



2021 Distribution Investment Deferral Framework

Request for Offers

Solicitation Protocol

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I. Introduction and Overview

I.A. Overview

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“PG&E”) is issuing this 2021 Distribution Investment Deferral Framework (DIDF) Request For Offers (“RFO” or “Solicitation”) in compliance with California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) Decision (“D.”)18-02-004, May 7, 2019 Administrative Law Judge’s (“ALJ”) Ruling Modifying the Distribution Investment Deferral Framework Process, April 13, 2020 ALJ’s Ruling Modifying the Distribution Investment Deferral Framework Process and the May 11, 2020 ALJ’s Ruling Modifying the Distribution Investment Deferral Framework — Filing And Process Requirements. The RFO is being conducted pursuant to CPUC approval of PG&E’s Advice Letter 6002-E via disposition letter.

This Solicitation Protocol sets forth the terms and conditions by which PG&E will seek Offers. An entity submitting an Offer in response to this RFO, hereinafter a “Participant,” agrees to be bound by all the terms, conditions and other provisions of this RFO as contained in this Solicitation Protocol and any changes or supplements to it that may be issued by PG&E. The obligations of the Participant are further described in Section VII.A, Agreement by Participant.

I.B. 2021 DIDF RFO Website and Communication

PG&E has established the 2021 DIDF RFO website at www.pge.com/2021didf. Participants may access and download all RFO documents, announcements, and Q&As that are posted.

To ensure the accuracy and consistency of information provided to all Participants, PG&E prefers that Participants communicate by e-mail to both DIDFRFO@pge.com and to the Independent Evaluator (“IE”) at Alan.Taylor@sedwayconsulting.com. With respect to a matter of general interest raised by any Participant, PG&E may, without reference to the inquiring Participant, post the question and PG&E’s response on PG&E’s website. PG&E will attempt to respond to all inquiries, but may decline to respond to any particular inquiry.

All correspondence to and from a Participant will be monitored by the IE, Sedway Consulting, Inc. (“Sedway Consulting”), who the CPUC selected to oversee this Solicitation. The IE is an independent, third-party evaluator who is required by the CPUC to monitor and evaluate certain competitive solicitations.

I.C. Schedule Overview

The expected schedules for the RFO are listed in Table I.1 and Table I.2 below.

Table I.1: PG&E 2021 DIDF Solicitation Schedule for Third Party Ownership (Willow Pass, San Miguel, Calistoga, Ripon, Zamora, and Greenbrae)¹

Date	Activity
December 16, 2020	CPUC Approval of RFO
January 11, 2021	Issue RFO
January 19, 2021 at 1:00 - 3:00 PM (PPT)	Participants' Webinar
February 19, 2021 at 1:00 PM (PPT)	Offers(s) due via the online platform at Power Advocate
February 20, 2021	Offer(s) due to IE via USB flash-drive
March 5, 2021	PG&E notifies selected Participants that their Offer(s) will be included on a list of Offers for which PG&E may seek to enter into or negotiate an Agreement related to that Offer ("Shortlist")
March 11, 2021	Participants notify PG&E whether they accept Shortlist status and acknowledge acceptance of the Confidentiality Agreement
May 31, 2021	Complete negotiations and execute transaction
June 14, 2021	File transactions for CPUC approval

¹ Schedule conforms to requirement for PG&E to file transactions for CPUC approval within 6 months of CPUC approval of RFO per Section 5.1.2 of ALJ's Ruling Modifying the Distribution Investment Deferral Framework issued on April 13, 2020.

**Table I.2: PG&E 2021 DIDF Solicitation Schedule for Third Party and Utility Ownership
(Blackwell Bank 1)²**

Date	Activity
December 16, 2020	CPUC Approval of RFO
January 11, 2021	Issue RFO
April 15, 2021	Issue detailed specifications and term sheet for IOU ownership
April 20, 2021 at 1:00 - 3:00 PM (PPT)	Participants' Webinar
June 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM (PPT)	Offer(s) due via the online platform at Power Advocate
June 15, 2021	Offer(s) due to IE via USB flash-drive
July 23, 2021	PG&E notifies selected Participants that their Offer(s) will be included on a list of Offers for which PG&E may seek to enter into or negotiate an Agreement related to that Offer ("Shortlist")
July 29 2021	Participants notify PG&E whether they accept Shortlist status and acknowledge acceptance of the Confidentiality Agreement
November 16, 2021	Complete negotiations and execute transaction
December 16, 2021	File transactions for CPUC approval

The schedule and documents associated with the RFO are subject to change at PG&E's sole discretion at any time and for any reason. PG&E will endeavor to notify Participants of any changes to the RFO, but shall not be liable for any costs or liability incurred by Participants or any other party due to a change or for failing to provide notice or acceptable notice of any change.

PG&E reserves the right to execute agreements resulting from this RFO (each an "Agreement") with any individual Participant at any time after selecting the Shortlist. PG&E's obligations under an Agreement will be conditioned upon PG&E's receipt of CPUC Approval within a stated period of time, as described further in Section XIII, CPUC Approval. PG&E will seek CPUC Approval of all executed Agreements. Participants should factor the CPUC's approval process into their project development timelines and proposals.

² Extended schedule for IOU Ownership opportunity pursuant to the issuance of CPUC's disposition letter on December 16, 2020 approving AL 6002-E.

I.D. Events in the RFO Schedule

- 1) Online Registration: Participants should register at the RFO website <http://www.pge.com/rfo> to receive timely announcements and updates about this RFO and other RFO-related information via email. Online registration is not required, but is strongly recommended.
- 2) PG&E issues the Solicitation: All documents associated with the Solicitation, including documents which Participants will need to prepare their Offer, are posted to PG&E's public website under "2021 Distribution Investment Deferral Framework RFO."
- 3) Participants' Webinars: The Webinars will provide an overview of the RFO and the requirements. Call-in information will be provided on the Solicitation website.
- 4) Offers Due: Offers must be received by PG&E by the dates and times listed in Table I.1 and Table I.2. Participant Offer package(s) must be submitted through the online platform, Power Advocate. Offer package(s) must include the documents described in Section V.C, Required Information. PG&E encourages Participants to begin developing their Offer packages early and to send questions regarding the preparation of their Offer(s) to DIDFRFO@pge.com. In addition, as described below in Section V.A., Participants must submit their offer materials on a USB flash-drive to the IE by the dates listed in Table I.1 and Table I.2.

