

Number	Log Date	Question	Response
1	6/12/2026	Can you clarify the duration threshold for a BESS to qualify as long-duration?	Generally, for the purposes of this RFP, long-duration energy storage refers to durations of more than 8 hours. However, the evaluation of the RFP does not draw a hard and definitive distinction between short and long-duration energy storage. Instead, storage resources will be evaluated against projects of similar duration, and if advanced to modeling, the evaluation will utilize the project-specific duration.
2	6/12/2026	Is there someone we could talk to better understand the power needs in your upcoming project?	No. In the interest of ensuring all bidders have access to equal information, all questions must conform to the established communication protocols of the RFP. EPE will not meet with bidders individually.
3	6/12/2026	Can you please confirm whether resources that are outside of EPE's NM service area will be considered under this RFP? If not, will EPE be releasing another RFP this year for projects in its TX footprint?	Per Section 1 of the RFP, there is no requirement for proposed resources to be physically located within the service territory. However, please refer to Section 5 of the RFP for specific requirements regarding transmission and interconnection.
4	6/12/2026	Would your team be available for a brief introductory meeting to discuss these requirements and our upcoming project pipeline?	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 2.
5	6/12/2026	Will the 2026 New Mexico All Source RFP additional supporting attachments shown in Table 4 be made available on the EPE website as noted in the RFP?	For this RFP, we will not provide pre-formatted templates for submission attachments. Bidders are expected to prepare and submit their own supporting documents, ensuring that each attachment clearly addresses the requirements and criteria outlined in the RFP.
6	6/12/2026	Has EPE posted details for the RFP webinar?	El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") is pleased to announce the 2026 New Mexico RFP Bidder Conference. The conference will be held via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. EPE strongly encourages potential bidders to submit any questions in advance to EPE2026RFP@epelectric.com by Monday, June 8, 2026, to allow adequate time for preparation of responses. EPE looks forward to your participation.
7	6/12/2026	Do you have a recommended data room for our company to apply for access to?	No, EPE does not have a dedicated data room for this RFP. However, this RFP generally aligns with the framework established in the company's recent Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which is publicly available for bidders to review. Please note that certain modeling inputs and assumptions have been updated since the publication of the IRP to reflect current market conditions and system needs.
8	6/12/2026	Could I please obtain the invite for the 2026 RFP Bidders Conference?	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 6.
9	6/12/2026	Can I get a PDF version of the RFP?	EPE will not distribute individual PDF copies of the RFP via email. All RFP documents, including any future updates or amendments, are available for direct download on the official RFP website.
10	6/12/2026	Will EPE consider SPP projects located in New Mexico and Texas Panhandle for this RFP?	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 14.
11	6/12/2026	Can EPE provide contacts of other companies that our company can refer to for potential collaborations in response to EPE's RFP?	In order to maintain confidentiality and the integrity of the RFP process, EPE cannot share the information of any companies involved nor can EPE recommend that bidders collaborate with certain companies.
12	6/12/2026	Does EPE have a preference for surplus interconnection sites compared to sites going through the traditional interconnection process?	EPE does not inherently favor surplus interconnection sites over traditional interconnection projects. Instead, the company prioritizes securing viable, cost-effective projects that fulfill its reliability and regulatory requirements. Surplus interconnection is simply viewed as one viable pathway to achieving these core objectives.
13	6/12/2026	The RFP states: "Bidders may propose resources that are built behind an existing transmission interconnection only when no additional EPE facilities are needed." Can EPE clarify the intent of this language? Specifically: 1. Are bidders permitted to propose surplus interconnection sites on EPE-owned land? 2. Are bidders permitted to propose surplus interconnection sites utilizing existing EPE-owned electrical infrastructure?	The intent of this provision is to allow developers to utilize surplus interconnection service to add new generation or storage capability behind an existing point of interconnection, provided that the total injection of power onto the system never exceeds the maximum MW capacity authorized under the existing Generator Interconnection Agreement (GIA). Clarification on EPE Land and Infrastructure: (1) Bidders are only permitted to propose projects on EPE-owned land or utilize existing EPE interconnection rights if the proposal is submitted as a company self-bid or as a Build-Transfer Agreement (BTA) structure that ultimately transfers the asset to EPE ownership. (2) Third-party Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) targeting EPE-owned land, or attempting to utilize EPE's existing interconnection rights for non-utility-owned assets, will not be accepted.

