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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
RENEWABLE ENERGY AND PORTFOLIO ENERGY CREDITS**

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Notice of Disclaimer

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING DISCLAIMER CAREFULLY SINCE SUBMISSION OF A BID TO NV ENERGY'S SPRING 2010 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ("RFP") FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND PORTFOLIO ENERGY CREDITS MEANS THAT RESPONDENT HAS AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS RFP HAS BEEN PREPARED SOLELY TO ASSIST PROSPECTIVE RESPONDENTS IN MAKING THE DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL (AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED BELOW). NV ENERGY DOES NOT PURPORT THIS INFORMATION TO BE ALL-INCLUSIVE OR TO CONTAIN ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT A PROSPECTIVE RESPONDENT MAY NEED TO CONSIDER IN ORDER TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL. NEITHER NV ENERGY NOR ANY NV ENERGY PARTY ARE MAKING, OR WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE MADE, ANY CURRENT OR FUTURE REPRESENTATION, PROMISE OR WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE ACCURACY, RELIABILITY, OR COMPLETENESS OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, OR IN ANY DOCUMENT OR INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO A RESPONDENT, WHETHER OR NOT THE AFOREMENTIONED PARTIES KNOW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS, OR WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS INCLUSION IN, OR OMISSION FROM, THIS RFP. NV ENERGY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY OR SUPPLEMENT THIS RFP AT ANY TIME.

No part of this RFP and no part of any subsequent correspondence by NV Energy or any NV Energy Party shall be taken as providing legal, financial, or other advice, nor as establishing a contract or contractual obligation.

Contractual obligations on the part of NV Energy will arise only if and when definitive agreements have been approved, executed and delivered by the appropriate parties having the authority to approve and enter into such agreements.

NV Energy reserves the right to reject any, all, or portions of any Proposal received for any reason, in NV Energy's sole discretion.

NV Energy also may decline to enter into an agreement with any Respondent, terminate negotiations with any Respondent, or to abandon the RFP process in its entirety at any time and without notice thereof.

Respondents who submit Proposals agree to do so without legal recourse against NV Energy, its affiliates or subsidiaries, and its directors, officers, employees and agents for rejection of their Proposal(s) or for failure to execute an agreement for any reason. NV Energy shall not be liable to any Respondent or party in law or equity for any reason whatsoever for any acts or omissions arising out of or in connection with this RFP. By submitting its Proposal, each Respondent waives any right to challenge any evaluation by NV Energy of any Proposal of any Respondent or any determination of NV Energy to select or reject any Proposal of any Respondent. Each Respondent, in submitting its Proposal, irrevocably agrees and acknowledges that it is making its Proposal subject to and in agreement with the terms of this RFP and agrees that NV Energy shall be entitled to specific performance of their rights hereunder and injunctive relief.

Each Respondent shall be liable for all of its costs incurred to prepare, submit, respond or negotiate its Proposal and any resulting agreement and for any other activity related thereto, and NV Energy shall not be responsible for any of the Respondent's costs.

NV Energy will, in its sole discretion and without limitation, evaluate Proposals and proceed in the manner in which NV Energy deems appropriate, which may include deviation from NV Energy's expected evaluation process, the waiver of any requirements, and the request for additional information. Rejected Respondents will have no claim whatsoever against NV Energy, or their members, customers, employees, officers, agents, or NV Energy's consultants.

THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO NV ENERGY SHALL CONSTITUTE RESPONDENT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALL TERMS, REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RFP.

Definitions and Abbreviations

Capitalized terms and abbreviations used in this RFP are defined below.

“Alternating Current or “AC” shall mean the form of electricity which is delivered to businesses and residences. For photovoltaic (“PV”) generating plants, AC is the power created by running direct current (“DC”) power through an inverter.

“Bid Deposit” shall mean the non-refundable deposit which is provided by a Respondent in accordance with Section 2.6 at the time of submission of its Proposal. The Bid Deposit must accompany a Proposal in order for the Proposal to be considered responsive.

“Bidders Conference” shall mean the conference to be held in NV Energy’s general office facilities in Las Vegas, Nevada, details of which are set forth in Section 2.3 of this RFP.

“Commercial Operation Date” shall mean the date on which the generating facility included in a Respondent’s Proposal commences operations in a safe, reliable, sustained, commercial basis, and in compliance with all applicable laws, permits, and regulations.

“Development Security” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Pro Forma PPAs attached in Exhibit C.

“Equivalent Availability” shall mean the measure of reliability of the generating facility as calculated based on the definition of the North American Electric Reliability Council (“NERC”), as such definition may be amended from time to time.

“Forced Outage Rate” shall mean the unplanned interruption of production of energy from the generating facility forecast in a Proposal as calculated based on the definition of the North American Electric Reliability Council (“NERC”), as such definition may be amended from time to time.

“NV Energy” or **“The Company”** shall mean Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company, two investor-owned electric utilities doing business as “NV Energy” that serve most of the State of Nevada, and the Lake Tahoe area of California.

“NV Energy Party” means any director, officer, employee, consultant, accountant, attorney, advisor or contractor of NV Energy.

“Operating Security” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Pro Forma PPAs attached as Exhibit C.

“PC” shall mean a portfolio energy credit as determined pursuant to chapter 704 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, sections 7801 to 7828, inclusive, and associated regulations promulgated by the PUCN.

“PPA” shall mean a power purchase agreement in the form set forth in Attachment C of this RFP.

“Proposal” shall mean a Respondent’s submittal in response to this RFP.

“PUCN” shall mean the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada.

“Registered Representative” shall mean the individual designated by a prospective Respondent as the contact person for the purpose of this RFP who shall receive any correspondence issued during the RFP process.

“Renewable Energy Act” means Sections 7801 to 7828 of Chapter 704 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended from time to time.

“Respondent” shall mean a utility, independent power producer, or other entity that responds to this RFP by submitting a Proposal in accordance with the requirements herein.

“RFP” shall mean this Spring 2010 Request for Proposals for Renewable Energy and Portfolio Energy Credits.

“Technical Proposal Form” shall mean the Excel worksheet model contained in Attachment D of this RFP. The Proposal must include a Technical Proposal Form, completed by the Respondent with precision and accuracy, for the Proposal to be considered responsive. The Technical Proposal Form contains information for a Proposal, including Respondent information, project information, interconnection and technical information, Proposal pricing information, and the project generation profile. The electronic version of the Technical proposal Form is available on the Spring 2010 RFP website.

