



November 25, 2024

Notice: Mountain Parks Electric, Inc. (“MPEI”) is requesting proposals for solar photovoltaic and/or solar photovoltaic and BESS projects with an aggregate nameplate capacity not to exceed 500 kW (the “RFP”). To enable opportunities for multiple members to participate, MPEI will allow a total allotment of 1 MW from multiple applicants for this RFP.

The priority for this RFP is to leverage Mountain Parks Electric, Inc. member-consumer grant awards for renewable energy projects and support projects with positive community impact, such as rate stabilization and community clean energy goals.

Please note that this is one of three RFPs focused on local renewable generation projects designed to serve our membership. Please see Attachment C for description of current and forthcoming RFPs.

Introduction:

MPEI is a member-owned electric utility cooperative. Established in 1946 in Walden, Colorado, MPEI has been headquartered in Granby since 1953 with a service center in Walden. MPEI serves approximately 18,000 members through more than 22,000 meters across approximately 4,000 square miles of Rocky Mountain terrain, including all of Grand and Jackson Counties, as well as parts of Larimer, Routt and Summit Counties.

MPEI has executed a 20-year Power Supply Agreement with Guzman Energy (the “PSA”) with service estimated to begin on February 1, 2025. The PSA provides an opportunity for MPEI to procure a portion of our generation supply from other renewable sources (excluding wind) and this RFP is the first step towards MPEI securing resources from our community.

Proposal Requirements:

Applicants who submit projects for consideration under this RFP (each a “Respondent”) must timely complete and submit Attachment A and Attachment B in order to be considered for this RFP. All Respondents must complete and submit (a) Attachment A to MPEI by no later than 4:00 p.m. (MST) on February 13, 2025 (the “Initial Notice to Respond”), and (b) Attachment B to MPEI by no later than 4:00 p.m. (MST) on April 1, 2025. A non-refundable application fee of \$1,000 (“Application Fee”) is due by February 27, 2025 for any proposal submitted by a Respondent that is not a “Current Member” of MPEI, meaning such Respondent has not received service to at least one meter on the MPEI system associated with the Respondent’s name during the preceding 12 months. Instructions for payment of the Application Fee, if applicable, will be sent via email after submission of the Initial Notice to Respond.

All submittals and any questions regarding the RFP shall be submitted to memberrelations@mpei.com. MPEI will not answer any questions from an applicant unless it is submitted via email to the address above.

Upon request, a Respondent’s questions may be made available to other Respondents with identifying information removed.

Resource Requirements:

To be eligible for this RFP, an individual resource may not have an aggregate nameplate capacity in excess of 500 kW. The resource(s) must be capable of achieving commercial operations no later than December 1, 2026 (the “Delivery Deadline”) and continue to operate for a period of not less than the remainder of MPEI’s contract years under the PSA (i.e., through January 31, 2045). All environmental attributes, including but not limited to those meeting C.R.S. § 40-2-



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124 and any associated capacity rights, shall be transferred to MPEI.

Upon power purchase agreement execution, MPEI may require security in an amount sufficient to allow MPEI to meet its power supply needs should Respondent's resource fail to meet the Delivery Deadline. The amount of security will depend on the proposed resource(s), developers' experience, and financial resource(s).

Respondent(s) shall demonstrate to MPEI's satisfaction that Respondent(s) have available funding sufficient to complete proposed projects. Respondent(s) must have firm site control for all property required for the resource(s) included in the Proposal(s), including easement paths/corridors for interconnection. This includes demonstration of site control effective as of the date of the Proposal(s) and continuing through at least the PPA term. Firm site control must be demonstrated through purchase or lease option, lease agreement, easement, or ownership.

System requirements:

The resource must be a stand-alone interconnection and is required to go through MPEI's Level 2 interconnection process. <https://www.mpei.com/mountain-parks-electric-incorporated-interconnection-procedures>

Systems at or above 100 kW service must be 3 phase service.

Systems at or above 150 kW will require special communications and metering equipment.

Resource Economics:

MPEI will prioritize proposals based on the resource(s) ability to leverage member grant funds and stabilize rates for all members or a group of members. Economics, size, and geographic location will also be considered. MPEI seeks power purchase agreement structures rather than the ability to own the resources directly. All proposals must provide a resource price in \$/MWh, with the exception of BESS, which shall include a MW monthly capacity payment amount. The price per MWh shall include the price of transferring all environmental attributes meeting C.R.S. § 40-2-124 and any associated capacity rights to MPEI. The price per MWh must also include the cost to deliver the energy to the point of delivery on the MPEI distribution system (including all interconnection costs).

For the avoidance of doubt, if a resource is selected, the resource(s) will not be eligible for net metering for Current Members, nor will the resource qualify for MPEI's Qualifying Facility Status pricing for the contracted energy amount. Rather, the price for any energy generated from the resource will be the price submitted in the Respondent's proposal unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. Please submit your best offer at the time of proposal.

