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#### 1.0 <u>Introduction</u>

Alabama Power Company ("Company" or "Alabama Power") hereby announces the 2025 Request for Proposals ("RFP") for reliable electric capacity resources. Qualifying proposals submitted through this RFP will afford the Company an opportunity to review market offerings to determine whether there are economic and viable projects suitable to provide reliable, dispatchable, cost-effective electric capacity supply to meet the needs of its 1.5 million customers. The Company is seeking resources available to commence service by December 1, 2032, with the total amount depending upon the cost competitiveness of the respective offers as well as options available to the Company. The Company will consider service commencement as early as 2028, provided the early commencement provides adequate additional value. The Company is interested in proposals for:

- A. Agreements for the Purchase of Firm Capacity and Energy ("PPAs") from new and existing dispatchable electric generation facilities;
- B. Energy Storage Capacity Agreements ("ESAs") from new and existing dispatchable energy storage facilities;
- C. Asset Purchase and Sale Agreements ("APSAs") for existing dispatchable electric generation facilities that are in commercial operation; and
- D. Build-Transfer Agreements for new energy storage facilities ("Storage BTAs") to be constructed that would be acquired by the Company through a purchase transaction (provided that the Company will not consider proposals in this RFP for the acquisition of new projects of other technologies such as fossil-fueled generation facilities).

All proposals must be for supply side resources of a commercially proven technology that, at a minimum, meet established reliability and performance criteria and that can be dispatched on demand (with appropriate notification) by the Company.

With a limited exception for Current PPA Projects (as described below), each project proposed must be at least one hundred megawatts (100 MW) in size. Although there is no maximum size for a project to be proposed, all resources will be subject to limitations of reliability constraints that may affect the Southern Company electric system. The Company will also accept PPA proposals for capacity less than one hundred (100) megawatts or that otherwise modify an existing PPA with the Company, provided that the relevant project either currently provides dispatchable electric capacity to the Company pursuant to an existing PPA or is a project owned by a bidder who currently supplies dispatchable electric capacity to the Company through an existing long term contractual arrangement (such a project is referred to in this RFP as a "Current PPA Project"). Proposals for PPAs and APSAs may encompass resources using any type of dispatchable fuel source (e.g., natural gas, biomass). Proposals for ESAs and Storage BTAs may encompass resources of any proven energy storage technology (e.g., lithium-ion technology). The Company is seeking proposals from projects that will be available and dispatchable year-round with a focus on meeting capacity needs for both its summer (June-September) and winter (December-February) peak demands. This RFP is not open to any affiliate of the Company, including but not limited to Southern Power Company.

Nothing in this RFP, in the accompanying materials or in related exchanges should be considered an offer or acceptance of terms or conditions of a PPA, an ESA, an APSA, a Storage BTA, an interconnection agreement, or any other contract or business arrangement. Any proposal that does not satisfy the requirements of this RFP may be considered nonresponsive, and the Company reserves the right to reject any such proposal without opportunity for correction or cure. The Company may, but is under no obligation to, contact any bidder to obtain additional information regarding its proposal. Each participating bidder waives any and all right of recourse against the Company, its parent, and any of their affiliates or subsidiaries (including their officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives) for either rejection of the proposal or for failure to execute an agreement with the bidder for any reason. The Company shall have no obligation or liability to any bidder unless and until a definitive agreement with such bidder has been successfully negotiated, fully executed, and any and all conditions precedent and subsequent to the effectiveness of such agreement are satisfied including but not limited to receipt of all appropriate federal and state regulatory approvals, in a form suitable to the Company in its sole discretion. The Company reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine whether to pursue negotiation and execution of any agreement with any bidder. Further, the execution of any agreement shall be subject to all requisite management approvals of the Company. Proposals submitted pursuant to this RFP will be evaluated in a manner deemed appropriate by the Company, including but not limited to evaluations that measure proposals against one another on a like-kind basis (independent of technology type) and against other power supply options that may be available to the Company. Such other power supply options may include resources owned or developed by the Company, other resources located in the service territories of the Company and its affiliates, and other proposals for capacity resources that are provided to the Company outside of this RFP process. The Company is under no obligation to select any project or proposed agreement, nor is the Company limited to choosing from the proposals submitted in response to this RFP. The Company may determine in its sole discretion to procure capacity resources outside of this RFP process or to defer the pursuit of any resources, through proposals identified in this RFP or otherwise, until a future date determined by the Company.

#### 2.0 Confidentiality

Participation in this RFP is conditioned on the execution of a standard Confidentiality Agreement. An execution copy of Attachment B – Confidentiality Agreement will be provided via DocuSign to each bidder who submits a Notice of Intent ("NOI").

The Company will take reasonable precautions and use reasonable efforts to protect any confidential information contained in a bid proposal to the extent the bidder clearly identifies such information as confidential on the page on which it appears; provided that the Company reserves the right to disclose confidential information to governmental regulatory authorities in accordance with the provisions of the Confidentiality Agreement. In addition, the Company reserves the right to release such information to agents or contractors of the Company, for the purpose of proposal assessment and evaluation. Under no circumstances will the Company, its parent company, affiliates, subsidiaries, and the officers, directors, employees, agents, or representatives of any of them be liable to any party for any damages resulting from any disclosure of information provided in response to this RFP before, during or after the solicitation process.

#### 3.0 Communications

#### 3.1 Prior to the Submission of Bids

All questions to the Company regarding the RFP should be submitted utilizing the "Capacity RFP Questions" form within the Alabama Power RFP Platform hosted on OnBase ("RFP Platform"). There will also be a link to the "Capacity RFP Questions" form located on the Alabama Power website [http://alabamapower.com/rfp2025] by clicking the "Contact Us" button. Bidders using the specified form of communication to properly submit questions will receive appropriate responses from the Company through email notifications. There is also a "Frequently Asked Questions" portion contained in this document. Other than questions and answers managed in the above-prescribed manner, the Company shall be under no obligation to provide any other explanations or interpretations of this RFP. Questions will be accepted by the Company until 5:00 p.m. CPT on January 9, 2026.

This RFP document will be made available on the Alabama Power website [http://alabamapower.com/rfp2025]. A Notice of Intent to bid ("NOI") will be required for all bidders participating in this RFP. All bidders must submit the required NOI by November 26, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. CPT. The link to access the NOI webform is available on the Alabama Power website [http://alabamapower.com/rfp2025]. Bidders failing to submit a NOI by the specified time and date may have their proposals summarily rejected by the Company, in its sole discretion. Bidders are able to list one primary contact in the NOI. Once the NOI has been received and processed, login credentials for accessing the RFP Platform will be provided, allowing access to the RFP Platform with the Capacity RFP Bid Form ("RFP Bid Form") and all associated RFP attachments. Each bidder will be provided one set of login credentials for accessing the RFP Platform.

All bidders should familiarize themselves with the RFP document, the RFP Bid Form, and all associated attachments located on the RFP Platform. Interested parties must download this RFP document, complete the attachments and RFP Bid Form, and upload and submit all required information on the RFP Platform by the deadline of January 16, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. CPT. In the event of any conflict between or among this RFP document, the RFP Bid Form or the attachments, this RFP document controls.

Any and all communications regarding this RFP should be submitted through the above-referenced process. Attempts at direct communications with the Company or Southern Company Services regarding the RFP may be disregarded at the Company's discretion.

#### 3.2 Following the Submission of Bids

All communications with bidders following the submission of bids shall be conducted through the Company and shall be confidential. The Company will utilize the RFP Platform as the primary mode of communication to send notifications and requests for additional information. Additional communications may include one or more face-to-face meetings, attended by the Company and other Company representatives and advisors, in order to discuss the bidder's proposal(s). In addition to or in lieu of face-to-face meetings, the

Company and other Company representatives or advisors also may conduct telephonic conference calls with a bidder to clarify bid proposals or resolve issues with such bid proposals.

## 3.3 Following the Execution of the Final Contract

Winning bidders may not announce the execution of any final PPA, ESA, APSA or Storage BTA through a press release or any other method of public communication without prior approval of the Company.

### 4.0 Operational Parameters and Requirements

The Company is seeking capacity resources that can meet the operational requirements and parameters described in this section in order to meet the Company's reliability needs year-round, with a focus on both the winter and summer peak demands. All bid proposals should provide all pertinent operational information and should identify any inability to fully satisfy all criteria set forth in the "Operating Parameters" tab of the RFP Bid Form.

#### 4.1 Minimum and Maximum Capacity Limits of Resources; Current PPA Projects

With a limited exception for Current PPA Projects, each project proposal, including an aggregate of units at a facility, must be at least one hundred megawatts (100 MW) in total capacity for the resource proposed. Although there is no maximum size for a project to be proposed, all resources will be subject to limitations of reliability constraints that may affect the Southern Company electric system. As described in Section 1.0 above, the Company will also accept proposals of less than one hundred megawatts (100 MW) from Current PPA Projects.

#### 4.2 Seasonal Availability and Capability

All bid proposal projects must provide the capacity ratings of the facility for the peak seasons, including winter (December-February) and summer (June-September) seasons. For the winter season, the capacity ratings can be in the form of a separate winter season capacity rating, guaranteed output at various low temperatures, or a guarantee of "as capable" output with an associated temperature-output engineering curve. For PPAs and ESAs, the resources must be available year-round and not be subject to scheduled outages in peak seasons.

#### 4.3 AGC Requirements

All proposals must be sourced from facilities capable of operating on Automatic Generation Control ("AGC"). Bidders shall be responsible for all costs to make the unit capable of responding to the Company's AGC signals. For PPAs and ESAs, the Company shall have the right, but not the obligation, to dispatch the facility in AGC mode. With respect to PPA proposals involving facilities that are not connected to the Southern Company transmission system, bidders should verify dynamic transfer capability and protocols with the Southern Company transmission system to ensure proper telemetry communications in accordance with the Southern Company Open Access Transmission

Tariff ("OATT"). ESA proposals involving facilities not connected to the Southern Company transmission system will not be considered.