1.0 Overview

NV Energy is issuing this RFP to interested parties with the intent of securing electric power requirements and the associated PCs from renewable resources under terms and conditions favorable to NV Energy's customers. This RFP is consistent with NV Energy's objective to obtain safe, reliable, and adequate power supplies for its customers at the lowest reasonable cost and in an environmentally responsible manner.

The procurement of renewable energy and PCs is pursuant to the Renewable Energy Act and the associated regulations promulgated by the PUCN. NV Energy is supportive of the acquisition of cost-effective renewable energy, as demonstrated by its current renewable energy programs.

NV Energy is expecting to acquire renewable energy from multiple generating facilities to meet, at a minimum, the mandated Renewable Portfolio Standard target of 12% of retail sales coming from renewable resources in 2009-2010, 15% in 2011-2012, 18% in 2013-2014, 20% in 2015-2019, 22% in 2020-2024 and 25% by 2025. Changes to the Renewable Energy Act that were enacted in 2009 will permit a greater number of renewable generation projects to be considered "Renewable Energy Sources" (See NRS §704.7815). In particular, beginning with the 2009 RFP, renewable projects whose first point of interconnection is outside of NV Energy's control area were allowed to bid into the NV Energy RFP process. For these bids to be compliant, both the energy and PCs from the facility must be delivered to NV Energy, pursuant to the amended NRS §704.7815.

This RFP is open to those parties who currently own, propose to develop, or have rights to a renewable energy generating facility with a minimum capacity of 1 MW (AC). Respondents to this RFP are requested to provide offers for the supply of renewable energy and PCs as a bundled product, or offers for the sale or transfer of a renewable energy generating facility, pursuant to the instructions provided herein. **This RFP will not consider demand side, energy efficiency, or PC-only proposals.**

Through this RFP process, NV Energy is seeking the following types of renewable technologies, as defined by the Renewable Energy Act:

- Biomass
- Geothermal
- Solar
- Wind
- Other resources defined by regulation.

Renewable energy and PC sales to NV Energy may begin as soon as approval is granted by the PUCN, and should have a minimum capacity of 1 MW (AC). Potential options for sale of a site for development, turnkey generating facility, or project ownership transfer, may also begin as soon as approval is granted by the PUCN, and should have a minimum capacity of 1 MW (AC). Any proposed transaction proposal submitted in this RFP must include renewable energy, PCs, federal renewable energy credits and all other environmental benefits of the generating facility.

This RFP is structured to provide prospective Respondents with sufficient information on which to prepare a Proposal and is organized in the following manner:

- **Section 2** provides general information to the Respondent including the RFP schedule established by NV Energy. Key dates to note are the Bidders Conference to be held on March 11, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Proposal due date of April 16, 2010.
- **Section 3** presents the basis for this RFP.
- **Section 4** provides submittal preparation instructions.
- **Section 5** discusses evaluation procedures and criteria.
- **Attachment A** contains a map of NV Energy's electric transmission system.
- **Attachment B** contains the Voluntary Consent Form.
- **Attachment C** contains the 2010 Pro Forma Power Purchase Agreements.
- **Attachment D** contains the Technical Proposal Form (revised 2010).

2.0 General Information on the RFP

2.1 General Information

Respondents may submit more than one Proposal, and may submit multiple offers for the same generating facility. All Proposals submitted to NV Energy pursuant to this RFP shall become the exclusive property of NV Energy and may be used by NV Energy as it deems appropriate. NV Energy shall only consider as confidential those portions of the Respondent's Proposal clearly marked "Proprietary and Confidential." A Proposal may be subject to discovery and disclosure in regulatory or judicial proceedings, including those initiated by a party other than NV Energy. Respondents may be required to justify the requested confidential treatment under the provisions of a protective order issued in such a proceeding. If required by an order of the PUCN or any agency or court, NV Energy may provide the subject material without prior consultation or notice to the Respondents. Such information may also be made available under applicable state or federal law to regulatory commission(s), their staff(s), and other governmental agencies having an interest or jurisdiction in these matters. The Company also reserves the right to release such information to its agents or contractors for the purpose of evaluating the Respondent's Proposal. Under no circumstances will NV Energy or any NV Energy Party be held liable for any damages resulting from any disclosure of Respondent's claimed confidential information during or after the RFP process.

Each Respondent shall be responsible for costs, including but not limited to all taxes, duties, fees and other charges associated with the delivery of energy under any contract resulting from this RFP and compliance with all local, state and federal laws that may affect such contract. Failure to account fully for these costs in the bid and the bid price will render the bid noncompliant.

Respondents should also take note that recent legislative changes have provided for certain property and/or sales tax abatements that may be available to projects located within Nevada (See NRS §701A).

2.2 RFP Schedule

NV Energy has established the target schedule for the RFP as shown in Table 2-1. NV Energy reserves the right to amend the target schedule at any time.

Table 2-1 Target RFP Schedule	
Item	Date
Issuance of RFP	February 17, 2010
Pre-Bidders' Conference	March 11, 2010
Latest Date for Questions to be Submitted	April 12, 2010
Proposal Due Date	April 16, 2010
Target Date: Initial Evaluation	June, 2010
Target Date: Short List	August, 2010
Target Date: Executed contracts submitted to PUCN	4 th Quarter, 2010

Please note that all dates listed in Table 2-1 are subject to change

2.3 Registration and Bidders Conference

All parties interested in becoming a Respondent to this RFP should complete and submit a Respondent Registration and Contact Information Form, contained on the RFP website, prior to attending the Bidders Conference.

The Bidders' Conference will be held at NV Energy's general office facilities in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 11, 2010. The conference will begin at 10:00 AM (PDT) and is expected to last until approximately 3:00 PM (PDT). Lunch will be provided at the conference. Conference attendees may attend either in-person or by webinar connection.

Each Respondent wishing to attend the Bidders Conference should provide notice of the Respondent's plans to attend by completing the notice form contained in the website address shown in Section 2.4. Notice is requested by 4:00 p.m. (PDT), March 8, 2010 and should indicate the number of representatives that the Respondent expects to attend, and whether Respondent desires to attend in-person or by webinar connection. Seating is limited, so please be certain to pre-register early if you intend to attend in-person. Webinar will be the only attendance option for any person failing to register by 4:00 p.m. (PDT), March 8, 2010.

