder-level interconnection requirements, however any specific questions should be directed to PG&E’s Generation Interconnection Services. We should also point out that any potential step-down transformer issues are not reflected in the ICA map, which is only indicative of feeder-level hosting and load capacity.