

March 24, 2021 Bidders Conference Q&A

1. Does Entergy intend to analyze proposals from the Solar RFP relative to market prices of other types of generation resources to ensure lowest reasonable cost resources for ratepayers?
 - a. The reference resource plan included in ELL's Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") concludes that solar is considerably more economic when compared to other renewable resources and is the preferred renewable technology for the next several years. The objective of the economic evaluation is to fairly and consistently compare proposals to identify the solar resource proposals to meet ELL's needs. It has already been determined that the addition of solar resources to ELL's portfolio will support the objectives of serving ELL's customers reliably, at the lowest reasonable cost, while considering risk; therefore, within the context of this RFP, other resource types will not be directly considered as incremental alternatives to solar.
2. What is the approximate range of expected capacity factors of the solar farms?
 - a. The expected capacity factor for purposes of the primary RFP proposal evaluation will be based on proposal-specific information, including, but not limited to, technology, location, and weather.
3. Will output guarantees (monthly or annual energy) be required?
 - a. PPAs: Yes, an annual energy output guarantee is required (see, e.g., Article VI of the Model PPA).
 - b. BOTs: Capacity and availability guarantees are part of BOT project performance testing and the Model BOT Agreement contemplates a limited energy yield guarantee.
4. Based on evaluated climate conditions in the relevant geography, what is the expected range of annual hours of zero or negligible output during normal daylight hours (sometimes referred to as 'dark doldrums')?
 - a. The expected range of annual hours of zero or negligible output for solar photovoltaic resources will be based on proposal-specific information.
5. Refer to par 1.8 of the Main Body wherein it states: "Proposals from Qualifying Facilities ("QF") will not be provided any preference in this RFP solely by virtue of their QF status." Please explain how QFs fit into the RFP process and why they are not provided preference.
 - a. QF proposals will be treated like any other proposal in the RFP, subject to the requirements of the LPSC General Order dated April 26, 2007, and the LPSC General Order R-34366 dated January 19, 2018.
6. Refer to par 2.2 of the Main Body at p 13 bullet point Cost Recovery wherein it states: "Cost Recovery. As described more fully in Section 2.6 below, in PPAs arising out of this RFP, Sellers will be required to absorb the risks of the possible disallowance, disapproval, or denial of recovery by the LPSC and other Governmental Authorities of ELL's costs incurred in connection with a PPA arising out of this RFP, excluding certain limited Cost Recovery Risks (the ELL-Allocated Cost Recovery Risks) that will remain with ELL." Please explain this term more fully and provide examples of denials of recovery by the LPSC that could fall back onto the bidder. Also, describe what steps the bidder can do to protect its interests by minimizing this risk, if anything.
 - a. This term would make the seller under the PPA (Seller) responsible for any acts or omissions by Seller, its employees, or its contractors of any tier in connection with Seller's ownership or operation of the Facility, including, without limitation, Seller's failure to deliver the products required under the PPA and the resulting effects to ELL's rates. ELL will not own or operate the Facility, and the terms of the PPA do not provide ELL with any right to direct or manage the operations or maintenance of the Facility. As a result, circumstances beyond ELL's control could interrupt the Seller's delivery of products from the Facility and result in an increase in the cost to serve ELL's customers. If the Commission were to disallow or deny recovery of these costs, Seller would be

responsible for these disallowed or denied costs under the PPA. Sellers can avoid this risk by delivering the products required by the PPA.

