



# 2024 RFI for Cluster 15 Projects

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## Q&A Responses

**October 4, 2024**

Peninsula Clean Energy, a California Joint Powers Authority, is soliciting this Request for Information for renewable energy and storage projects to fulfill its energy goals and to allocate Commercial Interest points to selected projects consistent with the CAISO's Interconnection Process Enhancements.

**RFI Launch Date: September 25, 2024**

Responses are due October 11, 2024, at 5 PM Pacific Prevailing Time.

**RFI Website:**

<https://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/solicitation/rfi-for-projects-in-caisos-queue-cluster-15/>

#	Question	Response
1	How many Commercial Interest Points does PCE have to distribute to QC15 projects (broken down by TPD and Merchant zones ideally)?	Peninsula Clean Energy has 160 points (240 points for Max Single TPD Project) and 53 points for Energy Only (Merchant) allocations.
2	Will PCE entertain redlines to its NDA?	Peninsula Clean Energy will consider minor changes to the NDA.
3	Based on the RFI, it seems that PCE is looking for a Tolling Structure. Is PCE open to other contracting structures under this RFI?	Peninsula Clean Energy prefers Tolling Structures for non-lithium storage projects but might accept other structures.
4	Is there a maximum capacity that PCE will realistically consider for the RFI? Is PCE open to 500 MW or 1000 MW projects?	Peninsula Clean Energy will not consider projects 500MW or 1000MW as a single off-taker.
5	The RFI states that PCE prefers to receive an indicative price and will consider the indicative price in the evaluation of the projects. Does this mean that projects without an indicative price will have lower priority/score in the evaluation?	Providing an indicative price will increase the score of the project in the evaluation process but pricing is only one part of the evaluation for this RFI and might not significantly impact the priority of the projects.
6	Peninsula has indicated interest in both Hub and Node pricing, however the offer form does not have fields for both - please advise	Please include an indicative node pricing in the Data Form. If you would like to include pricing at NP15, please include that in the Narrative.
7	Is Peninsula willing to entertain redlines on their provided PPA?	Yes, Peninsula Clean Energy would entertain redlines to the term sheets.
8	PCE is requesting information from project with COD of Dec 2035 or earlier. But Participant does not know when COD will be achieved. Is it Participant who needs to guarantee the expected COD? What is your advice?	Peninsula Clean Energy only expects to receive an expected/estimated COD. The CODs provided as part of this RFI will not be considered as Guaranteed COD.
9	Does Peninsula accept Renewable energy generating facilities from Solar and Storage projects? If so, which project type will be applied for? (Variable resource OR Energy generating facilities paired with storage)	Yes, Peninsula Clean Energy would consider submissions from Solar and Storage projects. These projects need to be submitted as "Renewable+Storage".
10	Is it possible to submit a proposal with a project capacity limited to 200MW, which was originally submitted as an Interconnection Request to CAISO with	That's correct; a submission could be part of a larger project/interconnection request. For this example, on sheet "2. Facility

	<p>more than 200MW (e.g., Interconnection request: Solar 400MW and Storage 200MWh / RFI proposed capacity: Solar 200MW and Storage 100MWh). If allowed, is this cell the one we should insert a 200MW value "Attachment 1 - 2 Facility Detail tab - Peninsula Clean Energy Share of Interconnection Capacity (MW) - Row 64"?</p>	<p>Detail" of the Data Form, following numbers should be used:                  Row 29: 200MW                  Row 38: 100MW                  Row 63: 400MW                  Row 64: 200MW</p>
11	<p>On page 12 of the Instruction, the project location seems limited to "full deliverability to CAISO grid." We wondered if this means you seek a project that can achieve full deliverability, not a partial one.</p>	<p>That's correct. Peninsula Clean Energy strongly prefers projects that can achieve FCDS but might consider projects that can obtain partial deliverability as well.</p>
12	<p>Do you plan to shortlist allocation to the Energy Only project as well?</p>	<p>Yes, Peninsula Clean Energy plans to allocate points to Energy Only projects as well.</p>
13	<p>Can you provide the link of CPUC's decision and supporting document mentioned in Attachment 1 - 2. Facility Detail - Row 32? (The link on the note cannot be copied and pasted)</p>	<p>Please use this <a href="#">Link</a>.</p>
14	<p>In the Attachment 1 - 2. Facility Detail - Row 49 (Renewable Price at P-node), shall we provide both the pricing at P-node AND pricing at NP15 trading hub? It has only one cell so please confirm which one we should submit. Also as we checked two options for Storage pricing (variable and capacity), we wondered if we should provide both of pricing or either of them</p>	<p>Please include an indicative node pricing in the Data Form. If you would like to include pricing at NP15, please include that in the Narrative.                  Peninsula Clean Energy expects to receive indicative Fixed Capacity Price for storage projects. Please only include a Variable price if there's an additional cost to operate the battery in addition to the Fixed Capacity price.</p>
15	<p>In Attachment 1 - 5 Supplier Diversity, would it be possible to provide an "Unknown" answer option and allow Respondents to leave notes for the explanation? Also, would it be possible to submit the information of consultants we collaborate with during the development stage for permitting and engineering designing before NTP?</p>	<p>Please use the Narrative to provide any additional information that's not contemplated in the Data Form.</p>
16	<p>If the project land is still being negotiated and has not been secured yet, can we update the geospatial footprint once the site control has been confirmed?</p>	<p>Yes, Participants can update the geospatial footprint later.</p>

17	<p>If the original land has been secured but we seek for alternative lands for some reasons, can we provide the geospatial material of the original land for your review?</p>	<p>Yes, Participants can provide the geospatial footprint of the original land but should make it clear that there's a possibility of change in the location of the project.</p>
18	<p>Should we understand our input in Attachment 2 will be binding OR indicative? We wondered whether our input would be used just for your reference. If not, would it be acceptable if we leave some of the input blank and update it later in the negotiation?</p>	<p>Participants are not required to provide a redline to the term-sheets at the time of submissions. Term-sheets are provided for informational purposes and will be used later during the PPA negotiations.</p>