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For OG&E's 2018 Resource RFP

Question #1

Does this RFP allow for Projects to be bid that are located in SPP but outside of Oklahoma and Arkansas? For example, would it be permissible to bid resources located in Kansas or New Mexico?

- A. *Yes, the RFP allows projects to be offered that are located outside Oklahoma and Arkansas.*

Question #2

The RFP does not appear to prohibit the bidding of wind projects(s), although it would appear that OG&E might prefer gas-fired and/or solar resources. Can you confirm whether or not it would be permissible to bid a wind project? And, if so, does OG&E nevertheless prefer gas-fired and solar resources over wind?

- A. *OG&E will consider any type of resource that provides capacity including wind. Preference will not be given to any resource type.*

Question #3

Does OG&E prefer to own assets (e.g., an APA agreement) vs engaging in a PPA?

- A. *Preference will not be given to either an APA or a PPA.*

Question #4

How might we register to attend, in person, the Technical Conference to be held on October 5th?

- A. *No registration is necessary. To attend merely show up at OG&E's headquarters. OG&E security will require a photo id to gain temporary access to OG&E facilities.*

Question #5

Are we meant to populate an Appendix A – Notice of Intent to Bid Form and pay the fee as an entry to the Technical Conference?

- A. *No, it is not necessary to provide a populated NOI form or payment to attend the Technical Conference.*



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Question #6

Bidders Conference: Please provide the date and time of the Bidders Conference on the Final RFP. Section 2.7 of the Draft RFP indicates an approximate timing, however, we did not find any firm information on the scheduling of this Conference in Section 2.7 or 2.10 of the Draft RFP.

- A. *The first paragraph of Section 2.7 of the Draft RFP which refers to a Bidder's Conference was included in error and will be removed from the final RFP document. Consistent with the remainder of Section 2.7, it the intent of OGE to receive bidders' questions via email and post responses via the RFP Website. Bidders are further invited to participate in the Technical Conference scheduled for 9am on October 5th.*

Question #7

Technical and Bidders Conference: Please indicate whether OG&E will provide an option for participation in either Conference via teleconference. If so, please provide the information necessary to participate in these Conferences in that manner.

- A. *OGE intends to hold a single Technical Conference which will be open to all stakeholders including Bidders. There will not be an option for participation in the Technical Conference via teleconference. Participation in the Technical Conference will be in person only.*

Question #8

Bidder Fees: Please confirm that the Bidder Fee is to be provided with the Bid Submission. If that is not correct, please indicate when the Bidder Fee is due.

- A. *Bidder Fee is to be provided along with and at the same time proposals are submitted.*



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Question #9

Bid Submission: Section 2.6.1 of the Draft RFP required bids to be delivered to a P.O. Box. This appears to preclude delivery to OG&E via services such as FedEx, courier, or hand delivery. Will you allow the option of delivery of proposals to OG&E using one of these modes? If so, please provide the address of the physical location necessary for delivery in this manner.

- A. *OG&E will allow delivery via services such as FedEx, Courier or hand delivery. The final RFP will be modified to include this type of delivery. The physical delivery address is:*

Attn: OG&E RFP Response
321 N. Harvey
Oklahoma City, Ok 73101

Question #10

Proposal Evaluation: Section 3.3 of the Draft RFP describes six non-price criteria and two quantitative criteria with percentage weightings to be assigned to a proposal's score on each of those criteria. Please describe the process to be used to determine the scoring for each proposal for each of the seven criteria.

- A. *Each proposal passing the threshold criteria will be evaluated for qualitative and quantitative factors described in Sections 3.3 and 3.4 of the RFP. Section 3.3 identifies six (6) qualitative factors that will be evaluated individually according to the factors described in the RFP for each qualified proposal. Proposals will be scored for each factor based on their ability to meet the preferences identified in the RFP for each factor. Section 3.4 of the RFP identifies two (2) quantitative factors. These factors will be assessed individually, and proposals will be scored on a relative basis to each other. The evaluation will be performed by OGE staff and advisors to OGE.*



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Question #11

Please confirm that proposals must begin delivering capacity at some time within the 2019 to 2021 period to be considered and do not need to deliver capacity in 2019 if starting in 2020 or in 2019 and 2020 if starting in 2021. If not confirmed, explain the expectations for provision of capacity in 2019 and 2020 for projects that begin delivery in 2020 or 2021.

- A. *Proposals will be considered that offer capacity prior to June 1 in any of the three years 2019 or 2020 or 2021. Capacity does not have to be available in 2019 if start date is 2020 or 2021 or available in 2020 if start date is 2021.*

Question #12

Will projects beginning delivery of capacity in 2019 be given preference over projects offering to begin delivering capacity in 2020 or 2021? If so, please explain how that preference will be considered in the evaluation of proposals.

