

Frequently Asked Questions

NS-USA Subsea Cable Socioeconomic Study

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The following is a list of frequent and singular questions from potential respondents to Net Zero Atlantic (NZA) team about proposals and the request for proposal (RFP) process. Please review the questions and answers below, and if you have an additional question about your application or a request for information, please email kwash@netzeroatlantic.ca.

Final question period will close by 4 p.m. (AT), Friday, November 15, 2024.

Questions and Answers Set #1

Q1: How many client references should be included?

A1: It is up to the Respondent how many references they wish to include.

Q2: Are we to include potential generation impacts on Nova Scotia Power's long run system plan?

A2: This impact is outside the scope of the NS-USA Subsea Cable Socioeconomic Study.

Q3: Is Nova Scotia Power part of the proposal review?

A3: We will not disclose who is part of the proposal review team prior to the RFP closing date.

Q4: Should we assume there will be a constant market for the power in the northeastern USA?

A4: It is up to the Respondent to make assumptions and clarify such assumptions within their submission.

Q5: What market mechanism should be assumed to be in place for power sales to the northeastern USA?

A5: It is up to the Respondent to define this should they wish to include this in their analysis.

Q6: What pricing index for delivered power would be most applicable for Canadian supply?

A6: It is up to the Respondent to define and/or quantify the selling power in the USA should they wish to include this in their analysis.

Q7: Should we assume the cable can be bi-directional, offering power deliveries and benefits to Nova Scotia, or do we assume uni-directional from Nova Scotia to the northeastern USA?

A7: This subsea cable study is intended to look at a cable connecting the offshore wind resource to the USA, not the Nova Scotian grid necessarily. The focus is for power delivery to the USA, and the socioeconomic impacts this delivery has on Nova Scotia.

Q8: Are there assumptions we should make regarding the ability of the northeastern USA to produce its own offshore wind and potentially displace the Canadian supply?

A8: Respondents who wish to comment qualitatively on the current USA offshore wind situation can do so.

Q9: Are the only reports for the study the interim and final reports?

A9: Yes, the interim and final report are the only study reports and will include all study findings as laid out by the RFP.

Q10: May we provide two-page CVs for key team members as an appendix excluded from the page limit, to allow more details on relevant qualifications and experience?

A10: Respondents may utilize as many appendices as they wish for details beyond what can be included within the page limit.