

RFQ 5421021 New Sparkill Non-Wires Alternatives Program Q&A

1. Is there any intention of eliminating the power blips on the local grid if this project happened to end up being a battery storage solution?
 - a. **Answer: This Non-Wires Project is intended for peak shaving and load relief. If this project does end up as a battery it may provide some additional reliability to the system during times of contingency or prolonged outages, but it will not prevent short term “blips” or transient trips that are commonly caused by vegetation or animal contact. Although there is potential to utilize the battery in a microgrid configuration which would not be part of this non-wires RFP and would have to be negotiated with the developer.**

2. The NWA solution will be required to provide the specified load relief through summer 2033. At that time, planned upgrades at the Sparkill Substation will improve area circuit/bank capacity and the NWA will no longer be needed. In the event the substation upgrade is delayed, the provisions in the contract shall allow O&R to extend the NWA load relief for up to an additional five years.

Can ORU confirm term of the agreement this RFP is requesting? If COD is 2026 and runs through 2033, is that an 8-year term? Does the RFP response also request pricing for a 5-year extension that would be included in the contract?

 - a. **Answer: O&R aims for a contract length of 10 years. However, the precise duration of the Agreement will be for a term agreed to by O&R and the Respondent during contract negotiations and will depend on the parameters of the proposed solution(s). Please refer to section 5.7 of the RFP for further details. O&R would consider including a contract extension option, which would be discussed during contract negotiations.**

3. Do the MW load reductions and hours or discharge stay the same during the 5-year extension period?
 - a. **Answer: Yes, they would stay the same.**

4. What is the expectation for finding site control? Is it up to the developer to find landowner and secure a site for a BESS? Or will Orange and Rockland be providing a site on the area marked in the RFP?
 - a. **Answer: It is the developer’s responsibility to find an appropriate location and obtain site control based on the technical requirements of the project.**

5. Can you please confirm how is Orange and Rockland is billed for transmission charges by NYISO? (is transmission billed based on a monthly coincident peak load?)
 - a. Would Orange and Rockland entertain a shared savings arrangement for a peak shaving BESS? The BESS would peak shave O&R’s coincident peak demand and capacity obligations with any avoided costs being shared between O&R and the BESS developer.

- i. **Answer: Orange and Rockland is not interested in a shared savings arrangement for its coincident peak load reduction.**