Yes. Projects located outside of EPE's service territory that can serve load and connect to EPE's interconnection network are eligible to bid into the 2026 NM RFP. Please see Section 5 of the 2026 NM RFP document for Transmission and Delivery Requirements.

EPE will consider proposals for resources interconnecting to third-party transmission systems; however, Bidders for external resources must provide exhaustive documentation to ensure a transparent evaluation. Section 5.2 of the 2026 NM RFP details the requirements, including:

14 6/12/2026 Will bidders be allowed to submit projects located in SPP into this procurement since EPE will be joining SPP Markets+ in 2028?

- Interconnection Status and Cost Certainty
- Firm Transmission Evidence
- Total Delivered Cost
- Schedule Risk Mitigation

Failure to provide this level of transparency may result in the proposal being disqualified. Please refer to Section 5.2 of the 2026 NM RFP for more details on the required documentation.

15 6/12/2026 We wanted to reach out because the RFP asks that Demand Side Resources contact the RFP program manager. Our systems will be front-of-meter, but will be sized to not export to transmission but rather be used to balance local demand. Would it make sense to engage and discuss our projects further and how we can develop the best solution for EPE?

To ensure a completely fair and unbiased competitive solicitation process, EPE does not work directly with individual bidders to co-develop project designs or solutions during the open RFP window. The language directing certain resource types to contact the RFP program manager is solely intended to ensure that participants receive the correct instructions, submission forms, and administrative documentation required to properly submit a proposal.

If you believe the standard documentation and forms included in the RFP do not fully align with the unique technical or commercial structure of your front-of-meter project, please send a email to the official RFP inbox ASAP. In that email, provide a brief summary of your project and clearly highlight where the existing RFP documentation may not meet your individual needs. EPE will then work with you immediately on resolving those administrative and documentation requirements so you have everything needed to submit your proposal.

16 6/12/2026 For distribution-connected resources, is this RFP asking for only assets in New Mexico, or across EPE's entire service territory?

Please refer to EPE's response to Question 14.

17 6/12/2026 Can multiple front-of-meter DERs be considered a DER aggregation?

Yes, multiple front-of-the-meter distributed energy resources can technically be considered a DER aggregation, but from the utility's procurement perspective, they are treated as a single, combined bid.

For example, if a developer bids ten 5 MW projects, EPE will view and evaluate that strictly as a single 50 MW resource - even if those individual projects are located across different geographical zones or substations. It is an "all-or-nothing" package; EPE will not guess at scaling those individual bids up or down, or picking and choosing specific locations to fit portfolio needs.

If a bidder wants to offer flexibility across different regions or sizing options, they must submit those as distinct, separate configurations for evaluation.

18 6/12/2026 Would a front-of-meter DER (ie <20 MW and connected to the distribution system) be considered a Demand Side Resource?

Ultimately, the distinction between a supply-side and demand-side classification is less critical than the modeling itself, as EPE evaluates both resource types consistently. The primary objective is to ensure that every proposal's technical attributes are captured as accurately as possible within the evaluation framework.

19 6/12/2026 Is there hosting capacity data for the EPE distribution system?

EPE does not currently publicly post hosting capacities but does provide the information on the pre-application report.

20 6/12/2026 Can projects be considered that have not yet applied for interconnection to the distribution system or is an active interconnection request a requirement?

Only projects that have submitted an interconnection application and paid the fee are considered for interconnection requests.

21 6/12/2026 For energy storage tolling agreement, does EPE prefer flat pricing, escalated pricing, or will you evaluate both?

No, EPE does not have a preference. EPE will evaluate proposals with both flat and escalated pricing structures to determine the best overall value for the system.

22 6/12/2026 Are bidders required to have firm site control to bid? Would a letter of intent from a site owner be acceptable?

Yes, bidders are required to demonstrate firm site control to submit a bid. A Letter of Intent (LOI) alone does not satisfy this requirement, as it does not constitute firm site control.

