

INTRODUCTION

The following question(s) were submitted by interested parties through email (delivered to MDPSC-NGEA-Storage@poweradvisoryllc.com). Some questions have been slightly modified for clarity. Answers were originally posted to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) webpage of the NGEA RFA website.

Q&A

Q1. Do pre-applicants qualify as meeting the interconnection criteria of 'Fast Lane, Transition Cycle 1, Transition Cycle 2; or have received or is in the process of attaining surplus interconnection service (SIS) with PJM.'?

There are two "pre-applications" processes/stages in the PJM interconnection process.

The first is the Pre-Application Process found under Section 5 Small Generator Interconnection Requests of the PJM Manual 14G. The Pre-Application Process provides confirmation on whether a project would interconnect to a FERC jurisdictional facility (transmission level) and the pre-application report provides information enabling the project owner to further evaluate generator location and interconnection, similar to the new PJM Queue Scope tool. As stated in the PJM manual: "The pre-application report provided by the Transmission Provider is non-binding, does not confer any rights, and still requires the Interconnection Customer to successfully apply to interconnect to the Transmission Provider's system." As such the Pre-Application Process does not meet the criterion for interconnection requirements.

The second pre-application stage is the time period before the application review of Cycle #1 in the New Service Requests Cycle Process. The Application Deadline for Cycle #1 is currently scheduled for April 2026. Under this Round 1 RFA, projects that plan to move through Cycle #1 of the PJM interconnection process are not eligible. Projects that are waiting for Cycle #1 do not meet the criterion outlined in the RFA.