- A. *No preference will be given to projects deliverable in any of the three years 2019 or 2020 or 2021. If necessary, a proxy for short term capacity may be used so that each proposal may be compared.*

Question #13

Section reference: Page 12 of the Draft RFP states "*Bidders are responsible for...ensuring that all of their submissions are responsive to the evaluation criteria listed in Section 4.4 below.*" Section 4.4 appears to be an incorrect section reference. If incorrect, please provide an updated section reference, or an otherwise modified sentence on page 12.

- A. *References to Section 4.4 in the Draft RFP are incorrect and will be updated as follows;*

Page 12 Section 2.17: The reference to Section 4.4 will be corrected to Section 3.

Page 13 Section 3.3: The reference to Section 4.3 will be corrected to Section 3.4.

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Question #14

It appears several of the forms (tabs) in the spreadsheet sent out with the RFP notice were mislabeled as SPP Capacity Accreditation and the sequence of spreadsheet tabs doesn't match Table 3 on page 19 of the Draft RFP. What are the correct titles of the tabs in the Master OGE RFP Forms and what is the correct sequence in Table 3?

- A. *The forms will be renamed from SPP Capacity Accreditation as follows:*
Form J - O&M Plan.
Form L - Environmental Impact – Air Emissions
Form M - Environmental Impact Statement
Form P - Financial Information
Form Q - Project Management

The sequence of forms in Table 3 will be corrected to match the forms spreadsheet as follows:

- Form N - Site Information*
Form O – Interconnection
Form P – Financial Information

Question #15

Given that hard copies of the proposal are required to be submitted along with a check by Oct. 22, bids would need to be sent out Friday under the current schedule. Will OG&E accept bids on Oct. 23 to enable the shipment of bids on Monday, Oct.22?

- A. *Proposals will be accepted any time after the NOI submittal date of October 18, 2018 until 6 pm on October 22, 2018.*

Question #16

Will OG&E's Final RFP include proposed language for Exhibit B "Parent Guarantee"? If not, please confirm that this exhibit is one that will be developed if the bid is selected.

- A. *The Parent Guarantee will be negotiated with the winning bidder(s).*

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Question #17

Will OG&E's Final RFP include a proposed Bill of Sale for Exhibit C, including a schedule list consistent with the schedules referenced in the APA? If not, please confirm that this exhibit is not required in a bid response but rather will be developed if a bid is selected.

A. *The Bill of Sale will be negotiated with the winning bidder(s).*

Question #18

Please confirm the title information required in Exhibit D "Endorsement List" is provided subsequent to execution of an APA as referenced in Article VI of the APA.

A. *For an asset that is in development the information required in Exhibit D will be completed subsequent to execution, however for currently existing assets the title information will be required prior to execution.*

Question #19

Section 5.04(a) (10th line) has an inconsistent reference to "five percent" and "10% percent". Should this reference be to 5% or 10%?

A. *The correct percentage should be ten percent (10%) in both places.*

Question #20

Several of the Forms include requirements for narrative responses. Should the narratives required in the Forms be included in the Narrative Section of the Proposal as specified in Section 4.3 of the Draft RFP? If so, please describe any OG&E requirements for the location of these narrative responses in the Narrative Section. If not, please confirm the narratives requested in the Forms should be appended to the completed forms.

A. *The narratives requested in the Forms should be appended to the completed forms.*

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Question #21

In response to a question on Proposal Evaluation, OG&E indicates that the two quantitative factors will be scored on a relative basis. Does this relative scoring mean that the best performing proposal on each factor will receive the maximum possible score on those factors? If so, please explain how the other proposals will be scored relative to that best performing bid. If not, please explain how the relative scoring will work. Also, please confirm that the response offered on the six qualitative factors indicates that the relative scoring will not be used. If not confirmed, please explain how proposals will be evaluated relative to one another.

- A. *The Quantitative Evaluation Criteria provides the maximum possible score to the best performing proposal. The remaining proposals will receive a score based on their relative performance to the best proposal. The Non-Price Evaluation Criteria does not use a relative scoring. Each proposal will receive a score based on its performance in each of the six criteria.*

Question #22

Regarding the upcoming October 5th Technical Conference: is this conference mandatory for bidders and would it be possible to participate via webinar?

- A. *Participation in the Technical Conference is not mandatory for bidders and will be in person only.*

Question #23

Is there a set agenda for the Technical Conference or can you provide any additional details on the format of the day?