7. With the option to provide a battery resource, indicate if Entergy will have direct control the dispatch of the battery. Please explain.
 - a. In PPA transactions, after the start of the delivery term, ELL will have the ability to direct the charging and discharging of the battery in accordance with the terms of the PPA and subject to the MISO Rules. In BOT transactions, ELL will own the resource after the BOT closing and have full ownership rights, subject to operations and other limitations set forth in the Model BOT Agreement.
8. With respect to the option to provide a battery resource in conjunction with a PPA, will the bidder be responsible for degradation of the battery over time? Does the Company expect that the bidder will upsize the battery capacity to ensure that it meets the deliverability guarantees over the life of the PPA or does the Company expect that it will incur the cost to provide cell augmentation as necessary to sustain the capacity either in the form of capital additions or operation and maintenance expense?
 - a. The Model PPA contemplates that the seller will be responsible for battery degradation and will be required to maintain the battery capacity during the Delivery Term.
9. Does an optional battery need to have a MISO 2018, 2019, 2020 queue position and a COD of October 2024 or can it come online at a later date?
 - a. The RFP does not contemplate that deliverability and transmission service needed for the Facility, including any component battery energy storage system, would first become available after the Facility has achieved commercial operation (PPAs)/mechanical completion (BOTs).
10. Is ELL submitting self build bids? I saw ELL announced a partnership with Invenergy. Does ELL have an exclusive relationship with Invenergy for self-build or projects for this RFP?
 - a. The RFP Teams do not know whether ELL will submit a self-build proposal into the RFP but the RFP does not preclude such proposals from ELL or Entergy Competitive Affiliates from submitting a proposal. For additional information on the partnership, please refer to the public announcement(s).
11. Will ELL consider delivery at busbar proposals or will they only consider delivery at ELL load node?
 - a. For PPAs, financial settlement must be at the ELL load node.
12. What amount of development security and operational security are required and at what time, PPA execution, LPSC approval, COD,, etc.?
 - a. Please review Appendix F to the RFP, the Model PPA (PPAs), and the Model BOT Agreement (BOTs).
13. Would Entergy consider delaying proposal applications until after the 2021 DPP window closes and allow 2021 DPP projects to submit proposals?
 - a. No, will not allow proposals for 2021 DPP projects into the RFP.
14. Why is this RFP limited to 500 MW when ELL's Legacy Study Manual Portfolio E found a need for 1,400 MW of solar resources outside of Amite South?
 - a. ELL indicated in its most recent IRP (2019) that it intended to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for renewable resources no later than early 2020, which ELL anticipated would be followed by a recurring series of RFPs for renewable resources. ELL's Solar 2020 RFP required resources to be physically located within the Southeast Louisiana Planning Area (SELPA) and ELL's 2021 Solar RFP has the same

requirement. The rationalization for those requirements was and is identified in the respective RFPs. ELL's 2020 Solar RFP and its 2021 Solar RFP were designed, in part, to address reliability and other resource planning needs within SELPA. As was mentioned during the March 24, 2021 Bidders Conference, based on current market conditions and resource needs, ELL does not believe, currently, that its next renewables RFP (after the 2020 and 2021 RFPs) will require resources to be physically located within SELPA. While the timing and scope of ELL's next renewables RFP has not yet been determined, ELL may seek resources that are physically connected to ELL's transmission grid. A future RFP, should it be solicited, may be used to procure additional solar resources outside of SELPA.

15. Why is this RFP limited to Southeast Louisiana Planning Area when more resources are available outside of that region?
 - a. SELPA is a constrained planning area in ELL's service area that includes the Amite South and Downstream of Gypsy (DSG) load pockets. The area, which regularly relies on local generation as well as imports to serve peak load and transmission requirements, contains a significant portion of ELL's high load factor industrial load and ELL's legacy generation facilities. These legacy units are critical to local reliability, and, because of their age (currently greater than 45 years), are expected to deactivate over ELL's planning horizon. The incremental resources of the J. Wayne Leonard Power Station and the Washington Parish Energy Center are expected to support the local needs of the area; however, additional generation in the region will be needed to support local reliability requirements and to replace legacy generation assets when these assets deactivate and/or when load grows. For additional information, please refer to the response to Question 14.

16. Why is this RFP limited to solar and storage when ELL also evaluated adding wind energy resources in its IRP?
 - a. The reference resource plan included in ELL's most recent IRP concludes that solar is considerably more economic when compared to other renewable resources and is the preferred renewable technology for the next several years. The objective of the economic evaluation is to fairly and consistently compare proposals to identify the solar resource proposals to meet ELL's needs.

17. Why is the RFP limited to 50 MW/250 MW when multiple solar projects in MISO's queue are below 50 MW's and over 250 MW?
 - a. ELL's minimum proposal size was chosen to ensure that grid-scale solar projects would be considered. While sub-50 MW projects may exist in the MISO interconnection queue, none located within SELPA (besides those already under contract) are participating in the 2018, 2019, or 2020 DPP Queues or has an executed GIA. ELL's maximum proposal size was chosen to take advantage of economies of scale while recognizing that solar penetration into ELL's service area should be measured and consistent with ELL's resource needs and plans.

