

## Questions and Answers since the Technical and Bidders' Conference

**Last Update: March 8, 2021**

Q1) Given that Section V.B. of the RFP states that the Confidentiality Agreement “must be submitted along with the proposal, if it has not been previously submitted,” does this mean that the Co-ops will accept Confidentiality Agreements submitted after the January 29, 2021 schedule date?

*A Yes. Confidential data will not be made available until after an executed Confidentiality Agreement is submitted; however, Confidentiality Agreements will be accepted up to the deadline for final bid submission.*

Q2) Can you clarify if in Section V: Instructions to Bidders the RFP is requiring that all of the information in the appendices is in our response or if you are looking to have the actual responses in each appendix?

*A We are requiring all the information. If bidders can use the appendix to organize their responses, that would be helpful (but not required).*

Q3) Please clarify the nature of the delivery point peaks delivered as part of the confidential data package.

*A The peaks reported in the delivery point summary file are non-coincident peaks of each data point individually. Hourly values can be provided on request.*

Q4) Is interconnection submission to MISO required prior to submission to the RFP, or can it be done after?

*A There is no requirement for interconnection submission to MISO prior to submission to the RFP; however, evidence of submission and/or any subsequent information about interconnection costs might be relevant to evaluation for project development feasibility, risk exposure for buyers, and bidder qualifications.*

Q5) For the proposal for energy delivery, the RFP states that the members are looking to receive energy at their nodes. Would they be open to take energy at the nearest hub, (e.g. MISO LA hub)?

*A The coops are open to taking energy at the nearest hub; however, appropriate deliverability cost risk and price impacts will be considered in the bid evaluation.*

Q6) How much (MW) are you looking to contract through the RFP?

*A The Coops intend to contract to serve their full forecasted load, with a carve out for pre-existing SWPA allocations and preferably a Buyer option to supply up to 15% of their annual capacity and/or energy requirements from other providers for renewable, battery, DSM resources, or new technologies. (See RFP Section IIB). The Coops do not intend to go long or short in the MISO market to any significant degree.*

Q7) How is the 32.8MW of nameplate capacity allocated between the coops? Is the following estimate correct?

SLEMCO: 22MW nameplate and 18MW capacity credit  
PC: 5MW nameplate and 4MW capacity credit  
Concordia: 5MW nameplate and 4MW capacity credit

A *The allocation as described above is accurate based on MISO calculations of SWPA capacity.*

Q8) Would you mind confirming that there is no Peak SWPA energy on the weekends?

A *“Peaking power” is agreed to between SWPA and the scheduling agent. There may be times in the future when Peaking Power is scheduled on the weekend.*

Q9) There is one EPNODE listed for SLEMCO which is “L CLEC GEYD\_C GEYD\_C” . Looks like here has been no load at this EPNODE since 2015. We just wanted to confirm that this is the only CLEC EPNODE (as all the rest are LAGN).

A *This is correct. GEYD is a delivery point no longer utilized by SLEMCO and should not be considered moving forward. The remaining nodes are indeed LAGN.*

Q10) The following questions reference Appendix G: Power Delivery and Energy Management Services:

**“Scheduling, system control and dispatch services”** – What assets does PCE and CEC own that will need to have a system control setup for and dispatched? Are these assets MISO assets under MISO dispatch control? Are any of these assets Demand Response or LAR assets?

A *At this time, none of the coops (SLEMCO, PCE or CEC) own generation assets nor do they have Demand Response or Load As Resource (LAR) assets. The coops do desire to keep the options open to Demand Response and / or LAR assets as the benefits of those assets become more defined.*

**“Manage OATT processes with delivery to EPNodes”** – What OATT processes are there for PCE and CEC? Aren’t the EPNodes load points in MISO and thus are served through MISO? Is there any transmission that needs to be purchased for these OATT processes? If so, who will be responsible for the purchase of this transmission and what type of transmission needs to be purchased (i.e. Firm, Non-Firm, Interruptible etc)

A *All three coops take service under CLECO’s Network Integrated Transmission Service rate from the MISO interface to LAGN.LAGN and expect that to continue to be the case going forward. The successful supplier will be expected to work with the coops in securing this NITS service and optimizing its cost. This is especially the case if the supplier is offering a full-requirements contract.*

**“Submission of planning transmission model to MISO”** – Will the EMA provider be responsible for submission of model updates only, or is there an expectation that the EMA provider will assist in the creation and editing of the planning model submission data?

*A The EMA provider would be expected to aid the coops in dealing with all aspects of the planning model actions. Once established, the planning model changes are expected to be small year-to-year.*

**“Market true-up for load or generation deviations”** – What generation assets does PCE or CEC currently have that would need true-up? Who is responsible for handling true-ups for SWPA?

*A The co-ops do not currently own generation. All SWPA contractual rights are settled between each cooperative and SWPA. Energy volumes for both peaking and supplemental are tagged by Cleco Cajun. Tags are adjusted in real time if there is a change to SWPA energy volumes available.*

**“DSM Management”** – How many DSM customers does PCE/CEC have? How are PCE/CEC’s customers currently dispatched for DSM? (i.e. manual or automatic/software controlled)

*A The coops currently have no DSM customers. The coops wish to have the option to develop DSM programs going forward.*

Q11) If a particular hour has a MW value in the peak tab, is that the total MW’s that the coop received for that hour? So if you wanted to get a full picture of a particular day, you would use the Supplemental MW’s for each hour that is not listed in the Peak tab and use the MW’s in the peak tab for the hours not listed in the Supplemental tab?