- A. *There is not a set agenda for the Technical Conference. It is an opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions and provide feedback on the Draft RFP and the bidding process.*

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Question #24

Will OG&E be utilizing an independent evaluator? If yes, please state who that will be.

- A. *OG&E will perform the RFP in accordance with the OCC Competitive Procurement rules.*

Question #25

The current RFP contains a template for an asset purchase agreement. We were wondering whether or not this would include a module supply agreement/engineering services agreement/O+M. Additionally, is there a willingness to also consider turnkey build/transfer agreements wherein we would construct the project and turn it over after fully readying and supplying it?

- A. *Turnkey build/transfer agreements will be considered. Facilities must be complete and available to satisfy OG&E's resource adequacy obligations beginning as early as summer of 2019 but no later than summer of 2021. Bidder may include a completed O&M services agreement.*

Question #26

In order to really maximize our capacity value for OG & E, we wanted to know if you could send us a 12X24 grid, based on month and hour that allows us to see the specific time periods that you view most crucial for holding additional capacity. Additionally, is there a minimum capacity factor that is expected?

- A. *Historically OG&E's peak load has occurred in the months of July or August hour ending 1700 (5pm CDT). The top 3% of load hours on a historical annual basis occur in July and August between hour ending 1500 (3pm CDT) and 1800 (6pm CDT) with a mode of hour ending 1700.*

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Question #27

Given the period of just two weeks between the release of the final RFP and the deadline, we were wondering if you would be willing to consider a one week extension.

- A. *A deadline extension is not being considered.*

Question #28

In the SPP Tariff (Attachment AA), there is a calculation that needs to be done for wind and solar plants that requires information from OG&E, namely: 7.1.5.3 (7)(b) Select the hourly net power output values occurring during the top 3% of load hours for the SPP Load Serving Entity for each month of each year for the evaluation period. Could OG&E possibly provide this information?

- A. *Historically OG&E's peak load has occurred in the months of July or August hour ending 1700 (5pm CDT). The top 3% of load hours on a historical annual basis occur in July and August between hour ending 1500 (3pm CDT) and 1800 (6pm CDT) with a mode of hour ending 1700.*

Question #29

Is there further information on a schedule or anything else regarding the Technical Conference, besides needing to be at the OG&E HQ at 9 am?

- A. *The Technical Conference will start at 9 am. Attendees will need a valid ID to gain temporary entrance to OG&E facilities. OG&E's security process may take a few minutes so please arrive early if possible.*

Question #30

What is non-conforming, it is not defined in the RFP? Will these bids not be considered?

- A. *A proposal will be considered non-conforming if it does not meet the requirements included in the RFP documents. A non-conforming proposal will not be considered. PPA proposals that include a sale of energy and/or a term of less than 30 years will not be considered.*

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Question #31

Will Capacity offers that fall outside of this start date be considered, or is this a strict requirement?

- A. *Capacity offers that start later than June 1, 2021 will not be considered.*

Question #32

Will OG&E accept a wire transfer for payment of bidder fees instead of check?

- A. *Wire instructions will be provided in the final RFP.*

Question #33

Is there a preference for battery duration/hours in the capacity product? Is a standard 4 hr duration (2 PM- 6PM) in line with the year-round peak needs?

- A. *Capacity accreditation will be calculated utilizing SPP Criteria. SPP currently does not have specific criteria for capacity accreditation for batteries.*

Question #34

Will OG&E assign incremental value to firmed solar (with ESS) vs. Solar only?

- A. *OG&E will utilize SPP Criteria to determine capacity accreditation and project cost to determine customer costs.*

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Question #35

Will OGE be providing a proposed form PPA that is more suited for intermittent resource such as wind power as compared to fossil fuel resources, or should bidders comment on the current form PPA and propose revisions to the provisions that are directly impacted by this difference in resources?

- A. *OG&E's form PPA is drafted for capacity from all resource types. Give that OG&E is not acquiring energy via PPA, it does not plan to provide a separate PPA for an intermittent resource such as wind power. Bidders should respond by providing the requested information in the PPA provided that is relevant to the type of resource offered. Bidders will not be penalized in the qualitative scoring for making changes deemed necessary to accommodate alternate types of generating resources.*

Question #36

Will a form of APA based on a "build-own-transfer" structure for an intermittent resource-powered facility be provided by OGE or should bidders comment on the current proposed draft, making suggested changes based on this alternative structure?