#### 4.4 <u>Down Time Requirements (for CCs and CTs)</u>

Combined cycle ("CC") resources and combustion turbine ("CT") resources should have a minimum down time of not more than 8 and 4 hours, respectively. However, for both CC and CT resources, a minimum down time of no more than 1 hour is preferred.

# 4.5 Quick Start Capability (for CTs)

For proposals reflecting CT resources, the Company prefers quick start capability (*i.e.*, 10 minutes or less following notification from the Company).

#### 4.6 Environmental

The Company shall receive all associated environmental attributes associated with output of the resource and shall have the right to sell such environmental attributes (including renewable energy certificates, or "RECs") to third parties, separately or bundled together with energy from the facility or elsewhere.

#### 4.6.1 Greenhouse Gas Compliance

Each bidder proposing a fossil fuel-fired generating technology shall supply a narrative description of its proposed plan for complying with any regulation designed to avoid, reduce, utilize, or sequester air pollutants or greenhouse gases.

#### 4.7 Demineralization

The use of demineralized water supply for a resource should not limit the operations or delivery of capacity. CCs operating on natural gas should be able to support at least fourteen (14) hours of full load generation plus ten (10) hours of full pressure generation (twenty-four (24) hours of total operation).

Demineralized water intended for use in conjunction with fuel oil operation should match the specified storage capacity for fuel oil in Section 4.8 (Fuel Plan). The bidder must also have adequate demineralized water replenishment capabilities at the facility.

#### 4.8 Fuel Plan (for Natural Gas Projects)

For PPA projects, bidders are required to meet the following requirements and comply with the Company's fossil fuel policy. In addition, all bids and project proposals will be subject to further facility and site-specific requirements after review by the Company.

#### 4.8.1 Fuel Evaluation for Proposals

Natural Gas prices will be linked to a single monthly forecast of gas prices at a common point (*e.g.*, Henry Hub). Delivered gas prices will include the effect of applicable gas transportation charges, fuel retention rates, historical basis differentials and taxes. The requirement to purchase firm gas transportation and storage will be applied as follows for evaluation purposes.

- CC units will be evaluated with sufficient firm gas transportation to allow twenty-four (24) hours of full load generation plus at least ten (10) hours of full pressure generation (if applicable). CC units will also be evaluated for sufficient gas storage capacity based on firm gas transportation capacity that is consistent with other Company CC units.
- Simple cycle units are required to have sufficient fuel oil backup as specified in Section 4.8.2 below. Simple cycle units with sufficient oil backup will not require firm gas transportation provided the oil can be burned year-round. Simple cycle units with sufficient oil backup that cannot burn oil year-round will require a minimum of eight (8) hours (if the facility heat rate is 10,000 Btu/kWh or higher) or twelve (12) hours (if the facility heat rate is below 10,000 Btu/kWh) of firm gas transportation during the summer months, with the actual location of the proposed unit potentially resulting in greater minimum hours being required. Gas storage will be evaluated for simple cycle units consistent with other Company CT units. Fuel oil inventory costs will be applied as appropriate.
- For PPAs, the Company preference is a tolling fuel plan arrangement.

#### 4.8.2 Fuel Oil Evaluation for Proposals

The Company prefers fuel oil availability for CT proposals. The supporting facilities (including infrastructure and property interests) and operation for onsite fuel oil storage will be expected to comply with the following standards, including both tolling and non-tolling proposals for PPAs:

- For existing CT facilities, there must be sufficient on-site fuel oil storage to operate the generating facility for seventy two (72) continuous hours, without replenishment, at full load. The bidder must also have adequate replenishment capabilities at the generating facility. If a facility does not have such storage capability, the bid may be disqualified unless the Company elects to conduct further evaluation.
- If a bidder cannot meet or exceed the storage and replenishment capabilities outlined above, the bidder should indicate its storage and replenishment capabilities, and the Company will evaluate this as a qualitative, non-price factor. For PPA proposals, the parties will develop the additional requirements and objectives necessary to implement the foregoing standards as a part of the PPA.

## 4.9 Energy Storage Project Operational Requirements

The Pro Forma ESA contains operational requirements for the bidder's energy storage facility, including the following:

## 4.9.1 Facility Charging and Discharging

Under an ESA, the Company must have full control of the disposition of all energy directed into and out of the bidder's storage facility.

- The Company may charge and discharge the storage facility at any time, and
  the bidder shall cause the entire capacity of the facility and energy stored to be
  available to the Company as and when instructed by the Company.
- For energy that the Company instructs the bidder to deliver from the facility, such energy shall be delivered directly to the point of interconnection with the transmission system.
- The bidder shall not charge the storage facility with energy unless and except to the extent expressly directed by the Company.

#### 4.9.2 Dispatch

- The Company may control the disposition of energy to charge the storage facility and energy discharged from the facility using AGC signals.
- The storage facility must be capable of receiving and responding to AGC signals from the Company to monitor, measure and record the state of charge, charging energy and discharging energy at all times.
- In the event of an AGC disruption, the bidder will comply with the Company's manual operational and dispatch instructions.

#### 5.0 Firm Capacity and Energy Agreement (PPA) Proposals

For purposes of this RFP, the Company is interested in PPA bid proposals based upon "tolling" principles for terms ranging from five (5) to twenty five (25) years from a dedicated (first-call) generating resource ("PPA Facility"); provided, however, the Company will also accept proposals for Current PPA Projects with a term less than five (5) years (e.g., an extension of the term of a current PPA for a period that is less than five (5) years). The proposed PPA must reflect a 100% capacity and energy entitlement from one or more dedicated generating units. Capacity offered under a PPA proposal will have the most value if fully dispatchable and available year-round for first-call twenty-four (24) hours per day and seven (7) days per week for the contracted period. PPA bid proposal prices must include all costs that the bidder expects the Company to pay for the capacity and energy proposed, as well as all associated electrical products (e.g., reactive power, reserves, other ancillary service products). The Company will not be responsible for any other costs associated with the project, including but not limited to station service, test energy, fuel for testing, rail spur construction, fuel handling facilities, transmission system interconnection and all

costs necessary to accomplish synchronization. On-site fuel storage or dual-fuel capability is not required, but the non-price factor contribution of such characteristics will be considered. For proposals offering multiple units in a single bid proposal, the bidder should indicate whether each unit may be selected separately by the Company at the \$/kW bid capacity price and the other pricing components proposed for the entire bid. The bid proposal should clearly state if a bidder desires to not offer such unit combinations. If the bidder desires to offer a different pricing structure for such unit combinations, the bidder must specifically identify this alternate pricing in its proposal.

#### 5.1 Delivery of Energy

At all times during the PPA term, the delivery point must be at an available interface into or within the Southern Company transmission system and capable of being designated as a firm network resource as defined under the OATT. The Company will not be responsible for any delivery charges or any costs (e.g., congestion) at or before the point of delivery.

In addition to evaluating facilities and upgrades required for interconnection, an important consideration in the evaluation of proposals will be whether there is adequate transmission to deliver the energy of a proposed project from the proposed point of interconnection to the Company and its customers on a reliable basis. For each project, the Company will determine the facilities and upgrades (and associated costs) needed beyond the point of delivery. The costs of any modifications to the transmission system to reliably deliver energy to the Company and its customers will be taken into account in the evaluation of the project.

Delivery of energy to meet the Company's schedules must be from the PPA Facility identified in a bidder's PPA proposal in response to this RFP. If a bidder expects its PPA Facility will not be available per the Company's specified deadline, the bidder may propose an interim resource in the form of a physical unit, provided that the physical interim resource is clearly identified and committed. The Company will only allow interim resources with a megawatt capacity that is within the range of ten percent (10%) less to five percent (5%) more than the megawatt capacity of the PPA Facility; provided, however, that the period of time during which a bidder uses an interim resource to fill such capacity need may not exceed one (1) year for a PPA term of five (5) to ten (10) years or two (2) years for a PPA term of greater than ten (10) years. In the case of a multiple resource proposal, there must be no change proposed in the amount of capacity offered over the term of the PPA beyond that described above, and all requirements of this RFP shall apply equally to both the proposed and interim resources. Appropriate adjustments to the Pro Forma PPA also will be made, as applicable.

#### 5.2 Firmness of Proposed Resources

To be considered a responsive PPA proposal, including interim PPA resources, bidders are required to provide the proposed capacity and energy to the Company from specific, dedicated generating unit(s) on an unencumbered first-call basis and priority. In the event a resource is not directly connected to the Southern Company transmission system at any

time during the term of the PPA, the bidder must secure firm transmission service from the resource to the Southern Company transmission system, with roll-over rights.

In the event a bidder intends to supply the capacity offered in its bid proposal through purchase(s) from a third party, such bid proposal must demonstrate that the generation source for the bidder's purchase(s) will provide the Company with the same unencumbered first-call firmness discussed above as if the bidder owned such generating resources. In addition, appropriate provisions will be added to the Pro Forma PPA to ensure adequate protection for the Company.

#### 5.3 Availability and Alternate Delivery

The Company will rely, in part, on the contracted power supplied by any selected PPA bid to provide dependable and reliable electric service to meet the needs of its customers. Accordingly, the Company will require stringent protection for the Company and its customers against failures by the PPA bidder to deliver contracted capacity and energy in accordance with the PPA. The Company expects that, with the exception of scheduled outages and force majeure events, the Facility will be available for dispatch at all times. If the Facility is unable to meet the Company's dispatch schedules, the capacity payment will be reduced, including by the amount of the Company's replacement power costs. However, in lieu of incurring such costs when the Facility is unavailable, the bidder will have the option to meet dispatch schedules with capacity and energy delivered from an alternate resource on a firm basis subject to the alternate delivery provisions in the Pro Forma PPA.

