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NYSEG and RG&E Bulk Power Energy Storage Request for Proposals Q&A Document



Q&A Related to the NYSEG and RG&E Draft Bulk Power Energy Storage Request for Proposals¹

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Q1: Are Projects allowed to participate in both the NYSEDA Index Storage Credit (ISC) RFP and the NYSEG/RG&E 2025 Bulk Energy Storage RFP?

A1: There is no latitude for the December 31, 2028 in-service (Commercial Operation) date. NYSEG and RG&E would support a developer's petition to the New York State Public Service Commission (NYPSC) to extend this NYPSC in-service deadline in the event of project specific issues related to the NYISO's Class Year interconnection process that would delay the project's Commercial Operation Date (COD) beyond the current NYPSC in-service deadline.

Q2: Are fuel cell projects eligible to participate in the NYSEG/RG&E Bulk Energy Storage RFP?

A2: No. Fuel cell projects are not eligible to participate

Q3: Is there a size cap for projects beyond the "at least 10 MW" requirement?

A3: The RFP specifies that each utility (NYSEG and RG&E) is required to procure at least 10 MW of energy storage, but this is a minimum, not a cap. The actual amount procured will depend on:

- Offer prices
- Availability of funding
- Utility-defined procurement ceilings

There is no explicit maximum project size cap stated in the RFP. However, the utilities reserve the right to procure more or less than the 10 MW target, depending on the value and cost-effectiveness of the offers received.

¹ Responses to these questions represent NYSEG and RG&E's best thinking at the time of the response. NYSEG and RG&E reserve the right to change responses as circumstances develop. Any changes will be posted on the NYSEG or RG&E RFP website(s).



Q4: Can a project be larger than the preferred location capacity (e.g., 80 MW near a 20 MW preferred substation), and only a portion be bid?

A4: Yes, this is explicitly allowed under the RFP:

- You can submit a portion of a larger project as an offer.
- The RFP allows multiple offers from the same bidder, and each offer is defined by a unique Interconnection Point.
- You can submit variants of a base offer with different Dispatchable Capacities (e.g., 20 MW, 40 MW, etc.), as long as they share the same Interconnection Point.
- The portion of the project that is offered would need to be metered and controlled separately from the remainder of the project, and would need to be able to separately bid into the NYISO market.

As an example:

You have an 80 MW project within 30 miles of a preferred substation that is listed as “up to 20 MW.” You can submit a 20 MW portion of that project to the program. This would be treated as a standalone offer, and you could potentially submit additional offers for other portions of the project if they meet the interconnection and metering requirements.

Q5: In the Q&A doc (marked June 23rd), the in-service deadline is suggested to be December 31, 2028. Should this be December 31, 2030 instead (the deadline stated in section 2.2 of the RFP)?

A5: As outlined in Section 1.2 of the RFP, the Latest Operational Date for projects for this RFP is December 31, 2030.

Q6: Can you please confirm that the \$5k/offer offer fee is due by the Phase I bid submission deadline (5pm EPT on Aug 4, 2025)? If an offer is not selected to continue on to Phase II, the offer fee is not refunded, correct? Is an additional offer fee due at the time of the Phase II bid submission?

A6: As specified in Section 4.4. of the RFP, the Offer Fee must be submitted by 5 p.m. August 4, 2025, which aligns with the Phase 1 submission deadline. Offer Fees will only be refunded if the RFP is cancelled prior to NYSEG/RGE's review of Offers submitted. No Offer Fee is required for Phase 2 submissions.

Q7: Can you please confirm if appendix C9 should be completed by the Phase I bid submission deadline? The table in section 4.2 of the RFP suggests it should be completed with the Phase I submission (the information being non-binding), and then also included in the Phase II submission (the information being



binding at this time). However, the appendix itself reads "This section is required for Phase II offers only". Does that suggest this appendix does not need to be completed by the Phase I submission deadline?

A7: For Appendix C9: Warranties, Performance Guarantees, and Maintenance Plans, bidders should include an initial, non-binding response as part of their Phase 1 submission. Changes to Appendix C9 are permitted as part of Phase 2 submissions, which should be noted Appendix C8: Offer Changes.