Resource Procurement Timeline:

- RFP Issuance: November 25, 2024
- Notice of Intent to Respond ("Attachment A," and NDA) (MPEI will send information on how to pay application fee to respondents at this time): February 13, 2025 ¹
- Application payment deadline for non-members: February 27, 2025
- RFP pre-application meeting: March 5, 2025

¹ Notice of Intent to Respond shall be filled out on website at WWW.MPEI.com/SOLAR-RFP1



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- Resource Application Submittal Deadline (Attachment B): April 1, 2025²
- MPEI Shortlist of Applications: May 1, 2025
- MPEI Selection of a Resource(s): June 1, 2025
- Execution of Definitive Agreements: June 1, 2025-August 1, 2025
- Resource delivery deadline December 1, 2026

General Terms and Conditions

Nothing contained in this RFP shall be construed to require or obligate MPEI to select any proposal(s) or limit the ability of MPEI to reject all proposals in its sole and absolute discretion. Information is current as of date of issuance and MPEI has no obligation to update for changes that may arise. Information provided is for consideration and may be incomplete without engagement in discussions. Q&A responses should not be relied upon on a stand-alone basis. No claims can be made against MPEI with regard to the material, including accuracy or completeness thereof. MPEI further reserves the right to withdraw and terminate this RFP at any time prior to the execution of a definitive agreement with any Respondent(s). MPEI also reserves the right to negotiate with any or all Respondents on price and non-price components of proposals. The submission of a proposal to MPEI shall constitute a Respondent's acknowledgment and acceptance of all of the terms, conditions, and requirements of this RFP.

Respondent waives its right to any legal recourse against MPEI, MPEI affiliates, MPEI Directors, and MPEI employees. MPEI shall not be liable to Respondent(s) for any reason in connection with this RFP. Respondent(s) to this RFP waives any right to challenge any valuation by MPEI of any Respondent's proposal or any determination of MPEI to reject or select a Respondent's proposal. Respondents to this RFP are responsible for all costs and expenses in connection with Respondent's proposals; including but not limited to the cost of entering into such other agreements as may be required to perform Respondent's obligations under the definitive agreements; construction of the resource, procurement of equipment, interconnection fees, applications and other requirements; attendance at requested meetings with MPEI staff and/or Board of Directors; negotiation and execution of definitive agreements with MPEI; all taxes, duties, fees, and other charges associated with the delivery of energy or capacity under the definitive agreement; and compliance with all local, state, and federal laws that may affect the definitive agreement.

MPEI is not bound by the terms of the RFP or any specific proposal unless and until MPEI and the Respondent(s) execute a definitive written agreement.

Confidentiality:

MPEI recognizes that certain information contained in the proposal(s) received will be confidential and may contain proprietary business information. Therefore, Respondents should clearly identify in writing all information considered confidential or proprietary. MPEI also recognizes that certain data it may provide to Respondent(s) is confidential, including hourly generation data and other sensitive information.

In order to protect confidential information, MPEI will require that each applicant that submits a Notice of Intent to Respond also execute a standard MPEI form of non-disclosure agreement providing for protection of MPEI's confidential and non-public proprietary information. Subject to the requirements of the non-disclosure agreement, MPEI reserves the right to release all proposals to its consultants, attorneys, directors, and employees for purposes of proposal evaluation, selection, and negotiation of a definitive agreement.

² Resource Application can be filled out on website at www.MPEI.com/SOLAR-RFP1



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Attachment A
Initial Notice to Respond
Please Submit Via Webform at www.MPEI.com/SOLAR-RFP1

- Company Name:
- Contact Person:
- Title/Position:
- Account or Meter number, if applicable:
- Mailing Address:
- Telephone:
- Email:
- Resource Name:
- Proposed resource location:
- Demonstrate that site control has been secured (ie land ownership/lease):
- Description of how and when major equipment or long-lead procurement items will be procured:
- Description of how this resource will meet the priorities defined in RFP:
- Will this resource leverage a grant opportunity? If so, please share as many details as you can-for example, grant type, deadline for submission, funding expectations, etc.
- How will this resource positively impact MPE members?
- How will this resource impact electricity rates for some or all of MPEI members?



