

2025 Call for Power – Informational Meeting Q&A Summary

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The sections in this document follow the agenda of the October 16 Informational Meeting.

RFP Content & Process Overview

1. Do waste-to-energy facilities count as clean energy?

Response: Biogenic waste is considered clean or renewable. Please refer to the Clean Energy Act for more information.

2. Can we have the RFP close date of January 5th moved by a day or a week?

Response: We are unable to make any changes to the RFP closing date of 11:00 AM Pacific Time on January 5, 2026.

First Nations Economic Participation

3. If a First Nation signs a community economic benefit agreement and subsequently becomes a First Nation equity partner, would the project be penalized by \$1/MWh?

BC Hydro took this answer away for response, please see our response below. We note that this is also posted as part of the general Q&As on the BC Hydro website.

Response: As per Schedule 7 – Specimen Electricity Purchase Agreement (EPA), Appendix C and Appendix I, if the project receives a credit of \$1.00 per MWh for First Nations Community Economic Benefits and the Project First Nation becomes an equity partner prior to COD and holds Equity Ownership in the Seller's Plant within the meaning of the EPA at COD, then the Energy Price will be reduced by \$1.00 per MWh credit that was previously received.

4. **How is the First Nations Community Economic Benefits Agreement used in the BC Hydro 2025 Call for Power RFP?**

Response: The First Nations Community Economic Benefits Agreement is used as an evaluation credit during the proposal assessment.

5. **If the project is in exclusive territory of the equity First Nation, the proponent has no possibility to get access to the Community Economic Benefits credit?**

Response: In British Columbia, there are very few prospective project areas where only one First Nation would be impacted by a project. Because of this, each proponent must identify all impacted First Nations. Please use Contacts for First Nations Consultative Areas public map <https://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/hm/cadb/>. However, in the rare case there is only one First Nation, it is correct that there is no possibility to apply the First Nations Community Economic Benefits credit.

First Nations Consultation Approach and Standards

6. **Please confirm that proponents are to submit a shape file of the project area(s) that we are submitting to the RFP, versus shape files for each of the First Nation's identified through the CAD.**

Response: Correct, project proponents should submit a shape file for the project area being submitted to the RFP. Proponents should submit both a shape file and a KMZ file.

7. **Could you please elaborate on the Schedule 4 requirement for efforts made to seek information or the direction a Crown permitting agency has provided to the Proponent in respect of consultation (on processes or specific impacts) with a First Nation, and direction received.**

Response: To clarify, this requirement refers to the fact that in some cases, a Crown agency directs a Proponent to consult a list of specific First Nations with respect to that permit application. If this occurs, please note this in your submission.

8. **For the Schedule 4 submission, are Proponents to fill out each lettered item for each First Nation, or retain the numbered structure?**

Response: Proponents are advised to follow the instructions provided at the top of each Schedule when preparing bid submission and to use the Word files provided. As per

Schedule 4 – General Instructions and Section 1, supporting documents should be grouped by First Nation to reflect the consultation chronology specific to each Nation. The consultation chronology (e.g. communication log) should be submitted as a separate, clearly referenced Exhibit.

9. Would it be helpful if Proponents included a narrative summary for each First Nation in Schedule 4?

Response: Yes, a narrative summary for each First Nation would be helpful, however, it is not a requirement.

Specimen EPA

10. What is the target date for NCTL Project Approval by BC Hydro’s Board of Directors?

Response: That information is not known at this time and not available for disclosure.

11. The revisions made to the EPA in Addendum 5 expose the proponents submitting projects in the NCTL area to considerable risk of sunk cost should the NCTL project not proceed. Is BC Hydro open to input from proponents to adjust the EPA conditions (to provide proponents enough certainty to continue in their project development until a decision is made on NCTL project)?

