

**2025 Call for Power – Informational Meeting Q&A Summary  
October 23, 2025**

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*The sections in this document follow the agenda of the October 23 Informational Meeting.*

**RFP Content & Process Overview**

- 1. What are the options for Fort Nelson and Prophet River for power projects?**

*Response: Under this call, we are only seeking projects that can connect to our integrated system; Fort Nelson is connected through Alberta and is therefore not eligible for the 2025 Call for Power.*

- 2. Can BC Hydro please confirm if the project specific line loss values will be provided with the CEAP results on November 24, 2025? If not, will the line loss factors be provided at some point? If so, when?**

*Response: BC Hydro will not be sharing project specific line losses in the 2025 Call for Power.*

- 3. Are POIs west of NCTL Phase 2 zone (west of Skeena Substation) also subject to the NCTL provisions in Addendum 5?**

*Response: Yes, please review Addendum 5 for more information.*

- 4. Could BC Hydro confirm that projects that share interconnection equipment with existing or planned facilities would be considered connecting via third party system owners?**

*Response: Yes, we can confirm this. The existing or planned (including 2024 call projects) load / generator customers are third party system owners, if your project is sharing interconnection equipment with them. Please review Addendum 2 and 3 for more details.*

- 5. Could you please confirm the calculation methodology for the “adder” applied to network upgrade costs (estimated interconnection cost ÷ yield ÷ 17.46)? I was unable to locate the formula in the 2025 documentation — could you point me to the relevant reference?**

*Response: Please refer to Section 11.2 in the RFP for an explanation of how the bid price adjustors are to be applied at Evaluation. BC Hydro will generally use the same formulas as the [2024 Call Illustrative Evaluation Price Adjustor Formulas \[PDF, 214 KB\]](#) example with updates to reflect the 2025 Call evaluation, subject to BC Hydro's discretion to modify if/as needed.*

**6. What if industry uses all the power?**

*Response: The 2025 Call for Power is targeting up to 5,000 GWh per year and is intended to serve BC Hydro's domestic load. The purpose of BC Hydro's Integrated Resource Plan is to ensure that we have enough power to serve our customers. An updated Integrated Resource Plan will be published in the coming months.*

**First Nations Economic Participation**

**7. Does an MOU or term sheet need to be submitted with proposal for the First Nations Community Economic Benefit credit?**

*Response: No, we don't need to see copies of agreements. We just need to see the Form 5 that attests that agreements are in place.*

**8. If several First Nations have a corporation which enters into a MOU with a proponent, would those First Nations, which are not equity partners, be eligible for the First Nations Community Economic Benefits credit?**

*Response: Yes, please review the requirements listed in the RFP. Please note that the First Nations must be Project First Nations as defined in the RFP and must not hold Equity Ownership in the Seller's Plant to prevent double counting of the credits.*

**9. Will you be offering in person general meetings?**

*Response: We are not offering in-person meetings at this time, as the Call for Power is now an open procurement, and we must ensure transparency and fairness to all proponents.*

**10. If one has a Form 5 non-equity (Community Economic Benefit) participation agreement, and I get the Community Economic Benefit, and then the First Nations becomes an equity partner after EPA award, would one lose the \$1/MWh credit?**

*BC Hydro wishes to correct the answer provided during the session with the following official response:*

*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.*

- 11. For any First Nations that are identified through means outside of the [First Nations Consultative Areas public map](#) and included in consultation, can they be involved in the First Nations Economic Participation Model in the RFP?**

*Response: Only First Nations that meet the definition of a Project First Nation as defined in the RFP are eligible to participate in Equity Ownership and receive Community Economic Benefit Credits.*

- 12. Can an Economic Development Corporation sign the Form 4?**

*Response: The Form 4 must be signed by an attestor with the authority to bind the Proponent as well as an attestor with the authority to bind the First Nation, i.e. duly elected or appointed officials of the First Nation.*

### **First Nations Consultation Approach and Standards**

- 13. Why and how would the thoughts of some First Nations be misrepresented during the consultation process when there is a Fairness Monitor in place.**

*Response: BC Hydro typically learns about this issue through a First Nation. BC Hydro reviews the consultation records and related correspondence for every proposal. If the proponent has provided a complete and transparent consultation record along with the relevant communications, we can be confident that they have accurately and faithfully represented the input received. The role of the Fairness Monitor is to ensure that the RFP process is being implemented as intended by BC Hydro. He is not involved in assessing or commenting on the relationship between First Nations and proponents.*

- 14. What happens if there are less than three eligible Project First Nations within a project area? Will those projects be at a competitive disadvantage due to not having the opportunity to get the community non-equity credit?**

*Response: Technically, a Proposal cannot maximize evaluation credits for First Nations economic participation if there are fewer than three Project First Nations since the maximum credit of \$6 per MWh comes from at least one Project First Nation with 51% Equity Ownership (maximum credit of \$4 per MWh) and at least two Project First Nations attesting to Community Economic Benefits Credits by submitting at least two Form 5s with the Proposal. However, there are many instances that the First Nations economic participation credits will not be maximized in a Proposal even where there are three or more Project First Nations.*

- 15. Can you receive the credit if there is only one eligible Project First Nation that is already an equity partner?**

*Response: No.*

- 16. For the forward-looking consultation plan that you discussed, are there any specific sections within Schedule 4 where you are looking for this information?**