18. How does ELL plan to handle dispatch of energy storage, by the owner/operator, Entergy, or by MISO?
 - a. As provided in the response to Question 7, ELL will have the ability to direct the charging and discharging of the battery in PPA (and BOT) transactions in accordance with the terms of the PPA and subject to the MISO Rules.

19. Why does the RFP requires a minimum 30-year design lifetime, but only allows a contract of up to 20-years?
 - a. The 30-year design life is reasonable considering the scope of the RFP and ELL's reliability obligations as a load-serving entity in MISO. ELL has determined that the 20-year maximum delivery term for PPA proposals reasonably balances the risks to customers under longer-term PPAs and ELL's interest in encouraging bidders with PPA proposals to participate in the RFP. The risk profile of PPAs differs from

that of ELL-owned resources or acquisitions because PPAs involve a commitment that provides the purchaser with less flexibility and control in responding to changing conditions that cannot be known or predicted at the time a PPA is executed. The longer the term of a PPA, the more significant this risk becomes. A PPA contract length of 20 years is consistent with prior RFPs, including ELL's 2016 Renewables RFP.

20. Would a BOT or self-build project only be evaluated on a 20-year basis, like a PPA?
 - a. Each PPA proposal will be evaluated over its contract delivery term. BOT proposals and self-build proposals will be evaluated over the term of their expected useful lives. Proposal net benefits will be calculated on a levelized real \$/kW basis to account for differences in delivery terms or useful lives.
21. The RFP says "Bidders will propose projects that begin construction for ITC purposes in 2021 or later" to capture the federal ITC – but regulatory approvals are not planned until August 2023. Can ELL or the PSC expedite regulatory approvals to minimize ITC safe harbor risks?
 - a. The LPSC's rules provide for approval of a resource addition within 120 days from filing. While ELL seeks to expedite regulatory approval wherever reasonable, ELL's schedule takes into account this required approval timeline and the reality that approvals can sometimes take longer than 120 days based on positions taken by parties in the proceeding.

2021 ELL Solar RFP Q&A

1. 3/5/21 Can a project submit a bid with a GIA application under review by MISO?
 - a. Bidders in the RFP would be permitted to submit proposals for eligible Solar PV resources that have a fully executed Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") with Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") or have submitted an application and are active in the 2018, 2019, or 2020 MISO Definitive Planning Phase ("DPP") studies. Resources that are not included in any of these DPP studies and lack an executed GIA would be ineligible to participate in the RFP.
2. 3/8/21 I would like to apply for registration to participate in the Entergy RFP in the link below. Would you please confirm?
 - a. The link is correct. Please monitor the RFP website <https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2021ELLSolarRFP/Index.htm> for information about the posting of RFP documents and bidder registration, including the deadline to register participating bidders and proposals.
3. 3/8/21 We intend to participate in the upcoming RFP. Do you have a preliminary RFP schedule you can provide at this time?
 - a. A preliminary schedule for the upcoming RFP will be included in the Main Body document of the RFP documents. Please monitor the RFP website <https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2021ELLSolarRFP/Index.htm> for information about the posting of RFP documents and bidder registration, including the deadline to register participating bidders and proposals.
4. 3/10/2021 Would it be possible for a project to request and executes MISO GIA in time to qualify for this RFP?
 - a. The project would need to fall into the following criteria to be eligible to participate: have a fully executed Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") with Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") or have submitted an application and are active in the 2018, 2019, or 2020 MISO

Definitive Planning Phase (“DPP”) studies. Resources that are not included in any of these DPP studies and lack an executed GIA would be ineligible to participate in the RFP.

5. 3/17/2021 Can you tell me if REDACTED is in the targeted Amite South subregional planning area? I’m pretty sure REDACTED is in that area, but is it also in the DSG subregion? We don’t have a particular J-number designation in mind, just a general indication at this point will be fine.
 - a. The general area appears to be in the Amite South area but not within DSG; however, a location cannot be confirmed without a J number. Please submit a J number for confirmation.
6. 3/23/2021 Please interpret the paragraph highlighted below. My prospective project does not have an executed GIA with MISO nor are active in the MISO DPP studies, which seems to mean that we cannot participate in the RFP. If this is the case, what is the procedure for accomplishing these items?