23	6/12/2026	For distributed, front-of-meter BESS (Ex: 5 MW and under) should a bidder submit an interconnection request under ATTACHMENT N Small Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreement, or submit via the pre-ap process for "distribution connection"?	Pre-applications are not required to submit an interconnection application. Electronic forms are used in NM and in Texas the INTERCONNECTION AND PARALLEL OPERATION OF DISTRIBUTED GENERATION form is used.
24	6/12/2026	Would you count standalone storage projects for NM RECs?	No. Standalone storage projects do not generate New Mexico Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) because they do not produce original renewable energy on their own. However, please note that this RFP is also seeking capacity resources, which standalone storage can certainly provide.
25	6/12/2026	Do you have a preference for 4hr or 8hr storage?	No, EPE does not have any pre-determined preference for 4-hour or 8-hour storage duration.
26	6/12/2026	Can 1 site have multiple bid options under one bid fee, or does each bid option need a separate bid fee?	No. Each configuration will require a separate bid fee. Please refer to Section 3.5 of the RFP.
27	6/12/2026	Can you clarify the preference for a one-line diagram or a PSLF? 7.1.4 states required supporting documents and then says "may provide" under PSLF.	There is no strict preference between the two; providing either a one-line diagram or a PSLF/PSSE model is sufficient to meet the requirement. The phrase "may provide" indicates that bidders have the flexibility to submit whichever option best represents their proposed facility's current stage of development.
28	6/12/2026	What Long Duration options would or would not consider for this RFP? Can you provide examples of chemistry and hour duration?	This is an all-source RFP, and EPE will consider all viable technology options. EPE does not restrict proposals to specific chemistries or hour durations for long-duration energy storage. All proposals that meet the criteria outlined in the RFP will be fully evaluated through the standard competitive process.
29	6/12/2026	We've noticed you've highlighted cost, reliability, carbon emissions, capacity growth as key factors in this RFP. Of these, what are the factors that are the most important to you for this RFP?	All of the above are fundamental objectives for EPE.
30	6/12/2026	Are there other things that weren't mentioned that would distinguish a competitive bid from another?	Please see Section 8 of the RFP document for information regarding the evaluation process, including section 8.3 which addresses the scoring evaluation.
31	6/12/2026	What are expectations around development risk? (COD, permitting deadlines, regulatory approvals)? Are there delay penalties that should be considered or financial securities? How would they view "not yet widely deployed" technologies, such as EGS (Enhanced Geothermal)?	<p>Bidders are expected to propose realistic project schedules that account for all development lead times, including a critical path to the guaranteed Commercial Operation Date. These schedule, permitting, and regulatory requirements will be formally evaluated during both the completeness and threshold review stages of the RFP process. To protect customer interests and ensure system reliability, final contracts will include standard commercial protections, including financial securities during the development and operational phases as well as liquidated damages for missed milestones or COD delays.</p> <p>Treatment of Emerging Technologies EPE welcomes proposals from emerging energy technologies, including Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS), but will also evaluate them with a focus on risk mitigation. Bidders proposing technologies that are not yet widely deployed at utility scale should include robust documentation regarding technology readiness, operational parameters, and performance data. EPE will closely evaluate the developer's capability to absorb technology-specific development and operational risks, and will evaluate contract structures to ensure an optimal risk allocation for EPE and its customers.</p> <p>Please refer to EPE's PPA and ESA templates, which are available on the 2026 New Mexico RFP website.</p>
32	6/12/2026	Are all technology types eligible for the build transfer agreement structure? Is EPE comfortable operating all generation types? For example, wind, solar, battery, gas + CCS, geothermal.	<p>Yes. As an all-source RFP, EPE will consider all technology types (with the exception of coal) under any of the proposed ownership structures, including Build-Transfer Agreements (BTAs).</p> <p>However, for technologies that are not currently part of EPE's existing resource portfolio or are considered emerging technologies, bidders are strongly encouraged to provide detailed information regarding long-term operations and maintenance (O&M). Where applicable, bidders should also include details on Long-Term Service Agreements (LTSAs) to demonstrate how these resources will be supported over their operational lifespan.</p>
33	6/12/2026	Do you prefer build transfer agreements, or do you prefer PPAs? If it depends, can you elaborate on that?	EPE does not have any pre-determined preference for build transfer agreements or PPAs.

