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No	Comment Submitted	ISO Response
1	The Project Sponsor Application process active at this time, will provide CAISO with general information about the qualifications of the Sponsor, its ability to finance, construct and own and operate the Projects listed above, but does not require specifics on the pricing, design or routes where the Projects will be built. Correct?	Please review the Project Sponsor application. There are questions contained in this application specifically addressing cost containment, cash flow, transmission element design, and transmission line routing (if applicable). In particular, the applicant may describe demonstrated cost containment capability and any binding agreement by the Project Sponsor and its team to accept a cost cap that would preclude project costs above the cap from being recovered through the ISO's transmission access charge. The ISO recognizes that final design detail (such as exact transmission line routing, final transmission line design, etc) may not be available at the time the applications are due.
2	The Project Sponsor is to explain the general steps to be followed in order to obtain environmental approvals, and other permitting as it may be required in California. Correct?	Please refer to the Project Sponsor application. There are questions specifically addressing the permitting process.
3	The Project Sponsor will show need to demonstrate its experience in securing the required right of way, as may be for the construction of the Projects. Correct?	Please refer to the Project Sponsor application. There are questions pertaining to the applicant's experience in acquiring Rights-of-Way.
4	The Project Sponsor is to explain the general technical concepts on the line design and how those will connect to the substations (following up the technical parameter provided by CAISO), information that is consistent with the needs indicated by CAISO in its documentation. Correct?	All equipment within the existing PTO's substations will be owned, operated and maintained by the PTO. Any equipment (including the line drops), within the substation, required to terminate the new lines (e.g. circuit breakers, bus extensions, protection, etc) will be designed, engineered and installed by the PTO.
5	The Project Sponsor will provide CAISO with the general parameters needed for Operation and Maintenance for the Projects, history and experience of the Sponsor in the field, but not specifics for the projects indicated above. Correct?	Please refer to the Project Sponsor application. There are questions pertaining to the applicant Project Sponsor's plan for operations and maintenance, including emergency maintenance.

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6	The project Sponsor will provide CAISO with experience, capabilities, financial information and strengths, general comments on financial strategies (if required), and miscellaneous information that will provide sufficient bases to CAISO for its approval. Correct?	The applicant Project Sponsor is required to submit a completed application. The applicant may also submit any supporting information as determined by the applicant. The ISO will use this information to identify qualified applicant Project Sponsors, and if necessary, to select the Approved Project Sponsor.
7	When the documentation is submitted, the qualification process will allow CAISO to evaluate such information and CAISO will request and/or ask all necessary questions to clarify the information submitted by the Project Sponsor and if satisfied, CAISO will approve the Project Sponsor as a viable entity to finance, construct, own and operate Projects. Correct?	Please refer to Section 5.4 of the Business Practices Manual – Transmission Planning Process.
8	The compensation to the Project Sponsor will be by a long term contract where the Sponsor will allow access to the line capacity to CAISO for a period of 10, 15 20 or 25 years, as it may be negotiated between the parties. Correct?	The selected Project Sponsor will become a Participating Transmission Owner (PTO) by executing the Transmission Control Agreement. The costs of the project are recovered through the sponsor’s PTO transmission revenue requirement (TRR), approved by FERC. The PTO’s TRR is recovered from ISO ratepayers through the high or low voltage, as applicable, transmission access charge (TAC). Additional information about the TAC and TRR can be found in tariff section 26.1 and tariff Appendix F, Schedule 3.
9	When will the CAISO provide substation single-line diagrams for the Gates, Gregg, Sycamore, and Penasquitos substations?	Single line diagrams will not be made available. As noted in the response to Q4 above, the PTO will engineer, design, own, operate, and maintain the equipment (including the line drops) within the substation.
10	When will PG&E and SDG&E provide connectivity options for each of their respective substations?	Please refer to the answer provided to Question 4 above. The Approved Project Sponsor will work out these design details with the PTO. The CAISO expects that the Approved Project Sponsor will initiate this work shortly after being notified that it is the Approved Project Sponsor.

