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| **Category** | **Proposed Alternative** | **Validation & Documentation** |
| Interest from an offtaker Goal: Indicator of project readiness* Letter of interest from a California LSE or eligible commercial offtaker (20)

Needs more discussion and refinement | LSEs are allocated a limited number of points based on load share – make this implementable. (RFP-lite)* Open access – should not be a determinative factor
* Modification: Only IRs that do not meet procurement order requirements above may be awarded such points (non-CPUC jurisdictional LSEs)
* Consider LSE access to IR package/points

Exclusive letter of interest may carry more weight.Scale letter of interest issuance to level of LSE need |  |
| * Shortlisted with a California LSE or eligible commercial offtaker (20)
* Included as a preferred resource in an LRA-approved LSE’s resource plan (30)
* Executed term sheet for a power purchase agreement (30)
* Executed Power Purchase Agreement of a minimum term five years (50)
 | Move commercial readiness category into offtaker interest* Consider generic resources of types of categories to drive IRs to procurement needed

+Long-lead item procurement (e.g. supply agreements)+Engineering design progress (5% completed) |  |
| Permitting status (select all that apply – 50 points max)* Application of land use permit (10)
* Initiation of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review or application for AB 205 expedited environmental review of eligible projects filed (15)
* Conditional use permit (CUP) granted [or demonstration of alternative permitting] (20)
 | Minimum criteriaConsider burden on AHJs for permit applicationsScreening memo issued by independent firm listing out potential permitting obstacles and potential endangered species and remedial actions required to cure (Points: TBD)CEC land use screensConsider fire and POI information |  |
| Project attributes (select all that apply – 40 points max)* Ability to provide Local Resource Adequacy (RA) in an LCRA with an ISO demonstrated need for additional capacity in that local area (20)
* Meets the requirements of a current CPUC procurement order or non-jurisdictional LSE’s Request for Proposals (20)
 | Swap CPUC procurement order with reference to filed IRPs  |  |
| Project location (select all that apply – 30 points max)* Energy community as defined by Internal Revenue Service guidance in the Inflation Reduction Act (10)
* Location in load pockets not needing Area Delivery Network Upgrades (ADNUs) (20)
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| Expansion on an operational facility – (select only one – 50 points max)* Expansion of an existing facility (40)
* Expansion of an existing facility where the existing Gen-Tie already has sufficient surplus capability to accommodate the additional resource (50)
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Possible groupings:

* Indicators of system need
* Commercial interest

Additional proposals:

* Increased baseline requirements (readiness and financial)
* Staged criteria
	+ Increased study deposits and financial instruments along the way