

## San Diego Community Power 2024 Cluster 15 IPE RFP Questions & Answers September 6, 2024

1. Will SD Community Power entertain redlines to the Exclusivity Agreement?
  - a. Yes, per the posted RFP Announcement, SD Community Power will entertain redlines to the exclusivity agreement (EA), noting that such redlines to the EA may not ultimately be accepted by SD Community Power. The extent of the redlines could factor into the review and scoring.
2. Is SD Community Power open to working with projects under exclusivity to achieve transmission plan deliverability (TPD)? How does SD Community Power anticipate to balance TPD 5 yr. contractual requirements and the obligations of parties under exclusivity?
  - a. SD Community Power anticipates supporting a project's shortlist status (CAISO Group B) for those projects under exclusivity with SD Community Power, and for those projects that have provided a subsequent offer accepted by SD Community Power for which SD Community Power has a basis to negotiate a contract pursuant to the exclusivity agreement, SD Community Power would aim to target execution of the contract to qualify for CAISO Group A.
3. Is SD Community Power allocating any CIP points to energy-only projects?
  - a. SD Community Power will consider allocating to projects in CAISO-designated merchant zones pending project specifics and the project's potential fit in SD Community Power's portfolio. SD Community Power was allocated 115 MW of Energy Only capacity.
4. Is SD Community Power willing to consider 10 yr. terms for the projects, or only 15 yrs.?
  - a. Yes, per the posted RFP Announcement, SD Community Power welcomes proposals for 10-year agreements. However, for modeling purposes, SD Community Power requires pricing ranges that presume 15-year terms as described in Section V.A.1 of the RFP Announcement.
5. Beyond the requirement to be located within the CAISO footprint, does SD Community Power have any preference for projects located within its service territory?
  - a. Yes, SD Community Power prefers projects within our service territory, but such preference is considered in the context of all evaluative criteria.
6. Is there a maximum capacity at which SD Community Power would be willing or interested in contracting?
  - a. SD Community Power will consider a maximum range of 200-345 MW in alignment with SD Community Power's allocation of 345 MW for TPD projects.
7. Is SD Community Power open to contracting with and awarding CIP points for capacity that is part of a larger facility?

- a. Yes
8. Can SD Community Power Confirm this RFP is ONLY for C15 Commercial Interest Point allocation and NO Pre -C15 project will be assessed as part of this exercise
- a. That's correct. This RFP is for Cluster 15 (C15) projects only. SD Community Power will be issuing an all-source RFO in September for which pre-C15 projects are eligible.
9. How many total Points is SD Community Power expecting to allocate for C15?
- a. SD Community Power is not committing to a target at this time. SD Community Power has been allocated 345 MW for TPD projects and 115 MW for Energy Only projects.
10. Will there be a distinction of Point allocation for Hybrid vs Stand Alone Storage project? If yes, how many MW's of Stand-alone storage is SD Community Power Expecting to shortlist via this RFP
- a. SD Community Power does not have a prescribed target for standalone storage vs other types of resources.
11. How will SD Community Power verify a project's study zone to be TPD or not?
- a. On August 30, 2024, CAISO posted an update to their point of interconnection (POI) constraint mapping in which CAISO has identified interconnection study areas as within a TPD Zone or Merchant Zone.<sup>1</sup> POIs for the proposed project should be identified on this list.
12. How can Developers show proof of experience in CAISO, will a short description of respondent's experience without disclosing name of projects suffice?
- a. SD Community Power expects project names to validate experience. If confidentiality is a concern, please review our newly posted NDA in the IPE RFP section of our Solicitations webpage: <https://sdcommunityc.org/resources/solicitations>.
13. Which CAISO Posted Constraint Map is SD Community Power planning to use, the one posted in April 2024? If yes Will SD Community Power be accounting for change in constraint boundaries due to new Deliverability methodology and the C14 TPD allocations? Will SD Community Power consider the CAISO's most recent publicly available report on available TPD capacity and constraint mapping results to assess the project's potential for an eventual TPD allocation by CAISO?
- a. See the answer to question #11. SD Community Power will use the latest report posted on August 30, 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> CAISO file: <https://www.caiso.com/library/transmission-capability-estimate-inputs-for-cpuc-integrated-resource-plan-aug-29-2024> posted to CAISO webpage <https://www.caiso.com/library/transmission-capability-estimate-inputs-for-cpuc-integrated-resource-plan-aug-29-2024>

14. IS SD Community Power looking for demonstration of COD viability for C15 projects? If yes, how would Respondents demonstrate this?
- a. SD Community Power is not looking for COD estimates at this time given interconnection studies have not been conducted. However, respondents are encouraged to describe (with documentation, as applicable) any progress on site control, permitting status, or other elements of project development that have been completed, in progress or “derisked” that can speak to a more expedient COD.
15. Will SD Community Power need proof like 'expected NU' and their Schedule from C14 projects at the current project POI?
- a. No proof of expected network upgrades is required; however, any documentation on existing co-located interconnection timelines and cost may be considered. Note that SD Community Power requires the anticipated CAISO self-scoring for the project in the proposal template, which includes whether the project is an expansion project at a given POI or not.
16. Please elaborate on the types of benefits SD Community Power is looking for from projects not in the vicinity of the CCA?
- a. Please refer to Section V of SD Community Power’s RFP Announcement, which describes quantitative and qualitative evaluative criteria. Such criteria may lead to SD Community Power choosing a project not in SD Community Power’s service territory. One example is the benefit of technology diversity that could be expected to provide an energy delivery or capacity profile that is complementary to SD Community Power’s existing portfolio. Note, SD Community Power has updated the RFP Announcement to explicitly indicate that the ability of a project to provide renewable attributes is among the evaluation criteria:  
<https://sdcommunitypower.org/resources/solicitations>.