34	6/12/2026	What are the most common compliance issues that lead to bid rejection?	Bidders should closely review Sections 8.1 and 8.2 of the RFP, which detail the completeness and threshold review criteria. While EPE cannot provide an exhaustive list of potential compliance issues, historical data from prior RFPs indicates that the most common reasons for bid rejection include a lack of firm pricing and a failure to meet specified transmission requirements.
35	6/12/2026	Will the identities of participants in the bidder's conference be publicly known, might not know until tomorrow?	No. Participants decide their own screen name, which will be visible to other attendees. EPE will not share attendee information.
36	6/12/2026	Will the questions be publicized by EPE with the identity of the person who asks...again might not know until tomorrow.	No. EPE will not share identifying information.
37	6/12/2026	What is the format of the meeting....is it a webinar etc.?	The format of the bidder conference is an informational webinar followed by a Q&A segment. Yes. The statement on page 9 applies to both supply-side and demand-side resources; there is no geographic restriction within the RFP itself requiring a project to be physically located in New Mexico to be considered.
38	6/12/2026	On page 9 of the RFP introduction and Background it states, "There is no requirement that any proposed resources be physically located within the state of New Mexico for considering in this RFP." Does this apply to Demand Side DER resources?	However, bidders should be aware that all final resource selections and contracts resulting from this RFP are ultimately subject to review and approval by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC). In evaluating the portfolio, EPE expects that the NMPRC and other stakeholders, will carefully scrutinize how proposed resources-- particularly localized demand-side or distributed energy resources (DERs) - directly benefit, align with, and reliably support New Mexico retail customers and the state's broader regulatory objectives.
39	6/12/2026	Sections 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.7 specify communications and control and telemetry that is typically defined for supply side resources. Section 6.7 specifically identifies supply side resources. Demand Side and DER projects for aggregated resources do not typically have supply side telemetry requirements due to the cost burden to each site. Can EPE clarify the distinction of Telemetry, AGC and EMS requirements for Demand Side and DER proposals?	EPE recognizes that while this all-source RFP establishes a general framework for bid development, it does not encompass every possible bid type, ownership structure, or technology. As noted in the RFP introduction, bidders seeking clarification on project suitability or structural alignment are advised to utilize the formal communication protocols outlined in Section 1.7 or raise questions during the Pre-Bid Webcast detailed in Section 3.2. Bidders should review all documents and bid forms as soon as possible to determine if their specific proposal structure is not fully addressed by the standard technical specifications. Regarding the specific distinction for Demand Side and DER proposals, EPE recognizes that traditional utility-scale telemetry, AGC, and EMS requirements may not directly translate to behind-the-meter or aggregated assets due to differing cost and technology structures. In alignment with the RFP's flexibility, EPE does not typically require individual, site-by-site utility-grade telemetry for every asset. Bidders are encouraged to submit detailed proposals outlining their platform's communication capabilities and request clarification through the Section 1.7 protocol to ensure alignment. Ultimately, if a bidder believes the existing technical forms or sections do not adequately accommodate their technology's operational profile, they should proactively submit specific inquiries via the RFP project manager to determine the appropriate adjustments for bid submission.
40	6/12/2026	Section 6.2 states, "Inverter based renewable resource (i.e., solar and wind) proposals are required to utilize inverters and controls capable of output regulation/curtailment for load following, frequency response and voltage support via EPE's EMS control.". Is this statement applicable to Demand Side DER proposals?	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 39.
41	6/12/2026	Section 6.5 – If a proposal's price structure has no ties to tax credits and is not subject to change or be modified by any tax credit, we assume this section can be omitted in the response as it has no bearing on the proposal. Is this correct?	Correct. However, EPE encourages bidders to explicitly confirm in their narrative summary if their proposal is not reliant upon or inclusive of any tax credits (where applicable).

Correct. EPE recognizes that traditional site control requirements, such as options to purchase or lease land, are generally not applicable to distributed, aggregated, or demand-side resources at the time of bid submission. Therefore, strict physical site control is not required for Demand Side or DER proposals to be deemed eligible.

However, to ensure a fair and robust evaluation, EPE requires bidders to demonstrate the foundational viability, feasibility, and market interest underpinning their proposal. Bidders should not submit speculative volumes without supporting evidence.