# 5.4 <u>Energy Price</u>

PPA bidders are encouraged to bid variable costs consistent with their actual realized variable costs. The Company prefers guaranteed variable costs that closely approximate actual unit cost and performance. If the bid variable components are not consistent with design specifications of the PPA Facility, the Company may request that a bidder modify its proposal(s). This cost-based pricing approach should reflect, but is not limited to, the following components:

- Variable O&M
- Start Cost
- Heat Rate

## 5.5 Fixed O&M Price

The Company prefers the inclusion of fixed O&M costs in the capacity price. However, if a PPA bidder elects to have a fixed O&M price separate from the capacity price, the bid fixed O&M price should be consistent with the bidder's expected actual costs. The Company reserves the right to treat any fixed O&M payments as a subcomponent of the capacity price for purpose of determining any capacity payment reductions related to availability of the resource.

## 5.6 *Operating Flexibility*

Bidders proposing a CC may bid a facility with 1-on-1 configuration, 2-on-1 configuration, or any other configuration as desired. Bidders of 2-on-1 configured CC facilities must offer operation in the 1-on-1 mode if technically feasible by design. Operating in 1-on-1 mode entails the ability to operate a single CT, one HRSG and the steam turbine, while the second CT is shut off. Bidders of the facility must offer cycling from 2-on-1 mode of operation down to 1-on-1 mode and back up to 2-on-1 mode if technically feasible by design.

Bidders of 2-on-1 configured CC facilities should offer pricing for 1-on-1 mode of operation based on the cost of operating in this mode. This should entail a start charge that accurately represents the cost of starting the facility in the 1-on-1 mode and the cost of moving from 1-on-1 mode to 2-on-1 mode. Bidders should also provide heat rate curves consistent with the actual cost of 1-on-1 mode operation.

In the event a bidder proposes a resource with other operational capabilities, (e.g., 3-on-1 configuration, power augmentation, full pressure), such bidder's proposal must offer such operational flexibility consistent with the facility's capabilities and pricing based on the cost of providing such operational flexibility.

For PPA bids with multiple modes of operation, bidders must specify the guaranteed nominal capacity of each mode, quote a single capacity bid price for the entire output of the Facility, and insert those capacities and that price into the "Operating Parameters" tab of the RFP Bid Form. In the event during any contract year the capacities designated by mode are different from their respective guaranteed nominal capabilities by mode, the seller will be subject to remedies described in the Pro Forma PPA.

#### 5.7 Fuel Plan for PPA Proposals

PPA bidders must provide details regarding the fuel supply plan to the proposed PPA Facility they are proposing for a PPA. Any such proposal would have to adhere to the fuel plan provisions provided above in the Operating Parameters and Requirements section in this RFP document.

The Company prefers a fuel tolling arrangement (*i.e.*, an arrangement in which the Company as buyer is responsible for fuel supply and transportation). As an alternative, the bidder may propose a non-tolling agreement.

## 5.7.1 Tolling PPA Proposals

• With respect to resources for which the bidder has a pre-existing fuel transportation arrangement, the Company prefers release and/or an assignment of the pre-existing fuel transportation arrangement. With respect to resources for which the bidder does not have a pre-existing fuel transportation arrangement, the Company prefers that the bidder provide a fuel transportation proposal from the connecting interstate pipeline company. The Company would anticipate receiving assignment of the proposal upon execution. The bidder should provide specific data regarding the costs and rates under the fuel

transportation arrangement or any proposal from the pipeline company. All such arrangements, as well as their release and/or assignment to the Company, must comply with applicable regulatory requirements. The Company, at its sole discretion, may choose to reject a proposed fuel transportation arrangement and impute its own fuel supply plan.

- The bidder must propose a pre-existing fuel transportation arrangement or propose a new transportation arrangement for the term of the PPA. Alternatively, the bidder must reasonably demonstrate that the Company could secure a satisfactory fuel transportation arrangement matching the PPA term.
- The Company will be responsible for delivering to the agreed-upon gas delivery point sufficient quantities of natural gas necessary to generate energy pursuant to the Company's energy schedules. The Company shall bear the risk of loss of natural gas until it is delivered to the delivery point. The party responsible for causing any imbalances shall be responsible for payment of any imbalance charges assessed by the pipeline operator.

## 5.7.2 Non-Tolling PPA Proposals

- In the case of resources for which a PPA bidder does have a pre-existing fuel transportation arrangement and the bidder proposes a non-tolling fuel plan in its bid, then the bidder must provide complete details (*e.g.*, costs, rates, term) of its fuel transportation arrangements and fuel plan with its proposal.
- A successful bidder that proposes a non-tolling fuel plan will not be excused from a failure to meet the Company's energy schedules as a result of the inability to provide natural gas to the PPA Facility unless such an event affects dedicated firm transportation and constitutes a force majeure event under the applicable pipeline tariff, or is the result of an operational flow order that is not directed toward such bidder's failure to comply with the applicable pipeline tariff. Unless excused by the preceding sentence, the capacity payment will be reduced, including by the amount of the Company's replacement power costs. The PPA will also contain provisions such that if the Company has concerns about the reliability of the PPA Facility due to the fuel plan, the Company shall have the right to take over the fuel supply to the PPA Facility.

## 6.0 Energy Storage Agreement (ESA) Proposals

For purposes of this RFP, the Company is interested in ESA bid proposals for terms ranging from five (5) to twenty five (25) years from dedicated dispatchable energy storage facilities (each an "ESA Facility"). A proposal must provide the Company with a 100% entitlement to the storage capacity of the ESA Facility. Each proposed ESA facility must be of commercially proven technology (e.g., lithium-ion technology) and capable of at least four (4) hours of continuous discharge at designated output capability.

The Company will be entitled to fully direct the disposition of charging energy into the ESA Facility and the discharge of energy from the ESA Facility at all times during the ESA service term. An ESA bid proposal must include all costs that the bidder expects the Company to pay for the capacity of the ESA Facility, as well as all associated electrical products (e.g., reactive power, reserves, other ancillary service products). The Company will not be responsible for any other costs associated with the ESA Facility, including but not limited to station service, test energy, rail spur construction, transmission system interconnection and all costs necessary to accomplish synchronization.

Bidders should also be aware that, in addition to other bid evaluation considerations, each ESA bid proposal will be evaluated based on its effective load carrying capability ("ELCC") as an incremental capacity resource added to the Company's portfolio of generation resources. For reference, the current budget year ELCC value for incremental additions of standalone four (4) hour energy storage capacity is approximately twenty percent (20%).

## 6.1 <u>Charging and Discharging of Energy</u>

All energy used to charge the ESA Facility will be delivered by the Company to the transmission point of interconnection. Energy discharged from the ESA Facility will be delivered by the bidder to the Company at the transmission point of interconnection. At all times during the ESA term, the delivery point for discharging energy must be within the Southern Company transmission system and capable of being designated as a firm network resource as defined under the OATT.

In addition to evaluating facilities and upgrades required for interconnection, an important consideration in the evaluation of proposals will be whether there is adequate transmission to deliver the energy discharged from a proposed project from the proposed point of interconnection to the Company and its customers on a reliable basis. For each project, the Company will determine the facilities and upgrades (and associated costs) needed beyond the point of delivery. The costs of any modifications to the transmission system to reliably deliver energy to the Company and its customers will be taken into account in the evaluation of the project.

#### 6.2 Firmness of Proposed Resources; No Alternate Resources

To be considered a responsive ESA proposal, bidders are required to make available the proposed capacity from a specific, dedicated ESA Facility on an unencumbered first-call basis and priority. Delivery of discharging energy from the facility to meet the Company's schedules must be from the ESA Facility identified in a bidder's ESA proposal in response to this RFP.

The Company will not accept proposals for ESA Facilities that are not directly connected to the Southern Company transmission system. In addition, for ESA proposals, the bidder will not be permitted to supply capacity offered in its bid proposal, or energy dispatched by the Company, through any purchase from a third party. Further, delivery from alternate or interim ESA resources other than the ESA Facility named in bidder's proposal will not be permitted.

# 6.3 <u>Performance Requirements</u>

The Company will rely, in part, on the contracted capacity supplied by any selected ESA bid to provide dependable and reliable electric service to meet the needs of its customers. Accordingly, the Company will require stringent protection for the Company and its customers against failures by the ESA bidder to provide and make available the contracted capacity and stored energy in accordance with the ESA. The Company expects that, with the exception of scheduled outages and force majeure events, the ESA Facility will be available for dispatch at all times. If the ESA Facility is unable to meet the Company's dispatch instructions or if the storage capacity is not available to the Company, the capacity payment will be reduced, including by the amount of the Company's replacement power costs. The Company's performance in responding to the Company's dispatch instructions and making the storage capacity available to the Company will be measured on a monthly basis by performance metrics set forth in the Pro Forma ESA. Note that if an ESA Facility under an ESA is unavailable, the bidder will not have the option to meet dispatch schedules from alternate facilities.

### 6.4 Pricing

An ESA bidder must propose a capacity price for the storage capacity of its ESA Facility. The capacity price paid to the bidder shall be the exclusive compensation to the bidder for all capacity, electrical products and other attributes of the ESA Facility. All fixed and variable operation maintenance expenses to be incurred by a bidder must be included in the capacity price. The bidder may assume that the Company will be responsible for costs of energy to charge the ESA Facility after commercial operation. The Company will not pay an additional charge for energy discharged from the ESA Facility, including for any operation and maintenance costs.

#### 6.5 Proposals for ESA Facilities that Include Generation Resources

If a bidder believes that adding a generation resource of commercially proven technology to its ESA Facility would provide value to the Company (e.g., adding solar or fossil fueled generation to the ESA Facility), then a bidder may include such generation resource in its proposal. Note, however, if a bidder proposes to add a generation resource to its ESA Facility, the Pro Forma ESA will require modification to reflect and include such generation resource. It should be emphasized that under such a proposal, the ESA Facility must remain completely dispatchable by the Company, and the Company must retain control of the charging of energy into the ESA (including charging with energy from the generation resource and from Buyer's electric system, at the Company's discretion).

