

RFQ #27483

Solar Photovoltaic Installation at Lichterman Nature Center

Questions & Answers

Questions are provided exactly as submitted.

#		Section	Question / Answer
1	Q	1.8.6	Typically Green Power Providers projects are connected on the secondary side of the utility transformer, saving substantial costs and solar production efficiencies to the project. If agreed by MLGW, can the system be interconnected on the secondary side of the utility transformer?
1	A		MLGW cannot agree to an interconnection point (secondary side, etc.) until the full application package has been submitted for Engineering review.
2	Q	1.8.6	MLGW has a standard interconnection agreement for Green Power Providers. Why does this project agreement need a custom interconnection agreement?
2	A		There does not need to be a custom interconnection agreement. MLGW does have a standard Interconnection and Parallel Operations Agreement (a sample is on the MLGW website). MLGW would create the actual document using information from the Application for Interconnection.
3	Q	2.1.G	"The City of Memphis requires tracking data...for the life of the agreement". Does this refer to the TVA Green Power Providers 20 year agreement? Please clarify the "agreement".
3	A		For tracking data, a real-time data output on a TV display is desired for the life of the project (i.e. 20 years). At a minimum, a real-time tracking system through a medium such as a dedicated website is expected.
4	Q	Page 15 – Special Requirements	The December 2015 to February 2016 time frame for construction may not allow enough time for application approval from TVA and MLGW, considering industry-standard procurement and construction times. Additionally, p.16 references an interconnection study, which typically takes up to 60 days. Would you consider extending the construction schedule?
4	A		MLGW typically needs 10 business days to review an application, then we approve (or require modification to approve) and send to TVA, who approves in about another two weeks. However, TVA has deadlines for late-in-year applications. You would need to submit your Capacity Reservation Request soon, and then must submit your Participation Agreement Request- along with the Application for Interconnection and all technical documents- no later than 11/18/2015 in order to ensure the 2015 capacity and 2015 premium amount of \$0.02 above retail. (There will be no premium for Participation Agreements executed in 2016 and after.) If you miss the 11/18/2015 deadline, the Capacity Reservation Request is canceled and you must wait until January to reapply.

5	Q	General	Does the City seek to directly purchase and own the PV system, or is 3 rd party ownership required for this project?
5	A		The City will directly purchase and own the PV system.