- A. *OG&E does not plan to provide a separate APA for a build-own-transfer project. Bidders should respond by providing the requested information in the APA provided that is relevant to the type of resource offered. Bidders will not be penalized in the qualitative scoring for making changes deemed necessary to accommodate alternate types of generating resources.*

Question #37

Is OG&E willing to answer project-specific questions confidentially?

- A. *See section 2.7 of the RFP. A bidder may submit a project-specific question and request confidentiality. The determination of whether confidential treatment is required to inform Bidders will solely be at the discretion of OG&E.*

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Question #38

Will a project pass the minimum threshold for evaluation if it does not currently possess site control or a binding LOI but has confident line of sight to site control and discusses how it will move forward with its development milestones leading to COD?

- A. *A project may pass the minimum threshold for evaluation if it does not possess site control at the time a bid is submitted.*

Question #39

What percentage of nameplate capacity does OG&E consider “accredited capacity” for solar and wind resources, without battery storage included – is this the SPP percentage as accredited capacity as the guide, even though accreditation is going toward OG&E load?

- A. *OG&E will utilize SPP Criteria for capacity accreditation. The generation output profile provided by the bidder will be used in the capacity accreditation analysis.*

Question #40

As a follow up to be above question, is the accredited capacity portion of an intermittent resource considered to be firm? For example: if a 100MW solar project is considered by SPP to offer 30MW of accredited capacity, would OG&E consider this 30MW to be firm, or would it need to be further firming by storage? I believe one of the moderators suggested this situation would need to be firming by storage but can we please confirm?

- A. *An intermittent resource accredited capacity as calculated utilizing SPP Criteria is considered to be firm. An intermittent resource does not have to be firming by storage to be considered firm.*

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Question #41

Does OG&E have a preference for the duration of battery storage that is added to an intermittent renewable resource to “firm” the capacity? For example: 2 hour duration, 4 hour duration, etc?

- A. *Capacity accreditation will be calculated utilizing SPP Criteria. Storage will be modeled in the quantitative analysis based on the proposed specifications; no preference will be given to duration of battery storage in the qualitative analysis.*

Question #42

Would OG&E consider a 25MW minimum capacity requirement, instead of 50MW, for intermittent resources that would otherwise be considered advantageous from a locational or resource standpoint to OG&E, in so far as these resources provide reactive power support and/or reduce capacitance?

- A. *The minimum capacity requirement of an offer is 50MW of capacity.*

Question #43

Is the 50MW capacity minimum nameplate or accredited capacity?

- A. *The 50MW capacity minimum is accredited capacity.*

Question #44

Is OG&E willing to perform due diligence on possible bidders prior to the submission of a bidder's proposal?

- A. *Please see the OGE RFP for Capacity FINAL (Forms Attached) section 2.1 along with Appendix F posted on OG&E's RFP website for an explanation of due diligence process. Also, the Confidentiality Agreement is attached as Appendix G.*

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Question #45

Could you provide the Appendix E Excel forms?

- A. *The Excel forms are attached to the Final RFP document posted on the RFP Website. To access the forms using Microsoft Internet Explorer, go to the RFP Website and open the "OGE RFP for Capacity FINAL (Forms Attached)," then select the "Master OGE RFP Forms Final.xlsx" under the Attachments heading. Alternatively, using Google Chrome, open the "OGE RFP for Capacity FINAL (Forms Attached)" and download the document. Then open the downloaded file using Adobe Acrobat and select the "Master OGE RFP Forms Final.xlsx" under the Attachments heading.*

Question #46

Could you confirm that the APA sent via email with the initial RFP notice on September 19, 2018 is the final version? Additionally, are you planning to send a final word version of the PPA (Header – "OGE RFP FINAL") or should we simply make the one redlined date change to the September 19, 2018 PPA word document (Header – "OGE Draft") already provided?

- A. *The APA sent via email on September 19, 2018 is OG&E's final version of the APA document. Microsoft Word versions of the agreements have been attached to both the APA and PPA documents posted to the RFP Website. To access the attached files using Microsoft Internet Explorer, go to the RFP Website and open the "OGE Model APA Final" or "OGE Model PPA Final," then select the embedded Microsoft Word file under the Attachments heading. Alternatively, using Google Chrome, open the "OGE Model APA Final" or "OGE Model PPA Final," and download the document(s). Then open the downloaded file using Adobe Acrobat and select the embedded Microsoft Word file under the Attachments heading.*

Question #47

Can a W9 be provided for OG&E as required by accounting to prepare the bid fee check to OGE?

- A. *A W-9 has been provided on the RFP Website.*



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Question #48

Under an APA submission, how would existing fuel and fuel delivery contracts be viewed by OGE? Would the value/disposition of any existing fuel and fuel delivery contracts be resolved in the "Interim Period" or does OGE have preference towards assets with limited or no existing fuel or fuel delivery contracts on the close date?