## 7.0 Interconnection and Transmission Requirements for PPAs and ESAs

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• The costs and benefits of any network transmission system modifications to the Southern Company transmission system that are required to reliably incorporate the proposed resource into the transmission grid will be considered in the evaluation. Southern Company Services, Inc., acting as agent for the Company, will conduct transmission impact studies, as appropriate, to determine an estimate of such costs and benefits for inclusion in the bid evaluation.

- Each bidder should propose the discrete point of electrical interconnection for its facility, which will define the point where the facility's interconnection facilities connect to the existing transmission system. In proposing the point of interconnection, the bidder will bear cost responsibility for all generation, energy storage and transmission interconnection facilities to the proposed point of interconnection.
  - a. The proposed point of electrical interconnection should be consistent with the expected point of electrical interconnection that would be established if the bidder was currently applying for formal interconnection.
  - b. If the bidder's facility has an interconnection agreement in place or has applied for a formal interconnection, the bidder should provide a copy of the interconnection agreement or application and, in the case of an application, a summary of the status (e.g., interconnection granted, pending).
  - c. Each bidder must supply a one-line diagram of the electrical system depicting the facility's generator(s), energy storage system, step-up transformer(s), collector bus(ses), high voltage circuit breaker(s) and connections to the transmission system. In addition, each bidder must clearly mark the proposed point of interconnection on such one-line diagram and clearly indicate the line of demarcation (*i.e.*, the change of ownership) between the bidder's facility and the transmission provider's facilities.
  - d. The Company may suggest a different point of interconnection (with respect to location and/or voltage) if expected to result in more favorable economic consideration of the bid proposal or as may be required per Company interconnection policy and business practices.
- For the purpose of this RFP, bidders shall be responsible for all transmission interconnection costs from the bidder's facility to the proposed point of interconnection with the transmission system in their bid proposal, as described above. Successful bidders are responsible for all costs they incur related to interconnection of their facility to the Southern Company transmission system in accordance with their interconnection agreement. In addition, successful bidders will be responsible for any costs for upgrades required to electric systems other than the Company's transmission system as a result of interconnection Affected Systems (as defined in the OATT) improvements.
- Successful bidders will be required to have submitted a valid interconnection request for study by no later than the upcoming Southern Company interconnection cluster study window (*i.e.*, February 17, 2026 through April 3, 2026). It is each bidder's responsibility to contact the appropriate transmission provider to obtain all relevant

information regarding interconnection requirements for their facility. For more information on Southern Company's interconnection process, see the Generator Interconnection Business Practices document located at <a href="https://www.oasis.oati.com/SOCO">https://www.oasis.oati.com/SOCO</a> under the Generator Interconnection folder.

- Successful bidders must demonstrate that they can reliably deliver energy to the bidder's proposed point of interconnection. The Company will accept no risk of failure to so deliver.
- The Company is seeking proposals for which firm network integration transmission is available from the relevant project's point of interconnection/delivery in order to serve the Company's loads beginning on the service commencement date and throughout the term of the applicable PPA and ESA. The Company will determine whether network integration capability is available and the likely cost to maintain such status over the term of the PPA and ESA. Bidders may desire to obtain additional information regarding the Southern Company transmission system and capabilities by using Southern Company's Open Access Same Time Information System ("OASIS") website (located at https://www.oasis.oati.com/SOCO).

# 7.2 PPA Projects Not Connected to the Southern Company Transmission System

While the Company prefers proposals that are directly connected to the Southern Company transmission system, the Company will consider PPA proposals for PPA Facilities not connected to the Southern Company transmission system. The Company will not consider energy storage facilities under an ESA that are not connected to the Southern Company transmission system. However, any bidder proposing a PPA Facility not connected to the Southern Company transmission system must demonstrate that it has firm transmission service for the entire term of the PPA to deliver the entire capacity and energy of the PPA Facility to the interface with the Southern Company transmission system. The PPA will include provisions that require the successful bidder(s) to (a) acquire firm physical transmission rights, and (b) guarantee physical delivery of the Company's energy entitlement from the PPA Facility to the designated interface with the Southern Company transmission system. The Company will bear no transmission price or congestion cost responsibilities relative to any transmission service through or out of other transmission systems or balancing authorities. The successful bidder will be responsible for, and proposed prices must include, any costs associated with satisfying the foregoing requirements, as well as all costs related to the interconnection of its PPA Facility to the other transmission system in accordance with its interconnection agreement with such other transmission service provider.

#### 7.3 Options to Mitigate Short-Term Transmission Constraints

The Company is seeking proposals for which firm transmission service can be available to serve the Company's obligations by the service commencement date and throughout the term of the applicable PPA and ESA. The Company recognizes that some proposals could have value to customers but may have potential transmission constraints that are either limited in time or could be cured or mitigated by reducing the megawatt capacity of the

bidder's facility. In such event, the Company will consider options to cure or mitigate such transmission constraints where (i) a transmission cure cannot be effectuated prior to the required commercial operation date, or (ii) the cost to cure the constraints would make the bid non-competitive. Such options may include, but are not limited to, (i) reducing the capacity amount proposed for a portion of or the entire term of the agreement, (ii) shortening the term of the agreement, (iii) in the case of a PPA, identifying an Alternate Resource or interim resource to supply the capacity and energy during such constrained periods, (iv) providing financial settlement in the form of replacement power and capacity cost, or (v) providing financial settlement in the form of liquidated damages.

In determining the applicability of an option, the Company will consider the reliability impacts of implementing the option as well as the value provided by the bid as compared to other proposals. If the Company proposes an option to a bidder, the bidder will not be allowed to change the fixed pricing (capacity and fixed O&M) components. If the solution requires a reduction in the capacity of bidder's facility, the bidder will be allowed to propose changes to the operational characteristics and energy pricing commensurate with the reduction in facility capacity offered.

## 7.4 <u>Interconnection Guidance</u>

Proposed resources for a PPA will either (i) interconnect to the transmission system of the Company or (ii) be deliverable to the Southern Company transmission system on a firm basis. Proposed resources for an ESA must interconnect to the transmission system of the Company.

Bidders are responsible for submitting requests to interconnect their facilities and to obtain all relevant information regarding the interconnection process. General information about interconnections to the Southern Company transmission system (>40 kV) can be found on Southern Companies' OASIS website [https://www.oasis.oati.com/SOCO] under the Generator Interconnection folder. If a bidder has a site-specific question about the interconnection process, bidders may submit a pre-application report request, as described on Southern Companies' OASIS website [https://www.oasis.oati.com/SOCO], under the Generator Interconnection/Small Generator Interconnection folder.

The submission of a proposal in response to this RFP does not constitute an interconnection request. Interconnection requests must be submitted to the Southern Company transmission function pursuant to the applicable interconnection process. Additional costs associated with submitting an interconnection request may apply. All such costs are the bidder's sole responsibility.

Bidders selected for the "short list" must have submitted all required interconnection requests, to the extent not already submitted, as required for study by no later than the upcoming Southern Company interconnection cluster study window (*i.e.*, February 17, 2026 through April 3, 2026) in order to remain eligible for further consideration under this RFP.

Each short list bidder shall provide all relevant information regarding the status of its interconnection request(s), the interconnection facilities that will be required to interconnect the proposed resource and the costs to interconnect, including any contingent facilities (e.g., prior-planned or prior-queued projects). The Company shall be entitled to make inquiries as needed to obtain such information.

Each bidder proposing a PPA or an ESA for a facility that is interconnected to the Southern Company transmission system will be required to enter into an interconnection agreement (to the extent the resource would interconnect to Southern Company's transmission system), which carries a monthly administration fee of \$5,000 and operations and maintenance charges specific to each project. This monthly administration fee does not vary with project size and is applicable to any bidder proposing a PPA or an ESA for a facility interconnected to the Southern Company transmission system. These costs should be considered in the bidder's pricing. The interconnection agreement will also require the bidder to provide security for all interconnection costs (including interconnection upgrades, potential tax liability, and any contingent facilities) until the project achieves full commercial operation.

In addition to facilities and upgrades required for interconnection on the Company's side of the interconnection facilities, an important consideration in the evaluation of proposals will be whether there is adequate transmission capability to reliably deliver energy from a proposed project from the proposed point of interconnection to the Company and its customers for their use. Therefore, the Company, or a designated agent of the Company, will conduct assessments, as appropriate, to determine the costs of any transmission system modifications that are necessary to deliver energy from a proposed resource for them to be appropriately considered in the bid evaluation. Also, any Affected System (as defined in the OATT) improvements for interconnection and delivery may require further studies and Affected System improvement agreements with other utilities.

#### 8.0 Performance Security for PPAs and ESAs

Any PPA or ESA that the Company enters into must provide reasonable assurance that the Company will be able to readily recover its actual damages in the event of any default by the seller. Accordingly, simultaneously with the execution of the PPA or ESA and thereafter for the term of the PPA or ESA, the bidder shall provide and maintain performance security in a form and amount acceptable to the Company in order to secure bidder's performance obligations. Such performance security may be in the form of a letter of credit, parent guaranty from a creditworthy guarantor acceptable to the Company, or other security acceptable to the Company. The specific requirements for PPA and ESA security are set forth in the Pro Forma PPA and the Pro Forma ESA. The indicative security "Exposure Risk" requirements are set forth in Attachment I – Indicative Performance Security; however, the Company may determine to increase these security amounts prior to PPA and ESA execution.

