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**SCE GREEN TARIFF SHARED  
RENEWABLES PROGRAM**

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**REQUEST FOR OFFERS**

**for**

**Renewable Energy from Generating Facilities  
that qualify as Enhanced Community  
Renewables or Green Tariff Projects**

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## **LIST OF ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

- A. PRO FORMA RENEWABLE POWER PURCHASE BASE AGREEMENT
- B. GREEN TARIFF, ECR, AND ECR-DER ATTACHMENTS

The above documents may be located and downloaded from the GTSR RFO Website (“GTSR RFO Website”) which is linked here:

<https://www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/procurement/solicitations/cr-ram><sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> All references to the “GTSR RFO Website” or the “Website” herein refer to this website location.

## ARTICLE 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 Introduction

Senate Bill 43 (Wolk 2014) Enacted the Green Tariff Shared Renewables (“GTSR”) Program to “provide access to all eligible renewable energy resources to all ratepayers,” and to “create a mechanism whereby institutional customers...commercial customers and groups of individuals...can meet their needs with electrical generation from eligible renewable energy resources.” There are two options for participating in the GTSR program: Green Tariff or the Enhanced Community Renewables.

As part of the GTSR Program, as set forth in California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) decisions D.15-01-051, D.16-05-006, D.17-07-007 and D.19-05-031 (the “Decisions”), and Resolutions E-4734 and E-5028, Southern California Edison (“SCE”) is issuing this First Request for Offers (“GTSR RFO” or “RFO”) for Green Tariff (also referred to by SCE as Green Rate (“GR”) and this eighth Request for Offers for Enhanced Community Renewables Projects (“ECR”), formerly referred to by SCE as CR-RAM. These participant instructions provide additional information and the eligibility and bidding requirements for those seeking to submit GR and/or ECR offers into SCE’s GTSR RFO.

The purpose of these RFO Instructions is to:

- (a) Describe the Products SCE is soliciting;
- (b) Set forth the requirements of each Offer submission, including waivers, representations, warranties, and covenants deemed made for all purposes as part of the Offer submission;
- (c) Describe the methods that SCE uses to evaluate each Offer;
- (d) Document the rights that SCE reserves for itself with regard to the GTSR RFO; and
- (e) Describe the time frame for the GTSR RFO.

These RFO Instructions and Associated Documents<sup>2</sup> are available on the GTSR RFO Website.

Capitalized terms used in these RFO Instructions, but not otherwise defined herein, have the meanings set forth in the Green Tariff Shared Renewables Power Purchase Base Agreement (such Base Agreement, together with the applicable Attachment, the “Pro Forma PPA” or “GTSR PPA”).

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<sup>2</sup> A List of Associated Documents is found on page (iv) of these RFO Instructions.

Unless stated otherwise, any references to Articles, or Sections, are to Articles, or Sections contained in these RFO Instructions.

All clock times specified throughout these RFO Instructions are in Pacific Prevailing Time (PPT).

## 1.2 Definition of the Product Solicited

- (a) Bundled Energy Product. Product qualifying as Portfolio Content Category 1 (“Category 1” or “Category 1 Product”),<sup>3</sup> which includes all electric energy produced by a newly constructed ERR Generating Facility throughout the Delivery Term of the Final Agreement (as defined below), net of Station Use; all Green Attributes; all Capacity Attributes, and all Resource Adequacy Benefits; generated by, associated with, or attributable to the output of the ERR Generating Facility throughout the Delivery Term of the Final Agreement, whether such credits or other attributes exist at the time a Final Agreement is executed or are created after the Final Agreement is executed.
- (b) As used herein, the term “Final Agreement” refers to any final agreement for the purchase of Product executed by SCE and Seller as a result of the GTSR RFO.

## 1.3 Basic Terms and Conditions

- (a) SCE will accept multiple flat price Offers for the same Project (*e.g.*, flat pricing for the same Project; ten (10)-year vs. fifteen (15)-year Delivery Terms for the same Project; *etc.*). Multiple Offers for the same Project shall be considered mutually exclusive.
- (b) Seller must Offer a Commercial Operation Date commencing on the first day of a calendar month.
- (c) Sellers may submit a maximum of eight (8) Offer variations for each Project. However, at least one of the Offers must be a ten (10) year term.
- (d) Sellers must convey to SCE the Product.
- (e) Prior to the Delivery Term of the Final Agreement, Sellers may only deliver energy, capacity or other attributes of the ERR Generating Facility to the CAISO Market for purposes of commissioning and testing.
- (f) With respect to any Project, SCE WILL NOT ACCEPT OFFERS TO DELIVER PRODUCT AT THE PROJECT’S BUSBAR.

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<sup>3</sup> In accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 399.16(b)(1) and D.11-12-052.

- (g) Sellers must Offer Product from ERR Generating Facilities that possess: (1) a completed Phase II Interconnection Study or equivalent,<sup>4</sup> (2) a signed generator interconnection agreement (“GIA”), or (3) an equivalent or better interconnection study, agreement, process, or exemption.

The interconnection study or agreement must be in good standing and (1) must be in the same name as the Seller under the GTSR PPA, or (2) the Seller must demonstrate, to SCE’s reasonable satisfaction, that Seller has exclusive rights to the interconnection agreement by means of an unconditional assignment or an exclusive option to acquire the interconnection agreement upon contract execution.

- (h) Seller, each Offer, and each Project offered must satisfy all eligibility criteria set forth in these RFO Instructions.
- (i) SCE requires Seller to obtain CEC “pre-certification” as an ERR prior to the Initial Delivery Date. SCE encourages Generating Facilities to seek “pre-certification” as an ERR by the California Energy Commission (“CEC”) prior to submittal of Offers.
- (j) Sub 500 kW projects that are aggregated to greater than 500 kW are potentially eligible for the Enhanced Community Renewables procurement, provided, in addition to all other requirements herein, such projects satisfy all CAISO Tariff requirements and:
  - (i) The Project must be composed of distributed energy resources (“DERs”);
  - (ii) Seller must be a distributed energy resource provider (“DERP”);
  - (iii) Every DER project must be electrically connected to a common PNode;
  - (iv) Each DER project must execute a distributed energy resource provider aggregation (“DERA”) agreement with the CAISO;
  - (v) DER projects must aggregate to a minimum of 500 kW as a DERA; and
  - (vi) DERs and/or DERAs must be Qualifying Facilities based on FERC requirements.

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<sup>4</sup> For Projects that are utilizing the interconnection study fast track process, SCE will accept either: (1) written evidence from SCE’s Grid Interconnection Department that the ERR Generating Facility has passed all fast-track screens and no further studies are required; or (2) a completed System Impact Study and Facilities Study (or evidence from Grid Interconnection that the Facilities Study was waived); or (3) a signed interconnection agreement.

- (k) Throughout the Delivery Term, the Seller shall ensure that the Project complies with the requirements of the California Air Resources Board's Voluntary Renewable Electricity Program and Seller shall provide Buyer with all documents necessary to enable Buyer to retire greenhouse gas allowances on behalf of Customers in compliance with the Voluntary Renewable Electricity Program.
- (l) SCE will host a webinar to discuss the RFO process with participants. Information on how to attend the conference will be made available on the GTSR RFO Website.
- (m) SCE will only consider Offers that are substantially complete and include all of the applicable information, representations, warranties, and covenants as set forth in these RFO Instructions and/or the on-line application Sellers are required to complete (the "Offer Form"<sup>5</sup>).
- (n) SCE requires developers who execute a GTSR PPA with a term of 15 years or longer to provide at the time of contract execution, a written safety plan identifying risks and vulnerabilities to the Project associated with climate change and the developer's or operator's plan for mitigating such risks.<sup>6</sup>
- (o) SCE encourages Diverse Business Enterprises to participate in the GTSR RFO. Information on SCE's Supplier Diversity Program can be found on the following SCE website: [www.sce.com/sd](http://www.sce.com/sd).

CPUC General Order ("GO") 156

([https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/Published/General\\_order/59939.htm](https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/Published/General_order/59939.htm)) sets the rules governing, among other things, goals, annual reporting, and annual planning in the development of programs to increase participation of Diverse Business Enterprises in procurement of contracts from utilities as required by the California Public Utilities Code.