*A To determine the total MW value served by SWPA in an hour, both peak and supplemental values for a given hour should be added. Certain days and certain hours may not have been served by either Peak or Supplemental energy by SWPA.*

Q12) Peak data for PCE and CEC is from 1/1/2020 and goes through 12/31/2020. The supplemental data only goes through 10/16/2020. Can we get the remaining supplemental data for 2020?

*A Data in the SWPA hourly file was provided directly by SWPA. To our knowledge there is no supplemental energy delivered from 10/16/2020 through 12/31/2020.*

Q13) There are several periods of time where certain hours are missing from both the peak and supplemental tabs (i.e. many hours in January HE9 & 10 are missing on both tabs, while HE 14, 15,16 are missing for a lot of days in July). Is this data missing or was there no allocation for PCE or CEC during these hours?

*A Data in the SWPA hourly file was provided directly by SWPA. We assume that there is no data missing and no allocation occurred during these hours.*

Q14) The weekend data which is only in the supplemental tab seems to stop providing values for all 24hrs starting in mid June. Is the weekend data correct from mid June on through the end of the year? I.e.- Are the 0 values for multiple hours on the weekends correct?

A *Data in the SWPA hourly file was provided directly by SWPA. We assume that there is no data missing and no allocation occurred during these hours.*

Q15) There are many instances where the weekend hourly values are higher than the weekday values in the supplemental tab. Is it correct that the weekend allocation from SWPA is higher on the weekends than the weekdays?

A *Supplemental power is scheduled on an "as available" basis. It is not a pre-committed allocation.*

Q16) Is the SWPA generation delivered to the coop(s) at a specific EPNODE or CPNODE?

A *SWPA allocations for the Cooperatives are delivered to the LAGN.LAGN CPNode, and are allocated ARR associated with the firm NITS service from the SWPA CPNode. From there, the EPNODE delivery points for SWPA are as follows:*

- *SLEMCO - Vatican*
- *CEC – Black River*
- *PCE - Waterloo*

Q17) Please confirm that the hourly data for each coop is the total load for all EPNODES combined.

A *This is correct.*

Q18) Is the timestamp provided an Hour Beginning or an Hour Ending timestamp?

A *The timestamps in the Coop Hourly Data 2015-2019 file are Hour Ending.*

Q19) Is 2020 data available? If so, is it possible to get 2020 hourly data for PCE and CEC?

A *The Cooperatives are in the process of gathering this data and it will be shared upon request with bidders with signed Confidentiality Agreements when available. Please email [LACoopsRFP@daymarkea.com](mailto:LACoopsRFP@daymarkea.com) if you would like to receive the data, once available.*

A **March 8 Update:** *This information is currently available.*

Q20) Is the hourly data net of the coops SWPA generation allotment or is it just total load for all load points?

A *The Coop hourly data is total load and does not net out the SWPA allotment.*

Q21) At this time the MISO Network upgrades are not fully known and even though we have taken conservative estimates of the costs, we cannot be 100% certain of the Network upgrade costs for another couple of months. In the event that the Network upgrades come in above our

conservative estimates and our proposal is no longer viable does the Bidder have the ability to revise or pull our offer before the shortlist period?

A *Please note your possible need to revise or pull your offer before the shortlist period in your proposal, and we will consider this as part of our evaluation. Any bidder who flags a potential need to revise a bid may be asked for final bid confirmation before being shortlisted.*

Q22) Can you provide information on ARR allocations? (volumes and paths)

A *Under current contractual arrangements, ARR Entitlements belong to the PSSA Cooperative Transmission Group. This information has not been provided to any Cooperatives through any one or more RFP process as a result of the confidentiality provisions of Cleco Cajun's contracts with each Cooperative.*

*The ARR Entitlements are currently based on LAGN.LAGN AR Zone (LAGN.LAGN CPNode includes all nine Louisiana Generating cooperatives). Given the current separate procurements by different cooperatives or groups of cooperatives, it is anticipated that this node will eventually be replaced by 3-5 distinct CP Nodes, each for a different coop or group of coops.*

*The ARR Entitlements do cover the peak load obligation of all Louisiana Generating cooperatives, implying that Concordia, PCE and SLEMCO will have ARR Entitlements to cover their total load to mitigate congestions costs in MISO.*

*ARR path information is available to entities in MISO, but excludes the applicable Asset Owner. The large majority of the ARR paths available publicly are the LAGN ARRs (they will not explicitly state LAGN, they will just say "CCJN"). Please note that these paths are subject to change by the holders of the ARRs or their designated ARR managers, subject to MISO rules.*

Q23) Can you provide clarification on the item under EMA services that references "submission of transmission planning model update to MISO?"

A *It is our understanding that the MISO planning model is reviewed and updated annually. In the case of the coops issuing this RFP, the updates will involve circumstances where a new EPNODE or CPNode needs to be added or modified or transmission assets added. We do not expect that to happen often. Any model changes by neighboring systems also must be reviewed. The Market Participant is responsible for all Commercial and Network Model Upgrades, which includes the Planning Model updates. The bidder is encouraged to refer to MISO for specifics regarding these updates.*

Q24) Could you provide any available information regarding the credit metrics of the cooperatives?

A *SLEMCO meets the RUS-required TIER and DSC levels of 1.25. The co-op has been in business since 1937.*

Q25) Will any entity be providing a guarantee for any of the entities?

A *No.*

Q26) Without knowing the details of these cooperatives specific SWPA contracts we find it surprising that Concordia and PCE have identical hydro offtake amounts (in Q7) yet their peaking allotment (in the confidential data files) is so different. Is there a reason that that PCE gets significantly less peaking energy than Concordia?

A *The equal 4 MW amounts indicated in Q7 are based on a MISO calculation of SWPA capacity for all 9 LaGen cooperatives currently served by CLECO. They may not reflect SWPA's own records of its allocations.*