Bidders in the RFP would be permitted to submit proposals for eligible Solar PV resources that have a fully executed Generator Interconnection Agreement (“GIA”) with Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (“MISO”) or are active in the 2018, 2019, or 2020 MISO Definitive Planning Phase (“DPP”) studies. Resources that are not included in any of these DPP studies and lack an executed GIA would be ineligible to participate in the RFP. The guaranteed substantial completion date of the Solar PV resource would be required to be no later than October 31, 2024 (subject to permitted extensions described in the RFP documents). Any resource location or RFP schedule questions should be directed to the Bid Event Coordinator (see the final paragraph below).

- a. The project would need to fall into the following criteria to be eligible to participate: have a fully executed Generator Interconnection Agreement (“GIA”) with Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (“MISO”) or have submitted an application and are active in the 2018, 2019, or 2020 MISO Definitive Planning Phase (“DPP”) studies. Resources that are not included in any of these DPP studies and lack an executed GIA would be ineligible to participate in this RFP.

For information pertaining to MISO’s generator interconnection process, please refer to <https://www.misoenergy.org> or email MISO directly at clientrelations@misoenergy.org.

For future consideration, as was indicated in Entergy Louisiana’s 2019 IRP, “...ELL intends to issue a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for renewable resources no later than early 2020, which ELL anticipates would be followed by a recurring series of RFPs for renewable resources to support ongoing ELL energy needs and capitalize on the improving economics of solar and potentially other technologies relative to conventional generation resources. While the frequency and other parameters of these RFPs have not yet been determined, the strategy that ELL intends to deploy is one that systematically integrates cost-effective renewable resources over time while meeting ELL’s planning objectives.”. We look forward to your participation in a future RFP.

7. 3/24/2021 Can Entergy please provide a redline of the Entergy Louisiana 2020 RFP and 2021 RFP documents for bidder’s review, or can Entergy please provide documents in MSWord format for comparative purposes? We are interested in the specific documents below at your earliest convenience.
 - o Appendix B-1 BOT Agreement
 - o Appendix B-2 (Scope Book)
 - o Appendix C – Model PPA
 - o Appedix D – Preliminary Due Diligence
 - o Appendix F – Credit – Collateral Requirements
 - o All Appendix H’s
 - a. The documents posted on the 2021 ELL Solar RFP Website (<https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2021ELLSolarRFP/Index.htm>) are in draft form. Final documents will be posted later in the RFP, along with redlines comparing the final and draft versions. ELL will provide to registered Bidders upon request the following documents in MS

Word format after final RFP documents have been posted: Appendix B-1 (Model BOT Agreement); Appendix B-2 (Scope Book); Appendix C (Model PPA); Appendix D (Preliminary Due Diligence), Attachment C (MFS Bidder Questions); and Appendix H (Model O&M Agreement). Bidders may use the Word documents to create redlines showing any special exceptions Bidder may have to the model contracts (Appendices B-1, B-2, C, and H) or to fill in information sought by the document (Appendix D proper (the diligence questions) or its Attachment C) and otherwise to develop proposals for the current RFP. Bidders wishing to receive documents in MS Word format will be required to confirm to ELL that the Word versions of any document provided to them will be used only for the foregoing permitted purpose. ELL does not intend to provide documentation relating to prior ELL RFPs.

8. 3/25/2021 I heard Shawn mention yesterday at the 2021 RFP conf. that the future RFPs will not necessarily require solar assets to be located within the Southeastern Louisiana Planning Area (“SELPA”) planning region. ELL IRP mentions a need in WOTAB and SELPA. Since it takes a few years to find land and be in the MISO queue long enough to bid into ELL RFPs, we are prospecting today for future RFPs. Can you tell us your next areas of need or at least tell us where you may definitely NOT need solar? Is Central a possibility?
 - a. Specific locational requirements are dependent on ELL’s planning needs at the time it seeks to add resources. These planning needs are affected by ELL’s overall resource portfolio, including the resources added to ELL’s portfolio from prior procurements. At this time, other than the need for resources to be in SELPA that was specified in ELL’s 2020 and 2021 RFPs, no other locational requirements have been identified other than resources must interconnect with ELL’s transmission system.