You can help SCE achieve its GO 156 goals in the following ways:

- (i) For qualified Diverse Business Enterprise Sellers (Tier 1 – direct contracting with SCE), ensure you are certified by the CPUC (The Supplier Clearinghouse) ([www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com](http://www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com)). Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprises in California are certified through the California Department of General Services ([www.dgs.ca.gov/](http://www.dgs.ca.gov/)) and are automatically recognized by The Supplier Clearinghouse.
- (ii) Require that any qualified Tier 2 Diverse Business Enterprises (subcontractors to a Tier 1 Seller) that perform work or deliver

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<sup>5</sup> Offer Form may also be referred to as Datasheet on the Website.

<sup>6</sup> D.20-08-046, OP 14



materials related to a project that is ultimately under contract with SCE are certified by one of the above-mentioned agencies.

Furthermore, as provided in Section 6.3 of GO 156, SCE’s Supplier Diversity efforts include encouraging its Sellers to develop plans to utilize Diverse Business Enterprise subcontractors. SCE can help with identifying Diverse Business Enterprises for subcontracting opportunities. In addition, the GTSR PPA includes a requirement to report payments made to Diverse Business Enterprises that supplied goods or services as subcontractors.

A sample list of potential products and services that may be available through Diverse Business Enterprises as subcontractors is provided in the table below. This table is not intended to serve as a comprehensive list of all of the subcontracting opportunities that may be available.

<b>PRE-Commercial Operation Date</b>		<b>POST-Commercial Operation Date</b>	
<b>Products</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Products</b>	<b>Services</b>
Environmental Impact Studies MRO (Balance of Plant: wiring, conduit, steel, concrete, etc.) Panels Technology	Construction Consulting Engineering (Interconnection design, roads/grading, SWPPP, Arc Flash Study, Geotechnical reports, environmental monitoring, etc.) EPC Contractor Installation Land Acquisition Legal Services Permitting Research and Development (R&D) Site Prep Transportation	IT Equipment (Hardware & Software)	Engineering (Fire protection and Telecommunication) Facilities Management IT Support (Hardware & Software) Large Equipment rentals and operator Legal Services Panel Cleaning Plant Maintenance Plant Security Regulatory Reporting Services Specialty/Admin Staffing Water Treatment & Testing Accounting Services Billing Services Settlement Services

This list was compiled with input from SCE, San Diego Gas & Electric and Pacific Gas and Electric. Please note that there may be other potential products and services that may qualify.

1.4 Communications

The primary method for exchange of information, documents, or written and verbal communications concerning GTSR Projects will be via PowerAdvocate® (“Power Advocate”) website at:

<https://www.poweradvocate.com/pR.do?okey=136251&pubEvent=true> (the “Website”). All participants interested in submitting Offers into the RFO will need to pre-register with Power Advocate. Participants who do not yet have an existing Power Advocate account must first

register to create a username and password with Power Advocate to receive access to the RFO materials (event code 136251). Users with an existing Power Advocate account may request access using the Website.

For additional information on registering on Power Advocate, please visit:

[https://www.poweradvocate.com/WebHelp\\_Sourcing\\_Intel\\_Supplier/Content/Resources/Sourcing\\_Intel\\_Supplier\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.poweradvocate.com/WebHelp_Sourcing_Intel_Supplier/Content/Resources/Sourcing_Intel_Supplier_Guide.pdf)

SCE strongly encourages participants to register with Power Advocate well before Offers are due. Power Advocate registrants should be listed under the parent company of the entity submitting the Offer, not its contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or agents.

For any registration or access issues, please contact [support@poweradvocate.com](mailto:support@poweradvocate.com)

Each Offer should be uploaded as a “Commercial and Administrative” document type in Power Advocate and should be in a separate zip file. The zip file must contain all of the project materials for the applicable Offer. Please make sure that file names for your submittals do not contain any special characters, such as \*&#, and utilize the following naming convention: OfferorName\_ProjectName\_FileName. For example:

**“ABCCompany\_ProjectRose\_Generation\_profile.xlsx.”**

SCE may, in its sole discretion, decline to respond to any email or other inquiry about the RFO without liability or responsibility.

SCE has engaged an independent evaluator to evaluate and report on the GTSRRFO (“Independent Evaluator”), including the evaluation and selection process for the GTSR RFO. The Independent Evaluator will review all Offers and **must be copied on all communications outside Power Advocate** between SCE and Offerors.

Accion Group, LLC is the Independent Evaluator (IE) for the GTSR RFO and can be reached at [hjudd@acciongroup.com](mailto:hjudd@acciongroup.com) and [svincentcrisp@acciongroup.com](mailto:svincentcrisp@acciongroup.com). All correspondence received via Power Advocate is made visible to the IE.

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\*\*\* *End of ARTICLE ONE* \*\*\*

## **ARTICLE 2. ENHANCED COMMUNITY RENEWABLES (ECR) PROJECT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

### **2.1 Summary of Eligibility Requirements**

- (a) Projects must be located in SCE's service territory.
- (b) Projects must be New Facilities (as defined below) that qualify as ERRs.
- (c) ECR Projects must have a Contract Capacity greater than or equal to 0.5 MW and less than or equal to 20.0 MW. EJ Projects<sup>7</sup> must have a Contract Capacity less than or equal to 1.0 MW.
- (d) Projects must have an active, completed Phase II Interconnection Study or equivalent, a signed GIA in good standing, or an equivalent or better interconnection study, agreement, process, or exemption. The interconnection study or agreement must be in the same name as the Offeror (see also Section 1.3(g)).
- (e) The Expected Initial Delivery Date and interconnection date must be a date that is the first day of a calendar month and within thirty-six (36) months of the anticipated date for execution of a Final Agreement.
- (f) Projects must utilize commercialized technology (*i.e.*, neither experimental, research, demonstration, nor technology in development).
- (g) Projects must qualify as an ECR Project or EJ Project, as applicable, pursuant to the Decisions.
- (h) Offeror must provide to SCE an attestation that Offeror has Site Control for the Project through any of the following: (a) direct ownership; (b) a lease; or (c) an option to lease or purchase that may be exercised upon execution of the GTSR PPA. The Offeror is required to submit a map showing the boundary of the Site for which Offeror has control as part of the GTSR PPA. SCE reserves the right to request additional information, as needed.
- (i) Offeror must demonstrate having experience developing one or more similar Projects.
- (j) Offerors must agree to non-disclosure requirements in the GTSR RFO Non-Disclosure Agreement

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<sup>7</sup> Pursuant to the Decisions, SCE is required to set aside 45 MW-AC of capacity for GTSR Program to EJ projects between 500 kW and 1 MW-AC and that are located in EJ areas.

- (k) If selected, Offeror must be willing to execute the Pro Forma PPA without negotiation or modification apart from populating the Pro Forma PPA with Project-specific characteristics and information.
- (l) SCE Affiliates. SCE affiliates are permitted to participate in this GTSR RFO. Offeror must disclose whether or not it is an SCE affiliate by filling out the information on the “Offer Form” available on the Website when Offeror begins the offer submittal process.
- (m) The Project must be Green-e certified.
- (n) The Project must comply with the California Air Resources Board’s Voluntary Renewable Electricity Program.
- (o) The Project must be interconnected to SCE’s electric distribution or transmission system. Multiple Projects on the same site must be separately interconnected with their own meter(s) and transformer, and must be separated by a fence to delineate each Project.
- (p) The Project must not have an existing power purchase agreement or other contract for energy and/or capacity deliveries to SCE and/or any other off-taker for the Project at the time of execution of the GTSR PPA.
- (q) Offers must satisfy the Basic Terms and Conditions set forth in Section 1.3.

## 2.2 Territory

The Project must be physically located within SCE’s electric service territory and must be interconnected to SCE’s electric distribution or transmission system.

## 2.3 New Eligible Renewable Energy Resource

The Project must be a New Facility (as defined below) that generates electricity from a resource that is an ERR. Projects that include energy storage are not eligible to participate. “New Facilities” are those that: (i) do not have an existing, nor have ever had a power purchase agreement or other contract for energy and/or capacity deliveries to SCE, or any other counterparty, for the Project at the time of execution of the Final Agreement, and (ii) is a facility that has never generated electricity before the GTSR PPA’s Initial Delivery Date (except for testing under the GTSR PPA), and that was constructed for the sole purpose of the GTSR PPA.

## 2.4 Contract Capacity; Subdivision of Larger Projects to Satisfy Maximum Contract Capacity

ECR Project Offers must have a Contract Capacity greater than or equal to 0.5 MW and less than or equal to 20.0 MW. EJ Project Offers must have a Contract Capacity greater than or equal to 0.5 MW and less than or equal to 1.0 MW. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.4, sub-500 kW distributed energy resources are eligible if they are aggregated with other projects to equal 500 kW or greater.