- A. *Fuel delivery will be included in both the non-price and quantitative evaluation as stated in Sections 3.3 and 3.4 of the RFP. Contracts will be evaluated based on the proposed disposition or assignment and associated contract risk and cost will be considered.*

Question #49

Is it safe to assume that non-intermittent facilities, such as fossil fuels, do not need to complete Form F - Intermittent Resource Operational Information - Operational Profile?

- A. *Proposals for non-intermittent resources do not need to complete Form F - Intermittent Resource Operational Information - Operational Profile.*

Question #50

Do existing facilities need to complete Form K – Critical Path Schedule?

- A. *Proposals for retrofits or upgrades at existing facilities or requiring permits or transmission interconnection modifications at existing facilities should include a completed Form K – Critical Path Schedule. Proposals for existing facilities which do not include any such options are not required to complete Form K, but should mark it as "not applicable".*

Question #51

Do facilities without debt need to complete Form P – Financing Information?

- A. *Proposals for facilities without debt should mark Form P as "not applicable – no debt" and leave the form uncompleted.*



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Question #52

On Form D, can you provide clarity on Q3 "Percent credit applied to determine electric load carrying capability at peak"? How does this apply to firm fossil fuel generation?

- A. *Fossil fuel generation will receive 100% summer max capacity rating capability at peak.*

Question #53

Is there an implied value or avoided cost of summer capacity and winter capacity that can be shared with RFP bidders? This will help bidders submit more meaningful offers.

- A. *OG&E is soliciting the offers to determine the best capacity cost and the results of the competitive process may set OG&E's avoided capacity cost.*

Question #54

Is it possible for bid fees to be paid in either ACH or wire?

- A. *Included in the final version of the RFP are instructions for a wire transfer.*

Question #55

At the bid opening, or sometime prior to November 6, may noncompetitive representatives of stakeholders review contents of bids (with bidder identities redacted)?

- A. *Noncompetitive representatives of stakeholders will be able to view the contents of bids in accordance with OCC Competitive Procurement rules and contingent upon compliance with the protective order to be issued by the Commission.*



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Question #56

Can you please explain why OG&E is requesting such extensive data (Appendix E forms) for a resource that would offer “capacity” only under a PPA? Most of the technical resource and fuel data being requested (other than interconnect verification) is not relevant to a capacity only offer – and would only be required as part of an energy offer (not part of this RFP) or as part of an APA. Please let me know whether we are not understanding the requirements for a capacity offer under a PPA.

- A. *The data requested in the appendices will be used for both the qualitative reliability assessment as well as used to help characterize the resource accurately in the OGE production cost modeling in the quantitative assessment. In order for a facility to provide capacity, it must reliably provide energy during periods when the grid is challenged to find enough energy and power. Put another way, capacity, expressed in MW, is energy per unit time, and hence, the ability to reliably provide energy is important. While OGE relies in large part on SPP's accreditation process, and other contractual protections, OGE still must exercise special care in the areas of reliability and capacity in light of the importance of reliability, and the very high costs that cannot be fully be addressed contractually. Therefore, OGE requires information relevant to determination of reliability including energy related information for qualitative purposes. Quantitatively, OGE is performing production cost analysis which will be used to assess total customer cost. The data in the appendices will be used to help characterize the resource accurately in the OGE production cost modeling.*

Question #57

Please explain how OG&E will conduct the bid opening on October 23.

- A. *The bid opening will be open to all parties. Prior to the bid opening, OG&E will confidentially assign a random Bidder ID number to each Bidder based upon the information contained in the Bidder's Notice of Intent to bid. At the meeting, OG&E will open each bid that has been delivered according to the timetable in section 2.6.1 of the Final RFP and mark each one with the appropriate Bidder ID number. OG&E will record each Bidder ID number and the number of offers submitted by Bidder. The meeting will conclude after all bids have been opened and the offers have been recorded.*



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Question #58

Given the Threshold Evaluation criteria outlined in Section 3.2 of the RFP (Completeness; Size, Timing, and Term; Property Site Control, Unconditional; Experience; and Bidder Financial Ability) what consideration (weight, role), if any, is given to the Quantitative Evaluation Criteria specified and outlined in Section 3.4 of the RFP (Net Present Value of OG&E Customer Impact) in the Threshold Evaluation stage of the RFP?

- A. *The Threshold Evaluation is entirely independent of and will not be impacted by the Quantitative (Section 3.4) and Non-Price (Section 3.3) evaluations.*