In lieu of traditional site control, DER and Demand Side bidders should provide documentation that validates their deployment strategy and resource capacity, which may include:

Customer Acquisition Strategy: A detailed plan outlining how the bidder intends to recruit, enroll, and retain participants to reach the proposed capacity targets.

Historical Performance Data: Evidence of successful deployment or similar programs managed by the bidder in other jurisdictions, demonstrating reliable customer adoption and performance metrics.

Existing Portfolios or Pipeline: Letters of intent, memoranda of understanding (MOUs), or anonymized data showing an existing pipeline of qualified customers or commercial partners within the region.

Market Analysis: Regional demographic or target-market data supporting the feasibility of the proposed customer adoption rate within the project timeline.

EPE will evaluate these supporting materials during the threshold review phase to ensure that all selected demand-side resources represent realistic and reliable capacity for the EPE recognizes that the specific environmental, siting, and permitting checklists detailed in Section 6.9 are designed for single-site supply resources and are not applicable to distributed or aggregated demand-side proposals. Bidders may designate those specific line items as "Not Applicable" without penalty.

However, the fundamental purpose of Section 6.9 is to allow EPE to evaluate project maturity, execution risk, and overall viability. Therefore, while Demand Side and DER bidders do not need to provide environmental site assessments or air permits, they are still expected to use their proposal submission to demonstrate that their project is viable and executable within the proposed timeline.

In lieu of traditional siting data, the proposal narrative should focus on proving viability by addressing:

(1) **Deployment Readiness:** Evidence that the underlying technology or platform is commercially mature and ready for commercial rollout.

(2) **Execution & Schedule Risk:** A clear, realistic timeline for customer enrollment, hardware installation (if applicable), and program launch that accounts for potential deployment constraints.

If a bidder requires further clarification on how to demonstrate viability for their specific technology type, they should submit an inquiry via the Section 1.7 communication protocol.

As an all-source RFP, EPE welcomes all technology types except for coal, including long-duration energy storage (LDES). A core objective of this RFP is to evaluate all proposals consistently using a uniform scoring framework. However, for the avoidance of doubt, EPE will not directly score LDES proposals against shorter-duration technologies, such as four-hour lithium-ion storage

Section 6.8 states "EPE is requiring all Bidders to have and provide evidence to EPE of feasible site(s) selected and, at a minimum, to have a firm option to purchase or lease to demonstrate site control with landowner(s) and other stakeholders that may impact the execution of the land purchase." Site control for most Demand Side and DER proposals is not known. How does EPE plan to determine eligibility for Demand Side and DER proposals?

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Section 6.9 is designed for supply side or single site large scale projects and does not have applicability to most Demand Side and DER projects. How does EPE plan to evaluate proposals that designate the majority of this section as not applicable to the proposal?

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Is EPE interested in any specific LDES technology? Will LDES be evaluated under the same scoring framework as conventional BESS?