SCE will not execute Final Agreements with multiple Projects that utilize the same interconnection queue number if the result would be a total of more than 20 MW under contract for ECR eligible Projects, whether through the GTSR RFO or another program. Similarly, if an Offeror bids multiple ECR Projects to the GTSR RFO that total more than 20 MW from the same queue position, SCE will consider only the Offer(s) that are the most favorable Project(s), based on least-cost best-fit methodology, until a total of 20 MWs in aggregate is reached and SCE will exclude any remaining Offers from further consideration.

SCE will not execute Final Agreements with multiple Projects that utilize the same interconnection queue number if the result would be a total of more than 1 MW under contract for EJ eligible Projects, whether through the GTSR RFO or another program. Similarly, if an Offeror bids multiple EJ Projects to the GTSR RFO that total more than 1 MW from the same queue position, SCE will consider only the Offer(s) that are the most favorable Project(s), based on least-cost best-fit methodology, until a total of 1 MWs in aggregate is reached and SCE will exclude any remaining Offers from further consideration.

## 2.5 Term

Sellers may submit Offers with Delivery Terms of ten (10), fifteen (15), or twenty (20) years. At least one of the Offers needs to be a ten (10) year Delivery Term. SCE prefers Delivery Terms of ten (10) years. The Generating Facility must be scheduled to achieve the Initial Delivery Date within thirty-six (36) months of execution of a Final Agreement. The Generating Facility's latest interconnection study or GIA, together with the Offeror's Milestone Schedule, must support an Expected Initial Delivery Date within thirty-six (36) months of the anticipated date of execution of a Final Agreement.

## 2.6 NEPA and CEQA

If (1) the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") or the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") applies to the ERR Generating Facility and (2) a lead agency has been designated under the applicable law, then SCE will consider Offers from such ERR Generating Facilities only if the ERR Generating Facility has achieved, at a minimum, an "application deemed complete" (or equivalent)<sup>8</sup> status under the land use entitlement process by the agency designated by CEQA or NEPA as the lead agency. Offers not meeting this requirement will not be given further consideration.

## 2.7 EJ Qualification

EJ Projects must satisfy the locational requirements set forth in the Decisions, based on the current version of the CalEnviroScreen tool and the eligible census tracts for EJ Projects. If SCE executes a Final Agreement with a Project that is an eligible EJ Project based upon the approved rules at the time of this GTSR RFO, the Project will continue to

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<sup>8</sup> Pursuant to Section 6.1 of D.14-11-042, local government uses the term "application deemed complete" (California Government Code §65943); California Energy Commission uses the term "data adequate" (Title 20 CCR § 1709); Bureau of Land Management uses the term "completed application" (43 CFR 2804.25).

be considered as an eligible EJ Project through the Delivery Term, even if the CalEnviroScreen tool is amended, or other changes occur in regard to the definition of Environmental Justice under the GTSR program.

Each individual DER of a DERA EJ Project must qualify for EJ in order to be considered to be an aggregated DER EJ Project.

## 2.8 Marketing Plan

Offeror must submit all marketing materials for each Project Offered to SCE on or before the Offer Due Date (as that term is defined in the GTSR RFO Schedule). Additional information, requirements, and submittal instructions related to marketing materials are located at the following web address: <[www.on.sce.com/CRDevInfo](http://www.on.sce.com/CRDevInfo)>. Additionally, if an Offeror submits a successful bid, such Offeror will be required to obtain SCE approval of all marketing materials before SCE will tender an agreement for execution.

Marketing materials are Project specific and may not be used for Projects other than the Project specifically intended for. Each individual DER of a DERA must submit a separate Marketing Plan.

## 2.9 Community Location

Subscribing ECR Customers must be physically located within the same municipality or county as the Project, or within ten (10) miles of the Project. After the project has established Community Interest, subscribing ECR Customers may be located anywhere within SCE's service territory (collectively, the "Community Location").

DERP's ECR Customers may be from any DERP Community Location.

## 2.10 Community Interest

Seller must demonstrate "community interest" for the Project, as required pursuant to the Decisions ("Community Interest") and detailed in section 2.01(d) of Attachment 1 (ECR or ECR-DER) of the GTSR PPA.

## 2.11 ECR Customer Eligibility

All ECR Customers must meet the eligibility requirements as provided in these RFO Instructions and GTSR PPA.

## 2.12 Potential Funding for Development Security

Offers associated with the Hopi Tribe and/or Navajo Nation that qualify under the requirements of D.13-02-004 may be entitled to use available funds from the Mohave SO2 Revolving Fund to meet the Development Security obligations under the GTSR, subject to the provision of the necessary documentation and assurances in the Final Agreement.

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\*\*\* End of ARTICLE TWO \*\*

## ARTICLE 3. GREEN RATE PROJECT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1 Summary of Eligibility Requirements

- (a) Projects must be located in SCE's service territory.
- (b) Projects must be New Facilities (as defined below)
- (c) Projects must be solar photovoltaic facilities
- (d) GR Projects must have a Contract Capacity of at least 500 kW, but not more than 20.0 MW. EJ Projects<sup>9</sup> must have a Contract Capacity of at least 500 kW but not more than 1.0 MW.
- (e) Projects must have an active, completed Phase II Interconnection Study or equivalent, a signed GIA in good standing, or an equivalent or better interconnection study, agreement, process, or exemption. The interconnection study or agreement must be in the same name as the Offeror (see also Section 1.3(g)).
- (f) Offeror must provide to SCE an attestation that Offeror has Site Control for the Project through any of the following: (a) direct ownership; (b) a lease; or (c) an option to lease or purchase that may be exercised upon execution of the GTSR PPA. The Offeror is required to submit a map showing the boundary of the Site for which Offeror has control as part of the GTSR PPA. SCE reserves the right to request additional information, as needed. Offeror must demonstrate having experience developing one or more similar Projects. The Forecasted Commercial Operation Date and interconnection
- (g) The Expected Initial Delivery date must be a date that is the first day of a calendar month and within thirty-six (36) months of the anticipated date for execution of a Final Agreement.
- (h) Projects must utilize commercialized technology (*i.e.*, neither experimental, research, demonstration, nor technology in development).
- (i) Projects must qualify as a GR Project or EJ Project, as applicable, pursuant to the Decisions.
- (j) Offerors must agree to non-disclosure requirements in the GTSR RFO Non-Disclosure Agreement

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<sup>9</sup> Pursuant to the Decisions, SCE is required to set aside 45 MW-AC of capacity for GTSR Program to EJ projects between 500 kW and 1 MW-AC and that are located in EJ areas.



- (k) If selected, Offeror must be willing to execute the Pro Forma PPA without negotiation or modification apart from populating the Pro Forma PPA with Project-specific characteristics and information.
- (l) SCE Affiliates. SCE affiliates are permitted to participate in this GTSR RFO. Offeror must disclose whether or not it is an SCE affiliate by filling out the information on the “Offer Form” available on the Website when Offeror begins the offer submittal process.
- (m) The Project must be Green-e certified.
- (n) The Project must comply with the California Air Resources Board’s Voluntary Renewable Electricity Program.
- (o) The Project must be interconnected to SCE’s electric distribution or transmission system. Multiple Projects on the same site must have separate meter(s) and transformer, and must be separated by a fence to delineate each Project.
- (p) The Project must not have an existing power purchase agreement or other contract for energy and/or capacity deliveries to SCE and/or any other off-taker for the Project at the time of execution of the PPA.
- (q) Offers must satisfy the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 1.3.

### 3.2 Territory

The Project must be physically located within SCE’s electric service territory and must be interconnected to SCE’s electric distribution or transmission system.

### 3.3 New Solar Generating Resource

The Project must be a New Facility (as defined below) that generates electricity from a resource that is a solar generating resource. Projects that include energy storage are not eligible to participate. “New Facilities” are those that: (i) do not have an existing, nor have ever had a power purchase agreement or other contract for energy and/or capacity deliveries to SCE, or any other counterparty, for the Project at the time of execution of the Final Agreement, and (ii) is a facility that has never generated electricity before the Initial Delivery Date (except for testing under the GTSR PPA), and that was constructed for the sole purpose of the GTSR PPA.

