**24.5.6 Competitive Solicitation Project Proposal Fee**

1. **In General.** For competitive solicitations opening in 2023 and thereafter, Project Sponsors shall, on a pro rata basis, be responsible for the actual costs that the ISO incurs in qualifying and selecting an Approved Project Sponsor through the competitive solicitation process, including the costs of the expert consultant engaged to assist with the selection process pursuant to Section 24.5.3.5. Such costs include the actual costs of the validation, qualification and selection process for each solution subject to the competitive solicitation process.
2. **Deposit.** For competitive solicitations opening in 2023 and thereafter, each Project Sponsor will pay a deposit of $100,000 to the CAISO with the submission of each Project Sponsor application project proposal under section 24.5.2. A separate deposit is required for each solution for which a Project Sponsor submits an application.

**(c) Reconciliation of costs for unqualified Project Sponsors.** Within seventy-five days of the final listing of qualified Project Sponsors for each solution under Section 24.5.3.3, in accordance with the schedule in the Business Practice Manual, the CAISO will determine each Project Sponsor’s pro rata share of the costs that the CAISO incurred in determining the qualified Project Sponsors for that solution and will refund to or charge each Project Sponsor that the CAISO did not include in the list of qualified Project Sponsors the difference between its pro rata costs and the deposit. If a refund is owed the Project Sponsor, the refund shall include interest calculated in accordance with 18 C.F.R. § 35.19a(a)(2)).

**(d) Reconciliation of Costs for Qualified Project Sponsors.** Within seventy-five days of the CAISO’s Notice to qualified Project Sponsors under Section 24.5.5, in accordance with the schedule in the Business Practice Manual, the CAISO will determine each Project Sponsor’s pro rata share of the costs that the CAISO incurred in selecting an Approved Project Sponsor from among the qualified Project Sponsors for each solution. The ISO will refund to or charge each qualified Project Sponsor the difference between its pro rata costs and the deposit. If a refund is owed to the Project Sponsor, the refund shall include interest calculated in accordance with 18 C.F.R. § 35.19a(a)(2)).

**(e) Posting of Incurred Costs.**  Following the reconciliation of costs in (d) above, the ISO will post an accounting of the costs incurred in qualifying and selecting the Approved Project Sponsor for each solution and how the deposit reconciliation for each Project Sponsor was calculated.