At the Bidders Conference, representatives from NV Energy will provide information on the basis for this RFP and the RFP process, and will be available to answer questions regarding this RFP. The Company may provide additional information at the Bidders Conference, and intends to post responses to questions asked at the conference to the 2010 RFP website.

The address and location of the Pre-Bidders' Conference is as follows:

NV Energy
6226 West Sahara Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89146
Meeting Room A, B and C

2.4 Contact Information, Questions, and Answers

This RFP, all RFP-related documents and forms, and other related information can be accessed at NV Energy's 2010 Renewable RFP website. The website can be found at the following URL location:

www.NVenergy.com/renewableRFP

It shall be the responsibility of the Respondent to access the website to investigate any and all changes and addendums to this RFP and to obtain copies of any such information from the website.

NV Energy has also set up an RFP E-mail address for distribution of information related to this RFP and to allow uniform communication to all Respondents during the RFP process. The RFP E-mail address is:

RenewablesRFP@nvenergy.com

Any and all questions regarding the RFP should be directed to this e-mail address. Questions submitted by Respondents and the answers to those questions will be posted on the RFP website so as to be accessible to all Respondents. Any questions sent to any other e-mail address or directly to NV Energy will either (1) not receive a response; or (2) be directed to send the question to the Spring 2010 RFP e-mail address above. All questions and responses submitted through the RFP e-mail address and the Bidders Conference will be made public and available to all bidders during the RFP process.

NV Energy requires that all questions concerning this RFP be submitted to the RFP e-mail address listed above on or before April 12, 2010. Questions submitted after this date will not be answered.

2.5 Proposal Submittal Instructions

Submitted Proposals must be organized in the manner described in Section 4 of this RFP protocol document and signed by a representative of the Respondent who is duly authorized to submit the offer contained in the Proposal on behalf of the Respondent.

All Proposals need to be submitted in electronic format as well as hard copies. Both electronic and hard copies of the Proposal must be received by NV Energy on or before the date and time for receipt of Proposals set forth below.

For a Proposal to be considered by NV Energy, four (4) bound hard copies of the Proposal must be delivered to NV Energy's Representative (shown below) by 5:00 PM (PST) on April 16, 2010. An electronic version of the Proposal, in Adobe Portable Document Format (.pdf file), along with the Excel worksheet of the 2010 Technical Proposal Form (see Attachment D) in native Microsoft Excel format, must be submitted on a USB flash drive. **Please note that an electronic email version of the completed Excel Technical Proposal Form must be sent to RenewablesRFP@nev.com by 5PM April 16, 2010 with the subject line clearly identifying the Respondent and the Respondents proposed project.** Hard copies of Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed package and shall be clearly marked "Spring 2010 NV Energy Renewable RFP Proposal". Proposals received after 5PM Pacific Daylight Time on April 16, 2010 will be returned to the sender unopened. A Proposal may be withdrawn by the firm submitting the Proposal at any time prior to the date and time for receipt of Proposals set forth above.

NV Energy's Representative and Proposal Mailing Address

If sent by the United States Postal Service ("USPS"):
Thomas O'Brien
Senior Financial Analyst
NV Energy
P.O. Box 98910
M/S 13
Las Vegas, NV 89151

If delivery by any other service than USPS:

Thomas O'Brien
Senior Financial Analyst
NV Energy
6226 West Sahara Avenue
M/S 13
Las Vegas, NV 89146

2.6 Bid Deposit

Each Respondent must provide the Bid Deposit to NV Energy at the time of submission of its Proposal. The Proposal will not be considered if the Respondent fails to submit the required Bid Deposit with the Proposal. The required amount of the Bid Deposit is as follows:

- 1) \$10,000 if the nameplate capacity of the generating facility is equal to or greater than 10 MW (AC); and
- 2) \$5,000 if the nameplate capacity of the generating facility is greater than 1 MW (AC) but less than 10 MW (AC).

Solely for this Spring 2010 RFP, NV will permit any Respondent who submitted a bid in the 2009 RFP, submitted a non-refunded bid deposit payment with the bid response, and who wishes to submit a bid from the same site utilizing the same technology, to submit a deposit of \$7,500 if the 2009 proposal was equal to or greater than 10 MW (AC) or \$3,500 if the 2009 proposal was less than 10 MW (AC). In order to be subject to the reduced deposit requirement, the Respondent must propose the same site and technology proposed in the 2009 RFP, both of which must be clearly stated and precisely identified in the Spring 2010 Proposal, and confirmed by NV Energy after comparison with the 2009 proposal from the Respondent. Please note that this accommodation is for this Spring 2010 RFP solicitation only with respect to the 2009 bid deposit and Respondents should not assume that any similar accommodation will be made in future RFPs.

A Respondent may submit up to three (3) separate, unique Proposals for the same generating facility at a single site (for example: a proposed PPA, a proposed joint development option, and a proposed facility sale) with one Bid Deposit. However, a deposit shall be required for each site and/or unique project for which a Proposal is being made. For Proposals containing an expansion of existing generating facilities, or

multiple generating facilities at the same site, a single deposit is required that is based upon the aggregate capacity of all expansions and generating facilities proposed.

The nonrefundable Bid Deposit will be used by NV Energy to cover a portion of its costs of administering the RFP, evaluating the Proposals and, if applicable, negotiating binding agreements with selected Respondents.

For administrative purposes, Spring 2010 bid deposits will only be accepted in the form of an AHC or a wire transfer directly into NV Energy's bank account regardless of the location of the project. No checks will be accepted this year. All Spring 2010 bid deposits must be received by close of business, April 16, 2010. Please email RenewablesRFP@nvenergy.com with "2010 Deposit" in the subject line for ACH or wiring instructions.

THE BID DEPOSIT IS NON-REFUNDABLE. AFTER SUBMISSION OF RESPONDENT'S PROPOSAL, THE BID DEPOSIT WILL NOT BE REFUNDED FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED AND WITHDRAWN PRIOR TO THE SUBMITTAL DUE DATE.