### 3.4 Contract Capacity; Subdivision of Larger Projects to Satisfy Maximum Contract Capacity

GR Project Offers must have a Contract Capacity greater than or equal to 0.5 MW and less than or equal to 20.0 MW. EJ Project Offers must have a Contract Capacity greater than or equal to 0.5 MW and less than or equal to 1.0 MW. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 3.4, sub-500 kW distributed energy resources are eligible if they are aggregated with other projects to equal 500 kW or greater.

SCE will not execute Final Agreements with multiple Projects that utilize the same interconnection queue number if the result would be a total of more than 20 MW under contract for GR eligible Projects, whether through the GTSR RFO or another program. Similarly, if an Offeror bids multiple GR Projects to the GTSR RFO that total more than 20 MW from the same queue position, SCE will consider only the Offer(s) that are the most favorable Project(s), based on least-cost best-fit methodology, until a total of 20 MWs in aggregate is reached and SCE will exclude any remaining Offers from further consideration.

SCE will not execute Final Agreements with multiple Projects that utilize the same interconnection queue number if the result would be a total of more than 1 MW under contract for EJ eligible Projects, whether through the GTSR RFO or another program. Similarly, if an Offeror bids multiple EJ Projects to the GTSR RFO that total more than 1 MW from the same queue position, SCE will consider only the Offer(s) that are the most favorable Project(s), based on least-cost best-fit methodology, until a total of 1 MWs in aggregate is reached and SCE will exclude any remaining Offers from further consideration.

### 3.5 Term

Sellers may submit Offers with Delivery Terms of ten (10), fifteen (15), or twenty (20) years. At least one of the Offers needs to be a ten (10) year Delivery Term. SCE prefers Delivery Terms of ten (10) years. The Generating Facility must be scheduled to achieve the Initial Delivery Date within thirty-six (36) months of execution of a Final Agreement. The Generating Facility's latest interconnection study or GIA, together with the Offeror's Milestone Schedule, must support an Expected Initial Delivery Date within thirty-six (36) months of the anticipated date of execution of a Final Agreement.

### 3.6 NEPA and CEQA

If (1) the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") or the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") applies to the ERR Generating Facility and (2) a lead agency has been designated under the applicable law, then SCE will consider Offers from such ERR Generating Facilities only if the ERR Generating Facility has achieved, at a minimum, an "application deemed complete" (or equivalent)<sup>10</sup> status under the land use entitlement process by the agency designated by CEQA or NEPA as the lead agency. Offers not meeting this requirement will not be given further consideration.

### 3.7 EJ Qualification

EJ Projects must satisfy the locational requirements set forth in the Decisions, based on the current version of the CalEnviroScreen tool and the eligible census tracts for EJ Projects. If SCE executes a Final Agreement with a Project that is an eligible EJ Project based upon the approved rules at the time of this GTSR RFO, the Project will continue to be considered as an eligible EJ Project through the Delivery Term, even if the

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<sup>10</sup> Pursuant to Section 6.1 of D.14-11-042, local government uses the term "application deemed complete" (California Government Code §65943); California Energy Commission uses the term "data adequate" (Title 20 CCR § 1709); Bureau of Land Management uses the term "completed application" (43 CFR 2804.25).

CalEnviroScreen tool is amended, or other changes occur in regard to the definition of Environmental Justice under the GTSR program.

Each individual DER of a DERA EJ Project must qualify for EJ in order to be considered to be an aggregated DER EJ Project.

### 3.8 Potential Funding for Development Security

Offers associated with the Hopi Tribe and/or Navajo Nation that qualify under the requirements of D.13-02-004 may be entitled to use available funds from the Mohave SO2 Revolving Fund to meet the Development Security obligations under the GTSR PPA, subject to the provision of the necessary documentation and assurances in the Final Agreement.

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\*\*\* End of ARTICLE THREE \*\*

## **ARTICLE 4. PRODUCT, DELIVERY, AND PRICE**

### 4.1 Products

Offeror's Project must be an ERR Generating Facility (in the case of ECR Projects) or a Solar Photovoltaic Generating Facility (in the case of GR Projects) and may interconnect to SCE's distribution or transmission system assuming either Energy Only Deliverability Status ("EO"), or Full Capacity Deliverability Status ("FCDS").

(a) Energy Only

- (i) Generating Facility is an EO resource as defined by the California Independent System Operator ("CAISO"). EO Projects will be deemed to have a Net Qualifying Capacity ("NQC") of zero and, therefore, cannot be considered to be a Resource Adequacy Resource.

(b) Energy with Resource Adequacy Benefits

- (i) Generating Facility has FCDS as defined by CAISO and a CAISO NQC assignment. An FCDS Project is considered to be a Resource Adequacy Resource and is assigned a Qualifying Capacity number by the CPUC. The Qualifying Capacity may be reduced by the CAISO as applicable based on: (i) testing and verification; (ii) application of performance criteria; and (iii) deliverability restrictions, yielding the NQC assignment conferred on the Project by the CAISO. FCDS Projects must obtain FCDS before the Initial Delivery Date. FCDS projects will then have 3 months from the Initial Delivery Date to complete all other tests, obtain their NQC assignment, and complete any other actions necessary to provide Resource Adequacy Benefits. FCDS.

1. For Capacity Deliverability Status Projects, if the Project's NQC assignment is less than the Qualifying Capacity or is otherwise

reduced by the CAISO for any reason, then SCE shall continue to pay to Seller the Product Price.

#### 4.2 Procurement Targets for the GTSR RFO

126 MW for ECR and GR and 45 MW for EJ will be allocated for this GTSR RFO, as set forth in the table below (the “Procurement Target”).

<i>Resource Category</i>	<i>Project Size</i>	<i>Targeted Total MW</i>
ECR or GR	0.5 MW $\geq$ or $\leq$ 20 MW	126
Environment Justice	0.5 MW $\geq$ or $\leq$ 1 MW	45

#### 4.3 Delivery Point

For Generating Facilities that will be interconnected to the CAISO, the Delivery Point must be the point where the Generating Facility connects to the CAISO Controlled Grid.

#### 4.4 Product Price

The Product Price, in \$/MWh, is as defined in the GTSR PPA and the Product Price submitted by Seller as part of its Offer must:

- (a) Conform with the pricing requirements in the GTSR PPA;
- (b) Assume, if applicable, posting Development Security, Performance Assurance and any other security as required by the GTSR PPA;
- (c) If applicable, include awards, subsidies, tax credits, grants, etc.;
- (d) If applicable, assume the cost to dynamically schedule or firm and shape the Product into the CAISO at the Delivery Point; and
- (e) If applicable, assume the cost of any firm transmission rights to deliver the Product into the CAISO at the Delivery Point.

SCE will not accept an indexed pricing Offer.

Seller must submit its price assuming the Product Price will be adjusted by SCE in each settlement interval in each Time of Delivery Period by the Product Payment Allocation Factors set forth in Exhibit I to the GTSR PPA.

Seller must submit its price acknowledging that if the required Minimum Subscription Requirement is not met or exceeded, the Product Price for Unsubscribed Delivered Energy will be the lesser of (x) the Default Load Aggregation Point (“DLAP”) Price plus the Renewable Energy Credit Market Price, and (y) the Subscribed Product Price. Seller further must submit its price acknowledging that payment for Subscribed Delivered

Energy must be assigned to Customers and will be issued by SCE to Customers as bill credits.

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*\*\*\* End of ARTICLE FOUR \*\*\**

**ARTICLE 5. GTSR RFO CURRENT SCHEDULE AND OFFER SUBMITTAL PROCESS**

5.1 GTSR RFO Current Schedule (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

SCE reserves the right to revise any RFO Event date listed below.

<b>Dates<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>September 30, 2022</b>	Anticipated date SCE will launch the GTSR RFO, in which SCE will post the RFO Instructions, Pro Forma GTSR PPA, and other GTSR RFO documents on the GTSR RFO Website.
<b>October 7, 2022 10:00 am</b>	Anticipated date that SCE will host the GTSR RFO webinar.
<b>November 11, 2022 12:00 pm (noon)</b>	Anticipated deadline for Offerors to submit Offers and required documentation including information necessary to populate the GTSR PPA (the “Offer Due Date”).
<b>January 13, 2023</b>	Anticipated date that SCE will notify each Offeror regarding the selection status of each Offer.
<b>March 10, 2023</b>	Anticipated Date SCE will send standard contract for execution to all sellers.
<b>March 17, 2023</b>	Anticipated Deadline for Sellers to submit executed standard contract
<b>April 19, 2023</b>	Anticipated date that SCE will submit a Tier 2 Advice Letter seeking CPUC Approval of Final Agreements.