9. 3/29/2021 The link provided for the solar RFP here <https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2021ELLSolarRFP/Index.htm> Does not provide the actual RFP. Could you provide it to me?
 - a. Please click on the “RFP Documents” tab of that link to access all of the draft RFP documents. The document shown on the index as the “Main Body” provides an overview of the RFP, including the RFP scope and schedule.

10. 4/2/2021 REDACTED comment to the draft RFP for the Entergy LA 2021 RFP is that projects filed in 2021 MISO DPP queue should be eligible for this RFP if they can demonstrate that they can achieve an COD no later than 10/31/24, per section 1.10 of the draft RFP.
 - a. Thank you, this is confirmation of receipt of your comment. It will be considered along with any other comments submitted to the Bid Event Coordinator in accordance with Section 6.2 of the RFP’s Main Body prior to issuing final documents.

11. 4/7/2021 Bidders are required to pay a Proposal Submission Fee of \$5,000 for each proposal registered in the RFP. Proposals that are alternatives to each other will be considered separate proposals and must be registered as such. For example, proposals with differing guaranteed Substantial Completion or Delivery Term start dates, purchase prices (such as PPA pricing that is fixed in one proposal and fixed with an escalation provision in another proposal), resource Capacities, or annual guaranteed energy quantities (PPAs) will be considered alternatives to each other and each will require the payment of a Proposal Submission Fee.

If we submit one PPA per project does ELL have a preference for 15 or 20 years and flat or escalated?

 - a. ELL seeks to identify the proposals that meet the RFP requirements and provide the lowest reasonable cost for customers consistent with reliability and risk; however, ELL has no preference on proposal term or price structure as long as it complies with RFP requirements.

12. 4/13/2021 Will ELL publish a list of bidders who have submitted bids in the 2021 RFP?
- Good morning. No, bidder identities are kept confidential. Please reference Appendix G - Protection of Proposal Info located on the RFP Documents tab of the public RFP website (<https://spofossil.entropy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2021ELLSolarRFP/Index.htm>) for more details. Thank you.
13. 5/3/2021 Is it possible to please provide word documents of the legal documents: Appendix B (all), Appendix C, Appendix F, and Appendix H (all)? Our legal team needs them to work on the redlines.
- The final Word versions of Appendices B (Model BOT Agreement and BOT Scope Book), C (Model PPA), and H (Model O&M Agreement and attachments) will be made available to Bidder in PowerAdvocate after Bidder has completed Bidder Registration. Bidders may use the Word documents solely to generate redlines required to be submitted with its proposal(s). Appendix F (credit) is not a model contract and by its express terms is not subject to modification of its core provisions; accordingly, Appendix F will not be provided in Word form.
14. 5/3/2021 Would the doc version of the Appendix B-1 (BOT Agreement) and Appendix C - Model PPA? A doc version would be easier for our team to produce mark-ups to the draft.
- The final Word versions of Appendices B (Model BOT Agreement and BOT Scope Book) and C (Model PPA) will be made available to Bidder in PowerAdvocate after Bidder has completed Bidder Registration. Bidders may use the Word documents solely to generate redlines required to be submitted with its proposal(s).
15. 5/3/2021 With regards to the performance assurance for Seller, I would like to get more clarity around what PA Amount Reduction will be applicable to [REDACTED]. Would you be kind to give us more specifics on the criteria to determine “acceptability” highlighted below?

Credit Rating	Applicable PA Amount Reduction
Accepted Agency Rating:	
BBB+ or higher from S&P Baa1 and higher from Moody’s	50% of the Applicable PA Amount, up to a maximum reduction of [Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000)]
BBB from S&P Baa2 from Moody’s	50% of the Applicable PA Amount, up to a maximum reduction of [Sixty-Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$62,500,000)]
BBB- from S&P Baa3 from Moody’s	50% of the Applicable PA Amount, up to a maximum reduction of [Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000)]
No Accepted Agency Rating and:	
Seller or Seller Parent Guarantor is deemed acceptable by Buyer in its sole and absolute discretion	50% of the Applicable PA Amount, up to a maximum reduction of [Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000)]
Seller and Seller Parent Guarantor are not deemed acceptable by Buyer in its sole and absolute discretion	Zero Dollars (\$0)