2.7 Proposal Opening and Evaluation

Opening of the Proposals will not be done in public. Proposals will be screened and offers that do not meet the content and organizational requirements specified in Section 4 of this RFP will be deemed non-compliant and eliminated from further consideration. Note that the bid deposit will not be returned for bids determined to be non-compliant. Evaluation of Proposals will follow the process discussed in Section 5. Evaluations to determine shortlisted bidders are targeted to be completed in August, 2010 and NV Energy may chose to engage the short-list of Respondents in further discussions and/or negotiations. Any such discussion or negotiation may be terminated by NV Energy at any time for any reason.

2.8 Pro Forma Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)

Any Proposal made for the sale of renewable energy and PCs must be made by the Respondent with the understanding that the Pro Forma PPA (see Attachment C) will be the basis for any definitive agreement between the Respondent and NV Energy.

The security requirements (see Section 16 of the Pro Forma PPA) are \$10.00/MWh multiplied by the annual supply amount for Development Security, and

\$20.00/MWh multiplied by the annual supply amount for Operating Security. The aforementioned Development and Operating Security amounts are non-negotiable.

The development security is due within five (5) business days of countersignature of the PPA by NV Energy.

NV Energy will accept a letter of credit or cash to meet the development security obligations in a renewable PPA. NV Energy will not accept a corporate guaranty for any portion of the development security.

100% of the Development Security is at risk at the time of execution of a renewable PPA by NV Energy. The only condition under which the Development Security in a renewable PPA is refunded is if the PUCN rejects the PPA; under that scenario 100% of the Development security is refunded to the supplier.

The operating security is due at the time the renewable facility declares commercial operation.

Pricing included in any Proposal in response to this RFP must reflect the terms and conditions set forth in the Pro Forma PPA, as well as the requirements for the Development and Operating Security as described above.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NV ENERGY WILL NOT POST SECURITY TO SUPPORT THE BUYER'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER ANY PPA. RESPONDENTS WHO REQUIRE SECURITY FROM THE BUYER SHOULD NOT SUBMIT A PROPOSAL UNDER THIS RFP.

NV Energy reserves the right to update, modify, or revise any or all of the terms and conditions contained in the Pro Forma PPA. If a definitive agreement is reached with a Respondent, the agreement will be subject to the approval of the PUCN and other regulatory agencies as required and must comply with any conditions ordered by the PUCN or other regulatory agencies.

2.9 Proposal Options

NV Energy encourages five different types bid proposal options:

- Power purchase agreement
- Turnkey project (i.e., build-transfer arrangement), where NV Energy purchases the completed project
- Joint venture
- Sale of project development assets

- Resource sale/lease where NV Energy purchases or leases resource rights and constructs the generation project

2.9.1 Power Purchase Agreement

The Respondent may submit a proposal under which the Respondent will own and operate the project, and NV Energy will purchase all of the output of the facility, including all renewable benefits of the project accruing from both energy sales to NV Energy, and from station service energy (i.e., parasitic load), under a long-term power purchase agreement.

If the Respondent submits a proposal that contemplates a power purchase agreement, the Respondent should submit a proposal consistent with the terms and conditions of the Pro Forma PPA (Attachment C).

In addition to offering to sell renewable energy and PCs pursuant to a PPA as described above, a Respondent may also submit an offer with an option price for NV Energy to acquire, own, and operate the project at the end of a specified PPA period. Any proposal made with the buyout option will be made with the understanding that the Pro Forma PPA (Attachment C) will be the basis for any definitive agreement between the Respondent and NV Energy.

If, during the term of the PPA, NV Energy were to exercise the Buyout Option, then NV Energy would notify the Respondent in the option year and pay for the buyout after the minimum PPA term has expired. If NV Energy were to choose not to exercise the Buyout option, the PPA would continue until the original term expires.

2.9.2 Turnkey Project

The Respondent may submit an offer to develop and construct a new renewable energy generation project for purchase by NV Energy upon commercial operation of the project.

The project must be located on land leased or owned by the Respondent, with land rights assigned to or purchased by NV Energy as part of the project acquisition. Respondent must also include all tangible and intangible assets, rights, permits, etc., which are held by the Respondent and which are required or useful in the development, construction, and operation of the project, including without limitation, existing generation facilities, existing interconnection facilities, water rights, governmental approvals, and books and records enabling NV Energy to own and operate the facility.

2.9.3 Joint Venture

The Respondent may propose a joint venture with NV Energy. For example, the Respondent may propose a joint venture whereby the Respondent owns 50% of the project assets, and sells the full output of that 50% ownership interest to NV Energy under a long-term power purchase agreement, with terms and conditions consistent with the Pro Forma PPA. NV Energy will then own the remaining 50% of the project assets.

2.9.4 Sale of Project Development Assets

The Respondent may submit a proposal for consideration of new or existing sites controlled by the Respondent, with land rights assigned to or purchased by NV Energy as part of the acquisition. The site(s), along with associated development assets, would be acquired by NV Energy for the development, construction, and operation of a renewable energy generating facility. Such site(s) and development assets must be suitable for the development, construction, and operation of a renewable energy generating facility. Offers must include a demonstration of eligibility and potential for renewable energy generation.

The site offer must also include all tangible and intangible assets, rights, permits, etc., which are held by the Respondent and which are required or useful in the development, construction, and operation of the project, including without limitation, existing generation facilities, existing interconnection facilities, water rights, governmental approvals, and books and records enabling NV Energy to own and operate the facility.

2.9.5 Resource Sale/Lease

The Respondent may propose an arrangement whereby the Respondent sells or leases the rights to the fuel resource to NV Energy under a long-term sale or leasing contract, which will allow NV Energy the full rights to develop, engineer, construct and operate a generating facility that will utilize the resource to produce renewable energy and all of the renewable benefits associated with the production of the produced renewable energy. The resource sale/lease offer must also include all tangible and intangible assets, rights, permits, etc., which are held by the Respondent and which are required or useful in the development, construction, and operation of the project, including without limitation, existing generation facilities, existing interconnection

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facilities, water rights, governmental approvals, and books and records enabling NV Energy to own and operate the facility.

3.0 Basis for this RFP

Consistent with Nevada's Renewable Portfolio Standard ("RPS"), NV Energy is initiating this RFP because it believes renewable resources should comprise an increasing source of power for its customers. For the purposes of this RFP, only those resources meeting the definition of renewable energy source as defined by the Renewable Energy Act will qualify. Please consult the statute carefully, even if you have done so in the past.