5.2 Submission of Offer(s)

Each complete Offer, conforming to these RFO Instructions, must be submitted by 12:00 pm (noon) PPT on the Offer Due Date. SCE will only consider submissions that, as of the Offer Due Date, constitute complete and conforming Offers satisfying all eligibility criteria herein. In SCE’s sole discretion, minor deficiencies may be cured pursuant to and in accordance with SCE instructions.

An Offeror can submit a single or multiple Offers. Offers can be mutually inclusive of each other (i.e., in order to take a single Offer, SCE must accept all Offers within a mutually inclusive set), or mutually exclusive of each other (i.e., a group of Offers

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<sup>11</sup> SCE reserves the right to modify the dates, milestones, and any content of the proposed schedule.

where SCE can only select one from the set; common when submitting multiple Offers from a single Generating Facility).

In order to have a complete and conforming Offer, an Offeror must complete and submit the Offer Form and all required documentation on the GTSR RFO Website.

### 5.3 Offer Instructions

Seller must input information and upload all of the documents described in this Section for each Offer on PowerAdvocate.

Seller's Offer(s) must be complete in all respects and uploaded using PowerAdvocate.

***Important:** Seller is responsible for the accuracy of all information delivered to SCE through the GTSR RFO Website. SCE will not alter, update, or change any information submitted to the GTSR RFO Website. Seller risks disqualification if delivered information is incorrect or is in conflict with uploaded documents. Seller is advised to use care when assembling and delivering the required information.*

Offers that are incomplete in any way or are delivered to SCE by any means other than uploaded through the GTSR RFO Websites will be rejected. Printed copies of Offers, as well as electronic copies via CD, DVD, or flash drive, will not be accepted.

The Offer Form along with the completed and uploaded documents, as set forth below, make up the Offer, which must be completed and uploaded by the Offer Due Date set forth in this document. The date and time set for submission of the Offer will be strictly enforced. Late submissions will be rejected.

Along with the Offer Form, Seller must complete and upload to the GTSR RFO Website **all of the following materials**:<sup>12</sup>

- (i) A fully completed Offer Workbook which includes all requested information for each project, including the Generation Profile (this can be found in the 'Profile Summary' tab in the Offer Workbook and must be uploaded for each Project as a password-protected MS Excel file. If submitting multiple Offer variations for the Project, submit a separate Offer workbook for each variant.
- (ii) A completed **Exhibit B – Project Description** to the Power Purchase Agreement
  1. Offeror must provide a complete Exhibit B, including Generating Facility Description, Site Plan Drawing, Single Line Diagram, Site Map, Parcel Map, APN Number, and Legal

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<sup>12</sup> Except for the interconnection documents, the environmental review documents, and the project boundary documents, forms for all of these documents are posted on the GTSR RFO Website. ]

Description. For reference, an example Exhibit B document is available on the Power Advocate website.

2. Offeror should reference the Quality Checklist and Example Exhibit B to assist in constructing a complete Exhibit B – Project Description.
  3. One (1) Exhibit B is required per Project. If submitting multiple Offer variations for the Project, Offeror does not need to submit multiple copies of the Exhibit B.
- (iii) Attestation and Evidence of **Site Control**
1. Offeror must attest to and provide evidence of Site Control for the Project through any of the following: (a) direct ownership; (b) a lease; or (c) an unconditional option, at Seller’s sole discretion, to lease or purchase the Site.
  2. A completed Geographic Information System file of the Project boundaries and associated gen-tie must align with the location in which Site Control has been obtained.
- (iv) A fully executed **Officer’s Certificate**, which shall be signed by an officer of either the sponsor or project company, and signifies Seller’s agreement to certain conditions including, without limitation: (i) Seller’s attestation that Seller has reviewed the relevant documents and is providing the Offer in good faith; (ii) Seller’s attestation that Seller has site control; and (iii) Seller’s attestation that Seller will not engage in collusion or other unlawful or unfair business practices in connection with the GTSR RFO.

**THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE SIGNED AND UPLOADED WITHOUT MODIFICATION. ONE OFFICER’S CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE UPLOADED FOR EACH PROJECT.**

- (v) A fully completed and executed **Evergreen Non-Disclosure Agreement (“NDA”)** (this must be uploaded as a locked MS Word document).

**THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE SIGNED AND UPLOADED WITHOUT MODIFICATION. THE NDA IS INTENDED TO COVER ALL PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY SELLER. ONLY ONE SIGNED EVERGREEN NDA SHOULD BE UPLOADED BY SELLER.**

- (vi) A fully completed and executed **Team Development Experience Letter** (this must be uploaded as a locked MS Word document). Please ensure or note:  
All fields marked for completion must be filled in.



The information must match the Offer submitted and posted on the GTSR.

No other modifications to this letter will be accepted.

Must be signed by an individual duly authorized to bind Seller.

- (vii) A fully completed **Project Viability Calculator** (this must be uploaded for each project as a password-protected MS Excel file).
- (viii) A completed **Geographic Information System** file of the project boundaries and associated gen-tie (“Project Boundary File”) as required by the CPUC.
- (ix) A completed **Environmental Review Letter** for each Project, which shall be a copy of the letter from the lead land use permitting agency documenting that the land use permit application for the project has been “deemed complete” to begin the permitting review process. This requirement applies if (1) the California Environmental Quality Act or the National Environmental Policy Act applies to the ERR Generating Facility and (2) a lead agency has been designated under the applicable law.
- (x) Copies of the **Generating Facility’s interconnection studies** and/or GIA. As a reminder, Seller must have a Phase II interconnection study or better in order to be eligible for this GTSR RFO.
- (xi) A fully executed **Consent for Release of Interconnection Related Information.**
- (xii) Such other information and documentation that SCE may request to verify compliance with these RFO Instructions.

For all interconnection and environmental review documents described above, SCE will accept documents uploaded to the GTSR RFO Website in MS Word or the PDF file format. Whenever possible, please upload these documents as searchable PDF files so that SCE may locate particular words or phrases within the respective files.

SCE will not accept the NDA or the Officer’s Certificate if it has been changed to a different format or otherwise altered in any unauthorized way. Seller is required to fill out the locked MS Word Template only in the spaces provided and upload the resulting locked MS Word document. Please sign and then scan and return ONLY the signature pages of each document.

If Seller is unresponsive to SCE’s requests for documentation, then the Offers from Seller may be disqualified from the RFO.

#### 5.4 The GTSR PPA

For the delivery of Category 1 Product, SCE's GTSR PPA is structured under the assumption that:

- (a) Seller's Offer is based upon the green-field development of a new Generating Facility.
- (b) The Generating Facility's first point of interconnection will be with the CAISO.
- (c) SCE will be the Scheduling Coordinator.

The GTSR PPA reflects SCE's *Pro Forma* Renewable Power Purchase Base Agreement and Attachment (the "*Pro Forma* GTSR PPA"). The *Pro Forma* GTSR PPA can be found on the GTSR RFO Website. To the extent that an Offer is selected for SCE's shortlist and Seller accepts a Final Agreement with SCE, SCE will create a tailored, Project specific GTSR PPA using the *Pro Forma* GTSR PPA. There will be no opportunity for Seller to negotiate any of the terms and conditions of the GTSR PPA prior to its execution. If Seller's Offer is selected, Seller will be offered a contract in the form of the GTSR PPA with no negotiations and only those changes necessary to reflect project specificity.

Documents necessary to complete the GTSR PPA include:

- (a) Exhibit B:
  - i) Description and drawings of the Generating Facility's equipment, systems, control systems and features (see specifications in GTSRPPA Exhibit B).
  - ii) Site plan drawing showing the general arrangement of the Generating Facility.
  - iii) Single-line diagram(s) showing electrical arrangement of generating equipment, unit/service transformers, interconnection transformer(s), metering, breakers, and disconnects (as applicable).
  - iv) Legal description of the Site, including Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) and a Site map.
- (b) Exhibit E – Notice List.
- (c) Exhibit D – Seller's Milestone Schedule and Material Permits.

**Attachment A to these RFO Instructions contains forms and guidelines for documents necessary for completing the GTSR PPA.**

## 5.5 Independent Evaluator

SCE has engaged an Independent Evaluator (“IE”) to evaluate and report on the solicitation, evaluation, selection, and negotiation process for this GTSR RFO.

The Independent Evaluator will review all Offers and will have the opportunity to be present at meetings and conference calls between SCE and Offerors.