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Attachment B
Resource Application
Please Submit Via Webform at www.MPEI.com/SOLAR-RFP1

- Company Name:
- Contact Person:
- Title/Position:
- Mailing Address:
- Telephone:
- Email:
- Resource Name:
- Resource Location:
- GPS Coordinates:
- Resource Delivery Point GPS Coordinates:
- Resource Type(s):
- MW Name Plate:
- Yearly Expected MWh:
- MWh Cost:
- Fixed:
- Escalating:
- Resource Capacity Factor:
- BESS MWh Nameplate:
- BESS MW Nameplate:
- BESS MWh Cost:
- BESS MW Month Cost:
- BESS Location if not co-located:
- BESS GPS Coordinates if not co-located:
- BESS Delivery Point GPS Coordinates:
- Contract Term (Years):
- Resource Milestones (if known):
 - Land Lease/ Ownership Acquired:
 - Resource Applies to enter appropriate interconnection queue (i.e. Level 2 or 3 <https://www.mpei.com/mountain-parks-electric-incorporated-interconnection-procedures>)
 - Resource signs Interconnection Agreement:
 - Resource to begin generating Test Energy:
 - Commercial Operation Date:



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Include documentation to support the following:³

- 1) Resource development schedule
- 2) Summary of experience and access to capital for development, construction, and operation
- 3) The ability to provide performance assurance for the resource.
- 4) The ability to obtain or secure financing for the resource.
- 5) Bank or financial institution references.
- 6) Notice of Grant Award (if applicable).
- 7) Evidence of firm site control.
- 8) List of other resource(s) developed using this resource type.
 - a) Net nameplate capacity.
- 9) Information regarding the construction of the resource(s), including if a third-party EPC partner is involved.
- 10) Information demonstrating procurement of major equipment and long-lead items.
- 11) Information regarding your ability to provide operations and maintenance. If you use a third-party provider, please provide their qualifications.
- 11) Preliminary layouts.
- 12) Feasibility study, including resource/generation estimates.

Resource Applications must be completed and returned by **4:00 p.m. (MST) on April 1, 2025.**

³ If you are re-selling a resource, please provide the developer's information for this section.



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June 13, 2024



GENERAL MANAGER'S BOARD MEETING BULLETIN



Virginia Harman

Board seeks to maximize carve-out under new PSA

Under Guzman Energy, MPE will have more flexibility for alternate energy resource options

Area community generation projects and those that support MPE's electric grid will be priorities for the future increased carve-out – or the portion of power that can be purchased outside the power supply agreement (PSA) – under Guzman Energy.

One of the driving factors behind the Board's decision to move toward a new power supplier was for greater flexibility in purchasing power from other sources, including local generation projects from members.

Under Tri-State Generation and Transmission, MPE's carve-out of 5% left no room for additional local generation projects that would be greater than 25 kW (generation projects that are 25 kW or less fall under MPE's Net Metering Policy). Under the new PSA with Guzman

Energy that begins Feb. 1, 2025, MPE will have an additional 2 MW carve-out for the first 2 years. Then, for the remaining 18 years of the contract, an additional 24 MW will complete the 60,000 MWh carve-out, which is equivalent to around 17.9% of MPE's total 2023 sales, or nearly four times the Tri-State carve-out.

The Board directed MPE staff to move forward with a plan to have three rounds of request for proposals (RFP's) over the first 2 years of the Guzman contract to fulfill the 2 MW initial carve-out. Details and scheduling of the RFP's are yet to be determined, but an early plan of the RFP roll-out is as follows:

- RFP Round 1
- Priority: Leveraging member grant applications and community impact

- Size: Up to 1 MW (2,500 MWh) total; maximum single size of 500 kW
- RFP Round 2
- Priority: Resiliency/reliability/system benefit; preference given to projects based on societal and/or distribution benefits
- Size: Up to 1 MW
- RFP Round 3
- Priority: Rate relief for low income: preference given to projects that directly benefit low-income-qualified or low-income communities
- Size: Up to 2 MW total

For the remaining 55,000 MWh starting on year three of the Guzman contract (2028), priority will be given to projects that result in overall cost savings to members and those that develop future resiliency, reliability, and flexibility of system operations.

Other Board Meeting Items

- Information Technology shared with the Board that two advanced metering technology (AMI) collectors were recently installed on MPE's new middle-mile fiber network. These allow for faster and more accurate outage reporting. There are around 20 more set to be installed across MPE's network this year.

- In the Member Relations update to the Board, the MPE schedule of recent and upcoming events was shared:
 - June 8 – MPE in Hot Sulphur Days Parade
 - June 15 – MPE in Kremmling parade
 - June 23 – MPE in Walden parade
 - July 4 – MPE in Granby's 4th of July parade
 - August 8 – MPE Board Meeting to be held in Walden
 - September 4 – MPE Member Appreciation Event
 - October 10 – MPE Board Meeting to be held in Kremmling

Keep up to date with MPE events at www.mpei.com/events.

The Board Meeting Bulletin summarizes highlights from the recent MPE Board Meeting. MPE Board Meetings are open to the public, and agendas, minutes, and more information can be found at www.mpei.com/board-meetings or by contacting memberrelations@mpei.com.