#### 9.0 Environmental Requirements for PPAs and ESAs

All bidders will be responsible for compliance with federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, including but not limited to regulated environmental air pollutants and emissions limits to which the bidder's facility is subject. The bidder should provide all permits for the facility

under federal, state and local environmental regulations, as required by the Company for review. The Company will not excuse any failure to deliver energy that, in whole or in part, is due to noncompliance with any permit or environmental law or regulation at the facility.

The bidder shall provide the Company with the benefit of an appropriate pro rata portion of all environmental allowances (if any) allocated to the bidder's facility by any governmental authority at no cost to seller. Such pro rata portion of environmental allowances will be equal to the amount of capacity designated to the Company in the bidder's proposal. The Company will be responsible for any required environmental allowances that exceed the pro rata portion allocated to the Company. Specific PPA and ESA environmental requirements are set forth in the Pro Forma PPA and the Pro Forma ESA.

#### 10.0 Additional Options for PPA and ESA Bidders

The Company anticipates that most PPA and ESA proposals will be able to conform to the PPA and ESA product definitions as described above (including, if applicable, for Current PPA Projects). However, in the event a bidder needs additional flexibility in order to conform to the PPA or ESA product definitions or to improve the value of a proposal offering given the bidder's circumstances, the following options will be considered by the Company:

#### 10.1 Consolidated Bids

The Company will accept a consolidated bid submitted jointly by two entities. The bid should be comparable to that submitted by a single entity in all substantive respects. For example, a single bid must include a consolidated performance security response and a clear indication of the party responsible for development, construction, maintenance and operations. For purposes of the relationship interactions with the Company and for bidding into the RFP, the bid will be treated as though it is from a single entity. The Company retains the right to evaluate the bidder's qualifications to perform under the PPA and ESA. If the bid is selected, the Company will require that prior to PPA or ESA execution the two entities form or designate a single entity, such as an LLC or LLP, to serve as the counterparty.

#### 10.2 Multiple Facilities Bids

The Company will accept a bid in which a bidder utilizes two separate facilities to develop a response for a five (5) to twenty five (25) year term proposal. For example, if a bidder only had the right to capacity and energy of "Facility A" for 8 years, the options available to the bidder would be as follows:

- a. Bid an 8-year proposal from Facility A;
- b. Bid a 10-year proposal comprising 8 years of Facility A and 2 years of Facility B;
- c. Bid a 15-year proposal comprising 8 years of Facility A and 7 years of Facility B;

d. Bid a 20-year proposal comprising 8 years of Facility A and 12 years of Facility B.

It would be acceptable for such bidder to submit all four proposals; provided, however, that each facility must be clearly identified and committed to the contract for its portion of the full term, and the bid must include all pricing information (e.g., capacity price, variable O&M, heat rate guarantees) required by the RFP for both facilities. Each facility will require a separate RFP Bid Form to be completed, and the bidder should indicate the multiple facility bid type in a proposal summary attached to the RFP Bid Form.

#### 10.3 Term Extensions

The Company will accept bids that offer a facility for a five (5) to twenty five (25) year term and provide the Company an option to extend the agreement for a specified additional term of one (1) to five (5) years. The pricing for the additional term must be no higher in any contract year than the pricing for the final contract year of the conforming term. The Company is not under any obligation to execute the extension. This optionality will be a non-price consideration in the evaluation.

#### 10.4 <u>Early Service Commencement Date</u>

The Company will accept bids that provide the option to set an early service commencement date (*i.e.*, a point earlier than the service commencement date of December 1, 2032, as defined in the Pro Forma PPA and Pro Forma ESA), but no earlier than December 1, 2028. For proposals offering an early service commencement date, bidders should include PPA or ESA pricing (as applicable) for each year of the extension. A bidder's proposal offering an early service commencement date will be evaluated against all other proposals received in the RFP that offer a service commencement date of December 1, 2032. If the bid is selected as a winning proposal and the bidder is offering an early service commencement date that provides adequate additional value to customers, the parties would execute a PPA or an ESA (as applicable) with the early service commencement date. The PPA or ESA will not provide for an early service commencement date if the Company determines it does not provide adequate additional value. The bidder's pricing information for this option is to be entered in "Early Start Pricing" tab of the RFP Bid Form.

In the event a bidder desires to submit a bid utilizing one or more of the aforementioned options, the bidder should clearly state in the bid that such option is being offered and provide sufficient detail to support the bid. To the extent practical, the bidder should utilize the RFP Bid Form and applicable attachments to this RFP for each facility offered and provide supplemental information as necessary to communicate the bid terms. For instance, a bidder utilizing the Multiple Facility option would complete an NOI and RFP Bid Form, as well as the applicable attachments, for each facility and indicate in the bid the periods in which each facility is offered. The Company reserves the right to request additional information necessary to consider and evaluate the bid.

#### 10.5 Initial Block Sale Prior to Commencement of Service under a PPA

If, under a PPAs bidder's circumstances, it would be beneficial to propose a block sale to the Company for an initial period (e.g., a call option for a fixed amount of capacity and energy), prior to the commencement of service from a facility under a PPA as described in Section 5.0 of this RFP, the Company may consider such a proposal in its discretion. However, the term of the PPA should comprise the substantial majority of the overall term of such a proposal. For example, a bidder could propose a block power sale for a 300 MW call option for a five (5) year term, after which service for an increased amount of capacity would be provided for an additional fifteen (15) year period under a PPA tolling arrangement. For such a proposal, the bidder must provide all relevant information in order for the Company to evaluate the block power sale, including all capacity and energy pricing, arrangements to deliver the energy to the Company's transmission system, fuel supply arrangements (which will be the bidder's responsibility) and other proposed terms and conditions for the sale.

## 11.0 VIE and Finance Lease Considerations for PPA and ESA Bidders

Given the length of the terms that PPA and ESA proposals may cover in response to this RFP, and the business structure a bidder may choose to adopt, accounting and tax rules may require either (i) that the PPA or ESA be accounted for by the Company as a Finance Lease<sup>1</sup> or Operating Lease, or (ii) the seller under the PPA or ESA be consolidated as a Variable Interest Entity<sup>2</sup> ("VIE") onto the Company's books. For each PPA and ESA proposal, a bidder must include certain statements, based on consideration of the factual matters and its understanding of applicable accounting standards, using Attachments H.1 (Variable Interest Entity Certification) and H.2 (Finance Lease Certification). The Company is unwilling to be subject to accounting or tax treatment that results from VIE treatment. All proposals that the Company deems likely to subject the Company to VIE treatment will be rejected and considered a non-conforming bid. At PPA and ESA execution, the chief financial officer or an officer responsible for financial matters for the bidder must provide certification that the Company will not be subject to VIE treatment and that the PPA or ESA (as applicable) is not a Financial Lease, if applicable. Further, any PPA and ESA that the Company executes will require that (i) the seller covenant that the Company will not be subject to VIE treatment at any point during the term of the PPA or ESA, and (ii) in the event that the PPA or ESA causes the Company to be subject to VIE treatment at any point during the term of the PPA or ESA, unless cured, such treatment will constitute an event of default under the PPA or ESA (as applicable), entitling the Company to terminate the PPA or ESA.

If the proposal constitutes a Finance Lease, the bid evaluation will include the cost to the Company resulting from capitalization of PPA and ESA costs on its balance sheet. In any case for which the bidder determines the proposal is not a Finance Lease, the bidder is required to provide supporting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Finance Lease" shall have the meaning as set forth in the Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 842, Leases, as issued and amended from time to time by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Variable Interest Entity" or "VIE" - shall have the meaning as set forth in ASC Topic 810, Consolidation, as issued and amended from time to time by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

information sufficient to enable the Company to independently verify that Finance Lease treatment will not occur.

Each bidder with a proposal selected for the short list of proposals for further evaluation must agree to make available all financial and business data associated with the bidder, the facility and the PPA or ESA (as applicable) that the Company deems necessary to independently make accounting determinations related to VIE and Finance Lease considerations. Such information may include, but may not be limited to, data supporting the economic life, the fair value, investment tax credits associated with or other costs associated with the Facility including debt specific to the asset proposed. Financial data contained in and otherwise supporting the bidder's financial statements (*e.g.*, income statements, balance sheets) may also be required.

#### 12.0 PPA and ESA Bidder's Qualification Screen and Project Development Requirements

In the event a PPA or an ESA bid proposing to develop a new project is identified by the Company as one of the most competitive bids, the bidder will be required to submit within two (2) weeks of such selection a certification signed by an officer of the bidder to the effect that the bidder has the ability to implement such project, including a full description of all development activities completed or pending including, without limitation, negotiations for partnership agreements, equipment supplier agreements, financing, permitting, and design work. Note, however, that the bidder must submit, at the time of the proposal, verification that the bidder's contractor(s) are properly licensed to perform such work in the State of Alabama (or other State, as applicable). The Company may require bidders to provide copies of such development documentation as a condition of further evaluation of their proposal(s). It will be the bidder's sole responsibility to obtain any financing associated with the project, and any PPA or ESA entered into by the Company shall not be contingent upon the bidder obtaining such financing.

#### 13.0 Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement and Storage BTA Proposals

As indicated above, the Company will consider purchasing existing generating resources that are in commercial operation ("APSA bids") as well as the acquisition of new energy storage facilities to be constructed ("Storage BTA bids"). APSA bids and Storage BTA bids will be subject to the receipt of all required regulatory approvals, on terms and conditions acceptable to the Company. The bidder must offer 100% ownership of the facility or the business entity owning the facility, including appurtenant works and interconnection facilities (as opposed to just a unit(s) of the facility or percentage ownership of the facility or the owning business entity). Proposed facilities should have no major operational limitations that reduce their ability to run for extended periods. The Company will consider the acquisition of a facility or facilities owned by multiple owners provided that the owners submit a joint proposal where full ownership of the facility or facilities is being offered. If an APSA bid or a Storage BTA bid makes the short list of competitive proposals, the bidder may be asked by the Company to also submit an offer to purchase the business entity that holds applicable resource, if such was not done as part of the initial bid. In the evaluation process, the Company will give preference to proposals that afford flexibility to purchase either the resource or the resource together with the business entity.