**The Independent Evaluator will have full access to the GTSR RFO Website and all the Offer Forms, Offers and correspondence uploaded by Sellers.**

The Independent Evaluator will periodically make presentations to SCE, the CPUC and SCE’s Procurement Review Group (“PRG”) in order to ensure that the GTSR RFO process remains open, fair, and transparent.

## 5.6 Submission of Offers – Resource Adequacy

Offerors have the option to bid a Generating Facility into the GTSR RFO based on energy-only (“EO”) or Full Capacity Deliverability Status (“FCDS”) interconnection. If bidding a Generating Facility as FCDS, the Offeror must achieve FCDS prior to the Expected Initial Delivery Date. Thus, each Offer must indicate whether it is based on an FCDS or EO interconnection. Subject to the requirements described in these RFO Instructions, an Offeror can submit multiple Offers for the same Generating Facility, including separate, mutually exclusive Offers for an EO interconnection and an FCDS interconnection.

An EO interconnection request will identify the interconnection facilities and upgrades necessary to reliably interconnect the project, including but not limited to reliability network upgrades (“RNU”). An FCDS interconnection request will identify the interconnection facilities and upgrades necessary to reliably interconnect the project and deliver the output of the project to the aggregate of load, including but not limited to RNU and deliverability network upgrades (“DNU”).

The Generating Facility’s interconnection study or GIA must indicate that the project will obtain FCDS by the Expected Initial Delivery Date submitted by the Offeror.

As described below, those Offers based on FCDS will receive RA benefits in the evaluation. Any resulting GTSR PPA will require the Seller to obtain FCDS and take actions necessary to allow SCE to include the Product on its RA supply plans. Failure to obtain and maintain FCDS is an event of default in the GTSR PPA.

Conversely, EO Offers will not receive any RA benefit in the evaluation. The GTSR PPA, however, will not include FCDS requirements.

## 5.7 Evaluation and Screening of Offers

SCE will screen Offers on a “pass-fail” basis against the eligibility criteria. In order to be eligible to be considered for selection (“conforming Offer”), the Offer must pass all eligibility criteria including, but not limited to, the following:

- Generating Facility must be an ERR facility, and qualify as a New Facility, not less than 0.5 MW and not greater than 20 MW for GTSR Projects, not less than 0.5 MW and not greater than 1 MW for EJ Projects; *provided*, sub-500 kW distributed energy resources are eligible if they are aggregated with other projects to equal 500 kW or greater. Only solar photovoltaic facilities are eligible under GR.
- Expected Initial Delivery Date and interconnection date within thirty-six (36) months of the anticipated date of execution of a Final Agreement.
- Project has received a complete Phase II Interconnection Study, a signed GIA in good standing, or an equivalent or better interconnection study, agreement, process, or exemption.<sup>13, 14</sup>
- The date for interconnection indicated in the Generating Facility’s interconnection study or GIA, together with the Offeror’s Milestone Schedule, is within thirty-six (36) months of the anticipated date of execution of the GTSR PPA.
- Located within the SCE territory and can be scheduled into the CAISO.
- Delivery Point is at the first point of interconnection to the CAISO Controlled Grid.
- The Project is based on commercialized technology (i.e., is neither experimental, research, demonstration, nor development).
- SCE affiliation is disclosed, if applicable.
- Offeror agrees (which agreement is indicated by the submission of an Offer) to non-disclosure terms and obligations in the GTSR RFO NDA incorporated herein by reference.

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<sup>13</sup> In order to be considered as an FCDS Offer, the project must either have an active Phase II Interconnection Study reflecting that the project was studied for FCDS or a GIA that reflects that the project already has FCDS.

<sup>14</sup> The interconnection studies contain information about the Generating Facility relevant in the course of evaluation and contracting. Differences in project descriptions, site location, interconnection and delivery points, equipment specifications, *etc.*, from those contained in the Offer will need to be reconciled for the Offer to remain eligible.

- Offeror has provided information requested by SCE for the purpose of evaluating the Offer, including all other documentation specified in Section 4.3, in conformance with the requirements of Attachment A.

## 5.8 Ranking and Selection of Conforming Offers

If the Procurement Target is not exceeded and Offers are below the applicable Procurement Price Limit (as defined below), SCE shall select the applicable Offers. If the Procurement Target is exceeded, SCE must first select the least-cost best-fit EJ Projects with Offered Product Prices less than the Procurement Price Limit up to the EJ reservation amount established in the Decisions, then SCE will evaluate all remaining projects against one another on a least-cost best-fit basis and SCE must select those projects with Offered Product Prices less than the applicable Procurement Price Limit, up to the Procurement Target. SCE is not required to procure excess capacity beyond the Procurement Target but may do so at its discretion. The least-cost best-fit (“LCBF”) principles comply with criteria set forth by the CPUC in D.03-06-071 and D.04-07-029 (“LCBF Decisions”) and other CPUC decisions on the investor-owned utilities’ RPS Procurement Plans.

The LCBF analysis evaluates both quantitative and qualitative aspects of each Offer to estimate its value to SCE’s customers and its relative value in comparison to other Offers.

SCE performs a quantitative assessment of each Offer and ranks the Offers based on benefit and cost relationships. Specifically, the total benefits and total costs are used to calculate the net levelized cost or “Net Market Value” for each complete and conforming Offer. Benefits are comprised of separate capacity, energy, and congestion components, while costs include the contract payments, debt equivalents, integration cost, congestion cost, and transmission cost. SCE discounts the monthly benefit and cost streams to a common base date. SCE also normalizes the net cost or benefit data by MWh generation. The result of the quantitative analysis is a merit-order ranking of all complete and conforming Offers’ Net Market Values.

Following the quantitative analysis, SCE conducts an assessment of the most competitive Offers’ qualitative attributes. SCE utilizes the Project Viability Calculator to assess certain factors including the company/development team experience, project technology, project financing and development milestones. Additional attributes such as nominal contract payments, contribution to other SCE program goals (see below), transmission area, prior experience with project developers/sellers, seller concentration, and resource diversity are also considered in the qualitative analysis. These qualitative attributes are then considered to either eliminate or add Offers or to determine tiebreakers, if any.

**Procurement Price Limits:** The maximum price limits are 120 percent or below, for GTSR projects, and 200 percent or below, for EJ projects, of the maximum executed contract price in either the Renewable Auction Mechanism’s as-available peaking category or Green Tariff program, whichever is most recent. SCE, in its sole discretion, may reject any Offer that exceeds the Procurement Price Limits.

If necessary, SCE may request additional information from Offerors prior to selection.

#### 5.9 Preparation and Execution of Final Agreements

If selected, and Community Interest is satisfied, an Offeror will receive from SCE an executable GTSR PPA for each selected Offer filled in with the Project and Offeror information. Offerors should carefully review the populated GTSR PPA for any errors. In the notification of selected status, SCE will specify the last day for selected Offerors to submit the executed signature page(s) of the GTSR PPA(s), or to notify SCE if electing not to execute the GTSR PPA(s).

At the time of initial selection, SCE may also notify certain waitlisted Offerors of their status. Such Offerors may be offered GTSR PPA(s) in the event that selected Offerors decline to execute a GTSR PPA with SCE.

For each GTSR PPA that an Offeror chooses to execute with SCE, Offeror must sign and submit the executed signature pages of the GTSR PPA(s) by the date specified by SCE. Electronic copies of the executed signature page(s) (in PDF format) must be received by SCE and the IE by this deadline, in accordance with Section 4.10.

#### 5.10 Submission of the Final Agreements to the CPUC

SCE will submit a Tier 2 advice letter to the CPUC seeking approval of the Final Agreements entered into pursuant to the GTSR RFO.

SCE's obligations to purchase Product under a Final Agreement will only become effective upon CPUC Approval.

In the event a transaction occurs between SCE and any of its Affiliates, such Final Agreement may also require FERC approval. In such a case, SCE's obligations to purchase power under such Final Agreement will only become effective upon approval by both the CPUC and FERC.

#### 5.11 Support for Regulatory Purposes

SCE may request that Seller provide updates of any information requested in this GTSR RFO for purposes of filing applications or advice letters with the CPUC for approval of any Final Agreement.