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45	6/12/2026	What BESS duration does EPE prefer, and is there a capacity pricing premium for longer-duration systems?	As noted in EPE's response to Question 52, EPE does not prefer any specific Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) technology or configuration. EPE interprets the term 'capacity pricing premium' to encompass the higher accredited capacity assigned to longer-duration systems compared to shorter-duration alternatives. Because EPE calculates distinct Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC) values based on storage duration, longer-duration BESS resources broadly receive higher capacity accreditation."
46	6/12/2026	How will the capacity value of a solar + BESS hybrid be accredited, and what charging assumptions will EPE apply?	EPE will determine the capacity value of solar + BESS hybrids using an Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC) methodology. To evaluate the resource's energy value, EPE will apply project-specific charging assumptions based on the operational parameters provided in the proposal.
47	6/12/2026	Does EPE have a preference for 100% ownership of projects in a Build Transfer structure or does EPE prefer a long term PPA. If PPA, what tenor does EPE prefer?	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 33.
48	6/12/2026	I am looking to get my team kicked off on the contract redlines and RFP excel bid workbook, and I cannot find these on the website. Would you please let me know where I can find these exhibits for download?	EPE's bid form and New Mexico power purchase agreement and energy storage agreement will be available on EPE's 2026 New Mexico RFP website June 12, 2026.
49	6/12/2026	How does 400 MW of accredited capacity translate into solar nameplate targets given ELCC? Same question for solar + BESS. and BESS only	EPE cannot answer this question because it would be dependent on the composition of the overall portfolio. EPE recommends bidders review the 2025 IRP for guidance on marginal ELCC values.
50	6/12/2026	Does the capacity need accounts for the projects selected in the 2025 All source RFP?	Yes. The 2025 All-Source RFP sought Texas resources. This RFP is specific to the capacity needs for New Mexico. Please refer to Section 1 and Table 1 in the 2026 NM RFP document for more details.
51	6/12/2026	As part of this RFP from EPE, is it possible to submit a proposal for long duration energy storage, without submitting a proposal for energy generation?	Yes. EPE encourages Bidders to offer battery energy storage proposals of various durations. Bidders are not limited to submitting only four-hour duration proposals, as longer-duration proposals will be acceptable. Please refer to Section 6.3 of the 2026 NM RFP and the FAQs for more details.
52	6/12/2026	What is EPE's preferred BESS project configurations and durations? (e.g., 4-hour, 6-hour, 8-hour, or longer duration storage)	No preference. This was just addressed in the previous question. Please refer to Section 6.3 of the 2026 NM RFP and the FAQs for more details.
53	6/12/2026	Will Attachments A-P be posted on the RFP website?	No, there is no template for the attachments. Bidders should create their own.
54	6/12/2026	We've noticed you've highlighted cost, reliability, carbon emissions, capacity growth as key factors in this RFP. Of these, what are the factors that are the most important to you for this RFP?	All of the above are fundamental objectives for EPE.
55	6/12/2026	For distribution- connected resources, is EPE looking for those in New Mexico, or would distribution resources in Texas service territory also be of interest?	For the purposes of this RFP, we are not specifying geographical locations; however, EPE is subject to New Mexico regulatory requirements and approvals.
56	6/12/2026	Are there interconnection preferences, including whether EPE has identified specific substations, load pockets, or infrastructure locations where storage resources may provide the greatest system value?	At this stage EPE does not have a preference.
57	6/12/2026	Will bidders to the 2025 RFP receive feedback on rejected bids before the due date for this RFP?	The 2025 Texas RFP is still in progress and we will not be addressing questions pertaining to that RFP.
58	6/12/2026	What are expectations around development risk? (COD, permitting deadlines, regulatory approvals)? Are there delay penalties that should be considered or financial securities? How would you view "not yet widely deployed" technologies, such as EGS (Enhanced Geothermal)?	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 31.
59	6/12/2026	What is EPE's preferred commercial structures, including Energy Storage Agreements (ESA), Build-Transfer Agreements (BTA), or other ownership arrangements?	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 33.

