

Basin Electric Power Cooperative
2024 Request for Proposals

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1. Should renewable proposals include all capacity, energy, and RECs associated with the project?
 - A. Yes, BEPC expects renewable proposals to include all capacity, energy, RECs associated with the project.
2. What is the expected delivery point for renewable proposals?
 - A. Renewable proposals should be at bus bar or the intended delivery point of the project. Nodes referenced elsewhere apply only to capacity/energy proposals.
3. What is the preferred term for renewable proposals?
 - A. BEPC does not have a preferred term. Proposals between 20-25 years are typical for new projects.
4. Would multiple term options be beneficial for renewable proposals?
 - A. Yes submitting multiple terms could be beneficial. BEPC may be most interested in a term that offers the lowest price.
5. How does BEPC prefer to transact for Storage?
 - A. BEPC is flexible. A capacity price (\$/kW-mo) and an energy price (\$/MWh), or an energy only price would be acceptable.
6. Would BEPC want to control storage?
 - A. BEPC would prefer to act as the market participant. Generally we are interested in understanding developers preferred terms.
7. Would BEPC evaluate multiple pricing options for storage?
 - A. Yes.
8. Would BEPC consider renewable projects outside its service territory?
 - A. Yes. With all projects BEPC would need to assess deliverability.
9. As it relates to Wind resource based proposals, is BEPC expecting a Fixed shape or As-Generated?
 - A. As-Generated.

10. Is BEPC interested in an offtake providing full capabilities of the BESS or is a capacity-only product a better fit to transact?
- A. Generally BEPC would prefer to act as the market participant for the BESS and utilize full capabilities. However BEPC would entertain limited proposals as well. BEPC may be interested in the optimal price.
11. Does BEPC prefer AC-Coupled or DC-coupled BESS?
- A. Technically BEPC would not have a preference. BEPC may be interested in the optimal price.
12. What is required or preferred COD date for renewable proposals?
- A. All proposals will be considered regardless of COD. In terms of preference:
1. MISO: as early as 2026
 2. SPP: as early as 2025
 3. NWMT region: as early as 2025
13. Does Basin have existing transmission service rights on the NorthWestern Energy system, or would the developer be fully responsible for acquiring transmission services through NWE (NRIS)?
- A. Basin Electric has Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) to serve its Network Load on the NorthWestern MT transmission system. Any new resources that result from this RFP would be required to be studied by NorthWestern to be a considered a Designated Network Resource (DNR). After the study is complete, and any Network Upgrades that are identified by the study are constructed, the new resource can be used to serve Basin Electric's NITS load using Basin Electric's NITS Transmission Service. The developer would not be required to procure transmission service.