- If there are no “Accepted Agency Ratings” for the seller or, if applicable, the seller parent guarantor, either because (i) S&P and/or Moody’s has not issued the ratings used in the credit evaluation or (ii) the ratings were issued but were below the minimum levels needed for the 50% credit support offset (subject to a cap), the Credit Evaluation Team (CET) will evaluate the seller’s or, if applicable, the seller parent guarantor’s credit quality using an internal model and information the CET deems relevant to the credit assessment. This information will include information Bidder provided in the RFP, such as that provided pursuant to Section A of Appendix F, Section 6 of Appendix D, or clarifying questions, and

credit information available to the CET outside the RFP. The CET will determine whether the credit quality of the seller or, if applicable, the seller parent guarantor is acceptable for purposes of the 50% offset after completing its credit diligence and notify bidder of this determination.

16. 5/14/2021 Could you please provide definitions for Class 1-5 ? 3.5.1. Provide the accuracy of the project cost estimate using an appropriate cost estimate classification system (e.g., Class 1 through Class 5) for both the Solar PV resource and the BESS option, if applicable. Note: Proposal project cost estimate should be based on front-end engineering from a qualified external and/or internal source that supports at least a Class 3 (as defined by AACE standards) cost estimate (-20% to +30%).
 - a. Assuming the question is referring to item 3.5.1 in Appendix D of the RFP, the cost estimate classification system referenced utilizes the class system developed by the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering International (AACE). Please reference the AACE standards for further information.
17. 5/19/2021 Will you have a redline from the 2020 Entergy LA RFP. We redlined some very long documents with hefty legal fees & wanted to know if we can use the same documents or if you can provide redlines to the 2020 documents?
 - a. This is confirmation of receipt. The company is considering providing redlines between the 2020 and 2021 ELL Solar RFPs to registered 2021 RFP bidders via PowerAdvocate and will provide a definitive response at a later date.
18. 5/21/2021 Does ELL have an indication on what the new timeline will be for the Solar RFP?
 - a. Not at this time. ELL will provide updates through notices posted on the RFP website and will also notify potential bidders of those updates. Please continue to monitor the website for RFP developments.
19. 6/9/2021 1) The timeline below says registration started Jun 6th. Has that been postponed? I would like to apply for registration to participate in the Entergy RFP in the link below. Would you please confirm? a. The link is correct for the ELL 2021 RFP website <https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2021ELLSolarRFP/Index.htm> for information about the posting of RFP documents and bidder registration, including the deadline to register participating bidders and proposals.

Schedule will be posted on the 2021 ELL Solar RFP Website.

RFP Milestone	Milestone Date
Draft RFP Documents Issued	March 10, 2021
Bidders Conference	March 24, 2021*
Comment Deadline for Draft RFP Documents	April 7, 2021*
Final RFP Documents Issued	May 11, 2021*
Bidder Registration Period	8:00 a.m. CPT on June 6, 2021, until 5:00 p.m. CPT on June 15, 2021*
Proposal Submission Fee Payment Deadline	5:00 p.m. CPT on June 28, 2021*
Self-Build Option Proposal Submission Deadline (for Self-Build Options and proposals from Entergy Competitive Affiliates)	5:00 p.m. CPT on July 9, 2021*
Proposal Submission Deadline (for other than a Self-Build Option Proposal)	5:00 p.m. CPT on July 15, 2021*
Notice to Bidders of ELL Primary and Secondary Selection List Selections	October 8, 2021*

2) The website says Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), hereby notifies interested parties of a delay to the 2021 ELL Solar RFP schedule. ELL reaffirms its intent to move forward with the RFP and will provide a revised schedule when available. ELL will provide updates through notices posted on the RFP website

and notify potential bidders of those updates. Please continue to monitor the website for RFP developments. So is this timeline no longer valid?

3) When will final documents come out to replace drafts?

- a. The link to the 2021 ELL Solar RFP Website is correct. As described in the notice on the RFP website, the schedule has been delayed and an updated schedule is not available; therefore, the original referenced schedule is no longer valid. ELL will provide updates through notices posted on the RFP website and will also notify potential bidders of those updates. Please continue to monitor the website for RFP developments.

20. 6/16/2021 I would like to join the RFP for Entergy and be invited to power advocate please. Kindly let me know next steps.

