



2026 New Build Carbon Free

Energy & Storage Projects

Request for Offers (RFO)

Responses to Respondent Questions

1. For energy storage resources paired with renewable generation, does SVCE require that energy discharged from the energy storage component emanate solely from the renewable generation resource?

No, we do not require that the energy discharged from storage be from the renewable generation resource; we welcome grid-charged batteries paired with renewables.

2. Are charging energy sources restricted (renewable-only vs market charging permitted), and how is this evaluated in scoring?

We welcome storage that is grid-charged. We do consider the expected GHG emissions impact of offers as part of our evaluations, however, storage often reduces the GHG intensity of the grid, so grid-charged solar is certainly competitive.

3. For co-located or adjacent storage, is a shared point of interconnection acceptable provided deliverability requirements are met?

Yes, a shared point of interconnection is acceptable.

4. Does SVCE have a preference between solar-paired storage and standalone storage for reliability procurement in this solicitation?

We do not have a preference between standalone storage or storage paired with solar; you are welcome to provide offers of both, and we will evaluate any offers for their expected value vs. cost.

5. Are you able to share if SVCE has a need for 4 vs 8-hour batteries (we have both we can offer), and if there's a preference for RA-only vs toll?

SVCE is open to both 4- or 8-hour batteries, and open to RA-only and/or tolls.

6. Does SVCE consider proposals for front-of-meter standalone BESS located within its service territory but physically sited adjacent to existing generation resources (e.g., solar facilities), where the developer finances and owns the storage asset?

Yes.

7. Would SVCE consider storage installations located on public or customer-side facilities within SVCE member-agency jurisdictions if the resource delivers CAISO Resource Adequacy capacity?

Yes, if the resource delivers CAISO RA, we welcome offers.