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11	Do project sponsor applicants need to consider any substation upgrades and identify any associated costs in their proposals?	An applicant Project Sponsor does not need to consider requisite substation upgrades in its application.
12	The Gates-Gregg and Sycamore-Penasquitos Lines are each to connect to existing substations. Would the CAISO consider not answering and leaving blank questions in Section 6 ("Substations") of the Application to be non responsive or deficient?	The Project Sponsor application was designed to address all possible transmission elements that might be open to competitive solicitation, including substation elements. The elements currently available for solicitation do not include substation elements. Therefore, the substation section of the application is not applicable to the transmission elements in this solicitation cycle, and may be left blank or marked NA.
13	<p>“Please provide for both the Gates and Gregg substations”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -230kv single-line drawings -230kv general arrangement plan/plot plan drawings -230kv control building layout -List of know future projects (and physical impacts) at each substation” 	As noted in the response to Q4 above, the PTO will design, engineer, own, operate, and maintain the equipment within their substations. The substation terminations and line drops into the substations are not part of the scope of work included in the competitive solicitation. The ISO is working with each of the PTOs and will try to identify a general area (e.g. the northwest corner, south side, etc) of the substations where the terminal line structure should be located.
14	Several questions ask how Sponsors will acquire rights of way in the future (specifically E.7.b ,E.7.c , E.7.d, E.7.e). For numerous reasons, making this information public would impact the negotiations for those rights of way (including, potentially, increasing the cost of those rights of way to the detriment of ratepayers). Will the California ISO treat as confidential information the responses to those questions?	Section 5.2.1 of the Business Practice Manual for the Transmission Planning Process allows applicants to clearly identify and request that certain information to be treated as confidential, including an explanation as to why the information should be kept confidential. The ISO will evaluate such a request to determine whether keeping the identified information from public disclosure is consistent with applicable tariff provisions and will confer with the applicant about the results of this evaluation. The ISO intends to carefully balance the need to protect commercially sensitive information from public disclosure with its tariff requirements to conduct an open and transparent solicitation and selection process. This includes the report that will be issued after the project sponsors are selected and will describe in detail the ISO’s comparative analysis and basis for

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		sponsor selection.
15	Similarly, if a project sponsor is willing to share financial statements (at entity level or above), which are not publicly available, would the ISO treat those as confidential if requested by the applicant?	Please see response to Q14 above.
16	In the description and functional specifications for the Gates-Gregg 230kV line, you state: “it would be preferable to route the Gates-Gregg 230 kV line in the vicinity of the area identified as Raison City junction.” (Raisin is the correct spelling) What specifically is meant by “Raison City junction?” Do you have a specific location that defines “the vicinity of the area identified as Raison City junction?” If so, would you please provide the coordinates and a map of this location, and any electrical or functional specifications for this site.	Raisin City Junction is the place where the existing Gates-Gregg, Gates-Mc Call, Panoche-Kearney and Helm-McCall 230 kV lines cross each other. Its physical location is near the south-east corner of Raisin City, CA. It is envisioned that at a later date, to be determined through technical studies and identified in a future comprehensive transmission plan, a new substation will be required at Raisin City Junction and most if not all of the 230 kV lines in the vicinity will be looped into it.
17	Is any more information available for locating the terminal (take off) line structures outside the substations?	After coordinating with the PTOs, the CAISO can now make the following information available: For the Sycamore Canyon – Penasquitos line, the terminal structure outside of Sycamore Canyon should be located approximately 425 ft north of the north side substation fence. The terminal structure outside of Penasquitos should be located approximately 125 ft north of the north substation fence. For the Gates – Gregg line, the transmission line will enter Gates from the north, and enter into the north side of the substation towards the eastern end of the property line. The transmission line will enter Gregg from the south, and enter into the south side of the central area of the substation property line.
18	Do you have a preference on how we should submit the application? As you can imagine, it is a very large electronic document, so we can either try zipping and emailing it, or we can overnight a CD or thumb	Applications must be submitted in electronic format. The original application is a Word document and must be submitted in that format. Additional files supplied to support answers to questions in the application may be submitted in Word format

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	drive, or we can upload to a secure server we use for exchanging load flow cases. Please advise.	or Excel spreadsheets. Please label all supporting files so that it is clear which question in the application the additional file supports. The CAISO also recommends that an index containing a complete list of files submitted be included. Files may be zipped or compressed. It is also acceptable to submit files on a CD. Files may be sent to the CAISO at the following address: 250 Outcropping Way, Folsom, California 95630. They should be sent to the attention of Louis A. Fonte. It is permissible for the applicant Sponsor to upload the application and supporting files to a secure web site. However, this data must be accessible to both the CAISO and its consultant. Please note that all completed applications must be received by the CAISO on or before 5:00 PM on June 3 rd , 2013.
19	Are we allowed to submit attachments as read only native XLS or Word files, or does everything have to be in pdf format?	PDF files are acceptable, but the preferred format is either Excel (.xls) or Word.