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\*\*\* End of ARTICLE FIVE \*\*

## **ARTICLE 6. OFFEROR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT; WAIVERS AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS; REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS**

By submitting an Offer to SCE pursuant to the GTSR RFO, the Offeror acknowledges the following:

### **6.1 SCE's Rights**

SCE reserves the right to modify any dates and terms specified in these RFO Instructions, in its sole discretion and at any time without notice and without assigning any reasons and without liability of Edison International, SCE or any of their subsidiaries, affiliates or representatives. SCE also reserves the right to select zero Offers as an outcome of this GTSR RFO.<sup>15</sup>

### **6.2 SCE's Acceptance of Offers**

SCE will not be deemed to have accepted any Offer, and will not be bound by any term thereof, unless and until authorized representatives of SCE and Seller execute a Final Agreement and, if appropriate, related collateral and other required agreements.

### **6.3 Expenses**

Seller acknowledges and assumes all costs associated with submitting any Offer. In the event that the GTSR RFO is terminated by SCE, an Offer is not selected, or a GTSR PPA is not executed, each Offeror will be responsible for expenses it incurs as a result of its participation in the GTSR RFO.

### **6.4 Offeror's Representations, Warranties and Covenants**

By submitting an Offer, Offeror agrees to be bound by the conditions of the GTSR RFO, and makes the following representations, warranties, and covenants to SCE, which representations, warranties, and covenants shall be deemed to be incorporated in their entirety into each of Offeror's Offers:

- (i) Offeror has read, understands, and agrees to be bound by all terms, conditions, and other provisions of these RFO Instructions;
- (ii) Offeror has had the opportunity to seek independent legal and financial advice of its own choosing with respect to the GTSR RFO and these RFO Instructions, including the forms listed in Section 4.3;
- (iii) Offeror warrants herein that the Product Price includes Offeror's cost of providing the Development Security in accordance with Section

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<sup>15</sup> The CPUC has provided SCE discretion to reject Offers in instances of market manipulation or non-competitive pricing compared to other renewable procurement opportunities.

37.01 of the GTSR PPA, and that Development Security will be calculated as (a) Ninety dollars (\$90) for each kilowatt of contract capacity for ERRs excluding Solar Photovoltaic; or (b) Sixty dollars (\$60) for each kilowatt of Installed DC Rating for Solar Phtovoltaic

- (iv) Offeror warrants herein that the Product Price includes Offeror's cost of providing the Performance Assurance in accordance with Section 7.02 of the GTSR PPA, and that Performance Assurance will be calculated as five percent (5%) of the total projected revenue over the full Term;
- (v) Offeror has obtained all necessary authorizations, approvals, and waivers, if any, required by Offeror to submit its Offer pursuant to the terms of these RFO Instructions and to enter into a Final Agreement with SCE;
- (vi) Offeror's Offer complies with all Applicable Laws and the Edison International Supplier Code of Conduct, which may be updated from time to time, and is located at:  
<https://www.edison.com/content/dam/eix/documents/investors/corporate-governance/supplier-code-of-conduct.pdf>;
- (vii) Offeror has not engaged, and covenants that it will not engage, in any communications with any other actual or potential Offeror in the GTSR RFO concerning this solicitation, price terms in Offeror's Offer, or related matters and has not engaged in collusion or other unlawful or unfair business practices in connection with the GTSR RFO;
- (viii) Offeror must provide an attestation to SCE that the Offeror has received and read Attachment 1 of the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Code of Conduct Decision (D.12-12-036), and will not circumvent it;
- (ix) Any Offer submitted by Offeror is subject only to SCE's acceptance, in SCE's sole discretion;
- (x) Offeror represents and warrants (a) that it has complied with and shall continue to comply with the marketing requirements of the Buyer's GTSR RFO and any Green-® Energy eligibility criteria and requirements; (b) all marketing by Seller shall be accurate and in compliance with the FTC Green Guides; (c) any changes to the marketing plan or marketing materials for ECR projects shall be submitted to Buyer for review prior to Seller's use of such materials; and (d) Seller shall maintain an internet website dedicated to the ECR Project containing disclosures about the Project as required by Green-e® Energy, including a link to SCE's's ECR Tariff webpage, a link to



the Green-e® Energy website, and customer service contact information (if an ECR Project); and

- (xi) The information submitted by Offeror to SCE in connection with the GTSR RFO and all information submitted as part of any Offer is true and accurate as of the date of Offeror's submission. Offeror also covenants that it will promptly update such information upon any material change thereto.

By submitting an Offer, Offeror acknowledges and agrees that:

SCE may rely on any or all of Offeror's representations, warranties, and covenants in the GTSR RFO (including any Offer submitted by Offeror);

SCE may disclose information as set forth in the NDA; and

In SCE's evaluation of Offers pursuant to the GTSR RFO, SCE has the right to disqualify an Offeror that is unwilling or unable to meet any other requirement of the GTSR RFO, as determined by SCE in its sole discretion.

BY SUBMITTING AN OFFER, OFFEROR HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY BREACH BY OFFEROR OF ANY OF THE REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS IN THESE RFO INSTRUCTIONS SHALL CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION OF SUCH OFFEROR, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REMEDIES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO SCE UNDER APPLICABLE LAW.

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\*\*\* *End of ARTICLE SIX* \*\*\*

## **ARTICLE 7. CONFIDENTIALITY, CONDUCT, AND SAFETY**

### 7.1 Confidentiality

Sellers are required to enter into the NDA with SCE in the form posted on the SCE GTSR RFO Website.

### 7.2 Conduct

It is expected that the Parties will act in good faith in their dealings with each other with respect to this GTSR RFO. Seller may not engage in Communications with any other Offeror or Seller in the GTSR RFO concerning the price terms contained in Offeror's or Seller's Offer or related matters.

### 7.3 Safety

Seller must develop a written plan for the safe construction and operation of the ERR Generating Facility as set forth in the GTSR PPA.

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*\*\*\* End of ARTICLE SEVEN \*\*\**

## ARTICLE 8. WAIVERS AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

### 8.1 Termination of GTSR RFO

SCE reserves the right at any time to modify any dates specified in this GTSR RFO or abandon this GTSR RFO without notice, without assigning any reasons, and without liability of Edison International, SCE or any of their subsidiaries, affiliates, or representatives to any Seller.

SCE will not be deemed to have accepted any Offer, and will not be bound by any term thereof, unless and until authorized representatives of SCE and Seller execute a Final Agreement and, if appropriate, related collateral and other required agreements.

In the event that SCE terminates this GTSR RFO, Seller shall be responsible for any expenses incurred by Seller as a result of this GTSR RFO.

### 8.2 Release of SCE for any Delays

Seller acknowledges that except for SCE's obligation to submit a fully executed Final Agreement to the CPUC for approval, Seller bears sole responsibility for submitting all applications and obtaining all permits, leases or mortgages, and interconnection, financing, and other agreements necessary for Seller to perform under a Final Agreement.

Seller further acknowledges and agrees that SCE shall have no liability for the:

Time required to complete any studies, obtain any required permits for ERR Generating Facility operation, or enter into any agreements discussed or contemplated under this GTSR RFO (including without limitation interconnection studies, leases, mortgages, financing or permits);

Time required to perform construction for Network Upgrades necessary to meet the Commercial Operation Deadline;

Time to construct the ERR Generating Facility;

Time required to acquire any environmental permits to construct or operate, including acquisition of any emission credits required by law or regulation; or

Failure to reach agreement on, or time to reach agreement regarding, the use of SCE property for the Site.

### 8.3 Waived Claims

By submitting an Offer, Seller knowingly, voluntarily, and completely waives any rights under statute, regulation, state or federal constitution or common law to assert any claim, complaint or other challenge in any regulatory, judicial or other forum, including without limitation, the CPUC (except as expressly provided below), the FERC, the Superior Court of the State of California ("State Court") or any United States District Court ("Federal Court") concerning or related in any way to the GTSR RFO or these RFO Instructions, including all exhibits, attachments, and appendices thereto ("Waived Claims"). Seller further expressly acknowledges and consents that

if it asserts any Waived Claim at the CPUC, FERC, State Court or Federal Court, or otherwise in any forum, to the extent that Seller's Offer has not already been disqualified, SCE is entitled to automatically disqualify this Offer from further consideration in the GTSR RFO or otherwise, and further, SCE may elect to terminate the GTSR RFO.

