

NATURAL GAS (FIRM SUPPLY – FIXED and INDEXED PRICE) (INTERRUPTIBLE SUPPLY – INDEXED PRICE)

Group 05900 IFB 22776, BOD-**October 21, 2014**

RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES

	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1.	When LDC Interrupts the Orange and Rockland accounts, can the credit/debit adjustment for sales downstream of the citygate be calculated using Algonquin, city-gates rather than Tenn GAS Zone 6? Orange and Rockland is located in Zone 5 of Tenn. GAS and since there is no pricing point for that Zone and they are also served off of the Algonquin Pipeline that would be a better proxy.	The state agrees that Algonquin is acceptable and the IFB is hereby amended to reflect this change. Refer to Purchasing Memorandum 1
	Central Hudson/Orange & Rockland have multiple city gate delivery points on AGT, TCO and TGP. We would prefer price points to match the given supply path vs. Transco and IGT.	The state agrees that Algonquin is acceptable and the IFB is hereby amended to reflect this change. Refer to Purchasing Memorandum 1
2.	For Firm Supply configurations is the supplier to charge the stated price no matter how much the customer uses?	Firm Supply is a guarantee of a non-interruptible supply and has no impact on pricing. Fixed Price will remain the same for the term of the contract regardless of usage. Indexed pricing is adjust by the 3 day average on a monthly basis. No pricing is to be adjusted based on usage.
3.	Will the OGS consider placing a +/-10% volumetric deviation bandwidth on the monthly volumes provided on Attachment 4?	Monthly volumes shown in Attachment 4 are estimates. Refer to section 1.3 and to section 1.5 “• <i>The customer will pay for quantities actually used</i> ”
4.	Is there a supplier keep whole if customer decides to nomination 0 (similar to the credit discussed in Section 2.3 and 2.6 for Central Hudson and Orange & Rockland)?	Refer to Sections 1.5 and 2.7.
5.	For Indexed Priced accounts will the OGS consider last day settle as an alternative to the average of the last 3 days?	No. In order to minimize price aberrations OGS has opted to utilize a 3 day average in lieu of just using one day to determine the monthly price adjustments.
6.	On the Delivery Schedule will the OGS award by Lot Number or Item Number?	Refer to Section 3.6 Method of Award – it will be by Lot.
7.	I just received a copy of the IFB released this Monday by OGS. We would like to prepare a response but I noticed Section 3.2 states the Intent to Bid package was due before March 14th 2014. Is it possible to submit those documents now to be eligible to participate in the procurement later this month?	No. Bids are received and awarded the same day. The Intent to Bid contained specific required information in order to pre-qualify potential bidders. In order to remain fair and impartial the state is unable to accept any intents past the March 2014 close date.
8.	Can we get a list of the natural gas Account numbers and POD numbers that are associated with the NYS OGS Natural Gas Bid #22776. In the past that was sent out to the ESCO's via email to allow us to verify the accounts, service class and historic usage.	Once the bids are opened and the awardees are determined the winning bidders will be provided with this information soon after being named an awardee.
9.	While the Delivery Schedule provides general account information, is the State able to provide actual account numbers and rate codes to allow prospective suppliers to	See response to question 8 above.

	gain a complete picture of the available load? A list of accounts for which we are requesting information is attached.	
10.	I just received the NYS OGS Bid # 22776 for Natural Gas. My initial question is due to the timing of the bid. The contract term on the bid is November 1, 2014 - October 31, 2016. The bid opening is on October 21, 2014. The bid opening is past the enrollment deadline on most LDC's in order to get accounts into an ESCO's pool for a November 1, 2014 start. Will this change the term of the bid contract?	The contract term is being amended to run from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. The bid opening will remain October 21, 2014 and awardees will be notified the same day. The current contracts are being extended until December 31, 2014.
11.	Given the date of the bid opening, October 21, 2014, there is insufficient time for the awarded supplier to enroll the accounts for a November 1, 2014, flow date. Does the State intend to move back the flow date to December 1, 2014? If not, how does the State recommend the awarded supplier meet the November 1 deadline?	See response to question 10 above.
12.	Section 2.6: are the pricing indexes for any supply sold during an LDC curtailment adjustable?	The only price adjustments allowed are for indexed pricing and where identified in sections 1.5, 2.3, 2.6, and 3.7
13.	Section 2.6 refers to Lots 2 and 40 as Interruptible. Attachment 1 shows Lot 2 as Firm and Lot 3 as Interruptible. Please confirm.	Section 2.6 lots 2 & 40 are Indexed Price / Firm Supply but interruptible by the utility company. The denotation of utility interruptible was not added to the description for Lot 2 on Attachment 1, however it is identified as such in Attachment 4. Lot 3 is classified and confirmed as Indexed Price / Interruptible Supply.
14.	Lot 5 - ConEd is missing Item 11. Item count is ...9, 10, 12, 13... Please forward the location and load curve for Item 11	Item 11 was previously removed by request of the user and as such an oversight occurred in not adjusting item numbers 12 & 13 which are actually items 11 & 12. The total lot quantity in attachment 1 is correct and as such this has no impact on the bid pricing as the awards are made by Lot.
15.	Unless specifically Identified as Interruptible Supply will all Firm supply Lots will have pipeline assets released to the ESCO to serve the firm delivery customers?	Refer to section 1.7 definitions Firm Supply: <i>“service that anticipates no interruptions. Firm supply means primary firm, non-recallable primary delivery point capacity to the city gate and does not mean secondary firm supply. All natural gas specified herein as Firm Supply shall be primary firm supply.”</i>