PG&E may request a meeting or conference call to discuss a Participant's Offer. The purpose would be to provide PG&E with a full understanding of the details of an Offer for the evaluation process. The IE will be invited to participate in these discussions.

- 5) PG&E Selects Shortlist: PG&E expects to notify Participants selected for PG&E's Shortlist by the dates and times listed in Table I.1 and Table I.2. PG&E reserves the right to request additional information and to add additional Participants to the Shortlist following the initial selection.
- 6) PG&E and Participants Execute Agreements: PG&E expects to negotiate with Participants on the Shortlist and may select any subset of Shortlisted Offers for execution of an Agreement.
- 7) PG&E Submits Agreements for CPUC Approval: PG&E will seek CPUC Approval of each Agreement, as further described in Section XIII, CPUC Approval.

II. RFO Goals

II.A. PG&E Resource Needs

PG&E is seeking to enter into Agreements with DERs ("Projects") that meet the specifications noted in Section IV, Eligibility Requirements.

There are seven (7) locations for this RFO, which are distribution deferral opportunities located in PG&E's planning area. PG&E is seeking to procure approximately of 25.4 MW over the seven deferral locations.

Six of the opportunities are for third party ownership of DERs. There is one opportunity for which PG&E is seeking both third party ownership offers and utility ownership offers, pursuant to the May 11, 2020 ALJ Ruling Reform Item 44³. Due to the complexity of conducting a solicitation that includes utility ownership, the Blackwell Bank 1 deferral opportunity is on a different schedule. PG&E anticipates issuing more detailed specifications regarding utility ownership requirements in April 2021, pursuant to the schedule in Table I.2.

The deferral opportunities for third party ownership are:

1. Willow Pass Bank 1
2. San Miguel Bank 2
3. Calistoga Bank 1
4. Ripon 1705
5. Zamora 1108
6. Greenbrae Bank 2

The deferral opportunity for both third party ownership and utility ownership is:

1. Blackwell Bank 1

The expected performance and operational requirements for the deferral opportunities are listed below in Table II.1. For each one of the Deferral Needs, all of the expected performance and operational requirements need to be met in order to defer the planned investment.

Certain Grid Need information is confidential per CPUC D.14-05-016 and therefore redacted and kept confidential. PG&E will provide Participants with additional information about these confidential Deferral Needs upon receiving a fully completed and executed Appendix C – Non-Disclosure and Use of Information Agreement. Participants can send their Appendix C to PG&E via email to DIDFRFO@pge.com.

³ May 11, 2020 ALJ Ruling, Attachment A, Reform Item 44.

Table II.1: Expected Performance and Operational Requirements

Deferral Need	Grid Need Location	Requirement	Real Time (RT) or Day Ahead (DA) Dispatch	Grid Need (MW)	Delivery Month Range	Calls/Year	Delivery Hour Range	Hours Duration	Delivery Day Range	Online Date	Deferral Term (Years)
Willow Pass Bank 1	Willow Pass Bank 1	A	DA	0.3	Jun-Aug	8	2PM-8PM	2	Sat-Sun	6/1/2023	7
	Willow Pass Bank 3	B	DA	5.1	Jun-Sep	101	2PM-10PM	6	Mon-Sun	6/1/2023	7
San Miguel Bank 2	San Miguel Bank 1	A1	DA	1.3	Jun-Sep	122	6AM-11PM	5	Mon-Sun	5/1/2023	7
		A2	DA	2.2	Jun-Sep	122	6AM-11PM	10	Mon-Sun	5/1/2023	7
	San Miguel 1104	B	DA	1.0	Jun-Sep	66	5PM-10PM	4	Mon-Fri	5/1/2023	7
	Paso Robles 1107	C	DA	0.6	Jul-Sep	21	3PM-9PM	4	Mon-Fri	5/1/2023	7
Calistoga Bank 1	Calistoga Bank 1	A	DA	1.3	Jun-Sep	40	2PM-6PM	3	Mon-Sun	5/1/2023	7
	Calistoga 1102	B1	DA	2.0	Jun-Sep	122	12PM-9PM	5	Mon-Sun	5/1/2023	7
		B2	DA	1.0	Jun-Sep	122	12PM-9PM	8	Mon-Sun	5/1/2023	7
Ripon 1705	Vierra 1707	A	DA	3.7	Jun-Sep	102	3PM-10PM	5	Mon-Sun	4/30/2024	6
Zamora 1108	Zamora Bank 1	A	DA	1.1	Jun-Jul	45	6AM-10PM	14	Mon-Fri	5/1/2023	7

Greenbrae Bank 2	Greenbrae Bank 2	A	DA		7
Blackwell Bank 1	Blackwell Bank 1	A	DA		7

Additional information for the deferral opportunities:

1. Willow Pass Bank 1 – Two grid needs, located on Willow Pass Bank 1 and Willow Pass Bank 3. PG&E encourages, but does not require, that Participants submit an offer for both of the grid needs.
2. San Miguel Bank 2 – Three grid needs, located on San Miguel Bank 1, San Miguel 1104, and Paso Robles 1107. PG&E encourages, but does not require, that Participants submit an offer for all three of the grid needs. Due to capacity constraints on San Miguel Bank 1, DER bids that cause an increase in loading on the bank will not be viable (e.g., energy storage bids would need an alternative source of charging to be eligible.)
3. Calistoga Bank 1 – Two grid needs, located on Calistoga Bank 1 and Calistoga 1102. PG&E encourages, but does not require, that Participants submit an offer for both of the grid needs. The Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter (REFCL) project, a new high impedance fault detection system with fire ignition reducing technology, is currently being implemented at this substation. This requires a special protection scheme and coordination with downstream feeder protection from DERs. Interconnection of large generation or energy storage sources could potentially add additional challenge, complexity, and cost to the area.
4. Ripon 1705 – One grid need, located on Vierra 1707. The expected performance and operational requirements include 5 hour calls for the summer months in the evening hours.
5. Zamora 1108 – One grid need, located on Zamora Bank 1. Zamora Bank 1 has flat, baseload profile with a long duration need of 14 hours. Due to capacity constraints on Zamora Bank 1, DER bids that cause an increase in loading on the bank will not be viable (e.g., energy storage bids would need an alternative source of charging to be eligible.)
6. Greenbrae Bank 2 – One grid need, located on the Greenbrae Bank 2. Greenbrae has a high number of days per year that DER service is required and will be called on. The expected performance and operational requirements include long duration need (afternoon to night) and frequent calls needed all year round. Participants shall refer

to Appendix F2 for additional details on the load forecast for this need. Due to capacity constraints on Greenbrae Bank 2, DER bids that cause an increase in loading on the bank will not be viable (e.g., energy storage bids would need an alternative source of charging to be eligible). Participants must complete and execute Appendix C – Non-Disclosure and Use of Information Agreement before PG&E can provide confidential grid need information for Greenbrae Bank 2.

