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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 criteria  Consider burden on AHJs for permit applications  Screening 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 screens  Consider 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) |  |  |
| 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