60	6/12/2026	Is EPE generally aiming to add significantly more MW of capacity than in previous RFP cycles due to data center load growth? Will a project with COD later than May 1, 2032 be considered in this RFP?	This is the current capacity need identified by EPE due to the load growth. EPE will only consider projects within the dates identified in the RFP.
61	6/12/2026	Do you prefer build transfer agreements, or do you prefer PPAs? If it depends, can you elaborate on that?	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 33.
62	6/12/2026	For a new storage technology, how does EPE determine the ELCC value?	EPE will evaluate the ELCC value for a new storage technology on a case-by-case basis, depending on the specific characteristics of the proposed resource. For technologies with operational profiles similar to existing assets, EPE may utilize an established ELCC value as a baseline. Alternatively, if the technology introduces unique operational or performance characteristics, a supplemental or updated ELCC analysis may be required to accurately determine its capacity contribution.
63	6/12/2026	Are all forms of alternative non-solar renewable energy acceptable?	As stated in the presentation earlier and in the RFP, EPE is open to various technology types. Please refer to the 2026 New Mexico RFP for more details.
64	6/12/2026	Is there anything else that would distinguish a competitive bid from another?	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 30.
65	6/12/2026	Do you have a hosting capacity map?	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 19.
66	6/12/2026	Will there be a priority placed on any specific type of energy or capacity? For example will higher priority be placed on PV+BESS vs. just solar?	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 28.
67	6/12/2026	How will the study process work for BESS? Will EPE study it as a load/name plate capacity, or will it be studied as a reduction in load/capacity?	EPE will evaluate BESS using an Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC) methodology to determine its capacity contribution to the system. BESS will be modeled and accredited as a resource rather than as a reduction in load.
68	6/12/2026	Do you anticipate bid submittals to enter the interconnection queue prior to the end of the year?	Please refer to Section 5.1 of the RFP.
69	6/12/2026	How will this RFP align with the community solar RFP that is expected to come out later this year? Is this RFP capacity in addition to the community solar capacity or will the community solar RFP be part of the 100 MW EPE is looking to fill this year? How will the interconnection queue be handled?	This RFP is separate and apart from the New Mexico state-run RFP that is currently being discussed by the NMPRC through the Community Solar Act (SB84). As stated in Section 1 of the RFP document, EPE retains flexibility, at its sole discretion, to procure additional capacity beyond the identified need in Table 1, or to pursue less capacity if alternative solutions, prove more beneficial.
70	6/12/2026	Is there a link to today's bidder conference recording?	Yes. Please visit the EPE's 2026 New Mexico RFP website to watch the recorded 2026 RFP Bidder Conference.
71	6/12/2026	I am interested in talking with the EPE project manager about distributed generation and BESS to manage local or system-wide demand. Our company has extensive experience with solar and battery storage at the DG scale and are evaluating this opportunity.	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 15.
72	6/12/2026	Does EPE have a form or example PPA that bidders could use for reference?	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 48.
73	6/19/2026	Will you accept redlines to the 2026 NM RFP PPA and ESA? If so, what date would you like them to you?	Yes, form PPA or ESA with redline and exceptions must be included in Attachment O for all PPA or ESA bid submissions. All required attachments must be included in the bid submission folder by the proposal submission deadline, which is August 21st 2026 for third party bids. Please refer to Section 7.1.4 of the RFP document for details on required supporting documents.
74	6/19/2026	Could the EPE RFP team please share word versions of the PPA and ESA?	EPE will not provide Word versions of the PPA and ESA templates. PDF versions of EPE's current PPA and ESA templates are available on the 2026 New Mexico RFP website. Please refer to EPE's response to Questions 48 and 72.
75	6/19/2026	How does EPE define the total nameplate capacity for each proposal, as it pertains to its bid fee?	EPE considers the total nameplate capacity for a proposal to be the total installed capacity of each technology combined. For example, if a bidder proposed a hybrid site with 10MW solar and 10MW storage, EPE would consider that to be 20MW of nameplate capacity. EPE is consistent in this methodology when calculating the bid fee. For example, if a bidder submits a hybrid proposal with 15 MW of solar coupled with 10 MW of storage, the total installed capacity of the proposal would be 25 MW and would require a bid fee of \$7,500.

