



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. Please refer to the [FAQs webpage](#) of the NGEA RFA website for previously posted Q&A documents.

Q&A

- Q1.** Does the Commission anticipate opening the RFP to projects from Cycle #1 if they're unable to procure enough MWs to meet the 1600 MW target from Transition Cycle 1 (TC1) and TC2? Does the Commission anticipate releasing future RFPs that target projects from Cycle #1 and beyond?

As noted in our response to Q24 of Q&A #4 issued on January 16th, the Commission anticipates that projects participating in PJM's Cycle #1 interconnection process will be able to participate in RFA Round 2, which will open on or before January 1, 2027 and will have a target of approximately 800 MW, with the ultimate MW target dependent on the MW contracted in the ongoing Round 1 RFA.

- Q2.** Could you please confirm that the requirement below pertains to the application for construction approval rather than applications in response to the RFA: "An applicant in an area considered to be overburdened and underserved, as defined in § 1-701 of the Environment Article, Maryland Annotated Code, is required to hold at least two public meetings in the community, unless exempted." We would just like to confirm whether this is required to take place prior to the RFA's March 2nd deadline.

The requirement stated in the RFA pertains to an energy storage project's application to the Commission for construction approval. See the responses to Q10, Q25 and Q28 of Q&A #4 issued on January 16th regarding the timeline. There is no currently prescribed time limit to begin the construction approval process specified in Rulemaking No. 85 (RM85), including holding the two public meetings, if necessary. The Commission in its Order may determine a date or timeline by when Projects of conditionally approved Applications must meet the RM85 requirements.