

2022-2023 Transmission Planning Process, Phase 3 Competitive Solicitation

List of Qualified Project Sponsor Applications with Sufficient Information

In the 2022-2023 Transmission Plan, the ISO identified a policy-driven need for the North of SONGS – Imperial Valley 500kV Substation and Transmission Line Project as a part of the Southern Area Reinforcement projects to address the Devers-Red Bluff 500kV, East of Miguel, Bay Boulevard-Silvergate, Encina-San Luis Rey, Sycamore area, San Luis Rey-San Onofre, and Silvergate-Old Town constraints. This initiated the Transmission Planning Process, Phase 3 Competitive Solicitation process for the selection of an approved project sponsor. The bid window for interested project sponsors to submit complete applications to finance, construct, own, operate and maintain the North of SONGS – Imperial Valley 500kV Substation and Transmission Line Project commenced on June 26, 2023 and closed on October 13, 2023 (Sequence 2).

Pursuant to section 24.5.2.4 of the ISO Tariff, the ISO has qualified four applications that satisfied the information submission requirements. The ISO will now consider whether the qualified project sponsors will undertake the selection process to determine which qualified project sponsor should finance, construct, own, operate and maintain the North of SONGS – Imperial Valley 500kV Substation and Transmission Line Project.

Under section 24.5.3 of the ISO Tariff, the ISO has qualified four project sponsors and proposals. The ISO qualified the project sponsors and proposals based on the criteria as set forth in tariff sections 24.5.3.1 – Project Sponsor Qualification and 24.5.3.2 – Proposal Qualification in the ISO Tariff. The ISO will now undertake the selection process to determine which qualified project sponsor will finance, construct, own, operate and maintain the North Gila – Imperial Valley 500kV Transmission Line Project. The qualified project sponsors are listed below:

- Horizon West Transmission, LLC
- San Diego Gas and Electric Company
- Lotus Infrastructure Global Operations, LLC in association with Southern California Edison Company
- California Grid Holdings LLC (CalGrid)

The description of, and functional specifications for, the policy-driven North of SONGS – Imperial Valley 500kV Substation and Transmission Line Project can be found on the ISO website at:

<http://www.pub.oa.caiso.com:21083/Documents/Appendix-I-Board-Approved-2022-2023-Transmission-Plan-AdditionalRevisions.pdf>