

Question 21(translated from French) :

Can a project contain several switchyards ?

For instance, is it acceptable to present in a single bid, a 24MW project in which wind turbines are located in three non adjacent locations and are connected to the power system through three different switchyards ?

Answer 21 :

A project shall contain only one switchyard for the connection to Hydro-Québec's power system. Also, the choice of the connecting solution is made by Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie based on technical and economic criteria which seeks to optimize the use of the power system and minimize the costs for Hydro-Québec Distribution's customers.

As such, the main offer of the bid shall include a single wind farm, connected to the power system through only one switchyard. Consequently, the scenario envisaged in the question is not acceptable in a single bid.

However, Hydro-Québec Distribution is willing to accept, subject to certain rules, that a bidder offer as a variant, that an offer be conditional to the acceptance of one or more other offers (originating from other bids).

Hence, while taking into account the example presented in the question, the bidder could submit three different bids, each one comprised of a main offer related to one of the three locations. He could also elect to bind the three main offers in a variant, while offering the whole in favorable terms for HQD's customers. In such a case, Hydro-Québec Distribution could retain one or more main offers or the variant which bind these main offers together.

The terms required to offer such a variant linking main offers together will be defined in a future addendum.