

Proposed QF PPA Intake Form

Thank you for your interest in building a Qualifying Facility in Montana. Please fill out the form below and email it to qf@northwestern.com. We will review the information provided and contact you soon to discuss the next steps in regard to a qualifying facility power purchase agreement.

Date: _____

Authorized Point of Contact:

Name: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Is the company/organization an existing NorthWestern Energy load customer? _____

Qualifying Facility Information:

Address of Planned Location (including City): _____

GPS Coordinate of Planned Location: _____

Are there any other known generators within 1 mile radius of the planned location? _____

Description of site location, planned interconnection, and planned point of delivery (if known): _____

Qualifying Facility Generation Overview:

Energy Source:

Solar

Wind

Hydro

Waste Product

Other (Hybrid, Combined Heat & Power, etc) - Please Describe: _____

Nameplate AC Capacity: _____

Nameplate DC Capacity (if applicable): _____

Will the QF be operated seasonally or year-around? _____

If a seasonal QF, please list months of operations: _____

Planned max AC output at point of interconnection: _____

Planned total annual MWh output: _____

Qualifying Facility Preliminary Schedule:

Have you submitted a Generator Interconnection Application (GIA) to NorthWestern Energy-Transmission? _____

Have you filed a FERC form 556 for QF Self-Certification? If so, please provide the form. _____

What is your proposed online date (if available)? _____

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Overview of QFs in Montana:

Under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA), NorthWestern Energy is required to purchase energy generated by Qualifying Facilities (QFs) at an "avoided cost" rate. This rate reflects the cost NorthWestern would otherwise incur to procure or generate the equivalent energy. Please see the Montana Public Service Commission Administrative rules, NorthWestern's QF-1 Tariff, NorthWestern's bi-annual avoided cost data, and other information regarding qualifying facilities on our website at: <https://www.northwesternenergy.com/about-us/gas-electric/qualifying-facilities>

Key Milestones for new small QFs (Less than 3 MW)

1. Submit Initial QF PPA Intake Form
2. Receive draft PPA with pricing based on QF-1 Tariff
3. Negotiate or approve draft PPA terms and conditions
 - a. Align GIA or Off-system QF requirements with PPA execution
4. Execute PPA & GIA

Key Milestones for new large QFs (Greater than 3 MW)

1. Submit Initial QF PPA Intake Form
2. Request Preliminary Pricing:
 - a. Capacity Rate: NorthWestern Energy calculates the "avoided cost of capacity" based on a proxy resource considering NorthWestern's capacity position and proposed facility's fuel type for capacity contribution determination. Preliminary avoided cost of capacity pricing is calculated at the time of NorthWestern's IRP filing and can be found here: <https://www.northwesternenergy.com/about-us/gas-electric/qualifying-facilities> Capacity rate specific to the proposed facility will be calculated at the time the QF establishes a LEO.
 - b. Energy Payment: In addition to the capacity payment, larger QFs are eligible to receive an energy payment. This payment is based on CAISO locational marginal pricing (LMP), which accounts for the specific location's market price for energy, considering supply and demand fluctuations.
3. Request draft Power Purchase Agreement
4. Negotiate or approve draft PPA terms and conditions
 - a. Align GIA or Off-system QF requirements with PPA execution
5. Execution of Final PPA