

- Would MCE require the Storage resource to show that the source of its discharge energy is from a renewable asset?
 - MCE requires that a storage resource is to be charged and discharged with GHG-free or carbon neutral resources; therefore, the storage resource can not be standalone grid connected. Additionally, MCE is not seeking offers for solar to lithium-ion battery storage hybrid technologies. The solar plus battery storage hybrid projects were accepted in MCE's 2020 Open Seasons process, which is currently being administered.
- Will MCE accept projects that have not submitted an interconnection application?
 - At a minimum, projects offered into MCE's 2020 Clean RA RFO must have completed an interconnection study.
- Will MCE accept projects that do not have an interconnection study, but are in the interconnection queue?
 - At a minimum, projects offered into MCE's 2020 Clean RA RFO must have completed an interconnection study.
- Would a letter of intent be sufficient as proof of site control?
 - At a minimum, projects offered into MCE's 2020 Clean RA RFO must have proof of site control; a letter of intent is not sufficient proof of site control.
- Would a standalone battery energy storage facility qualify for Clean RA per the definition in Section 1 of the RFO materials if certified RECs are purchased for all charging energy?
 - MCE is seeking offers for resources that are GHG-free or carbon neutral throughout the entire clean energy production chain. Meaning that MCE is **NOT** seeking offers for standalone battery storage in which the charging energy is backed by short-term REC purchases.
- Do stand-alone utility-scale lithium-ion battery energy storage systems rated at four hours in duration that charge from the grid qualify for this RFO?
 - No. These resources are not being contemplated as part of MCE's Clean RA RFO as those projects were accepted and are being evaluated as part of MCE's 2020 Open Seasons process. Similarly, solar plus four-hour lithium ion battery storage is also being excluded from this Clean RA RFO.
- Can you provide the minimum and maximum durations MCE is looking for in a 'long-duration' energy storage resource in order to qualify for the RFO?
 - For purposes of MCE's 2020 Clean RA RFO, MCE defines "long duration storage" as greater than four hours and excludes the following technologies and configurations:
 - Standalone lithium ion battery storage; and
 - Solar plus lithium ion battery storage hybrid technology.
- Can energy storage resources that charge from the grid qualify for the RFO or do energy storage resources need to solely charge from renewable sources to qualify?

- Energy storage resources will need to be charged from GHG-free or carbon neutral resources.
- Are Li-Ion Battery Energy Storage projects eligible to participate? If so, what is the minimum duration required for participation?
 - For purposes of MCE's 2020 Clean RA RFO, MCE excludes the following technologies and configurations:
 - Standalone lithium ion battery storage; and
 - Solar plus lithium ion battery storage hybrid technology.
- Will you be considering any other contract terms besides 10-15 years?
 - Yes. The ten to fifteen years reference was related to MCE's timeline to phase out fossil-based capacity resources from its portfolio.
- Is there any preference/requirement for COD and location of the RA assets?
 - MCE always prefers local resources within its service area; however, for purposes of this RFO, technology type and "clean" attributes are most important.
- Will a battery storage system that is charged 75% by renewable energy and 25% by grid energy constitute "Clean RA" for the purposes of MCE's solicitation?
 - MCE will accept offers for battery storage systems that charge 75% from renewable energy and 25% from system energy if those systems convert to charging from 100% clean resources within six years of contract execution. Additionally, for purposes of MCE's 2020 Clean RA RFO, MCE excludes the following technologies and configurations:
 - Standalone lithium ion battery storage; and
 - Solar plus lithium ion battery storage hybrid technology.
- For battery storage systems, does MCE have a preference for how the system is scheduled/operated? E.g. whether MCE or the project owner would act as Scheduling Coordinator and therefore realize benefits from energy arbitrage?
 - Depending on the resource and structure of offer, MCE or Seller could serve as Scheduling Coordinator.
- Does MCE require the RA projects to have Full Capacity Deliverability Status prior to bidding?
 - No, but the project must achieve FCDS by the time MCE's contract term begins.
- We understand the development milestone schedule is a factor MCE will take into consideration when reviewing bids. Does MCE have a preferred year for projects to come online?
 - Prior to calendar year 2024.