In the evaluation process, APSA bids and Storage BTA bids will receive comparable treatment to PPA and ESA (as applicable) bids. APSA bids and Storage BTA bids must complete the NOI,

RFP Bid Form, and Attachments D, E.1, and E.2 which indicate the information the Company must receive from the bidder in order to perform preliminary evaluation and associated due diligence.

The Company will only accept APSA bids and Storage BTA bids for facilities located inside the State of Alabama and that either are interconnected or have the ability to interconnect to the Southern Company transmission system. Any proposal for the sale of a facility or facilities not interconnected to the Southern Company transmission system must include additional interconnection costs in the bid proposal. Bids should follow the "Interconnection Guidance" in Section 7.4 of this RFP as it pertains to the facility needs for interconnection.

APSA and Storage BTA bidders must provide an "all-in" price that includes all customary and reasonable facilities necessary for the reliable operation of the offered resource, including but not limited to transmission interconnection, land and any other facilities (collectively the "Asset Facility"). The Asset Facility shall include but not be limited to the asset's major equipment and all auxiliary equipment and facilities necessary or used for the production, control, delivery and monitoring of electricity produced on the property, as well as the appropriate rights to the land. All equipment and other facilities installed on the bidder's side of the transmission interconnection point and, if applicable, the primary gas delivery point shall be considered a part of the Asset Facility. The proposed price must include all costs associated with the project up to the point where the project facilities will connect to the interconnection facilities to be constructed and owned by the Company including but not limited to engineering, construction, equipment, insurance, and land. Each project must comply with all the applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. All federal, state, and local approvals, permits, licenses, and safety and environmental regulations and associated fees or other costs are the responsibility of the bidder, including any rezoning, landuse permits and other discretionary approvals that may be required by the local, state or federal governments. All data provided in the RFP Bid Form and applicable attachments (e.g., capacity, heat rate, O&M costs) must be based on testing, past performance, and good faith estimates, as applicable. Bidders should expect the Company to conduct all due diligence assessments deemed necessary, in its sole judgment and discretion, for APSA and Storage BTA proposals to determine cost estimates to own and operate the Asset Facility.

If a bidder proposing a Storage BTA is a winning bid of competitive proposals, the bidder will be required to submit monthly progress reports of construction and meet the project milestones proposed by the Company in the Storage BTA. The bidder may be subject to delay damages if the project does not achieve commercial operation or other milestones by specified dates.

In addition, for Storage BTA bids, a bidder will be required to comply with certain sourcing and labor requirements that are also applicable to the Company's self-build projects. For work categorized as union in the Division of Work (DOW), it shall be constructed under the terms of the Southern Company Maintenance and Modification Agreement (SCMMA) or a Southern Company approved Project Labor Agreement (PLA). Any Southern Company approved PLA is expected to be an agreement recognized by the North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU). A current copy of the SCMMA can be found at [nabtu.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/SCMMA-3-1-25-thru-12-31-26.pdf].

## 13.1 Fuel Supply for APSA

Bidders must provide details regarding the existing fuel supply to the proposed generation facility, as well as a description of anticipated fuel supply agreements in the future. Any such proposal should comply with the fuel plan provisions provided above in the Operating Parameters and Requirements section of this RFP document.

### 13.2 Environmental and Land Information for APSA and Storage BTA Proposals

All of bidder's facilities should be in compliance with applicable federal, state and local environmental regulations including but not limited to regulated environmental air pollutants and emissions limitations. The bidder should provide all permits for the facility under federal, state, and local environmental regulations as well as any historical environmental and land citations against the facility, as required by the Company for review.

A legal description of the land being used for the project must be included in the bid in addition to supporting documents to describe the nature of the possession of the real property at the time of construction as either fee simple ownership or lease (e.g., copy of option contract, copy of deed, copy of lease agreement). All documentation that is currently available for the real property referenced in the RFP Bid Form under the tab "Land Information" (e.g., Title insurance/Commitment, Title Abstract, ALTA Survey, Boundary and/or Topographic Survey, Phase 1 Environmental Assessment, Wetland delineations, Threatened & Endangered Species report, Land Patent and Geotechnical Analysis) must be provided with each bid. Any of the above documentation that becomes available at a later date should be supplied at that time. The bidder should include detailed information regarding site control of the land.

## 13.3 <u>Due Diligence Assessment for APSAs and Storage BTAs</u>

A competitive APSA or Storage BTA bidder should be prepared to provide, within fifteen (15) days of being so notified, all necessary information to facilitate the performance by the Company of preliminary and full due diligence assessments. This data is expected to be made readily available electronically or in a data room setting to be copied and reviewed by the Company. Additional data may be required depending on an initial review of the provided information.

- In addition to a review of all pertinent documentation associated with any APSA or Storage BTA bid, the Company's due diligence assessment will require on-site visits by a Company team, including personnel from all Company areas required for an adequate assessment of the proposed generation, including but not limited to the following:
  - o Project Development
  - o Accounting
  - o Operations & Maintenance
- o Environmental
- o Safety and Health
- o Risk Management

#### 14.0 Notice of Intent to Bid ("NOI") Submittal Process

- 1. All bidders are required to submit the electronic NOI form linked to on the Alabama Power website [http://alabamapower.com/rfp2025] to be considered complete, as stated in Section 3.0 Communications.
- 2. Multiple bid proposals can be submitted on a single NOI form by clicking the "Add" button.
- 3. The required NOI form must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CPT on November 26, 2025.

# 15.0 <u>Bid Evaluation</u>

Bid proposals submitted pursuant to this RFP will be considered and evaluated together. Such evaluation will include a review of transmission and ancillary service requirements, as appropriate, to determine the total cost impacts. The Company may revise or change the schedule for this RFP at any point during the RFP process or negotiations. Further, this RFP and associated documents are subject to modification or withdrawal at any time in the sole discretion of the Company.

#### 15.1 Bidder Evaluation Fees; Multiple Bids

For each project submitted, there will be a nonrefundable bidder evaluation fee ("Bid Fee") of \$15,000. Electronic payment for the bid evaluation fee is to be made to Alabama Power Company. Bidders will be sent Attachment A.3 – Electronic Payment Instructions via DocuSign once an executed Attachment B – Confidentiality Agreement is received by the Company.

A bid is not complete and will not be evaluated unless the appropriate Bid Fee has been received by the RFP deadline of 5:00 p.m. CPT on January 16, 2026.

Utilizing the guidance below, the Company shall determine in its sole discretion whether a bidder's proposals constitute one or more proposals for purposes of assessing the foregoing fees.

Bidders may submit multiple bid proposals in response to this RFP. Bid proposals for the same site and the same resource technology and size that are offered with options in the fuel plan and/or fixed cost components will be considered a single bid proposal. In addition, bid proposals for the same site containing options in the number of units offered or portions thereof will be considered a single bid if the technology is the same and the operational parameters and variable pricing are the same in all proposals. In the event a bidder submits separate proposals that vary regarding certain critical parameters, including but not limited to the site, output, electrical characteristics and technology (e.g., CT, CC, cogeneration, primary fuel), such bidder will be required to pay a Bid Fee of \$15,000 for each such proposal.

Submission of PPA or ESA proposals for terms ranging from five (5) to twenty five (25) years with all operational parameters and characteristics and variable pricing characteristics remaining the same shall be considered one bid. However, a maximum of

three (3) such variations can be proposed under a single Bid Fee. If more than three (3) term lengths are proposed with identical performance and variable pricing characteristics, additional Bid Fees will be required.

In addition to the non-refundable Bid Fee, all PPA and ESA bidders selected for the competitive tier must submit a due diligence evaluation fee of \$50,000 for each bid selected, which must be submitted within fifteen (15) days of being so notified. Any portion of the due diligence fee that remains after deducting the Company's costs and expenses will be refunded to the bidder.

All bids, whether or not separate Bid Fees are paid, must be separately described in the NOI form.

For APSA and Storage BTA proposals, bidders will also be required to submit all "due diligence fees," including the Preliminary Due Diligence Evaluation Fee and the Full Due Diligence Evaluation Fee for competitive tier APSA and Storage BTA proposals. Further information is provided in Attachment A.2 – Bidders Fees and Due Diligence Fees.

- APSA and Storage BTA bidders must submit a Preliminary Due Diligence Evaluation Fee of \$100,000 in addition to the required non-refundable Bid Fee of \$15,000 by the RFP deadline of January 16, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. CPT. Any portion of the Preliminary Due Diligence Evaluation Fee that remains after deducting the Company's costs and expenses will be refunded to the bidder or applied to the Full Due Diligence Evaluation Fee (if applicable).
- If an APSA or Storage BTA proposal passes the preliminary due diligence review, and if the Company determines that the bid remains on the short list of bids, the bidder must submit an additional Full Due Diligence Evaluation Fee of \$700,000 within fifteen (15) days of being so notified. Any portion of the Full Due Diligence Evaluation Fee that remains after deducting the Company's costs and expenses will be refunded to the bidder.

Bidders should refer to Attachment A.2 - Bidder Fees and Due Diligence Fees for more guidance on due diligence fees.

# 16.0 Company's Reservation of Rights and Disclaimers

The Company reserves the right, without qualification and in its sole discretion, to reject as nonresponsive any bid proposals received for failure to meet any requirement of this RFP. Any proposal that does not satisfy the requirements of this RFP may be considered nonresponsive, and the Company reserves the right to reject any such proposal without opportunity for correction or cure. By way of example and not by limitation, the following shall constitute nonresponsive bids: a bid proposal offering non-firm capacity; a demand-side bid proposal; an uncured, incomplete, or non-specific bid proposal; or a bid proposal that fails to materially comply with the provisions of the Pro Forma PPA or Pro Forma ESA (as applicable). The Company also reserves the right to contact any bidder for additional information or in an effort to cure a deficiency in the proposal but is under no obligation to do so.