76	6/26/2026	Can EPE provide any information regarding the interconnection timeline and process for standalone battery storage projects applying for interconnection at the distribution level? Do these projects utilize the same digital forms as other DG generating sources?	Some timelines for the interconnection process are listed in NM Rule 568. Construction timelines can vary depending on several factors like location, permitting, material procurement, etc. In NM the same forms are used for DG and storage projects. See EPE's response to question 23 regarding the forms required.
77	6/26/2026	Is PSSE modeling required for standalone DG battery projects?	No, EPE does not require PSSE modeling for DG facilities connecting to the distribution system but does require a System Impact Study for systems larger than 1 MW. The estimated timing to complete contract negotiations is difficult to reliably estimate, as it will depend on a variety of factors, including the number of negotiations ongoing at one time, the form of agreement (e.g., PPA, ESA, or BTA), the number of redlines proposed by the selected bidders, and to what extent we have experience negotiating with the applicable bidder. Those caveats aside, EPE hopes to complete negotiations within three to four months following commencement of negotiations. Following execution of the relevant agreement, the company expects to seek NMPRC regulatory approval of the contract as a condition precedent to effectiveness. We estimate up to an additional six to twelve months to work through the regulatory process that leads to hopeful approval of the resource.
78	6/26/2026	What is EPE's desired timeline for executing agreements for selected projects?	
79	6/26/2026	Does EPE consider a resource physically located in Mexico, but interconnected directly to an EPE substation, eligible to bid under this RFP?	Yes, EPE will evaluate resources physically located in Mexico, but the bidder must provide detailed plans for achieving permitting, interconnection, governmental/regulatory/residential permitting, etc. EPE reserves the right to make a decision based on any execution or permitting risk along with pricing.
80	6/26/2026	For an Energy Storage System located in Mexico, does EPE require real-time operational dispatch authority over the BESS (full dispatchability, telemetry and control, and first dispatch rights)?	Yes.
81	6/26/2026	Can renewable energy generated by a Mexico-sited facility and delivered to EPE qualify toward New Mexico's Renewable Portfolio Standard and generate New Mexico RECs under the Renewable Energy Act, assuming all associated RECs are transferred to EPE and the energy is assigned to EPE's New Mexico customers? If not, would the resource still be evaluated for its capacity (ELCC) and energy (LCOE) value notwithstanding REC ineligibility?	In order to comply with NM portfolio standards, all RECs must be registered with WREGIS. EPE encourages bidders to review WREGIS guidelines to determine whether their projects produce qualifying RECs. Additionally, Section 1 of the RFP document states that EPE is seeking renewable energy resources capable of providing RECs to satisfy ongoing RPS requirements under the New Mexico REA and Rule 17.9.572 NMAC. Renewable resources that do not produce qualifying RECs do not meet this criteria.
82	6/26/2026	In the case of a PV + BESS installation, should the PPA template for the sale of energy and the energy storage agreement/template be submitted as separate documents? If so, would this imply that two separate agreements need to be signed?	Separate agreements are required for each component, and therefore separate signatures are required.
83	6/26/2026	Is there any flexibility on the contracting structure of DSR projects/programs, such as an MSA? The proposal only lists and provides PPA or ESA contracts for review prior to bid submittal. If we currently have an MSA in place with EPE – can this work be added under that existing contract? If not, can an example MSA be sent for our review prior to bid submittal?	EPE appreciates the submission of this question and will post a response as soon as it is available.
84	6/26/2026	Can bidders amend/add a section to the proposal layout to include our DSR-specific approach?	Yes. Please include DER/DSR-specific Technical Approaches in the executive summary. Any other relevant details that do not fit the descriptions of the Supporting Attachments detailed in Section 7.1.4 of the RFP Document, should be submitted as additional attachments.
85	6/26/2026	The pricing tabs in the bid form seem to be for supply side solutions. For demand side, are we able to submit our own pricing sheet as an additional tab in the bid form workbook?	Do not modify the EPE provided bid form. If your pricing structure does not conform with the EPE provided bid form, please provide your pricing sheet as a separate attachment.
86	7/2/2026	RFP Section 6.4 (Demand-Side Resources) states: "EPE requires interconnectors to use DNP 3.0 Communication Protocol for exchanging telemetry/controls between the site and EPE's EMS". What is meant by the term "interconnectors" in this sentence?	An interconnector is a entity/company/project interconnecting to EPE's system. For more information regarding DER and Demand Side Resources telemetry requirements, please refer to EPE's response to Question 39.

87	7/2/2026	Is EPE interested in block of power with RECs or is there only interest if the generation of power + RECs comes from a specific resource?	The intent of the 2026 New Mexico RFP is to seek supply-side and demand-side resources to meet capacity needs or reduce EPE's demand requirements. Resources that do not meet these criteria will not be considered.
88	7/2/2026	Are variations of projects (such as different storage durations) considered separate configurations requiring individual bid fees?	Yes. For more information please reference Section 3.5 of the RFP document.
89	7/2/2026	Is it possible to obtain the Microsoft Word versions of the 2026 NM RFP form PPA and ESA?	For Q&A doc online: Please refer to EPE's response to Question 74. For email response: EPE will not provide Word versions of the PPA and ESA templates. PDF versions of EPE's current PPA and ESA templates are available on the 2026 New Mexico RFP website.
90	7/2/2026	Can EPE share wire instructions for the bid fee?	Wire instructions and details will be provided upon receipt of the NOI. For more information, please reference Section 7.2 of the RFP.
91	7/2/2026	What is the address for the payment recipients?	Please refer to EPE's response to Question 90.