

MINNESOTA POWER – DSES RFP

BIDDER QUESTIONS WE 5/26/2025

Q1: Under Sec. 4.02 of the PPA: Is performance Guarantee subject to weather adjustment?

A1: The Performance Guarantee under Attachment C – Minnesota Power Model Solar PPA is not subject to any weather adjustment beyond those defined as a Force Majeure.

Q2: Under Sec. 4.03(b)(i) of the PPA: Can you please clarify if Available Guarantee is needed for PV systems or BESS only?

A2: Section 4.03(b) is only applicable to Battery Energy Storage Systems and is not applicable to PV systems.

Q3: Under Sec. 6.03(a) of the PPA: Can you please confirm that 0.2% revenue grade meter accuracy reading is intended?

A3: At least 0.2% accuracy is the requirement provided in Attachment C – Minnesota Power Model PPA. Minnesota Power's standard is to install ION 8650 which is an ANSI .1% accuracy class meter and .15S accuracy class CTs.

Q4: Is MN Power open to Tier 1 modules not included in Exhibit 9?

A4: Minnesota Power does not expect to make exceptions to the Approved Suppliers in Exhibit 9 of Attachment F – Technical Specifications.

Q5: Would MN Power be open to more racking manufacturers than the 3 listed in Exhibit 9?

A5: Minnesota Power does not expect to make exceptions to the Approved Suppliers in Exhibit 9 of Attachment F – Technical Specifications.

Q6: Is MN Power open to exceeding the 8' height max for a solution that incorporates agrivoltaics?

A6: Minnesota Power is open to considering proposals that exceed the 8' height requirement if installation and ongoing maintenance remain safe and cost effective.

Q7: There is a performance guarantee requirement for the BESS system, but did not see one for the PV-only system. Should bidders be providing a performance guarantee just for the BESS option, or for both?

A7: Please review section 4.03 of Attachment C – Minnesota Power Model Solar PPA for information on solar performance guarantees. Projects proposed as Build Own Transfers are subject to the Performance Standard identified in Attachment D – Minnesota Power BOT Term Sheet.