

SMPDC Southern Maine Solar Collaborative

Request for Proposals

Q &A Summary (as of 03/25/21)

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<i>Will SMSC membership consider a "fixed discount" to the Net Energy Bill Tariff including a floor price? The RFP does not reference a floor price, and I wanted to check as to whether a submission with a floor price is acceptable?</i>	Yes, SMSC will consider a floor price as part of a "Fixed Discount" pricing structure.
<i>What Tariff rate are the street lights under? Is the SGS rate a good proxy rate?</i>	Yes, our understanding is that Streetlights are billed under the SGS tariff rate.
<i>How much weight is applied in your award process for NeB projects located within the 6 municipalities vs other factors. eg. Credit Price, project maturity, date of energization, etc ?</i>	More weight is given to factors like credit price, project maturity, and date of energization. Location within one of the municipalities would a positive factor, but it is not a top determining criterion for the SMSC.
<i>We offer a couple options for RECs: NEPOOL Class I RECs (which are more expensive) or discounted RECs, which are not the NEPOOL Class I RECs. Examples of discounted RECs are wind in Texas or hydro in Oregon. For discounted RECs we could also look into the voluntary RECs produced by Maine renewable energy projects. In our response would the towns like to see pricing for both the NEPOOL Class I RECs and the discounted RECs?</i>	The SMSC would like to see pricing for only those proposals that include the bundled NEPOOL Class 1 RECs from the solar generation facility. Offers of discounted or voluntary RECs will not be considered.
<i>Would the Commission and its members consider sharing the load between more than a single project?</i>	Yes, the total allocation for the group could be distributed across multiple projects. Please include a "Proposed site project description" (RPF section 2. F) for each project.

Could you please send an example invoice for each account planning to participate in the solar project(s)? If not, can you please share example invoices for the street light accounts only?

We are unable to share any invoices at this time.