



November 20, 2025

Re: Invitation to Participate in a Solicitation for Electric Capacity & Reliability Services

Dear Bidder:

New York State Electric and Gas (“NYSEG”), a subsidiary of AVANGRID, is issuing this Request for Proposal (“RFP”) to qualified parties (“Bidders”) with the capability to develop and deliver innovative solutions to address system capacity and reliability concerns stemming from notable increases in electrical demand on Friday evenings starting with the July 4th holiday period, and continuing every Friday evening through Labor Day weekend in the Liberty System area of the NYSEG service territory. NYSEG is issuing this RFP in search of Non-Wires Alternative (“NWA”) solution(s) to defer the project costs of planned Hilldale and/or Swan Lake substation upgrades.

Highlights of this opportunity include:

Resource Need:

Goal	To defer the project costs of planned Hilldale and/or Swan Lake substation upgrades.
Identified Need	To establish sufficient quantities of Distributed Energy Resources (“DER”) into the Liberty area served by NYSEG’s Hilldale and/or Swan Lake substations to reduce the peak loading on the individual transformer banks to below their nameplate ratings.
Term	10 Years (11/01/2026 – 10/31/2036)

Eligible Resource Types: NYSEG will evaluate proposals that include one or more of the following resource types, or a combination thereof, as part of this RFP:

- Distributed Generation (“DG”)
- Energy Storage
- Energy Efficiency
- Demand Response
- Other resources that are able to meet the identified reliability needs



Preliminary Schedule:

Expected Completion Date¹	RFP Milestone
November 20, 2025	Issue RFP
December 10, 2025	Pre-bid conference
December 18, 2025	Last day for Bidders to indicate collaboration interest
January 22, 2026	Bidder questions due
January 29, 2026	Last day for Bidder Response Template training requests
February 5, 2026	NYSEG responses to questions due
February 19, 2026	RFP submittals due by 5:00PM (EPT)
April 23, 2026	RFP results announced
October 1, 2026	Negotiations complete & Final Contract Executed (3 to 6 months from selection)
November 2028 (or sooner)	Anticipated Resource in-service date

Resources are expected to begin to be implemented by November 2028 or sooner, but the complete schedule for implementation will depend on the proposals received. Due to the evolving nature of NWA project development, review and negotiation; firm dates for some milestones cannot be projected at this time. We have represented the most likely range of dates where possible and anticipate that some parts of the milestone schedule may continue to require flexibility.

Certain data will be provided to respondents upon execution of the Confidentiality Agreement (Attachment 8.2). In addition, the Confidentiality Agreement can be used should the respondents wish to designate any part of their response to the RFP as “confidential”.

To indicate your desire to participate in this RFP opportunity, please respond via e-mail to Libertynwa@NYSEG.com at your earliest convenience. Upon NYSEG’s receipt of a respondent’s interest, NYSEG will provide the respondent with details regarding the RFP pre-bid teleconference which is scheduled for **December 10, 2025**.

Regards,

NYSEG NWA Team

¹NYSEG reserves the right to adjust the schedule; adjustments outside of date ranges provided will be distributed via email to interested Bidders.