Transcript from Q&A: 11-22-24 Staff Office Hours

1. For our contracts that are for firm NQC - an RA contract for battery storage for example - the nameplate and NQC are the same, which causes an error, how do we report this?

Answer: For battery resources and most any resources used to meet MTR obligations, the nameplate is usually going to be more than the ngc because of ELCC values.

Follow up question: What if it is not contracted as such and they are equal?

Answer: You will need to get the developer to calculate the nqc based on the ELCC for that resource for a specific tranche. You can provide this through a nameplate attestation in your filing. The LSE can provide this calculation if the developer is resistant.

2. For the Engineering Assessment table listed in the filing instructions under "C. Storage duration (MWh)", is it number of hours that the storage can discharge at its rated capacity? Or, is this supposed to be annual energy discharge capability?

Answer: Please provide this question in an email to IRP staff. Thank you.

3. How should bridge NQC MW be entered into unique contracts and the NQC tool? The inclusion of bridge NQC can make LSEs look overprocured in one tranche but if excluded can make LSEs look short in case of resource delay, even if they are remediating the delay with a bridge.

Answer: The COD dates and contract start and end dates should be reflected in unique_contracts. Enter values into the nqc_validation_tool in the tranche the bridge is mitigating for. Also please include a remediation plan that describes this, and any notes in column BZ of the unique_contracts tab. This RDT also provides a new column (Column BI) mtr_bridge_to that identifies what resource the bridge is mitigating for.

4. If you need to duplicate a contract due to the new rule of " - Removed dropdown options containing multiple obligation types; LSEs now instructed to add new contract row for each obligation targeted." - it throws an error that you have duplicate contract ID names

Answer: Have you indicated different tranche obligations for each resource row entered? If not, that will throw an error.

Follow up question: It is for the same obligation, but listed as "general" and "ZE_gen_paired_dr". Do we no longer need to list that as general?

Answer: Any diablo canyon replacement resources will automatically be tallied in the general category.

5. Just to clarify, we only have to split hybrid resources into separate rows when the two resources receive unique resource IDs, correct? If they still do not have unique resource IDs, we should keep that contract as one row?

Answer: Correct, you only need to use a separate row in the unique_contracts tab when you have a new resource ID.

6. Question on Columns D and E of MTR_nqc_validation_tool tab: describe exactly what the % refers to in the columns %_nameplate/tranche_hybrid_gen AND %_nameplate/tranche_hybrid_storage

Answer: This represents how much of the nameplate is attributed to the tranche selected. You would most likely want to attribute as much of the nameplate as possible.