



## New York City PPTN: Con Edison Process

Each developer that chooses to work with Con Edison and agrees to develop a bid using a Con Edison-designed hub proposal will include Con Edison's project details (i.e., on-land substation and other transmission assets to enhance the performance of the project) and associated costs as part of the overall developer proposal.

**Principle to Follow:** Con Edison's process will establish a level playing field for all developers who seek to submit a bid that includes a Con Edison-designed hub proposal and will continue to treat developers in accordance with interconnection and other existing rules if they choose not to submit a bid that includes a Con Edison designed hub.

**Assurances of Neutrality, Non-Preference, Non-Discrimination (Equal Treatment among Developers); Protections Against Actual or Perceived Bias in Favor of Affiliates:** Because Con Edison has a duty to comply with open access and the FERC standards of conduct (providing the same level of interconnection information to all parties at the same time), and because of the potential participation in the PPTN by Con Edison affiliates, Con Edison will retain an external auditing firm to monitor Con Edison's process. Con Edison will not favor its own affiliates or any other developer over another, nor discriminate against any developer. This includes with respect to the information about its system that Con Edison will provide -- for a developer who chooses not to collaborate with Con Edison as described herein -- through the interconnection process or other processes, consistent with prior processes to address PSC-declared public policy transmission needs in New York.

### Process:

#### 1. Establish a public-facing website.

- a. Con Edison's NYC PPTN Website shall host publicly accessible solution information, alongside a secure section designated for developers to enroll to access confidential information. The website will post this document as the process Con Edison has developed, consistent with the directives of the PSC's *Order Addressing Public Policy Requirements for Transmission Planning Purposes* on June 22, 2023, in Case 22-E-0633.
- b. Website shall incorporate the projected schedules for information sessions, when available.
- c. Registration by developers is required to participate in informational sessions.
- d. Website will include a form Mutual Confidentiality and Collaboration Agreement, which developers must sign as a condition of gaining access to POI information and Con Edison must sign as a condition of receiving information about a developer's project.
  - i. Developers must maintain the confidentiality of, and not use, the information for any purpose other than as expressly authorized by Con Edison and vice versa.
  - ii. Developers must agree that any Con Edison-developed solutions presented to developers (i.e., our four (or more) hubs and any other alternatives Con Edison might customize/develop per the below) are owned by Con Edison

and will be constructed – and their costs recovered and earned on – by Con Edison.<sup>1</sup>

- e. Con Edison will post the following information:
  - i. Con Edison has at least four planned hubs in different geographic areas that can connect wind and will ultimately be needed to serve future load growth.
  - ii. Con Edison will make more detailed information available (on one-on-one basis) to those entities who sign the Confidentiality and Collaboration Agreement.
  - iii. Con Edison will provide to collaborating developers relevant cost information for purposes of including in bid.
  - iv. Con Edison will construct, own, and operate these hubs and (other Con Edison-designed alternatives per the below) and make a separate filing with the FERC for cost recovery.
  - v. Should developers seek alternative solutions, Con Edison would work with them to develop solutions that would require the construction of a new hub, if feasible. Con Edison would provide the same level of information with respect to those solutions as it does its hubs and share that information with the developer seeking the alternative solution for inclusion in its bid, the same as for the other developers who would be working with Con Edison on its planned hubs.
  - vi. Con Edison reserves the right to decline to design and construct stations that are single purpose (*i.e.*, do not have the ability to also serve load or otherwise meet system needs) as part of its collaboration with any developer.

## **2. Con Edison holds an initial informational session for all interested parties.**

- a. Initial informational session will provide high level information only, therefore participation at this stage will *not* require a signed Confidentiality and Collaboration Agreement
- b. Con Edison will lay out at least 3 additional hubs Con Edison will propose:
  - i. Eastern Queens
  - ii. Staten Island
  - iii. Manhattan
- c. Con Edison will invite developers to sign the mutual Confidentiality and Collaboration Agreement to gain further details. The form Agreement will be posted on the website and Con Edison will explain that developer meetings will be private.
- d. Con Edison will inform developers how Con Edison will work with them and its plan for the process; that Con Edison will construct (and be responsible for) its portion of the project only, and recover its portion of the project's costs under

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<sup>1</sup> Note that the Brooklyn Clean Energy Hub is a firm Con Edison project that may be selected by developers today as a POI. Any transmission upgrades needed to the Hub's PSC-approved scope to integrate OSW would be an "Upgrade" under the NYISO tariff, subject to Con Edison's right of first refusal and, for Con Edison, may not be subject to the collaboration process described herein.

Rate Schedule 10 of the NYISO tariff. Con Edison's collaboration with the developer will be subject to the condition that any agreement negotiated with the NYISO reflect this allocation of responsibility.

- e. Con Edison will inform developers that they may decline to sign the Confidentiality and Collaboration Agreement, in which case Con Edison will continue to treat the developer in accordance with applicable rules to the extent that the developer seeks to interconnect with Con Edison.

### **3. Conduct confidential individual developer meetings with those that sign the Confidentiality and Collaboration Agreement**

- a. Con Edison will provide relevant hub information to collaborating developers
- b. Con Edison will investigate alternatives proposed by collaborating developers for multi-value solutions (*i.e.*, solutions that both satisfy the PPTN and can serve load or otherwise meet system needs).

### **4. Support Collaborating Developer Bid submissions to NYISO**

- a. Con Edison will provide technical and financial information associated with the Con Edison facility portion of the developer bid.
- b. Con Edison will prepare information and disclosures for inclusion in bids relating to the interconnection plan (*i.e.*, on-land substation and any necessary transmission lines to serve load or enhance performance of the projects). (Note: The developer bids will stipulate that the information contained in bids relating to Con Edison-designed facilities (*e.g.*, on-land substation and transmission upgrades comprising Con Edison's portion of the project) is provided by Con Edison and developer's bid is subject to the condition Con Edison is the designated entity for such portion of the project).
- c. To the extent cost containment is included in the developer's proposal, Con Edison will coordinate with developer and include cost containment provisions for the Con Edison portion of the project.

### **5. Post-Submittal Regulatory Actions, if Necessary**

- a. Con Edison and the Developer will work collaboratively with the NYISO to execute appropriate agreements pursuant to NYISO's PPTN process for the project.
- b. Except as set forth in the next bullet, Hubs and any other multi-value substations proposed by Con Edison in coordination with developers will be recovered under Rate Schedule 10 of the NYISO tariff. (Con Edison filed for a formula rate on June 22).
- c. Con Edison will file a petition with the PSC if the project is also necessary to satisfy a local reliability need.