

## CAPE & VINEYARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SOLAR PV AND BATTERY SYSTEMS

#### ROUND 6 QUESTIONS/ISSUES AND RESPONSES FROM PRE-BID CONFERENCE HELD ON 1.16.24.

**1. Which MA SMART rates should proposers use in their proposal assumptions/calculations?**

Proposers should use the most up-to-date values and disclose the source and any assumptions. We encourage the use of the most recent 2024 values.

**2. What values should proposers use relative to interconnection costs for projects located on Cape Cod and the Islands?**

It is suggested that proposers use the most reliable Capital Improvement Fee (CIP) published by Eversource and/or approved by the MA Department of Public Utilities, whichever is the most recent. <https://www.eversource.com/content/residential/about/doing-business-with-us/interconnections/massachusetts/distribution-group-studies>

Proposers should note and provide the source (and date) of the CIP in their pricing proposals, and of any other variables, on which their proposal(s) are based.

**3. What if a proposer wishes to provide proposals for a number of projects, not all projects?**

As published in CVEC's RFP Section 7.0:

“The CPO and the Selection Committee will first evaluate the Non-Price Proposals. After a composite ranking of the Respondents based on the Non-Price Proposal is completed, the CPO will review the Price Proposals. The CPO will then determine the most advantageous of the Proposals, in consideration of both Non-Price and Price Proposals and additional information obtained through the interviews of Proposers and reference contacts, and in the context of CVEC's Portfolio Preferences which are as follows:

- CVEC's preference is to award all projects from the Round 6 Solar PV Project to one Developer.
- Alternatively, CVEC's next preference is to award multiple Developers through the grouping of projects based on their geographic location; i.e., Mid-Cape (Barnstable, and Yarmouth), Lower Cape and Outer Cape (Orleans and Eastham), and Martha's Vineyard (Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard Airport, and West Tisbury).

- At a minimum, CVEC’s next preference is to award all PV Systems within one Participant community to one Developer.”

**4. Will CVEC be updating Orleans Compost site specifications?**

The requirements have not changed; however, CVEC has updated the files for the site to be referred to as the Orleans Compost Site. [Orleans Compost - Dropbox](#)