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Subject: Docket No. 21-035-09: Questions for January 19, 2022 Technical Conference

Interwest submits the following questions to be addressed during the aforementioned technical conference regarding the company's 2021 Integrated Resource Plan.

1. In reference to the proposed Natrium unit in Kemmerer, Wyoming:
 - a. Please describe the milestones for the Natrium project between now and the projected in service date.
 - b. What milestone dates are integral to RMP to determine whether it can continue the project?
 - c. What are the backup plans if the project is delayed?
 - d. If the project is determined to not be feasible for any reason, when will transmission rights be released?
2. Regarding modeling of battery energy storage:
 - a. Why were battery installations only modeled at 4 hour sizes?
 - b. Can the model pick 2 hour or 8 hour (for example) battery storage?
3. Please give an update on the permitting and approval status for your pumped storage projects.
4. In 2022 RFP under the Action Plan, the target commercial operation date is end of December, 2026, or earlier. Please confirm that you will still accept resources with an earlier commercial operation date.
5. Will Rocky Mountain Power accept long lead-time development resources with later CODs?
6. A bidder's conference is scheduled before the RFP will be filed for approval. Will there be another bidder's conference after issuance of the RFP?
7. What will be the bid response deadline and how does that correlate to the cluster study timelines if any bidders are relying upon approval in the short list for cluster study milestone compliance, or if they require cluster study reports to estimate transmission costs?
8. Will completed interconnection studies be required for eligibility to bid?

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