7. Blackwell Bank 1 – One grid need, located on Blackwell Bank 1. Capacity need to solve a reverse flow need due to over generation. The requirement is to increase the load on the bank when solar generation is forecasted to cause a back feed on the bank. PG&E will accept bids for utility ownership in addition to bids for third party ownership for Blackwell Bank 1. For utility ownership bids, PG&E does not anticipate using or valuing services other than distribution service. Participants must complete and execute Appendix C – Non-Disclosure and Use of Information Agreement before PG&E can provide confidential grid need information for Blackwell Bank 1.

PG&E does not want the DERs it procures through this RFO to create additional problems on the distribution system. Any DERs procured through this Solicitation must not operate in a manner that negatively impacts the system.

II.B. Project Costs and Deferral Values

Project Costs: The capital costs are estimated based on unit costs for typical projects and the exact project costs at the specific location may vary. The costs below are in 2020 dollars.

- Willow Pass Bank 1: \$14,741,000
- San Miguel Bank 2: \$9,700,000
- Calistoga Bank 1: \$7,340,000
- Ripon 1705: \$2,200,000
- Zamora 1108: \$ 1,200,000
- Greenbrae Bank 2: \$6,000,000
- Blackwell Bank 1: \$6,000,000

Deferral Value: The distribution deferral values represent the net present value of deferring the annual revenue requirement associated with the tradition distribution investment. The revenue requirement recovers the capital cost of the distribution upgrade, plus any associated O&M and overheads, such as taxes and depreciation. The deferral value is calculated using the Real Economic Carrying Charge (RECC) methodology as described in PG&E’s Demo B final report,

section 8.2⁴. The dates used to calculate net present values for the RFO evaluation are June 1, 2021 for third party ownership opportunities and November 1, 2021 for Blackwell Bank 1.

The deferral values are listed below:

- Willow Pass Bank 1: \$7,427,414
- San Miguel Bank 2: \$4,904,489
- Calistoga Bank 1: \$2,746,193
- Ripon 1705: \$1,429,249
- Zamora 1108: \$460,959
- Greenbrae Bank 2: \$2,252,417
- Blackwell Bank 1: \$2,307,478

III. PG&E Customer Engagement Support

Customer Engagement Support: PG&E recognizes the integral role that customer acquisition plays in the success of customer programs and projects. PG&E is open to offering optional support services in the areas of branding, marketing, customer account representatives, and data access & analytics to Participants with executed contracts that find value in these services. Additional information on the scope and price of these services will be shared during contract negotiations.

IV. Eligibility Requirements

Offers must meet the applicable specifications noted below.

IV.A. Offer Eligibility

Offers may be for Projects located in-front-of-the-meter or behind-the-meter and may also be dispatchable or non-dispatchable.⁵ Projects must be a DER, which include:

- Demand Response
- Energy Storage⁶
- Energy Efficiency
- Permanent Load Shift
- Renewable Distributed Generation

⁴ <http://drpwg.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/R1408013-PGE-Demo-Projects-A-B-Final-Reports.pdf>

⁵ Behind-the-Meter projects, including those that export, are eligible but must comply with any other applicable tariff rules.

⁶ Energy Storage charging restrictions will be determined during an interconnection study.

- Non-Renewable Distributed Generation⁷
- Electric Vehicles

Additional eligibility requirements for utility ownership will be announced in April 2021, pursuant to the schedule in Table I.2.

IV.B. Offer Requirements

PG&E is accepting partial Offers and Offers greater than the full need. Offers cannot exceed 200% of the Grid Need MW amount and Offers cannot be less than 0.5 MW (opposite for reverse flow grid needs), except where the Grid Need itself is less than 0.5 MW it acts as the minimum allowable Offer Size. Participants submitting an Offer that exceeds the required need must also submit an Offer that just meets the full required need. Each Grid Need Requirement must be available during the entire Delivery Hour Range as detailed in Table II.1.

Offer pricing may include a \$/kW-Month fixed price and may also include a \$/kWh variable price to be paid on days during months when the Project is notified that it is required to provide distribution services. Energy Efficiency Offers include a \$ price to be paid after the first year when savings have been verified. Price requirements for utility ownership will be announced in April 2021, pursuant to the schedule in Table I.2.

For each Offer, Participants should indicate whether their Offer pricing may be applied to project sizes above or below the project size specified in the Offer. The additional range will be taken into consideration to facilitate combinations of Offers to satisfy grid needs, potential grid load need changes due to an updated load forecast, or potential procurement of a buffer to address load forecasting uncertainty. Participants should provide PG&E with a maximum and minimum MW range that is applicable to each Offer. Participants shall also indicate the extent at which each offer is mutually inclusive or exclusive with other Offers in their Offer Form and Intro Letter.

PG&E must procure cost-effective DERs at the quantities in Table II.1 that address the full needs in order to defer the traditional distribution upgrade that will otherwise be necessary in 2023 or 2024. **To the extent that a Participant is able to, each Participant is encouraged to submit at least one Offer that addresses the entire combined need at each deferral need location.** For example, addressing the entire combined need at Willow Pass Bank 1 would require meeting Requirement A at Willow Pass Bank 1 and Requirement B at Willow Pass Bank 3. Not submitting

⁷ As listed in VI. Evaluation of Offers, PG&E has a preference for selection of renewable resources per Resolution E-4956, Ordering Paragraph 17. In addition, a non-renewable distributed generation project must be able to produce GHG emissions reductions over its lifecycle.

an offer for the entire combined need will leave the consideration of a Participant’s Offer(s) dependent on other Participants providing complementary offers that can be packaged into portfolios that meet the complete needs of the deferral opportunity. In addition, PG&E may consider a single counterparty solution to have certain qualitative contract administration benefits.