At a minimum, NV Energy will seek to secure renewable energy and PCs in quantities sufficient to satisfy portfolio requirements at the earliest reasonable time. NV Energy is hoping to take delivery of new renewable energy beginning as early as Q4 2010. NV Energy encourages proposals that have the earliest possible and most reasonably attainable Commercial Operation Date, that are consistent with NV Energy's objective to obtain safe, reliable, and adequate power supplies for its customers at the lowest reasonable cost and in an environmentally responsible manner.

4.0 Submittal Preparation Instructions

All Proposals must comply with the requirements specified in this section. Specifically, Respondents must organize their Proposal according to the format specified in Section 4.1 and must provide all applicable information required in Sections 4.2 through 4.13, including the Technical Proposal Form. In addition, all Proposals must be submitted in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 2.5 of this RFP.

4.1 General Organization of the Proposal

All Proposals must contain the following information without exception and, to help facilitate timely evaluation, must be organized as indicated below. The sections of the Proposals must be as follows:

1. Cover Letter
2. Executive Summary
3. Technical Proposal Form
4. Respondent Information
5. Technical Description of the Generating Facility
6. Transmission Interconnection Information
7. Resource Supply
8. Assurance of Generating Equipment Supply
9. Facility Operation and Maintenance Plan
10. Project Schedule
11. Financing Plan
12. Contract Terms and Conditions
13. Other Information

Proposals should be concise and clearly organized with labeled tabs in the thirteen (13) sections outlined above. The Proposal should include complete responses to Sections 4.2 through 4.14 in addition to the information provided in the Technical Proposal Form. Supporting documentation for these sections may be included separately as appendices by providing clear references to the sections concerned. Section titles should match those listed above.

4.2 Cover Letter

The cover letter must include all signatures necessary to approve and submit the Respondent's Proposal by a representative having the authority to contractually commit the Respondent for Respondent's offer provided in the Proposal. Additionally, the cover letter should also include the following declaration:

“[Insert legal name of Respondent] (the “Respondent”) hereby acknowledges receipt of NV Energy’s Request for Proposals for Renewable Energy and Portfolio Energy Credits issued on February 17, 2010 (the “RFP”) and acknowledges that it has read and agrees to be fully bound by, all of the terms, conditions and other provisions set forth in the RFP. Additionally, the Respondent hereby makes the following representations to NV Energy:

1. All of the statements and representations made in this proposal are true to the best of the Respondent’s knowledge and belief;
2. The Respondent possesses all necessary land rights for sufficient site control to undertake development of a renewable energy generating facility as set forth in the proposal;
3. The Respondent has obtained all necessary authorizations and approvals that will enable the Respondent to commit to the terms provided in this proposal;
4. This proposal pertains solely to renewable energy from a generating facility that is or will be qualified as a renewable energy system in accordance with the Renewable Energy Act and the associated regulations promulgated by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada; and
5. This proposal is a firm and binding offer, for a period of at least 180 days from the date hereof.”

4.3 Executive Summary

The Executive Summary should highlight the content of the Proposal and features of the renewable energy offered, including the Commercial Operation Date, the amount of renewable energy offered, the type of renewable energy being offered (e.g., wind, hydroelectric, etc.), a summary description of the transmission interconnection and service path for the project to either (1) directly connect to the NV Energy transmission system, or (2) deliver both renewable energy and PCs to an NV Energy interface point, and whether the generating facility is currently operational, in construction, or in development. In addition, this section should include reference to any material government incentives that are being sought in connection with the Proposal.

4.4 Technical Proposal Form

The Respondent must complete all applicable portions of the Technical Proposal Form (template is provided in Attachment D). **The Technical Proposal Form has been**

updated and only the updated Technical Proposal Form posted on the 2010 NV Energy Renewable RFP website will be accepted. Any other technical proposal form submitted will cause the bid to be deemed non compliant. The updated 2010 Technical Proposal Form must be submitted electronically as a Microsoft Excel file in addition to being submitted via email to RenewablesRFP@nvenergy.com. If various options are proposed for a single generating facility (different generating facility sizes, ownership options, commercial operation dates, etc.), separate Technical Proposal Forms, clearly marked, must be prepared for each option. To be considered responsive, the Technical Proposal Form must be completed in its entirety and in accordance with the corresponding instructions. If the project is bid using photovoltaic ("PV") technology, the plant capacity bid and the pricing should reflect the facility's AC MW rating.

4.5 Respondent Information

In this section the Respondent should provide the following information:

- Profile of the Respondent's company and its ownership structure (including direct ownership and ultimate parent company);
- Ownership structure (can be in the form of a diagram), if applicable;
- Description of any generating facilities (including nameplate, gross and net capacities) that are owned and/or operated by Respondent and currently in service;
- The number of generating facilities (including total nameplate, gross and net capacities) of successfully developed, constructed, and placed into commercial operation by Respondent;
- The number of generating facilities (including nameplate, gross and net capacities) of the same technology proposed in the Proposal which are currently in service and owned by the Respondent;
- Respondent's pertinent experience in Nevada and any adjacent states;
- Any current litigation that the Respondent, or any of its subsidiaries, or any off-balance sheet entities in which Respondent has an interest, is involved in regarding an energy generating facility or an energy supply contract; and

- The proposed organization chart (including upstream ownership) for the project company that will own and/or operate the generating facility proposed in the Proposal.

For the Respondent to provide proof of financial capability to carry out its obligations explicitly articulated or implied in the Proposal, the following information must also be included in this section of the Proposal for the Respondent's company, any parent company and any partners involved with the generating facility proposed in the Proposal:

- Current bond ratings, if any;
- Current rating agency ratings or reviews, if any;
- Audited financial statements and footnotes from the last (3) three years;
- Plan for financing the Proposal (government, private, self-funded, etc.) and general description of status; and
- Other information deemed appropriate by Respondent.

NV Energy at its sole discretion will analyze the required financial criteria to evaluate the Respondent's financial capability to successfully implement its Proposal.