The Company further reserves the right without qualification and in its sole discretion to decline to enter into a PPA, an ESA, an APSA, or a Storage BTA with any bidder for any reason. Nothing in this RFP or in the associated materials provided should be considered an offer or acceptance of terms or conditions of a PPA, an ESA, an APSA, a Storage BTA, an interconnection agreement, or any other contract or business arrangement. The Company shall have no obligation or liability to any bidder unless and until an agreement with such bidder has been successfully negotiated, fully executed, and all conditions to the effectiveness of such agreement are satisfied. The Company reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine whether to pursue negotiation and execution of any agreement with any bidder. Further, any agreement shall be subject to all requisite management approvals of the Company as well as the Company obtaining any and all necessary approvals from governmental regulatory authorities, in a form suitable to the Company in its sole discretion.

Each bidder who submits a proposal(s) in response to this RFP waives any and all right of recourse against the Company, its parent, and any of their affiliates for either rejection of the proposal or for failure to execute an agreement with the bidder for any reason or for any modification or withdrawal of this RFP. The Bid Fees submitted by any bidder will not be refunded (unless otherwise determined in the sole discretion of the Company) in the case of any modification or withdrawal of this RFP, rejection of any bid proposal for non-responsiveness or other reason, or failure to execute a PPA, ESA, APSA or Storage BTA. All costs related to each bidder's preparation of a response to this RFP are the sole responsibility of the bidder. The Company will not reimburse and is in no way responsible for costs associated with any bidder's proposal in response to this RFP.

A bidder's submission of a proposal to the Company shall constitute that bidder's acknowledgement and acceptance of all the terms, conditions, and requirements of this RFP. All proposals submitted may be used by the Company for any reasonable purpose.

Proposals submitted pursuant to this RFP will be evaluated in a manner deemed appropriate by the Company, including (but not limited to) evaluations that measure proposals against one another on a like-kind basis (independent of technology type) and against other power supply options that may be available to the Company. Such other power supply options may include resources owned or developed by the Company, other resources located in the service territories of the Company and its affiliates, and other proposals for capacity that are provided to the Company outside of this RFP process. The Company is under no obligation to select any project, nor is the Company limited to choosing from the resources submitted in response to this RFP.

#### 17.0 Tentative Solicitation Schedule

DATE	EVENT
November 14, 2025	Solicitation Issued
<b>November 26, 2025</b>	NOI Deadline
<b>January 16, 2026</b>	Bid Proposals Deadline
August 15, 2026	Short List/ Reserve List Determination

#### 18.0 Guidance to Bidders and Instructions for Completing Forms

- 1. Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQ"), in addition to those provided in Section 20.0 of this document, will be made available to all bidders.
- **2.** All bidders must complete and submit Notice of Intent to Bid "NOI" Forms by the NOI Deadline, November 26, by 5:00 p.m. CPT.
- **3.** Each bidder must submit the electronic RFP Bid Form and all applicable documents on the RFP Platform by the Bid Proposals Deadline, January 16, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. CPT.
- **4.** All bid proposals and fees must be received by 5:00 p.m. CPT on January 16, 2026. Any bid proposal that does not contain **all** of the required information by 5:00 p.m. CPT on January 16, 2026, will be subject to rejection by the Company as non-responsive.
- 5. For each PPA bid and ESA bid, bidder must include a copy of (as applicable) the Pro Forma PPA (Attachments F.1, F.2 and F.3) or Pro Forma ESA (Attachment F.4) with (i) all blank spaces completely filled in except those that are to be completed by the Company, (ii) any and all proposed changes to the Pro Forma PPA or Pro Forma ESA shown with specificity in a mark-up and accompanied by a summary of such changes, including the specific identification of any changes to such agreement being requested by a third party if the bidder is subject to a third party agreement, and (iii) a statement by the bidder that the terms and conditions of the applicable Pro Forma PPA or Pro Forma ESA (as applicable) as proposed by the bidder are acceptable to the bidder.
- 6. A PPA bidder may submit a proposal sourced from a facility owned by another entity if the bidder has a contractual unencumbered first-call right to capacity and energy from the facility (e.g., a tolling agreement). The bidder must include the modifications to the Pro Forma PPA necessary to conform the Pro Forma PPA to that agreement. However, the Company will only accept changes that, when taken as a whole, the Company determines do not materially affect the value to customers and risk allocation inherent in the Pro Forma PPA. Such changes should be limited to those specific to operations, scheduling and maintenance, including any limitations on the facility's operations, inherent to the pre-existing agreement. The bidder is encouraged to submit a redacted version of the pre-existing agreement along with the Pro Forma PPA, but the bidder is not required to submit such agreement with the bid if the bidder provides

a markup of the Pro Forma PPA incorporating the provisions necessary to conform to the Pro Forma PPA. The Company will require submission of such agreement if the proposal subsequently is considered one of the more competitive proposals. The bid evaluation will consider whether the bidder's proposed changes can be accommodated, and if so, will conduct a quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the impact of such proposed changes. If the bidder's proposed changes cannot be accommodated, the bid may be rejected.

- The concepts and material provisions of the Pro Forma PPA and Pro Forma ESA are non-negotiable except as provided in these instructions. Bidder's proposals must conform to the Pro Forma PPA and Pro Forma ESA (as applicable) in all material respects except where (1) the bidder offers provisions that the Company determines do not materially affect the value to customers and risk allocation inherent in the Pro Forma PPA and Pro Forma ESA provisions, or (2) the Pro Forma PPA or Pro Forma ESA assumptions do not conform to the specific characteristics of a proposal. For example, for a PPA proposal, if a bidder's proposal conforms with the requirements of the RFP and the bidder offers a fuel other than natural gas or a secondary fuel supply, then the bidder may propose changes to the applicable Pro Forma PPA, only to the extent needed to conform the agreement's provisions to such fuel supply factors. The Company will consider the bidder's proposed changes as part of the evaluation of the proposal. The Company may propose its own changes to conform the Pro Forma PPA or Pro Forma ESA to the bidder's proposal and may discuss proposed changes with the bidder before making a decision on the bidder's proposal. Depending on the type of proposal that a bidder is offering, more extensive changes to the Pro Forma PPA or Pro Forma ESA may be needed. In accordance with these instructions, if the bid is conditioned on any changes to the applicable Pro Forma PPA or Pro Forma ESA, then the bidder must expressly so state and must provide the specific language changes that the bidder proposes to the applicable Pro Forma PPA or Pro Forma ESA by red-lining the copy of the Pro Forma PPA or Pro Forma ESA attached to the bid such that it shows the specific additions (bold and underlined) and deletions (strike-through) that the bidder proposes.
- **8.** All rates for PPA and ESA bid proposals should be submitted with escalation rates at (1) Actual GDPIPD (and will be evaluated based on projected GDPIPD) or (2) a fixed, annual escalation rate that (a) does not exceed the projected cumulative GDPIPD over the term of the agreement, (b) does not have any year with a negative escalation rate, and (c) does not have any year with greater than four percent (4%) escalation rate.
- **9.** In the event that a bidder discovers an error or omission in its bid after submitting the RFP Bid Form, the bidder must submit updated documentation or information via the "Additional Documents" tab within the RFP Platform by 5:00 p.m. CPT on January 16, 2026.
- 10. For PPA bids, all energy prices must be quoted as dollars per megawatt-hour (\$/MWh) (as applied to variable operation and maintenance ("VOM")) and as heat rates (as applied to fuel cost), if applicable.

11. PPA and ESA bid proposal prices must include all costs that the bidder expects the Company to pay for the proposed capacity and, for a PPA, energy. The Company will not be responsible for any other costs associated with the project, including but not limited to, station service, test energy, fuel for testing, gas lateral construction, electrical interconnection and all costs incurred necessary to accomplish synchronization.

### 19.0 Compliance with Laws; Regulatory Approvals

It shall be the complete and sole responsibility of the bidder to take all necessary actions to satisfy any regulatory requirements, licenses and permits that may be imposed on the bidder by any federal, state, or local governmental authority concerning the permitting, development, construction, operation, maintenance, addition, renewal, retirement, and disposal of the facility, or concerning the generation, sale and/or delivery of power. The Company will cooperate with the successful bidder(s) to provide information or such other assistance as may reasonably be requested by a bidder to satisfy such regulatory requirements, subject to appropriate safeguards for any confidential Company information. The bidder shall likewise provide such information and assistance to the Company in connection with Company obtaining any and all necessary regulatory approvals from governmental regulatory authorities.

#### 20.0 Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs")

- 1. What types of projects will be considered? The Company is accepting proposals for any type of capacity resource, provided that the resource must be fully dispatchable and available year-round, with an emphasis on availability in both the winter (December-February) and summer (June-September) seasons.
- 2. Should I bid a standalone solar facility in this firm capacity RFP or in the Renewable RFP? This capacity RFP is soliciting only reliable, dispatchable, dependable supply resources with firm fuel availability. Therefore, standalone solar or other intermittent renewable generation resources will not be considered in this RFP. Such intermittent renewable resources such as solar may be bid into the Company's next Renewable RFP.
- **3.** Can a bidder propose an energy storage project that also includes a generation resource? If a bidder believes that adding a generation resource of commercially proven technology (*e.g.*, solar or fossil fueled generation) to its ESA Facility would provide value to the Company, then a bidder may include such generation resource in its proposal. Note, however, if a bidder proposes to add a generation resource to its ESA Facility, the pro forma ESA will require modification to reflect and include such generation resource. It should be emphasized that under such a proposal, the ESA Facility must remain completely dispatchable by the Company, and the Company must retain control of the charging of energy into the ESA (including charging with energy from the generation resource and from the Company's electric system, at the Company's discretion).
- **4. What size project can be proposed?** With a limited exception for Current PPA Projects as described above in this RFP, each project proposal, including an aggregate

of units at a facility, must be at least one hundred megawatts (100 MW) in total capacity for the resource proposed and no single resource should exceed twelve hundred megawatts (1,200 MW).