Refer to Table II.1 for a full list of the expected performance and operational requirements for each Grid Need.

Offer requirements for third party ownership opportunities:

1. Willow Pass Bank 1

- Requirement A: Willow Pass Bank 1

Offer Size	0.3 MW
Duration	2 hour

- Requirement B: Willow Pass Bank 3

Offer Size	5.1 MW
Duration	6 hours

2. San Miguel Bank 2

- Requirement A (A1 + A2): San Miguel Bank 1

<u>Offer Size</u>	<u>3.5 MW (28.5 MWh)</u>
<u>Duration</u>	<u>10 hours</u>

- Requirement A1: San Miguel Bank 1

Offer Size	1.3 MW
Duration	5 hours

- Requirement A2: San Miguel Bank 1

Offer Size	2.2 MW
Duration	10 hours

- Requirement B: San Miguel 1104

Offer Size	1.0 MW
Duration	4 hours

- Requirement C: Paso Robles 1107

Offer Size	0.6 MW
Duration	4 hours

3. Calistoga Bank 1

- Requirement A: Calistoga Bank 1

Offer Size	1.3 MW
Duration	3 hours

- Requirement B (B1 + B2): Calistoga 1102

<u>Offer Size</u>	<u>3.0 MW (18 MWh)</u>
<u>Duration</u>	<u>8 hours</u>

- Requirement B1: Calistoga 1102

Offer Size	2.0 MW
Duration	5 hours

- Requirement B2: Calistoga 1102

Offer Size	1.0 MW
Duration	8 hours

4. Ripon 1705

- Requirement A: Vierra 1707

Offer Size	3.7 MW
Duration	5 hours

5. Zamora 1108

- Requirement A: Zamora Bank 1

Offer Size	1.1 MW
Duration	14 hours

6. Greenbrae Bank 2

- Requirement A: Greenbrae Bank 2

Offer Size	
Duration	

Offer requirements for third party ownership including utility ownership opportunity:

1. Blackwell Bank 1

- Requirement A: Blackwell Bank 1

Offer Size (MW)	
Hours Duration	

IV.C. Resource Double Payment/Double Counting

The goal of this Solicitation is to acquire DERs that are incremental to both existing DERs and DERs that are projected to be adopted during the forecast horizon.

Only DERs that are categorized as wholly incremental or partially incremental will be considered eligible for the purposes of this Solicitation. Energy efficiency Participants will have the option of having their Offer evaluated for incrementality on a project-specific basis or having their Offer evaluated based on a pre-specified overlap factor. If the overlap factor option is selected, the savings value of the Offer will be discounted by 10% to reflect the overlap between the Participant’s proposal and energy efficiency resources that are projected to be deployed in the local area in the absence of the Offer. All other resource types must go through the project specific review.

For the project specific review, the Offer may be considered between 0% and 100% incremental. Participants must submit Appendix B, Section V. Resource Double Payment/Double Counting, to show how the proposal is either wholly or partially incremental to ongoing PG&E incentive programs, tariffs, or other solicitations. Offers may be considered either fully incremental or partially incremental. Participants will be required to describe how their proposed Project is incremental to PG&E’s programs, tariffs, or other solicitations:

- PG&E’s Energy Efficiency (EE) program portfolio
- PG&E’s Demand Response (DR) program portfolio
- PG&E’s Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)
- PG&E’s Net Energy Metering (NEM) program
- PG&E’s energy storage solicitations
- PG&E’s renewable generation solicitations

Table IV.1 below describes and provides examples for what PG&E considers to be wholly, partially, or non-incremental.

Examples:

Table IV.1: Description and Examples of Incrementality

Category	Example	Incremental
<p>Not already sourced through another program, tariff, solicitation</p>	<p>A new, front-of-the meter renewable generator that is not already under contract to PG&E</p> <p>An “add-on” Offer to any already deployed DER that would allow that already-deployed DER to provide the distribution services solicited (for example, a demand response Offer that utilizes existing thermostats, distributed generation, energy storage, or electric vehicles).</p> <p>A new load modifying demand response Offer that provides the local distribution services solicited (for example, an appliance direct load control program).</p> <p>An energy efficiency measure or targeted customer group that is not already included in PG&E’s energy efficiency program portfolio.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes, if the existing resources without the “add on” were not capable of providing the distribution service. This would also include the addition of dispatchable storage to an existing, non-dispatchable behind-the-meter solar resource, or the provision of dispatchable distribution service from an SGIP storage resource that is not dispatchable under its current tariff.</p>
<p>Partially sourced through another program, tariff, solicitation</p>	<p>Offering an enhanced incentive to increase uptake of a DER in an area over what would be expected under the base program, tariff, solicitation (for example, converting an existing energy efficiency co-pay program to a direct install program or offering enhanced incentives to increase uptake of distributed generation or energy storage in a local area).</p>	<p>Yes, but only the portion (if any) that is not currently being compensated for by the existing base program, tariff, solicitation.</p> <p>There would be a high bar in this case for the vendor to show that the enhanced incentive will increase uptake.</p>

Category	Example	Incremental
Wholly sourced through another program, tariff, solicitation	<p>Participant submits Offer for rooftop PV that is already compensated under NEM tariff without material enhancement such as adding energy storage.</p> <p>Participant submits Offer for distributed generation or energy storage that is already compensated for under SGIP without material enhancement such as committing capacity to dispatch pursuant to a distribution services agreement.</p> <p>Participant submits Offer for distribution services from an existing front-of-the-meter solar resource</p> <p>Participant submits Offer for EE or DR program that is already in PG&E's EE or DR portfolio without material enhancement.</p>	<p>No, distribution services have already been compensated for under existing programs or tariffs.</p> <p>No, Absent the addition of an additional service, resource is already sourced through an existing channel.</p>

IV.D. Interconnection

Projects must connect or be associated with load facilities that connect to one of the feeders at the following locations:

- Willow Pass Bank 1
- Willow Pass Bank 3
- San Miguel Bank 1
- San Miguel 1104
- Paso Robles 1107
- Calistoga Bank 1
- Calistoga 1102
- Viera 1707
- Zamora Bank 1
- Greenbrae Bank 2

- Blackwell Bank 1

There are no minimum interconnection study requirements for an Offer. However, PG&E will assess whether Projects are likely to meet the required online date. Participants should submit any applicable interconnection studies with their Offers.