*Response: Please review the Schedule 4 instructions. A plan should include actions, timelines, and outcomes, not be a vague commitment to doing something in the future.*

### **Specimen EPA**

- 17. Since certain shared interconnection facilities are allowed, there is language in the 6.1 of the EPA that the proponent is the sole owner of the Seller's Plant, which definition includes infrastructure up to the POI. Can this be clarified?**

*Response: The seller's plant does include the transmission infrastructure to POI. We recognize that there may be indirect connections from a third party in which case the indirect interconnections provisions apply. Prior to COD, the project will need an asset sharing agreement with the third party to use that facility and amendments to the third party's EPA, if they are an IPP), will be required. Please review the specimen EPA for more information.*

- 18. Under the EPA, sellers are required to pay a termination payment to the buyer if they are unable to obtain a material permit. This creates a risk exposure for sellers in situations that may be beyond their control. With the new BCER permitting regime introducing uncertainty around timelines and process, how is BC Hydro approaching this issue to support project viability and mitigate unintended consequences?**

*Response: Proponents are responsible for assessing risks and uncertainties including permitting risks in developing a project schedule and submitting a proposal with a commitment to a GCOD. Permitting is not an event of force majeure. Proponents are in control of the permitting process through working with the BCER and the applicable*

regulations. If a reasonable schedule has been developed for the proposal, the project has until the GCOD date to obtain all material permits. If the project is unable to obtain material permits 90 days prior to GCOD, the proponent can choose to terminate the EPA and the termination payment is limited to the Performance Security. We encourage you to consult your own technical, financial and legal experts to inform your bid assumptions and mitigate any unintended consequences embedded in the commitments provided by your proposal.

- 19. Are POIs west of NCTL Phase 2 zone (west of Skeena Substation) also subject to the NCTL provisions in Amendment 5?**

*Response: Yes, projects west of Skeena are subject to NCTL provisions outlined in Addendum 5.*

- 20. The ROFR is problematic and could reduce ability for IPP developers to sell down its ownership and free capital for other development opportunities. Would BC Hydro consider carve outs to the ROFR so long as the original equity holder remains a project owner?**

*Response: We have gone through engagement on the ROFR and adjusted based on feedback. We are not intending to revise.*

- 21. Did you consider a term like the Canadian content "price adder" but for First Nations businesses content. Namely, the majority owned First Nations businesses that supply goods and services (who may not be part of equity ownership or community benefits) also get a price adder?**

*Response: We did engage on this aspect in May / June – and a First Nations business would be considered Canadian.*

### **Tariff Mechanism**

- 22. When is it expected that the EPA will be amended to include the Tariff adjustment language?**

*Response: We hope to have this completed by end of October and will share it as soon as possible through an Addendum posted on our website.*

### **RFP Proposal Content Requirements**

- 23. Will there be a specific deadline to pay the Proposal Fee? I believe in 2024 it was 10 business days. Will the payee be the same payee as the 2024 Call for Power?**

*Response: Please follow the instructions provided with the Invoice. This year we will specify the payment in the days after the invoice is sent and it will account for time to set up BC Hydro as payee. Do not pay an invoice until you receive the payment details and invoice number from us.*

**24. Would BC Hydro prefer longer-form answers included directly in the Forms or appended as exhibits?**

*Response: We ask you to use the Forms and Schedules templates as provided - and include exhibits where specified.*

**25. Should Seller's Plant section in Part A include responses or do we simply defer to the Appendix A for those responses?**

*Response: Please fill in both Schedule 3 per the document and attach Appendix A.*

**26. Will the Proposal fee be reimbursed if the project is not selected?**

*Response: No, the proposal fee is non-refundable.*

**27. Is the proposal fee tax free?**

*Response: No, the proposal fee is \$20,000 + GST*

**28. If a developer is submitting multiple bids under distinct Proponent Entities, can they all be submitted through one intranet credential, or should an intranet credential be created for each entity?**

*Response: Each registered proponent will receive a Sourcing Extranet credential that can be used to submit multiple project proposals. If the Proponent Entities have distinct primary contacts, they should submit their own Schedule 1 form Registration to receive individual Sourcing Extranet credentials. Please be aware this need to be submitted at least 5 Business Days before the RFP Close date.*

**29. As long as the Primary Contact remains the same (same ownership), if the Proponent changes from Registration to Bid Submission, for example the Project Entity was created, do we have to do anything more than just updating the Proponent Name in the bid submission documents? For clarity, we would not need to resubmit the Registration Form, correct?**

*Response: Before RFP Closing date please use Schedule 1 to update any changes to your Registration information, in particular any changes to Primary Contact information. On and after RFP Closing Date we will be contacting Proponents via the Schedule 2 Proposal Contact. Please ensure you provide the most up to date information in Schedule 2 are part of your bid submission.*

**30. Can non-profit and for-profit entities submit proposals?**

*Response: Yes, if they meet the eligibility requirements to participate.*

**31. Previously we were talking about shared facilities, and it was mentioned that a Shared Facilities Agreement would need to be signed in these cases. Is that required for Bid Submission?**

*Response: Shared Facilities Agreements are not required until COD.*

**32. How long can we expect from RFP Closing and provision on the bid security to award of the EPA, and then how long do nations have to decide before a performance security must be offered.**

*Response: We are currently planning to award EPAs sometime in March 2026. Once a Proponent is selected and offered an EPA, they have 10 business days to execute the EPA and provide the Performance Security.*