

## **2022-2023 Transmission Planning Process, Phase 3 Competitive Solicitation**

### **List of Validated Project Sponsor Applications with Sufficient Information**

In the 2022-2023 Transmission Plan, the ISO identified a policy-driven need for the North Gila – Imperial Valley 500kV Transmission Line Project as a part of the Southern Area Reinforcement projects to address the Devers-Red Bluff 500kV, East of Miguel, Bay Boulevard-Silvergate, Encina-San Luis Rey, Sycamore area, San Luis Rey-San Onofre, and Silvergate-Old Town constraints. This initiated the Transmission Planning Process, Phase 3 Competitive Solicitation process for the selection of an approved project sponsor. The bid window for interested project sponsors to submit complete applications to finance, construct, own, operate and maintain the North Gila – Imperial Valley 500kV Transmission Line Project commenced on June 26, 2023 and closed on September 29th, 2023 (Sequence 1).

Pursuant to section 24.5.2.4 of the ISO Tariff, the ISO has validated six applications that satisfied the information submission requirements. The ISO will now consider whether the validated project sponsors are qualified and then will undertake the selection process to determine which qualified project sponsor should finance, construct, own, operate and maintain the North Gila – Imperial Valley 500kV Transmission Line Project. The validated project sponsors are listed below:

- Two Proposals from Valley Power Connect LLC (VPC) in association with Citizens Energy Corporation (Citizens Energy) with one of these proposals also in association with Imperial Irrigation District (IID)
- Horizon West Transmission, LLC
- LS Power Grid California, LLC
- Lotus Infrastructure Global Operations, LLC
- California Grid Holdings LLC (CalGrid)

The description of, and functional specifications for, the policy-driven North Gila – Imperial Valley 500kV Transmission Line Project can be found on the ISO website at:

<http://www.pub.oa.caiso.com:21083/Documents/Appendix-I-Board-Approved-2022-2023-Transmission-Plan-AdditionalRevisions.pdf>