

Aquila 2007 Solar Electric Systems RFP

Bidders Conference May 30, 2007

Following is a summary of the Aquila 2007 Solar Electric Systems RFP bidders conference held May 30, 2007 in Pueblo, CO.

Organizations in attendance included:

Aquila representatives
BP Solar
Eye on Energy
Three Phase
Grounded Renewable Energy
Sun Edison
Rocky Mountain Solar
Power House Solar
Eco Sol
Helios Energy
Jeff Obimiller

Question: Will Aquila be issuing another RFP in 2007?

Answer: The Rules require that competitive solicitations for eligible renewable energy from on-site solar systems that provide for SO-RECS shall be conducted at least two times in 2007 and thereafter as necessary to comply with the Renewable Energy Standard (RES). However, the amount of RECS secured through the April 20, 2007 RFP may impact the need to issue another RFP in 2007.

Question: Does the RFP allow for central solar contributions?

Answer: The RFP was written in a broad manner to allow for energy and/or REC submittals. Therefore central solar resources will be considered. The RFP allows for REC's only, grid connected systems (Aquila and non Aquila customers), off-grid systems and third party systems owned and operated by the third party developers.

Question: Are any draft contracts available?

Answer: Aquila is in the process of finalizing SO-REC and rebate contracts. These contracts are similar to Xcel's contracts which can be viewed on their website. After Aquila concludes our internal work, we will seek PUC approval. In the interim, Aquila will post **DRAFT** contracts on our website located at www.WPC2007solarRFP

Question: Will third party developers be able to sell energy directly to the host facility which is also Aquila's customer?

Answer: Aquila's preference is to allow the sale of energy produced by a third party developers system directly to the host facility/Aquila customer to address complicated metering and accounting procedures in exchange for the REC's. The PUC approved the model submitted by Xcel on May 30, 2007. Therefore, Aquila believes that precedence has been set and we will be able to achieve the same practice as Xcel.

Question: Is a map of Aquila's transmission system available?

Answer: This may be a security issue relative to operation of our system. Aquila is determining how to address the security issues as well as provide you with this data. During the meeting Aquila indicated we would post the information on our website. We may have to adjust that whereby we may need to send the information per direct request with a confidentiality notice.

Question: Will preference be given to a firm proposal?

Answer: It is possible that a system that has more assurance of coming to fruition will receive a higher rating.

Question: Will you post the Colorado RES rules?

Answer: Yes, Aquila will post a link to the rules as well as SB-1281 which amends the original rules.

Question: Will Aquila extend the RFP due date?

Answer: No. Aquila must proceed with our timeline to comply with the RES rules.

Question: What does section 2.5.2 mean?

Answer: Aquila is evaluating this section.

Question: Do residential and commercial systems qualify for the RFP?

Answer: Yes.

Question: How much total energy do you expect to receive through the RFP?

Answer: We have no predetermined amount. We may use excess REC's secured through this RFP for future year's requirements.

Question: Do existing systems qualify for this RFP.

Answer: Yes.