- a. Please reference Section 4.2 of the Main Body draft document (posted to the RFP website, <https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2021ELLSolarRFP/Index.htm>), which outlines the process for bidders to register for the RFP.

As described in the notice posted on the RFP website, the schedule has been delayed and, as of the date of this response, an updated schedule is not available. Please monitor the RFP website for information about the issuance of final RFP documents and bidder registration, including the deadline to register participating bidders and proposals.

21. 7/7/2021 I am checking in to understand the status of the most recent RFP and if the July 15th date is still valid? I thought I saw something that delayed the RFP but I'm not sure. What platform is your team using for the RFP please?

- a. As described in the notice posted on the RFP website <https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2021ELLSolarRFP/Index.htm>, the schedule has been delayed and, as of the date of this response, an updated schedule is not available. Please monitor the RFP website for information about the issuance of final RFP documents and bidder registration, including the deadline to register participating bidders and proposals.

Bidders will be invited to join and use the PowerAdvocate site upon the completion of the Bidder Registration Process. Please reference the Main Body (sections 1.4, 1.5, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4) of draft documents posted to the RFP website which outlines the process for bidders to register for the RFP and the Proposal Submission process.

22. 7/8/2021 [REDACTED] would like to register to participate in the upcoming 2021 Request for Proposals for Solar Photovoltaic Resources for Entergy Louisiana, LLC.

- a. Thank you for your interest in the RFP. Please reference the Main Body (sections 1.4, 1.5, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4) of draft documents posted to the RFP website <https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2021ELLSolarRFP/Index.htm> which outlines the process for bidders to register for the RFP and the Proposal Submission process.

As described in the notice posted on the RFP website, the schedule has been delayed and, as of the date of this response, an updated schedule is not available. Please monitor the RFP website for information about the issuance of final RFP documents and bidder registration, including the deadline to register participating bidders and proposals.

23. 7/13/2021 I understand that the 2021 ELL Solar RFP schedule has been delayed. Can you confirm that the dates listed in the RFP Schedule on page 23 of the 2021 RFP draft from March 10th are unofficial? Likewise, is completion of the Bidder Registration still scheduled for July 15th by 5pm CPT?
- a. This is confirmation that the schedule has been delayed and, as of the date of this response, an updated schedule is not available. A new Bidder Registration Deadline will be provided as a part of the updated schedule. Please monitor the RFP website for information about the issuance of final RFP documents and bidder registration, including the deadline to register participating bidders and proposals.
24. 8/2/2021 I wanted to confirm whether you will accept bids from wind projects in MISO South for your upcoming RFP?
- a. No. Eligible Technologies for this RFP are limited to Solar Photovoltaic technologies located in the Southeast Louisiana Planning Area (Main Body Sections 1.2, 1.9, and 1.11).
25. 8/3/2021 [REDACTED] has interest in participating in Entergy's 2021 solar PV RFP. We realize that Entergy Louisiana is looking for projects submitted into the 2020 MISO DPP queue or prior. [REDACTED] has a candidate project we believe would be attractive from an economic and geographic standpoint, however, it is being studied in this most recent 2021 MISO DPP queue. Would Entergy Louisiana be interested in evaluating a project from this later queue?
- a. Not in this RFP. The project would need to fall into the following criteria to be eligible to participate: have a fully executed Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") with Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") or have submitted an application and are active in the 2018, 2019, or 2020 MISO Definitive Planning Phase ("DPP") studies. Resources that are not included in any of these DPP studies and lack an executed GIA would be ineligible to participate in this RFP.
- For future consideration, as was indicated in Entergy Louisiana's 2019 IRP, "...ELL intends to issue a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for renewable resources no later than early 2020, which ELL anticipates would be followed by a recurring series of RFPs for renewable resources to support ongoing ELL energy needs and capitalize on the improving economics of solar and potentially other technologies relative to conventional generation resources. While the frequency and other parameters of these RFPs have not yet been determined, the strategy that ELL intends to deploy is one that systematically integrates cost-effective renewable resources over time while meeting ELL's planning objectives.". We look forward to your participation in a future RFP.
26. 8/11/2021 We noticed the Entergy RFP specifications exclude CATL from battery vendors, is this purposeful or would Entergy entertain CATL as an approved supplier? CATL is one of our main approved suppliers, this is the reasoning behind the vendor allowance request.
- a. After considering your question, CATL has been determined to be an approved supplier of the optional battery energy storage systems contemplated by the 2021 ELL Solar RFP.
27. 8/11/2021 Entergy mentioned that they will not allow Fixed Tilt projects, we have found that many suppliers will not substantiate warranties for projects that require a Cat III risk build standard in these areas. We have found fixed tilt is the best solution to accommodate the Cat III Risk Standard and required racking guarantees.
- a. We appreciate the input. For a variety of reasons, the 2021 ELL Solar RFP is not soliciting proposals for fixed tilt solar projects.