4.6 Technical Description of the Generating Facility

The Respondent must provide the following information describing the generating facility:

- Technical Information
- Site Characteristics and Control
- Environmental Compliance Plan
- Federal Tax Credits (PTC or ITC), Grants, Guarantees and Other Subsidies and Incentives
- Offers to Other Parties
- Other Benefits of the Generating Facility (Optional)
- Resource Supply
- Facility Operations
- Project Schedule

4.6.1 Additional Technical Information for the Facility

The Respondent must include a description of the generating facility forming the basis of the Proposal to NV Energy. This includes information related to the type of plant, configuration, general layout diagrams, preliminary site plan showing site boundaries and plant layout, diagram of generating equipment, resource type (for example, geothermal, wind), nameplate capacity rating (MW AC), net plant capacity (MW AC), annual net output (MWh), projected capacity factor, in-service date, and the major equipment providers.

If the Proposal is based on an existing generating facility, The Respondent must provide historical data for the last 3 years or from when the generating facility was built, if the age of the generating facility is less than 3 years. Existing generation facility information must also include the historical production schedule, net output rating (MW), capacity factor, Equivalent Availability, Forced Outage Rate, scheduled outage rate, deratings, and the forecasted five-year scheduled maintenance cycle and production schedule. Any flexibility as to the timing of the maintenance schedule that the Respondent can provide must also be described. Respondents must also provide a basic (non-confidential) description of any existing or proposed energy or PC sales arrangements involving the generating facility and how they relate to this Proposal.

If the Proposal for sale of renewable energy is from a new generating facility that is yet to be built, Respondent must describe any feasibility studies performed for the generating facility. Respondent must also describe the level of engineering completed for the generating facility and the plan for equipment procurement and construction. If companies have been identified for any of these services, please identify those companies. Also describe any innovative technical features of the generating facility incorporating new renewable energy technologies. If innovative technical features are included, Respondent must describe any previous experience with implementation of the technology and the level of risk involved in this application. A production profile must be provided showing the energy deliveries in average energy production by month and time of day. The data and evaluations provided must support the proposed level of generation and the projected capacity factor.

All information provided in this section should be consistent with the information provided in the Technical Proposal Form.

4.6.2 Site Characteristics and Demonstrated Site Control

The Respondent must:

- (a) Provide a legal description, including Township & Ranges or metes and bounds, of the generating facility site and, both a street map and the appropriate section of a USGS (or equivalent) map showing the location of the generating facility.
- (b) Provide an aerial photo or Google Earth image of the project site showing project facilities, if existing, or layout of proposed facilities.
- (c) Provide the County Assessor's parcel number, site address, and site coordinates.
- (d) Provide an ALTA/ACSM survey of the project site if such survey has been conducted.
- (e) Provide a description of the lease/ownership arrangement in place, the number of acres at the site, site access roads and, as applicable, water rights or the plan for securing water rights, the waste disposal plan, and the transmission, water supply, fuel supply (as applicable), or other infrastructure additions required outside of the site boundaries for the Proposal to be implemented. The map should show all land parcels, with parcels owned, leased or optioned by the Respondent clearly marked.
- (f) Include documentation of exclusive site control and property rights and where in the process the control is (i.e., easement/ROW negotiation complete, grant applied for and expected date, site rights granted and when, executed site option with ongoing option payments, and unilateral right to strike on site option at agreed upon price or prices over the tenure of the option agreement, etc.).
- (g) Identify any mitigation requirements already defined and estimated cost, and any future site procurement costs and environmental permitting work to be completed.

4.6.3 Environmental Compliance Plan and Land Permitting

The Respondent should:

- (a) Include a description of how the generating facility complies or will comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.
- (b) For any existing or new generating facilities, provide a detailed list of all applicable state, local and federal permits for the construction and operation of the facility and, provide a detailed path schedule containing clear and concise task descriptions and anticipated timelines for securing those permits and approvals.
- (c) Important milestones and decision points in the schedule along with an explanation of how permitting activities will be coordinated within the overall construction and development schedule.
- (d) Provide copies of any permits already successfully secured, including their associated applications and supporting documents, studies and reports.
- (e) Provide copies of any environmental surveys, constraint studies, reports or other information associated with the generation facility.
- (f) Describe any coordination efforts with local, state and federal agencies with respect to any environmental issues.
- (g) Describe any existing on-site environmental issues of concern such as site contamination, presence or lack of waste disposal area, state or federally protected plant and wildlife species and species of concern present or potentially present, sensitive habitats or ecologically sensitive areas, wetland delineations, and any other known environmental issues potentially having a negative impact on the ability to complete the development of the generating facility or meet the long-term obligations of a PPA.
- (h) Include any Phase I and/or II environmental site assessment conducted by or available to the Respondent.
- (i) Describe the land uses adjacent to and in proximity of the generating facility site. Describe current or planned efforts to build local community support.

- (j) Provide any air quality modeling results, and estimated air emission rates identified or expected to be included in an air permit process. For wind projects include airspace and radar clearance.

4.6.4 Federal Tax Credit (PTC/ITC) and Other Subsidies

The Respondent should:

- (a) If applicable, describe how the Federal production tax credit established pursuant to Section 45 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (“PTC”) would apply to the generating facility included in the Proposal and for what duration.
- (b) If applicable, describe how the Federal investment tax credit (“ITC”) established pursuant to Section 48 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code would apply to the generating facility included in the Proposal. Describe whether a grant is being sought in lieu of the ITC and explain how the Proposal meets the timing to obtain the grant.
- (c) Describe any other awards, grants, special tax treatment or credits, loan guaranties or other subsidies that are or may be available to the generating facility. Describe the subsidies, identify any critical schedule deadlines, and indicate the anticipated likelihood of the Respondent and/or the generating facility receiving such subsidies.
- (d) Explicitly identify in their Proposals the economic and other impacts to the generating facility in the event that a subsidy is not received.

4.6.5 Offers to Other Parties

Respondent must describe whether the renewable energy or any renewable benefits (including, without limitation, PCs, federal credits or similar credits) of the generating facility included in a Proposal have been offered to another party, and if so, identify the purchaser, the status of the offer, and other relevant details regarding such offer.

4.6.6 Other Benefits of the Generating Facility (Optional)

The Respondent may describe any other special expected environmental, social, or economic benefits of the generating facility. Examples include providing employment in an enterprise or empowerment zone, reduction of forest fire risk through forest land

management, or reduction of pollution from open-field burning through a new agricultural residue fueled power plant.