- *Example 1*: If Facility A has two 70 MW units, then a bidder must bid both units as a complete resource for a total resource capacity of 140 MW.
- **Example 2:** If Facility B has Unit 1 with a capacity rating of 1,300 MW and Unit 2 with a capacity rating of 1,000 MW, only Unit 2 qualifies to be proposed in this RFP.
- 5. Where must projects be located? For PPAs, Alabama Power's preference is that PPA Facilities be directly interconnected to the Southern Company transmission system (this is a non-quantitative factor in the evaluation); however, PPA Facilities not interconnected to the Southern Company transmission system at any time during the service term must obtain physically firm transmission service to the Southern Company transmission interface and provide the name of the balancing authority area in which the project is located. For ESAs, the ESA Facility must be directly interconnected to the Southern Company transmission system. For APSAs and Storage BTAs, the project must be interconnected or have the ability to interconnect to the Southern Company transmission system and must be located in the State of Alabama.
- **6.** When must the projects be operational? For PPAs and ESAs, the service commencement date should be December 1, 2032. However, an early service commencement date starting after December 1, 2028 may be offered as a PPA or an ESA option. For APSAs and Storage BTAs, facilities may be acquired prior to December 1, 2032, subject to receipt of required regulatory approvals. No proposal will be accepted with a commercial operation date after December 1, 2032.
- 7. Can a PPA Bidder Propose an Initial Block Sale Prior to the Commencement of Service under a PPA? As described in Section 10.5 of this RFP, if a bidder's proposal would benefit from the addition of a sale of block power to the Company prior to the commencement of service under a PPA, the Company may consider such a proposal in its discretion. For such a proposal, the bidder must provide all relevant information in order for the Company to evaluate the block power sale, including all capacity and energy pricing, arrangements to deliver the energy to the Company's transmission system, fuel supply arrangements (which will be the bidder's responsibility) and other proposed terms and conditions for the sale.
- 8. Are bidders of Storage BTAs required to comply with any sourcing or labor requirements. Yes. As explained in Section 13.0 of this RFP, a bidder will be required to comply with certain sourcing and labor requirements that are also applicable to the Company's self-build projects. For work categorized as union in the Division of Work (DOW), it shall be constructed under the terms of the Southern Company Maintenance and Modification Agreement (SCMMA) or a Southern Company approved Project Labor Agreement (PLA). Any Southern Company approved PLA is

expected to be an agreement recognized by the North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU). A current copy of the SCMMA can be found at [nabtu.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/SCMMA-3-1-25-thru-12-31-26.pdf].

- **9. Is there a limit to the number of proposals one company can submit?** There is no limit on the number of proposals from an entity; however, separate bid evaluation fees may be required for each proposal as described in the RFP document. Regardless of the fee requirement, information must be provided for each bid via the electronic NOI form.
- 10. What is the Bidder's fee for a project submittal? For each project submitted, there will be a nonrefundable bidder evaluation fee of \$15,000. If the same project is being submitted with a change to the business arrangement, the additional proposal must have a separate bid evaluation fee of \$15,000. However, if a PPA or an ESA project is being proposed and there is only a contract term change (e.g., 5-year versus 20-year), no additional bid evaluation fee is required, except as discussed in Section 15.1.

Electronic payment for the bid evaluation fee is to be made to Alabama Power.

The bid is not complete and will not be evaluated unless the appropriate bid evaluation fee has been received by the RFP deadline of 5:00 p.m. CPT on January 16, 2026.

- 11. When is the best time to submit an interconnection study request? All interconnection requests of successful bidders must be submitted for study by no later than the upcoming Southern Company interconnection cluster study window (i.e., February 17, 2026 through April 3, 2026). Information for submitting an interconnection request is available to the bidders in the RFP document in Section 7.4 "Interconnection Guidance".
- 12. What should the price of the project include? The proposed project price for all types of bids should include the land and all facilities associated with the project up to the point of interconnection. This price should include all ongoing operation and maintenance costs for the project facilities up to the point of interconnection, including the monthly administration fee under the interconnection agreement (applicable to bidders proposing a PPA or an ESA with the Company) for the term of that agreement.
- **13.** Will there be an opportunity later to change the price offered? The Company reserves the right to further negotiate the bid proposal and to request updates to the bid price.
- 14. Will evaluation details such as avoided costs and proposal rankings be made available? No, such information is considered confidential and will not be provided to the bidders or to the public.
- **15.** What is the best method of submitting a question during the RFP? All questions to the Company regarding the RFP should be submitted utilizing the "Capacity RFP"

Questions" form within the RFP Platform. There will also be a link to the "Capacity RFP Questions" form located on the Alabama Power website [http://alabamapower.com/rfp2025] by clicking "Contact Us".

## 21.0 RFP Attachments Summary

All RFP attachments are available for bidders to download from the RFP Platform. This RFP document and attachments with forms will be available until January 16, 2026. Below is a summary of the electronic RFP Bid Form and RFP attachments available on the RFP Platform along with a summary of uploads and requested documentation to be submitted with the bid proposal. Bidders should maintain the naming convention of attachments where applicable.

- Notice of Intent to Bid Form (Link provided on APC website <a href="http://alabamapower.com/rfp2025">[http://alabamapower.com/rfp2025</a>])
- RFP Bid Form (RFP Platform, hosted on OnBase)
  - General Information Tab
  - Operating Parameters Tab (Resource Specific: Thermal or Energy Storage)
  - Construction Tab
  - o Fuel Supply Plan Tab (Thermal-Specific)
  - o Generation Annual Info (PPA-specific)
  - Early Start Pricing (PPA-specific)
  - Land Information (APSA / Storage BTA) Tab
  - Land Information (PPA) Tab
  - APSA and Storage BTA Bid Price Tab
  - Upload Documents Tab
  - Submit Final Bid Tab
- Attachment A.1 Non-Price and Other Qualitative Considerations
- Attachment A.2 Bidder Fees and Due Diligence Fees
- Attachment A.3 Electronic Payment Instructions
- Attachment B Confidentiality Agreement
- Attachment C.1 Contractor Compliance Background Certification Form

- Attachment C.2 Contractor Statistical Data
- Attachment C.3 Supplier Self-Certification Form
- Attachment D Turnkey Land Questionnaire
- Attachment E.1 Synchronous Generating Facility Data Submission Form
- Attachment E.2 Inverter-based Generating Facility Data Submission Form
- Attachment F.1 Pro Forma PPA Terms and Conditions
- Attachment F.2 Pro Forma PPA CT Appendices
- Attachment F.3 Pro Forma PPA CC Appendices
- Attachment F.4 Pro Forma ESA
- Attachment G Storage Addendum: Generation Profile for Co-Located Resource
- Attachment H.1 Variable Interest Entity Certification
- Attachment H.2 Finance Lease Certification
- Attachment I Indicative Performance Security
- Attachment J Environmental Certification
- Capacity RFP Platform Guidance

#### 22.0 Required Uploads for Bids

- Summary Letter describing bid
  - o Include a narrative description of compliance strategy with respect to greenhouse gas regulation (for proposals including fossil fuel-fired technology)
- Attachment B: Confidentiality Agreement
- Attachment C.1: Contractor Compliance Background Certification Form (PDF) and required attachments
- Attachment C.2: Contractor Statistical Data (PDF) and required attachments
- Attachment C.3: Supplier Self-Certification Form (PDF)
- Attachment D: Turnkey Land Questionnaire (for APSA and Storage BTA bids)

- Attachment E.1: Synchronous Generating Facility Data Submission Form (Excel)
  - A map indicating the facility location and known or proposed interconnection to the transmission system
  - Assumptions regarding the interconnection costs included in the bid price
  - Detailed description of the interconnection arrangements that have been made to effect delivery to Company's electric system
  - o Provide a copy of site relay list and trip scheme.
  - o Generator vendor data sheets, reactive capability curve at 95°F, and generator saturation curves
- Attachment E.2: Inverter-based Generating Facility Data Form (Excel)
  - o Provide curve for correcting power output by adjusting dry bulb temperature and relative humidity to Reference Conditions.
  - o Provide curve for correcting power output by adjusting barometric pressure to Reference Conditions.
  - Provide curve for correcting power output by adjusting reactive power output to unity power factor.
- Copy of existing interconnection agreement or application (if already in place)
- Single Line Diagram Showing the applicable generator or energy storage facility, step-up transformer(s), collector bus(ses), high voltage circuit breaker(s), and connections to the transmission system
- Financial and Credit Information (for Bidder Company and Parent Company)
  - Annual reports and Form 10-K for the past three years (if not available, audited financial statements – including Management Discussion & Analysis – for last three years will be accepted)
  - o Credit rating(s) of the Bidder Company's senior debt securities
  - o Any additional documentation needed to determine Bidder Company's financial strength and/or the strength of any corporate parents
- Title V Operating Permit
- For APSA and Storage BTA Bids
  - Land information documentation

- o Title Insurance / Commitment
- Title Abstract
- ALTA Survey
- Boundary and/or Topographic Survey
- Land Patent
- Phase 1 Environmental Assessment
- Wetlands delineation
- o Threatened and Endangered Species Report
- Geotechnical Analysis
- Independent Engineering Report
- o All permits for the facility under applicable federal, state and local environmental regulations
- o Historical environmental and land citations against the facility
- o A legal description of the land being used for the project
- O Supporting documents to describe the nature of the possession of the real property at the time of construction as either fee simple or lease
- For PPA Bids
  - o Attachments F.1, F.2 and F.3: Pro Forma PPA
- For ESA Bids
  - o Attachment F.4: Pro Forma ESA
- Attachment J: Environmental Certification (PDF)