28. 8/11/2021 Would Entergy be amenable to a Cat II Risk build standard, this is the prescribed risk standard FPL uses for its Florida fleet and we recognize the topology and risk synergies that Entergy must consider? FPL has found this build standard optimizes the risk the value of the level cost of energy delivered, but we recognize and respect that each state and each company must operate under its own standards.
- a. ELL reaffirms the RFP requirement that the design wind speed for any resource offered into the 2021 ELL Solar RFP be at least ASCE 7: Risk Category III. As indicated in the Notice of Final Documents and Bidder Registration, recent unprecedented weather events, including storms in the 2020 hurricane season and Winter Storm Uri, have demonstrated the importance of ensuring that ELL's generation portfolio is sustainable and that power generation facilities will be available and reliable in the face of large-scale weather events that are common in ELL's service area. ELL believes the Risk Category III requirement is an appropriate design standard that supports this objective.
29. 8/11/2021 Provided the developer is owning the risk of the project under the PPA construct, will Entergy accept a Cat II build standard for the PPA Submission? From the developer, owner, operator perspective, we are comfortable delivering a project with a Cat II build standard and insuring the project in accordance with financing standards.
- a. Please see the response to Question 28 above.
30. 8/11/2021 We recognize Entergy Louisiana and Entergy Texas are requesting solar projects that are inherently closer to the coastline. Are there any wind speed limit requirements associated with the BOT bid submissions? We did not notice a limit reference in our first review of the bid documents, but any guidance would be greatly appreciated.
- a. Please see the response to Question 28 above. As referenced in the Main Body Section 2.8.1 and the Model Scope Book (Appendix B-2), the required design wind speed for BOT resources is ASCE 7: Risk Category III.
31. 8/25/2021 Are Bidder Registration fees refundable? IE If we submit 10 bidder registration forms, and their associated payment, but later choose to only bid 3 into the RFP, would the bidder fees for the 7 unbid projects be returned?
- a. Yes, but only under the circumstances provided in section 4.3 of the Main Body.
32. 8/30/2021 In 2021 [REDACTED] Analytics moved away from PvSyst as its software of choice for estimating energy production after further analysis related to its accuracy. The [REDACTED] Analytics Solar Resource Analysis team now utilizes a custom version of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) System Advisor Model (SAM). This version of SAM, paired with extensive fleet wide data gathering has led to increased accuracy for solar generation through usage of the SAM software. SAM uses the same underlying POA irradiance model (Perez) and a summary of losses applied within the model can be found at the end of the short report. [REDACTED] plans to submit this NREL report for each of the [REDACTED] projects to detail the design and resource participation and accuracy for each project.
- a. Thank you for your response, at this time the NREL SAM analysis software is not acceptable and the RFP submission will still require PvSyst analysis to be completed. Please reference Appendix D Preliminary Due Diligence Sections 3.2.3 and 3.10.1 for additional information.
33. 9/23/2021 Regarding battery storage, can you confirm if Entergy would be ok with an AC coupled system or if Entergy will require a DC coupled as stated in the body of the RFP document?
- a. An AC coupled system offered into ELL's 2021 Solar RFP will be considered non-conforming.

34. 9/23/2021 Also, regarding charging of the BESS, the RFP states it has to be charged solely from the PV. It would be helpful to confirm whether that is a hard requirement or if Entergy would allow grid charging after the ITC recapture period (and achieve a lower price).
- a. A proposal for a BESS that includes the functionality allowing it to be charged by power from the interconnected electric grid is permitted, so long as, at all times during the applicable ITC recapture period, the charging functionality from the grid will be certified as disabled, the charging functionality from the proposed solar facility will be certified as enabled, and the BESS will be charged exclusively by power from the proposed solar facility.