Response: We’ve structured the GCOD date for NCTL area projects with the intent of minimizing the risk that the proponent needs to undertake in order to continue to develop the project and limiting the risk of sunk costs; tolerance of this risk is at the discretion of the proponent. BC Hydro is not adjusting the EPA requirements at this time.

12. Does the NCTL include phase 1 and phase 2?

Response: Yes, please refer to Addendum 5 for definitions of NCTL Phase 1 Projects and NCTL Phase 2 projects in the context of the Specimen EPA for the 2025 Call for Power

13. Is there a maximum response time required for approval from BCUC?

Response: The BCUC approval is determined through a public process managed by the BCUC. There is no adjustment to the GCOD to reflect the BCUC approval timelines.

14. Does the NCTL clause refer to any connection at any voltage along the NCTL corridor?

Response: The NCTL Specimen EPA amendments as outlined in Addendum 5 is not dependent on interconnection voltage. It applies specifically to projects in the region defined in Addendum 5.

15. What is the projected In-Service Date for Phase 1 of NCTL?

Response: The final In-Service date for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of NCTL is uncertain, however, the target dates can be found on the [BC Hydro website](#). The termination right under the EPA is set based on the earlier of the In-Service Date of NCTL and GCOD to consider the uncertainty.

16. In the event that the NCTL ISD is after the project COD, the proponent exposure will be high. How would that be dealt with in terms of EPA termination?

Response: Termination rights applies to the earlier of in-service date and GCOD. This is covered in Addendum 5. See response to #11.

17. How will that case be dealt with in terms of EPA termination?

Response: As outlined in Addendum 5, the NCTL termination rights apply to the earlier of the In-Service Date or GCOD, and the GCOD is October 1st, 2033.

Proponents are responsible for assessing risks and uncertainties, including potential impacts on budgets and schedules. We encourage you to consult your own technical, financial, and legal experts to inform your bid assumptions.

18. Why wasn't this NCTL information available prior to the RFP being issued?

Response: BC Hydro system planning is dynamic and changing, and specifically the North Coast is a highly dynamic area. Based on interconnection requests received in the North Coast, we amended the EPA terms to balance the protection for proponents and BC Hydro rate payers as needed.

Tariff Mechanism

- 19. Is this a mandatory term or an opt-in term (if suppliers want to participate)?**

Response: This is a mandatory term that applies to all EPA's awarded for the 2025 Call for Power.

RFP Proposal Content Requirements

- 20. Given the year-end holiday season, is BC Hydro willing to push out the bid submission deadline by a week or two?**

Response: We are not able to extend the bid submission deadline.

- 21. On the CEAP application, we are working with 2 capacities: the MW installed and the MW at the POI. Can you please clarify where and how we must include these 2 magnitudes in the proposal?**

Response: This can be found in Schedule 2.

- 22. Is there a limit to the megawatts (MW) an IPP we can include in our proposal, based on the capacity at the Point of Interconnection (POI)?**

Response: You can submit a slightly lower MW than what has been submitted under CEAP interconnection request but cannot go higher than that. This is Plant capacity vs what is delivered at the POI (maximum injection MW), which the less because of losses. Both are required for CEAP interconnection request, but the Plant capacity is what is required in Schedule 2. BC Hydro understands maximum injection MW may slightly go up or down as the proponent refines the design of their side of electrical system, and the revised maximum injection MW will be studied at the System Impact Study stage.

- 23. When will project specific transmission line losses (bid price adjuster G) be delivered and will these losses still adjust the evaluated bid price?**

Response: For the project specific transmission line losses we will not be delivering these this year and yes, they will still adjust the evaluated bid price.

24. Can we offer a Guaranteed commercial Operating Date that is later than the date of the CEAP but earlier than the deadline in 2033?

Response: The GCOD must align with the date provided in the feasibility study. As long as it falls before — and no later than — October 1, 2033, it is acceptable. We recommend reviewing Addendum 5 and the revised Specimen EPA if your project is in the North Coast region.