By submitting an Offer, Seller further agrees that the sole forum in which Seller may assert any challenge with respect to the conduct or results of the GTSR RFO is at the CPUC. Seller further agrees that: (1) the sole means of challenging the conduct or results of the GTSR RFO is a complaint filed under Article 3, Complaints and Commission Investigations, of Title 20, Public Utilities and Energy, of the California Code of Regulations, (2) the sole basis for any such protest shall be that SCE allegedly failed in a material respect to conduct the GTSR RFO in accordance with these RFO Instructions; and (3) the exclusive remedy available to Seller in the case of such a protest shall be an order of the CPUC that SCE again conduct any portion of the GTSR RFO that the CPUC determines was not previously conducted in accordance with these RFO Instructions (including any Associated Documents). Seller expressly waives any and all other remedies, including, without limitation, compensatory and/or exemplary damages, restitution, injunctive relief, interest, costs and/or attorneys' fees. Unless SCE elects to do otherwise in its sole discretion, during the pendency of such a protest the GTSR RFO and any related regulatory proceedings related to the GTSR RFO will continue as if the protest had not been filed, unless the CPUC issues an order suspending the GTSR RFO or SCE has elected to terminate the GTSR RFO.

Seller further acknowledges and agrees that if Seller asserts any Waived Claim, SCE shall be entitled to seek immediate dismissal of Seller's claim, complaint, or other challenge, with prejudice, by filing a motion to dismiss (or similar procedural device) supported by the language in this Article Seven and that Seller will not challenge or oppose such a request for dismissal. Seller further acknowledges and agrees that if it asserts any Waived Claim, and if SCE successfully has that claim dismissed or transferred to the CPUC, Seller shall pay SCE's full costs and expenses incurred in seeking such dismissal or transfer, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

Seller agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless SCE from any and all claims by any other Seller asserted in response to the assertion of any Waived Claim by Seller or as a result of a Seller's protest to a filing at the CPUC resulting from the GTSR RFO.

Except as expressly provided in these RFO Instructions, nothing in these RFO Instructions, including Seller's waiver of any Waived Claims as set forth above, shall in any way limit or otherwise affect the rights and remedies of SCE.

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\*\*\* End of ARTICLE EIGHT \*\*\*

## ARTICLE 9. SCE RIGHTS AND DOCUMENT CONFLICTS

### 9.1 SCE's Rights

SCE may, at its sole discretion, enter into Final Agreements with one or more entities submitting Offers that will provide the best value to SCE's customers considering a variety of factors as discussed herein.

SCE reserves the right to reject any Offer at any time on the grounds that it does not conform to the terms and conditions of these RFO Instructions.

SCE also retains the right, in its sole judgment, to:

Modify these RFO Instructions, and any of the Associated Documents, as it deems necessary;

Condition SCE's acceptance of any selected Offer on a Seller's agreement to modifications thereto including any modifications that may be recommended by SCE's PRG; and

Determine what is or is not "reasonable," as this term is used within these RFO Instructions.

### 9.2 Document Conflicts

In the event of any conflict between terms contained in these RFO Instructions or any of the Associated Documents, the conflict will be resolved by the following priority of documents:

The *Pro Forma* PPA;

The CAISO Tariff; and

These RFO Instructions.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Final Agreement is executed between SCE and Seller, it will have precedence over the documents listed above.

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\*\*\* *End of ARTICLE NINE* \*\*\*

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**GTSR PPA Exhibit B Quality Checklist and Generating Facility Description Template**

Use this checklist to assist in constructing a complete Exhibit B for your Offer. Remember to label everything and always err on the side of inclusiveness. SCE looks at these documents very closely and has a lot of experience doing so. Projects that don't meet these criteria will be deemed deficient.

<b>Generating Facility Description</b>		
1	Remove any and all confidentiality statements from each of the drawings. Confidentiality is covered by the PPA and NDA	
2	Remove any language referring to "preliminary," "proposed," or "not for construction"	
3	Drawings <i>must</i> be clear and legible (single line drawings preferably on 11" x 17")	
<b>Consistency</b>		
1	The name of the Project on all documents <i>must</i> match the PPA	
2	The Equipment specifications <i>must</i> be consistent among all documents	
3	The Project capacity and other details outlined in this Exhibit B <i>must</i> match the Interconnection Study or GIA	
4	Any discrepancies <i>must</i> be explained in an accompanying letter (if applicable)	
<b>Generating Facility Description</b>		
1	All Offerors <i>must</i> use the template provided	
<b>Site Plan Drawing</b>		
1	The site layout <i>must</i> include major equipment (e.g., PV arrays, boilers, environmental control devices, turbines, transformers, inverters)	
2	Label the Project substation and interconnection point	
3	Label all streets, right of ways, crossings, ingress, egress	
4	Identify adjacent projects (if applicable)	
<b>Single Line Drawing</b>		
1	Show interconnection point (e.g., utility substation name, equipment type and number, circuit name, voltage - as identified in the interconnection study or agreement)	
2	Show metering (e.g., CAISO, SCE)	
3	Ensure that all elements of the Project are shown to be on the project side of the meter - including provisions for station use	
4	Show ratings for all transformers (e.g., MVA, High & Low voltage, Impedance)	
5	Show station service power auxiliary transformer	
6	Show breakers, disconnects, relays, etc.	
7	Typical generating unit diagram (modules through inverter, for Solar PV)	
8	Provide legends	
9	For solar, provide separate AC & DC single line diagram	
<b>Process Flow Diagram</b>		
1	<i>Must</i> show all major equipment, fuel inputs, steam flows, electric flows, etc.	
<b>Legal Description of the Site</b>		
1	List of all Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) for land parcels that are part of the Site	
2	Matches site plan drawing or site map	

<b>Site Map</b>		
<b>1</b>	Illustrate the location of Project in the county (see example)	
<b>2</b>	Illustrate highways or landmarks to help locate the Project	
<b>3</b>	Illustrate adjacent projects (if applicable)	
<b>4</b>	Illustrate the Point of Interconnection (if possible)	
<b>5</b>	Identified point with Latitude and Longitude	
<b>6</b>	Separate parcel map with APNs identified (see example)	

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank].

## Generating Facility Description

*[For Solar PV]*

Name and Address of Generating Facility:

Latitude and Longitude: *[approximate centroid]*

Technology: *[specify fixed tilt OR single-axis tracking OR dual-axis tracking AND monocrystalline silicon OR polycrystalline silicon OR thin film]*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Model Number</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total Rating</b>
<b>Photovoltaic Modules</b>			<i>[Rating, in W DC, of a single module]</i>		
<b>Inverter</b>			<i>[include temperature specific to rating, if applicable. e.g., 800kVA @ 50°C]</i>		
<b>Medium Voltage Transformer</b>	<i>[optional]</i>	<i>[optional]</i>	<i>[include both kVA rating and high/low voltage rating]</i>		
<b>Primary Step-Up Transformer</b> <i>[if applicable]</i>	<i>[optional]</i>	<i>[optional]</i>	<i>[include both kVA rating and high/low voltage rating]</i>		

*[Unless stated otherwise, all fields in the table are required.]*

Description of Shared Facilities: *[if applicable]*



**Generating Facility Description**  
*[For Biofuel]*

Name and Address of Generating Facility:

Latitude and Longitude: *[approximate centroid]*

Technology: *[specify stoker grate, circulating fluidized bed, etc.]* Boiler

Ultimate Heat Sink: *[specify Evaporative Cooling Tower, Dry Cooling Tower, or River/Lake]*

Fuel Type and Source:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Model Number</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total Rating</b>
<b>Steam Generator</b>		<i>[optional]</i>			
<b>Prime Mover</b>		<i>[optional]</i>			
<b>Generator</b>					
<b>Primary Step-Up Transformer</b>	<i>[optional]</i>	<i>[optional]</i>	<i>[include both kVA rating and high/low voltage rating]</i>		

*[Unless stated otherwise, all fields in the table are required.]*

Description of Host Facility: *[if applicable]*

Description of Shared Facilities: *[if applicable]*

## Generating Facility Description *[For Wind]*

Name and Address of Generating Facility:

Latitude and Longitude:

Technology: *[Wind]*

*[For Wind]*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Model Number</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total Rating</b>
<b>Wind Turbine Generators</b>			<i>[Rating, in kW AC, of a single WTG]</i>		
<b>Medium Voltage Transformer</b>	<i>[optional]</i>	<i>[optional]</i>	<i>[include both kVA rating and high/low voltage rating]</i>		
<b>Primary Step-Up Transformer</b> <i>[if applicable]</i>	<i>[optional]</i>	<i>[optional]</i>	<i>[include both kVA rating and high/low voltage rating]</i>		

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Description of Shared Facilities: *[if applicable]*