

Question 57:

Does this Call for tenders assume that proposed projects will be distribution-connected or is it possible to propose a transmission-connected project? Will a proposed project's weighting be affected by whether it is proposed to be connected to distribution or transmission?

Answer 57:

As indicated in Section 1.9.4 of the Call for tenders document, the connection voltage level, either medium or high-voltage, is determined by Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie after the bids have been submitted. The choice of the connecting solution to Hydro-Québec's power system is based on technical and economic criteria which seeks to optimize the use of the power system and minimize the costs for Hydro-Québec's customers.

Hence, an offer's weighting is affected by the transmission costs. One must recall that the bidder does not have to take into account transmission costs when pricing the electricity offered, except for the portion of the switchyard costs which exceed the maximum applicable amounts under in Table 1.9.4 of Section 1.9 of the Call for tenders document, since the bidder is responsible for these costs.

Furthermore, in Section 3.9 of the Call for tenders document, it is mentioned that a bidder may submit a variant of its main offer that may involve differences such as the price, among others if the bidder wishes to vary it based on the voltage level at which its project could be connected to Hydro-Québec' system.