PG&E encourages Participants to utilize PG&E's Integration Capacity Analysis (ICA) map, which is designed to help contractors and developers find information on potential project sites for distributed energy resources (DERs).

Additional information on PG&E's ICA map can be found at:

https://www.pge.com/en_US/for-our-business-partners/distribution-resource-planning/distribution-resource-planning-data-portal.page?ctx=large-business

IV.E. Measurement and Verification (M&V)

Participants must submit Appendix B, Section VII. Measurement and Verification (M&V), describing in detail their proposed methodology for measuring distribution services under the Agreement. In general, preference will be given to proposals that employ existing M&V protocols adopted by the CAISO and CPUC as appropriate to the technology proposed. For Energy Efficiency offers, preference will be given to offers that employ a meter-based approach to M&V.

V. Offer Submittal Process

V.A. Submittal Process Overview

All Offers must be received by the dates and times specified in Table I.1 and Table I.2.

Submitting Documents: All Offers for this RFO *must* be submitted electronically through Power Advocate. Prior to submitting an Offer, Participants must register with Power Advocate. PG&E strongly encourages Participants to register with Power Advocate well before Offers are due. PG&E will post detailed instructions on the DIDF RFO website for submitting Offer(s) and using the online platform. Power Advocate registrants should be listed under the entity submitting the Offer, the Participant, not its consultants.

In addition to the submission of Offers through Power Advocate, Participants must simultaneously submit their offer materials to the IE on a USB flash-drive for physical delivery no later than one day following the Power Advocate offer submission deadline. The Participant's flash-drive must contain the same materials that were submitted through Power Advocate and must be sent to the IE at the following address:

Sedway Consulting, Inc.
821 15th Street

Boulder, CO 80302
PH: (303) 581-4172

Participants will be sent an email confirmation from the IE of the receipt of their flash-drive package when the IE receives them. If a Participant does not receive a confirmation email, please email the IE at: Alan.Taylor@sedwayconsulting.com.

Power Advocate Link: <https://www.poweradvocate.com/pR.do?okey=111578&pubEvent=true>

Power Advocate functions in most browsers; however, it may not work as well in browsers older than Internet Explorer version 8.

Each Offer should be uploaded as a “Commercial” and “Administrative” document type in Power Advocate. If submitting more than one Offer, each Offer should be in separate zip files. Please make sure that file names for your submittals do **not** contain any special characters such as * & #, and please keep file names short, but do include short references to Participant’s name (such as an acronym) and the appendix (e.g., App B).

Electronic Document Formats: Electronic documents must be submitted as Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, or pdf files, as identified in Section V.C, Required Information. However, maps or drawings may be in alternate formats (e.g., jpg, kmz) as appropriate. To the extent possible, pdf files should be provided in a searchable format. The Participant should not provide documents in other electronic formats, unless specifically requested.

V.B. Number of Offers and Variations Allowed Per Seller

There are no limits to the number of Offers Participants may submit. As noted above, to the extent that a Participant can, each Participant is encouraged to submit at least one Offer that addresses the entire combined need at the deferral opportunity. Participants must also specify whether their Offer prices may be applied to Project sizes above or below the Project size specified in each Offer.

V.C. Required Information

Each Participant’s Offer(s) must be complete at the time of submission. Participant’s failure to provide all required information may prevent PG&E from being able to evaluate, rank the Offer, and consider it for the Shortlist.

Offers must contain all required information and must be organized in accordance with these instructions.

Participants must complete the following documents: (1) the initial Offer package (see Section V.C.1, Offer Package, below); and (2) the post-Shortlist package, if PG&E selects the

Participant’s Offer(s) for the Shortlist (see Section V.C.2, Post-Shortlist Documents, below). Participants’ Offer(s) should be consistent with the obligations specified in the Agreement.

Note on Joint Offers: If a Participant is submitting an Offer jointly with another Participant, each Participant will need to be registered as a Participant in Power Advocate separately from any other Participant submitting an Offer and PG&E may require additional documentation or conditions, such as retaining separate legal counsel, restricting the sharing of certain information, or requiring all Participants to the joint Offer to acknowledge acceptance of a modified Confidentiality Agreement and agree to, and execute, modified terms for RFO participation, similar to those set forth in Section VII.A, Agreement by Participant.

1. Offer Package

Provide an **Introductory Letter** that describes the Project and all the Offers submitted, including identification of the differences between Offers, such as size, and technologies. In addition, complete all of the Appendices listed in Table V.1, below.

A separate Offer Form is required for each Grid Need Location, but an entirely new Offer package is not required; there is no need to submit unchanged, duplicate Appendices if the information is the same.

Participants wishing to submit an Offer for Greenbrae or Blackwell will need to submit a fully completed and executed Appendix C in order to receive the Confidential Offer Forms and Confidential Appendix F2.

Table V.1: PG&E DIDF RFO Offer Package

Appendix	Title	Description	Format
	Introductory Letter	Describe the Project and Offer information. A sample introductory letter outline is provided.	PDF
A	Offer Form	Provide the requested information.	MS Excel
B	Supplemental RFO Documents Required for Participation	Provide the requested information.	PDF

2. Post-Shortlist Documents

If the Participant is notified that it is eligible for and accepts PG&E’s Shortlist position, then the Participant must complete the Appendices listed in Table V.2, below. Any delay in providing the Appendices below will impact the Participant’s Shortlist position.

