

**Questions Received Regarding RFP PD-01-20
& CBHP Answers (as of 8-11-20)**

1. What is CBHP's expectation regarding how long it might take to put a Lease of Power Privilege in place with USBR? Will CBHP lead this process?

CBHP: A minimum of six months to complete the preliminary requirements. Yes, CBHP will lead the process.

2. Can the power produced from the RFP assets be added to the Seattle/Tacoma PPAs?

CBHP: New Power Purchase Agreements will be required for the output of these projects.

3. Who would buy the power and what rate could be expected?

CBHP: Power purchaser(s) and terms of a power purchase agreement are to be determined. Marketing efforts will initially be focused on local utilities.

4. Would the district accept a design that is parallel to the canal?

CBHP: Possibly. All designs will be considered on the basis of the criteria included in the RFP with the priority being no interruption in irrigation deliveries.

5. Why do Scootenev inlet and outlet have the same tailwater/headwater data? Can you provide the tailwater and headwater at each site to be able to calculate head at different flows?

CBHP: Scootenev inlet tailwater and Scootenev outlet headwater both utilize Scootenev Reservoir so they are essentially the same. Additional tailwater / headwater data may be made available; however, respondents are expected to provide proposals based on the water elevation and flow data provided in the RFP reference section.

6. Could Mesa Check be an in-channel design?

CBHP: Possibly. All designs will be considered on the basis of the criteria included in the RFP with the priority being no interruption in irrigation deliveries.

7. Is there a preference for using the same turbine at all sites?

CBHP: Not necessarily. The benefits of utilizing standard equipment at two or more sites will be considered in the context of the selection criteria described in the RFP.

8. Is there a preference for awarding all sites to one developer?

CBHP: Not necessarily. The decision to award the development of sites to one or more developers will be determined based on evaluation of the proposals received and potential follow-up discussions and contract negotiations.

9. RFP document page 5 paragraph 6.1. Will Columbia Basin plan to immediately transfer and pay the full amount for each site as they are completed? What is Columbia Basin's payment schedule?

CBHP: Ownership and payment structures will be determined following evaluation of the proposals and potential follow-up discussions and contract negotiations.

10. Would Columbia Basin be able to put total amount of funds for each site into separate escrow or joint accounts prior to the contractor incurring costs?

CBHP: This could be considered if included as part of an overall proposal.

11. Does Columbia Basin expect to do one site at a time or more than one at a time?

CBHP: Could consider construction of more than one project at a time depending on the information provided in the proposals.

12. What is the timeframe anticipated schedule that Columbia Basin would like to see for design, review and construction for each and all sites? (i.e. are we designing all sites at one time, constructing all at the same time or all within 1-2 years or 1 per year)

CBHP: Have not anticipated the project schedules prior to evaluating the proposals.

13. We presume the DB proposer must design, build and budget for all applicable state and federal guidelines for a complete project that would include site restoration, fish passage, erosion control and other guidelines. Are any of these sites fish bearing waterways at the site planned on having the hydro generators?

CBHP: Presumptions are largely correct; however, these sites are not considered fish bearing and fish passage systems are not required.

14. Are these sites on Federal or State property or what AHJ may govern policy at these sites?

CBHP: The sites are Federal facilities under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation with the operation and maintenance responsibilities for the sites transferred by contract to the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District.

15. Are there any drawings of developed plans on how CB plans to connect each site to the grid and regulate the generation, beyond the concept drawings Kleinschmidt provided? Is there additional transmission line and towers required beyond what the Kleinschmidt concept shows?

CBHP: Interconnection of each project is site specific. There are no additional drawings or plans for interconnection at this time.