4.7 Transmission Interconnection Information

NV Energy will consider generating facilities located both in and outside Nevada that are able to connect and deliver power to NV Energy's transmission system (see Attachment A). Generating facilities that interconnect to NV Energy's distribution, sub-transmission or transmission system will require a point of interconnection as determined by the relevant transmission provider.

Respondents must demonstrate as part of their Spring 2010 RFP bid response that: (1) the proposal bid into the RFP is in the generation interconnection queue for any and all relevant transmission provider(s), including NV Energy, necessary to transmit the energy to an NV Energy system interface point, has requested Network Resources Interconnection Service under the relevant transmission provider(s)' Open Access Transmission Tariff(s) and that activities associated with this request are in progress or complete (including any necessary Feasibility Studies, System Impact Studies, or Facilities Studies); and (2) that contemporaneously with the submission of the bid, Respondent has submitted a transmission service request for applicable transmission service with any and all relevant transmission provider(s) necessary to transmit the energy to NV Energy's system.

Respondents must submit the following documentation in conjunction with their Spring 2010 RFP bid:

- (1) A summary of the current status of the generator's application for interconnection with the applicable transmission providers.
- (2) Any study completed by the applicable transmission provider(s), including but not limited to the Feasibility Study, System Impact Study, and/or Facilities Study in which the estimated cost of any required transmission system upgrades, additions and/or modifications are identified.
- (3) An indication of the interconnection point for the existing or proposed generating facility as being studied by the applicable transmission provider(s).
- (4) An indication of the expected losses between the generating facility and the point of delivery.

Respondents interconnecting to the NV Energy system must submit a copy of the completed generation interconnection application submitted to NV Energy's Transmission provider as part of their bid response.

All Respondents must provide a copy of their executed Voluntary Consent submitted to NV Energy's transmission provider (See Attachment B). If the Respondent has not previously submitted a Voluntary Consent to the NV Energy transmission provider, the Respondent must do so in conjunction with the RFP response, or the RFP submittal will not be considered complete.

Respondents for generating facilities that have as their first point of interconnection, a transmission provider other than NV Energy (e.g., out-of-state, outside NV Energy's balancing area, or a load serving entity other than NV Energy in NV Energy's balancing area), should provide all information necessary to allow NV Energy to evaluate proposals, including but not limited to the following information:

Delivery Point: Please specify the delivery point(s). The preferred delivery points for Nevada Power Company are **Mead 230 kV, McCullough 230 kV, Harry Allen 500kV, McCullough 500 kV, and Crystal 500 kV**. The preferred delivery points for Sierra Pacific Power Company are **Midpoint 345 kV, Gonder 230 kV, and Hilltop 345 kV**.

Transmission: Please provide a detailed description of the transmission services that you expect to use to move the renewable energy to the delivery point from the point of interconnection. Identify the interconnection point of your project. If you have existing contracts for those transmission services, please provide a copy of the contracts. If you are in a process of acquiring the transmission path please provide copy of the transmission service request to transmission provider/s.

Scheduling: NV Energy prefers proposals for renewable energy that will be delivered pursuant to static schedules; however, NV Energy will consider proposals for energy deliveries pursuant to dynamic schedules.

4.8 Resource Supply

The Respondent must provide sufficient information on the renewable resource supply to provide assurance to NV Energy that the generating facility will be able to meet its projected production estimates for the duration of the generating facility life. In particular, the following information is requested for the different technologies:

Geothermal

- Provide summary of all collected geothermal data for the proposed generating facility site.
- Characterize the geothermal resource quality, quantity and projected production levels.
- Provide a graph or table that illustrates the annual and monthly projection of geothermal resources.
- Describe any other existing geothermal facilities in the resource area and characterize their production and their anticipated impact, if any, on the generating facility.

Biomass

- Describe the biomass fuel makeup and its source.
- Provide a resource assessment of available biomass fuel for the generating facility and its proximity to the generating facility. The resource assessment should identify long-term fuel price risk and availability risk issues.
- Identify competing resource end-uses.
- Provide a plan for obtaining the biomass fuel, including a transportation plan.
- Identify any contracts or letters of intent to acquire and transport the biomass fuel.

Solar

- Describe the sources of insolation data, either onsite, satellite, or a nearby station. If using a nearby station, state the exact distance from that station.
- Identify the number of years of solar data, and the accuracy of the data.

Wind

- Provide a summary of all collected wind data for the generating facility site.
- Indicate where the data was collected and its proximity to the generating facility site.
- Provide either at least one (1) year of wind resource data, or (b) a wind resource assessment report from a qualified meteorologist, or (c) both.
- Compare the long-term wind speeds in the area to the collected resource data at the generating facility site.
- Confirmation of wind turbine availability.

4.9 Assurance of Generating Equipment Supply

Respondent must demonstrate that Respondent has access to, or has completed sourcing of, the necessary major equipment to complete engineering and construction of the facility contemplated in the proposal to meet the stated Commercial Operation Date.

4.10 Facility Operation and Maintenance Plan

The Respondent must provide a description of the expected operations plan for the generating facility. This information should include the following:

- Whether the Respondent is currently or will operate and manage the generating facility or will contract for O&M services. If the Respondent will contract for O&M services, explain the current status of selecting an O&M contractor.
- Provide a brief description of the basic philosophy for performing O&M including a discussion of contracting for outside services.

4.11 Project Schedule

If the Proposal involves energy sales from a new generating facility, the Respondent must provide the anticipated period in months until the Commercial Operation Date after regulatory approval of the associated PPA has been granted. This time period should allow for environmental and land permitting, environmental studies, mitigation and treatment, transmission construction, financing, site development, construction, testing, and any other development requirements. Utilizing Exhibit 6 of the PPA, provide a milestone schedule, as applicable, for the generating facility major development milestones listed below and as applicable in Exhibit 6 of the PPA:

- Major Equipment Ordered;

- Transmission Network Resource Interconnection Service or Small Generator Interconnection Service Agreement Executed;
- All Permits Obtained;
- Construction Financing Obtained;
- Construction Start (Notice to Proceed);
- Operation Date (first energy to grid); and
- Commercial Operation Date.