Table V.2: PG&E DIDF RFO - Post-Shortlist Appendices

Appendix	Title	Description	Format
D	Confidentiality Agreement	Participants must acknowledge acceptance of the Confidentiality Agreement when accepting a position on the Shortlist.	PDF
E	Technology Neutral Pro Forma (TNPf)	Redline of TNPf Contract	MS Word

VI. Evaluation of Offers

PG&E will evaluate individual Offers and/or construct different portfolios of Offers that meet the deferral opportunity area need. PG&E’s evaluation will apply “least-cost, best-fit” principles, using quantitative and qualitative criteria to evaluate the submitted Offers, which may include, but are not limited to:

Quantitative Attributes:

- a) Benefits (Distribution Deferral Value)
- b) Fixed and Variable Costs

Qualitative Attributes:

- a) Project Viability (experience, technology viability, interconnection, site control)
- b) Supply Chain Responsibility
- c) Technology, Counterparty Concentration
- d) Safety
- e) Financial Information

Qualitative Factors

a) Project Viability

Project viability means the likelihood that the Project under an Offer can be successfully developed and then provide the product for the period stated in the Offer. This assessment is based on a review of the status and plans for key Project activities (e.g., financing, site control, permitting, engineering, procurement, construction, interconnection, start-up and testing, operations, etc.) as well as experience and technology evaluation.

b) Supply Chain Responsibility

PG&E may consider Participant’s status as a Small Business Administration self-certified small business. PG&E is committed to supply chain responsibility which includes supplier diversity, sustainability and ethical supply chain practices. The

Supplier Diversity Program, launched in 1981, aims to provide diverse suppliers with economic opportunities to supply products and services. The Supplier Sustainability Program, launched in 2007, encourages supplier responsibility, excellence and innovation.

Promoting an ethical supply chain means that Health and Safety, Labor Issues and Human Rights, Ethical Business Conduct and Conflicts of Interest are important considerations in supplier selection.

Additional information on PG&E's DBE program can be found at:
www.pge.com/supplychainresponsibility

c) Counterparty and Technology Concentration

PG&E may consider the volume of energy or capacity already under contract from a counterparty, as well as Offers submitted in this RFO.

d) Safety

PG&E may consider Participants' commitment to safety, based on the safety history and practices of the entities that will construct, operate, or maintain the Projects and safety information related to the technology for the Project and Project development.

e) Financial Information

PG&E reserves the right to request three years of audited financial statements to assess the financial viability of Participant. If requested, financial information must be provided for the Participant and any entity providing credit enhancement or other corporate support to the Participant. As necessary, please specify whether the information provided is for the Participant, its parent or affiliate, or an entity providing security on the Participant's behalf.

Any or all qualitative factors may impact a Project's status for Shortlisting or Agreement execution.

VII. Terms for RFO Participation

VII.A. Agreement by Participant

Each Participant submitting an Offer shall provide their electronic signature of a duly authorized officer of Participant in the Offer Form. By providing such signature the Participant (a) agrees to be bound by all terms, conditions and other provisions of this RFO and any changes or supplements to it that may be issued by PG&E, and (b) makes the following representations and warranties:

1. Participant has read, understands, and agrees to be bound by all terms, conditions and other provisions of the RFO.
2. Participant has had the opportunity to seek independent legal and financial advice of its own choosing with respect to the RFO and all Appendices to the RFO.
3. Unless otherwise specified in the Offer Form, Participant is not PG&E, an affiliate of PG&E, PG&E Corporation, or any of their affiliates.
4. Participant has obtained all necessary authorizations, approvals and waivers, if any, required of Participant as a condition of: (i) submitting its Offer and, if Participant's Offer is selected; (ii) executing an Agreement with PG&E at the conclusion of negotiations.
5. Participant is submitting its Offer subject to all applicable laws including, but not limited to, D.17 -02-007, the Federal Power Act and all amendments thereto, and Public Utilities Code section 454.5, and all amendments thereto.
6. Participant represents that it has carefully considered the terms and conditions of its Offer and that it is submitting its Offer in good faith, such that PG&E may reasonably expect Participant to enter into a definitive Agreement, and to negotiate, if requested by PG&E, as provided in Section XI, Execution of Agreement, below.
7. Participant has not engaged in and will not engage in communications with any other Participant in the RFO concerning any terms contained in Participant's Offer, unless explicitly authorized by PG&E, and has not engaged in activities in violation of State or Federal antitrust laws or other unlawful or unfair business practices in connection with the RFO ("Prohibited Communication Activities").

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Participant may engage in communications with its advisors, counsel, experts or employees who have a need to know the content of the communications and have agreed to keep such information confidential (collectively, "advisors"). In addition, Participant may engage in communications with other Participants submitting an Offer in the RFO and their advisors ("Other Participants"), so long as: (1) such Other Participants are under common ownership and control with Participant; (2) Participant and Other Participants do not engage in Prohibited Communication Activities; and (3) in the event Participant and Other Participant share a common advisor, Participant has, prior to sharing communications with such Other Participant and the common advisor, provided PG&E with (a) notice of such Other Participant and common advisor and (b) an attestation that Participant has not and will not engage in Prohibited Communication Activities with either the Other Participant or the common advisor.

8. If Participant's Offer is selected for the Shortlist and Participant accepts the position on the Shortlist, then Participant agrees to acknowledge acceptance of a

Confidentiality Agreement, to negotiate in good faith, and to inform PG&E if the Project that is the subject of the Offer on the Shortlist has been submitted into another solicitation with PG&E or any other entity.

9. If a Participant is submitting an Offer jointly with other entities, and the Offer is selected for the Shortlist, PG&E may require, as part of the shortlisting process, additional representations and warranties, along with additional documentation, from all entities involved in the joint Offer (see Section V.C, Required Information, above).
10. Participant will promptly notify PG&E of any change in circumstances that may affect its ability to fulfill the terms of its Offer, at any time from Offer submission to PG&E's acceptance of the Offer, as evidenced by PG&E's execution of an applicable Agreement, or Participant's withdrawal of the Offer.

A BREACH BY ANY PARTICIPANT OF THE REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES IN SECTION V.A OF THIS SOLICITATION PROTOCOL, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REMEDIES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO PG&E UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, IS GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION OF SUCH PARTICIPANT FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE RFO AND, DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OR SEVERITY OF THE BREACH, MAY ALSO BE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATING THE RFO IN ITS ENTIRETY.

