

Q: Are you anticipating kW price bids much above the average kW price residences pay?

A: Yes, residential retail rates do not reflect the value of this local constraint relief.

Q: Would an aggregation of energy efficiency projects (e.g., installing a heat pump, weatherization) be an eligible DER for either of the RFPs?

A: For New Krumkill, the NWA solution provider must be able to meet the RFP and contract requirements; at this time, an EE solution may not be able to meet the needs under NWA Secure or NWA Sustain services.

Q: I'm having a tough time reconciling carving out DRV from DLM when the system will provide demand reduction benefits even when it is not called by Grid.

A: We have been directed to require customers participating in DLM to opt out of DRV and LSRV compensation (as applicable) for the duration of their DLM participation to avoid duplicative compensation. Ultimately, DRV/LSRV and DLM are driven by and paying for the same benefit – each program addresses that avoided cost in a different way. Therefore, customers much choose which method they wish to be compensated for this benefit to avoid being paid for the same benefit twice.

Q: Just to clarify, the baseline period is fixed at the past 30 days in terms of showing load reduction?

A: Yes

Q: For New Krumkill, are you thinking you would contract the full 2.2MW in 2026? Or would you contract additional assets each year?

A: For New Krumkill, National Grid is open to different approaches where projects with aggregate nameplate over or under 'Maximum MW Need' will be considered which may include contracting additional assets each year. The Company will consider partial NWA solutions as well as portfolio solutions. Bidders are encouraged to offer partial solutions if a full solution is not possible as National Grid may create portfolio solutions. Noting that bidders may:

- Either single or multi-year contracts; bidders may submit a solution starting and ending at any year within the RFP term.
- The Company is willing to consider a bid for NWA solutions beyond 2030 if bidders are able to optimize solution benefits and/or improve contract economics for the Company.
- The Company is open to considering a portfolio of NWA solutions to fulfill the comprehensive annual requirements; projects with aggregate nameplates **over or under** 'Maximum MW Need' will be considered by the Company in the bid evaluation process.