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Subject: Specification Number HQ21-1837 – Platte River Power Authority Renewable Energy Supply – Photovoltaic Solar Generation (PV Solar) and Battery Energy Storage Generation Systems (BESS) Project – Questions and Answers Response

1. We only design BESS, would we be considered for the BESS side of the opportunity?

ANSWER: Yes, Platte River will accept individual bids for the BESS system.

2. In our past research and discussions with engineers, we understood the Ault-Carrie line to be 230kV. However, the Solar BESS Bid Specifications document states that the line is 345kV. Could you please clarify to us the kV of the line?

ANSWER: The Ault-Carey transmission line is 230kV.

3. Is there a bid fee to respond to the Energy Supply – PV Solar and BESS RFP?

ANSWER: No.

4. For distribution resources (sub-25MW) would you accept delivery at any Platte River substation?

ANSWER: Project interconnection could be a Platte River substation, but interconnection to a member city distribution substation may be more economical.

5. For larger utility-scale resources based in southern Colorado, would you accept delivery via PSCO wheel?

ANSWER: Yes. Obviously, we are looking for the best value for our customers in this RFP. Please bid your project and it will be selected if it offers us the best value.

6. Is there a minimum requirement/threshold in terms of development stage?

ANSWER: There is no minimum development stage threshold to bid your project, but projects further along in the development timeline will be scored higher in the evaluation process.

7. Will Platte River accept build-own-transfer products, or only PPA?

ANSWER: We prefer a PPA, but greater optionality will be scored higher in the evaluation process.

8. Will Platte River accept multiple projects under one bid? For example, one utility-scale 100MW+ and the other distribution sub-25MW? Or do we have to submit separate bids for each?

ANSWER: In order to increase your opportunity for success, we prefer projects with materially different cost structure to bid separately.

9. How much is the bid deposit/fee?

ANSWER: There is no deposit or fee required to submit a bid proposal.

10. What is the primary use-case scenario for the BESS (i.e., capacity, etc.)?

ANSWER: The primary use-case for the initial five-year term will be to shift solar to cover our daily peak load which typically occurs daily during 4:00 and 6:00 PM.

11. Once initial bids have been submitted in February, do you ask that bidders provide a “refresh” on pricing down the road? Especially given the current price volatility on raw materials, labor, and logistics combined with the future outcome of legislation such as Build Back Better?

ANSWER: Yes, we will be asking bidders to refresh bids prior to executing a final PPA.

12. Are the pre-COD deposits/securities established or will they become apparent once bidders move forward on a PPA?

ANSWER: Construction and operating performance security will be required and must be agreed to in a project specific term sheet and in final PPA.

13. Do your member cities accept delivery on the Del Camino Tap – Slater 115kv this line and substation?

ANSWER: The Del Camino Tap – Slater 115 kV transmission line and substation are owned and operated by Tri-State Generation and Transmission. Platte River can accept deliver, but an additional Tri-State transmission charge would be incurred.

14. Is there interest in a project that has a meter that exclusively services their demand?

ANSWER: Yes. A meter that measures the full MWh output of the project will be required to be installed at each project interconnection point.

15. Will delivery at the Green Valley substation outside the Denver airport be accepted?

ANSWER: Platte River will consider projects at any location, but please note that project costs to deliver the output to Platte River will be included in the project evaluation.

16. Curious if you have anything to share that would assist us with pulling in data to target sites for the RFP?

ANSWER: At this time, we do not have any additional information.

17. We are wondering if the Authority would accept a wind bid for this RFP?

ANSWER: We are seeking solar renewable energy under this RFP.

18. Can you describe the POIs available for interconnection on the western slope? Specifically, the injection capability available on the 345 kV Rifle to Craig line and the 138 kV Rifle to Meeker line.

ANSWER: Platte River is a partial owner of the Craig-Meeker-Rifle 345 kV line.

19. Have any steps been taken to initiate interconnection requests on the western slope, or is interconnection outside of PRPA’s service territory the sole responsibility of the bidder?

ANSWER: Platte River currently has not initiated any generator interconnection requests on the western slope. We understand that generator interconnection requests on the Craig-Ault 345 kV line must be submitted to WAPA and the Craig-Meeker-Rifle 345 kV line must be submitted to Tri-State.

20. Does a project have to be strictly located within a member's distribution territory or can it directly adjacent to and interconnected with member distribution territory?

ANSWER: The 25 MW or smaller solar projects do not need to be located within a member-owned service territory, but Platte River would prefer a location near or visible to its members.

21. Is there a desire for BESS on the distribution network or transmission network only?

ANSWER: Platte River will consider BESS projects interconnected to the distribution or transmission network.