VII.B. PG&E's Reservation of Rights

This RFO is an invitation to submit Offers to PG&E; it does not constitute an offer to buy and creates no obligation to execute any Agreement or to enter into a transaction under an Agreement as a consequence of the RFO. PG&E reserves the right to request information from a Participant at any time during the solicitation process. PG&E reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any Offer at any time for any reason, including but not limited to grounds that the Offer does not conform to the terms and conditions of this RFO or contains terms that are not acceptable to PG&E. PG&E also retains the discretion, in its sole judgment, at any time; (a) to formulate and implement new or additional criteria for the evaluation and selection of Offers; (b) to negotiate with any Participant or withdraw PG&E's Shortlist selection; or (c) to modify this RFO as it deems appropriate to implement the RFO and to comply with applicable law or other direction provided by the CPUC. In addition, PG&E reserves the right to either suspend or terminate this RFO at any time for any reason. PG&E will not be liable in any way, by reason of such withdrawal, rejection, suspension, termination or any other action described in this paragraph to any third party, including any Participant. PG&E will not reimburse the Participant for its expense of participating in this RFO under any circumstances.

VII.C. Safety

PG&E is committed to providing safe utility (electric and gas) service to its customers. As part of this commitment, PG&E requires that the Participants recognize safety is of paramount importance. In connection with this Solicitation and executed Agreement, Participants will be required to meet certain safety standards, provide safety information related to the technology for the Project, and provide information regarding safety history, including for the entities that will construct, operate, or maintain the Project(s). Per Appendix B8, Participants are required to identify in their Offers known safety-related hazards and risks associated with their Project's technology and Participant's ability to mitigate safety risks and comply with applicable safety-related codes and standards identified by the Participant.

A Participant's obligations with respect to safety may vary based on the particular Agreement and Project and product type, as well as the commercial relationship of the entities involved in the transaction. The Agreement will contain specific requirements intended to ensure that the Participant and the entities that construct, operation, or maintain the Project, as applicable, do so in a safe, reliable and efficient manner that protects the public health and safety of California residents, business, employees, and the community. Participants will be responsible for any fees and costs associated with meeting PG&E's safety requirements in the Solicitation and the Agreement.

VIII. Confidentiality

Except with PG&E's prior written consent, no Participant shall disclose its participation in this Solicitation (other than by attendance at any meeting held by PG&E with respect to the Solicitation) or collaborate on, or discuss with any other Participant or potential Participant offering strategies or the substance of any Offer(s), including without limitation the price or any other terms or conditions of any Offer(s).

Except as provided below, all information and documents clearly identified by Participant as "Confidential" on the page(s) on which confidential information appears shall be considered confidential information. PG&E shall not disclose such information and documents to any third parties except for PG&E's or PG&E Corporation's, officers, directors, employees, agents, counsel, accountants, advisors, or contractors who have a need to know such information and have agreed to keep such information confidential and except as provided below. PG&E may use Confidential Information, consolidated with other market information and not specifically attributed to the Provider, to analyze or forecast market conditions or prices, for its own internal use or in the context of regulatory or other proceedings.

It is expressly contemplated that materials submitted by a Participant in connection with this RFO will be provided to the CPUC, its staff, the Independent Evaluator, and PG&E's Procurement Review Group ("PRG"). PG&E will seek confidential treatment pursuant to D.08-04-023, General Order 66-D, and Public Utilities Code section 583, with respect to any Participant-supplied non-public RFO information and documents ("Participant's Confidential

Information”) that are submitted by PG&E to the CPUC for the purpose of obtaining CPUC Approval. PG&E will also seek confidentiality and/or non-disclosure agreements with the PRG applicable to the Participant’s Confidential Information. PG&E cannot, however, ensure that the CPUC will afford confidential treatment to a Participant’s Confidential Information, or that those confidentiality agreements or orders will be obtained from and/or honored by the PRG or the CPUC.

With respect to any information or documents provided by the Participant, PG&E shall have the right to disclose to the CPUC, its staff, the Independent Evaluator, the PRG, CAISO, other control area operator or balancing authority and any other entity in order to comply with any applicable law, regulation, or rule or order issued by a court or entity with competent jurisdiction over PG&E, at any time, even in the absence of a protective order, confidentiality agreement or nondisclosure agreement, as the case may be, without notification to the Participant and without liability or any responsibility of PG&E to the Participant.

Once a Participant is selected for the Shortlist, the Participant must acknowledge acceptance of the Confidentiality Agreement in the form attached as Appendix D and within five (5) business days of notification of their selection in order to continue to participate in the RFO. Depending upon Participant’s submittal in response to Appendix B, PG&E may require additional confidentiality obligations with collaborating entities.

IX. Cost Allocation Mechanism (“CAM”) Group Review

Following completion of the evaluation and ranking of Offers, PG&E will submit the results of the evaluation and its recommendations to its CAM. Such information will include at least the all-in cost ranking of Offers, the consideration of non-price evaluation criteria, and PG&E’s recommendations based on such information. PG&E has no obligation to obtain the concurrence of the CAM with respect to any Offer.

PG&E assumes no responsibility for the actions of the CAM, including actions that may delay or otherwise affect the schedule for this Solicitation, including the timing of the selection of Offers and the obtaining of CPUC Approval.

X. Shortlist Notification to Participants

The Solicitation schedule set forth in Section I.C, Schedule Overview, may be modified at PG&E’s sole discretion. PG&E expects to be able to provide an e-mail notification to Participants whose Offers have been selected for the Shortlist and invite each Participant on the Shortlist to conduct discussions and negotiations with PG&E regarding the Offer selected for the Shortlist. PG&E anticipates notifying those Participants whose Offers were not Shortlisted shortly thereafter.

XI. Execution of Agreement

By submitting an Offer, Participant agrees, if its Offer is selected for PG&E's Shortlist, that it is prepared to (1) enter into a definitive Agreement consistent with the Agreement submitted, and (2) negotiate and execute a definitive Agreement consistent with the Participant's Offer and containing such other terms and conditions as may be mutually acceptable to PG&E and the Participant. PG&E's evaluation of a Participant's Offer and PG&E's Shortlisting of a Participant does not constitute an agreement by PG&E.