These milestones should be given in number of months to achieve after PUCN regulatory approval for the PPA has been acquired.

The PPA requires that the Respondent post the Development Security prior to the submittal of the PPA for PUCN approval. Any subsequent discussions or negotiations with NV Energy may be terminated if the Respondent, during those discussions or negotiations, proposes to delay the Commercial Operation Date provided pursuant to this section.

4.12 Financing Plan

Respondent should provide a detailed description of the financing plan for the project, to support the Commercial Operation Date of the facility.

4.13 Contract Terms and Conditions

For Proposals offering a power purchase agreement, the pricing included in the Proposal must be based upon acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in the form of PPA included as Attachment C to this RFP.

4.14 Other Information

Respondent may provide any additional information that the Respondent feels will assist NV Energy in their evaluation of the Respondent's Proposal.

5.0 Evaluation Procedures and Criteria

While the procedures and criteria described in this section are indicative of how NV Energy plans to determine whether Proposals are responsive, and how NV Energy plans to evaluate Proposals from a technical, commercial, and economic viewpoint, **NV Energy will, in its sole discretion and without limitation, evaluate Proposals and proceed in the manner in which NV Energy deems appropriate, which may include deviation from NV Energy's expected evaluation process, the waiver of any requirements, and the request for additional information. Rejected Respondents will have no claim whatsoever against NV Energy, or their members, customers, employees, officers, agents, or NV Energy's consultants.**

5.1 Evaluation for Responsiveness

All Proposals received will be evaluated to ensure that the submittal is responsive. NV Energy, with its consultants, will perform an initial screening evaluation to identify and eliminate any Proposals that (a) are non-conforming to this RFP, (b) do not meet the minimum requirements set forth in this RFP, (c) are clearly not economically competitive with other Proposals of a similar technology, or (d) are submitted by Respondents that lack appropriate creditworthiness, sufficient financial resources, or qualifications to provide a dependable and reliable source of renewable energy and PCs. Proposals that do not include the required Bid Deposit or the completed updated Technical Proposal Form (both electronically and via email) will be deemed non-conforming. NV Energy reserves the right, without qualification and in their sole discretion, to accept or reject any or all Proposals for any reason without explanation or notice to the Respondents, or to make the award to that Respondent, who, in the opinion of NV Energy, will provide the most value to NV Energy and its customers. Please be certain that all required information is included in your Proposal, as NV Energy will not be required to notify you of incompleteness, seek clarification or ask for additional information. Failure to provide the information set forth herein may be grounds for elimination of consideration of your Proposal and forfeiture of your bid deposit.

5.2 NV Energy's Project Preferences

It is the intention of this RFP to allow for innovation in providing renewable energy and PCs to NV Energy. NV Energy reserves the right to make an award for reasons other than the lowest price offered. The following general Proposal criteria (in no particular order) are defined to provide guidance to all Respondents:

1. **Cost:** Preference given to Proposals able to provide renewable energy to NV Energy's customers at lowest possible cost.
2. **Timing:** Proposals that are able to reasonably achieve commercial online dates that are the best fit in meeting NV Energy's demand for renewable energy and PCs are preferred.
3. **Location:** Proposals that are located near load centers in Southern and Northern Nevada are preferred. Projects with minimal impact to the existing transmission system are preferred.
4. **Diversification:** NV Energy is interested in obtaining and maintaining a diverse portfolio of renewable energy supply.
5. **Technology:** Proposals that use proven technology are preferred.
6. **Readiness:** Generating facilities that have progressed in the development cycle and are closer to achieving commercial operation are preferred.

5.3 Technical and Commercial Evaluation

Proposals will initially undergo a fatal flaw review from a technical perspective to ensure that the resource of an existing or proposed generating facility will be capable of providing renewable energy and PCs consistent with the Proposal. Determinations of generating facility feasibility, completeness, achievability, and other factors shall be at the sole discretion of NV Energy. Proposals will undergo a technical review to confirm that at a minimum:

- The proposed generation technology is technically feasible, and if the Proposal involves an existing generating facility, that the generating facility has achieved a level of reliability consistent with that reflected in the Proposal.

- The renewable energy will be delivered to NV Energy's transmission system, either by locating within the NV Energy control area, or by securing a third party transmission path that demonstrates that the energy can be transmitted to an interface point to the NV Energy transmission system.
- The generating facility site(s) is secured (owned or leased) or otherwise controlled by Respondent appears to be acceptable after verification with land owner or land manager.
- The generating facility is in compliance with environmental and commercial permit requirements or other assurance that the environmental compliance plan is comprehensive and achievable.
- The generating facility resource assessment is complete and verifiable and the net output, capacity factor and production profile provided in the Proposal is realistic given the provided data.
- The generating facility can be reliably integrated into NV Energy's electric transmission system and is a good fit given system integration issues.

A commercial evaluation of Proposals will also be performed to ensure that at a minimum:

- The Respondent has adequate and pertinent experience, financial resources, and qualifications to develop and operate the proposed generating facility.
- The operation and maintenance plan of the generating facility is reasonable.
- The project schedule is well defined, realistic and achievable.

A qualitative review of a generating facility's environmental and socioeconomic impacts and characteristics will also be performed.

5.4 Economic Review

Proposals found technically and commercially viable will be eligible for economic review by NV Energy. The purpose of the economic review will be to determine the relative costs of the Proposals.

NV Energy will undertake a two-part economic evaluation process. The initial economic evaluation will involve a comparison of the proposed project's expected 12x24 output profile against NV Energy's avoided cost. Those Proposals passing the initial screening will be carried forward to the detailed economic evaluation.

The Bid Form is structured to provide the inputs required for the economic evaluation model and therefore must be completed according to the instructions.

5.5 Initial Rankings

The intention of NV Energy is to give an appropriate balance between economic, technical, and commercial features of the Proposals. Those Proposals deemed responsive, price competitive, potentially economically viable, technically feasible, and commercially acceptable will be eligible for further negotiations with NV Energy.

Attachment A – Transmission System Map

This attachment is available in electronic format on the RFP websites mentioned in Section 2.4.

Attachment B – Voluntary Consent Form

This attachment is available in electronic format on the RFP websites mentioned in Section 2.4.

Attachment C – Pro Forma Power Purchase Agreements

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Attachment D – Technical Proposal Form

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