XII. Credit

Upon CPUC Approval of an Agreement with PG&E, the Participant must post collateral to PG&E to mitigate PG&E's risk in the event that the Project is not constructed or placed into commercial operation, or the Participant is otherwise unable to meet the conditions of the Agreement. Participant is required to post collateral in the form of cash or letter of credit from a reputable U.S. bank in the following amounts and by the time discussed below:

Project Development Security: \$40/kW for new resources, or \$25/kW for existing resources, due within five (5) Business Days following CPUC approval of the Agreement.

Delivery Term Security: \$40/kw, due by the Online Date. The participant can elect to apply the unused portion of the PDS to DTS and provide additional collateral as needed. The PDS and DTS amounts are determined by multiplying \$40.00 per kW by the contract capacity (in kW) of the DER project.

Performance assurance is a routine commercial requirement intended to create an incentive for the developer to complete the project on time and ensure that the contractual performance of the project is met and maintained over the life of the contract. PDS and DTS amounts are needed as PG&E seeks to mitigate as much as possible any potential losses associated with a counterparty's non-performance. Since these projects are for local distribution reliability, there are real consequences for not coming on-line and delivering as promised. The performance assurance requirement helps mitigate the costs of replacing the defaulted DER contract. In determining the collateral requirements for DER projects PG&E takes into account many factors such as:

- Any upfront payments by PG&E for development of the project and the ability to collect back those payments if the project fails
- If there are no prepayments but project does not get developed, or is delayed, the costs necessary to correct the non-performance
- If the project is needed to address a regulatory mandated program and the project fails or is delayed, penalties that could be assessed
- If the project is developed and is operating, the potential losses if the project fails to continue to operate or is not operating per requirements

As shown above, there is a variety of uncertainties that needs to be addressed as part of the design of the credit requirements. Over time the cost of replacement as a proxy for damages can change significantly higher or lower. For this reason, requirements for the development and delivery term securities can vary over time. There are additional considerations such as cost of replacement of emerging technologies such as energy storage or the costs associated with a temporary solution based upon immediate need at the time of default plus the costs associated with a longer-term solution. Although It is difficult to determine the replacement costs prior to default, and it is possible that the amount PG&E is requiring may not be sufficient to cover those costs; the \$40/kW for PDS and DTS should help mitigate potential losses should a DER project fail. PG&E may increase or decrease the requirements for future solicitations if market conditions or costs of various products were to further fluctuate in the future.

XIII. CPUC Approval

Whether an Agreement becomes effective and binding on the parties is expressly conditioned on PG&E's receipt of CPUC Approval, which will be more specifically defined in the Agreement. At a minimum PG&E will require a finding from the CPUC that PG&E's entry into the Agreement satisfies PG&E's DIDF requirements on terms are reasonable, and that PG&E will recover the costs incurred under the Agreement in its rates. Additionally, the Agreement will be subject to a no-fault termination if CPUC Approval does not occur within a specified period. CPUC Approval typically requires the approval of the Agreement by the CPUC to be final and non-appealable without any modifications that are unacceptable to either of the parties.

XIV. Waiver of Claims and Limitations of Remedies

Except as expressly set forth in this Protocol, by submitting an Offer, Participant knowingly and voluntarily waives all remedies or damages at law or equity concerning or related in any way to the Solicitation, the Solicitation Protocol and/or any attachments to the Solicitation Protocol ("Waived Claims"). The assertion of any Waived Claims by Participant may, to the extent that Participant's Offer has not already been disqualified, automatically disqualify such Offer from further consideration in the Solicitation or otherwise.

By submitting an Offer, Participant agrees that the only forums in which Participant may assert any challenge with respect to the conduct or results of the Solicitation is through the Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") services provided by the CPUC pursuant to Resolution ALJ 185, August 25, 2005. The ADR process is voluntary in nature, and does not include processes, such as binding arbitration, that impose a solution on the disputing parties. However, PG&E will consider the use of ADR under the appropriate circumstances. Additional information about this program is available on the CPUC's website at the following link:

http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/published//Agenda_resolution/47777.htm

Participant further agrees that other than through the ADR process, the only means of challenging the conduct or results of the Solicitation is a protest to PG&E's filing seeking CPUC

Approval of one or more Agreements entered into as a result of the Solicitation, that the sole basis for any such protest shall be that PG&E allegedly failed in a material respect to conduct the Solicitation in accordance with this Protocol, and the exclusive remedy available to Participant in the case of such a protest shall be an order of the CPUC that PG&E again conduct any portion of the Solicitation that the CPUC determines was not previously conducted in accordance with the Solicitation Protocol. Participant expressly waives any and all other remedies, including, without limitation, compensatory and/or exemplary damages, restitution, injunctive relief, interest, costs, and/or attorney's fees. Unless PG&E elects to do otherwise in its sole discretion during the pendency of such a protest or ADR process, the Solicitation and any related regulatory proceedings related to the Solicitation, will continue as if the protest had not been filed, unless the CPUC has issued an order suspending the Solicitation or PG&E has elected to terminate the Solicitation.

Participant agrees to indemnify and hold PG&E harmless from any and all claims by any other Participant asserted in response to the assertion of a Waived Claim by Participant or as a result of a Participant's protest to an advice letter filing with the CPUC resulting from the Solicitation.

Except as expressly provided in this Protocol, nothing herein including Participant's waiver of the Waived Claims as set forth above, shall in any way limit or otherwise affect the rights and remedies of PG&E.

XV. Termination of the RFO-Related Matters

PG&E reserves the right at any time, in its sole discretion, to terminate the RFO for any reason whatsoever without prior notification to Participants and without liability of any kind to, or responsibility of, PG&E or anyone acting on PG&E's behalf. Without limitation, grounds for termination of the RFO may include the assertion of any Waived Claims by a Participant or a determination by PG&E that, following evaluation of the Offers, there are no Offers that provide adequate ratepayer benefit.

PG&E reserves the right to change the Offer evaluation criteria for any reason, to terminate further participation in this process by any Participant, to accept any Offer or to enter into any definitive Agreement, to evaluate the qualifications of any Participant, and to reject any or all Offers, all without notice and without assigning any reasons and without liability to PG&E or anyone acting on PG&E's behalf. PG&E shall have no obligation to consider any Offer.

In the event of termination of the RFO for any reason, PG&E will not reimburse the Participant for any expenses incurred in connection with the RFO regardless of whether such Participant's Offer is selected, not selected, rejected or disqualified.