

Question	Answer Provided
What is the total volume of gas requested for this RFP?	In our latest Integrated Resource Plan, we state that in Oregon, to achieve SB98 targets, we seek to acquire 3.5 million Dths of RNG in 2024 and 4.2 million Dths in 2025, representing 5% and 6% of normal weather sales load in 2024 and 2025.
Are you looking for a fixed amount with an increase over a period of time?	We are open to fixed volumes, variable volumes (i.e. dependent on production) as well as escalating volumes. Fixed volumes are preferred.
How long of a contract term? Five, seven, ten-years?	We will consider all contract lengths as well as spot purchases.
Entity has unexpired non-disclosure agreement with NW Natural. Where in proposal should this be indicated?	There is no need to note this in your response. All proposing entities will be cross-referenced with existing NDAs.
Section 1.4: Entity requests additional information regarding diverse suppliers program	This criterion assesses the Bidder's ability to help NW Natural increase its diverse business participation. The score on this section is considered when comparing proposals that are similar in cost.
Section 2.1: Is there flexibility in production start date (note requirement to commence by end of 2026)?	We will consider opportunities with start dates beyond the end of 2026. Please note, however, that such opportunities will be modelled with an increased risk factor due to the heightened uncertainty of delivery date.
Section 3.1: Confirm unit contingent model is approved by NW Natural?	Confirmed.
Confirm comments to NW Natural's template agreements are not required?	Confirmed.
What is the amount of the security that the Seller must deposit. We can see in the documents the way it must be paid, but not the amount. Does it depend on the capex of the project?	The performance security amount will depend on the credit worthiness of the supplier, the amount of gas we would be purchasing, and any other nuances we would be looking at negotiating regarding damages
What is the maximum flow of gas that is possible to inject in an specific point or in general? That could change entirely the project we can consider and what power installations of renewable energy is required.	The maximum flow of gas will depend on where you plan on injecting the hydrogen. We are able to purchase offtakes using book and claim accounting throughout North America and we cannot comment on other LDC distribution systems or transmission systems. We could provide feedback on maximum flow rates for hydrogen injection projects being proposed onto NW Natural's system.
The RFP states you will accept a wide variety of feedstocks. I want to confirm you will accept dairy, landfill, and/or wastewater?	Yes, we can accept any feedstocks. As a regulated utility, however, we are cost-sensitive, so feedstocks such as dairy tend to be less viable than others.
When is the performance security amount going to be defined?	The performance security will be defined after NW Natural performs our due diligence during negotiations of the offtake agreement.
Is the feedback for maximum flow rates for hydrogen currently available? I mean, if during the RFP process and before submitting it, we propose different projects along the pipe, would you tell us about the maximum flow rate at these points?	Yes, if you propose projects NW Natural will do our best to provide feedback on flow rates as soon as possible.
Is there a preference between Landfill based (high volume) vs. Dairy Manure based(low CI) RNG?	At this time, NW Natural does not consider CI score in its evaluation of proposal. As a regulated utility, however, we are cost-sensitive, so feedstocks such as dairy tend to be less viable than feedstocks such as landfills.
Are there a preferred delivery point?	No. We are able to consider opportunities anywhere in the U.S. or Canada. Opportunities in the Pacific Northwest are particularly welcome.
Does NW Natural want the physical molecule, or can we displace with brown gas at the preferred delivery point?	NW Natural will consider both bundled and unbundled products.
Can we make use of gas marketer to provide the same amount of contracted RNG at a preferred injection point, i.e: gas swap?	NW Natural does not have an issue with a portfolio of resources and does not have a preferred delivery point but does welcome resources in the PNW.
There is a mention of an Annual Contract Quantity and Maximum Daily Quantity in the contract, what happens if we go over the amounts?	For a fixed volume contract, NW Natural will not have an obligation to purchase the RNG in excess of the Annual Contract Quantity or Maximum Daily Quantity. Note that NW Natural can consider alternative requirements, such as Quarterly or Monthly.
Is there a Minimum Quantity for a scenario if we go below? If so, what are the penalties associated with them?	Remedies may be replacing the product with RNG from another resource or payment to NW Natural to the sum of 1. the positive difference, if any, between, (a) Buyer's costs to acquire Replacement Product, and (b) the product of the quantity of Deficient Product for which Buyer acquired Replacement Product and the Contract Price; 2. the product of the quantity of Deficient Product(s) for which Buyer did not acquire Replacement Product and the Contract Price; and 3. any amount Buyer paid to Seller on account of the Deficient Product;
There is a mention of delivery security with the use of either a Parent Guarantee, letter of credit, or Bond? What are the required amounts for the 2 latter options?	These requirements can vary based on a counterparty review of the proposer. The requirements will be defined after NW Natural performs our due diligence during negotiations of the offtake agreement.

There is a mention of presenting the carbon intensity per the OR-Greet model for the RFP. Our projects have carbon intensities done per the California regulations, and from what I understand they both use Greet however with slight differences between methodologies. Are you ok for us to submit the CI scores from the California Greet model or for the purposes of the RFP you require the OR-Greet model?	Our reporting requirements for Oregon Senate Bill 98 and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Greenhouse Gas Reporting allow for a CI score calculated using California GREET.
You have explained that Oregon and Washington projects are more attractive, all other things being equal, than other US locations. Would other States that are closer to your utilities follow in that priority, such as California, Idaho, Nevada for instance?	No. Oregon and Washington are of particular interest because of the requirements around greenhouse gas reporting for those states.
Is NW Natural willing/able to pay a premium on RNG with a low carbon intensity?	At this time, NW Natural does not consider CI score in its evaluation of proposal. As a regulated utility, however, we are cost-sensitive, so feedstocks with a low CI score tend to be less viable than feedstocks with a higher CI score.
Is there a preference to purchase bundled or unbundled (i.e. will one approach be scored higher than the other)?	There is no preference for bundled vs. unbundled.
Does NW Natural have a target/minimum volume from any single bidder?	No. NW Natural seeks to develop a portfolio of resources that provide the most benefit to our customers. Both small and large volumes will be considered.
What delivery point(s) will NW Natural accept a bundled product?	We are able to consider opportunities anywhere in the U.S. or Canada. If the delivery point is not on our system, we will market the RNG via a marketer and retain the RTCs.
Is there a preference for bundled vs. unbundled offtake?	As noted above, if the delivery point is not on our system, we will market the RNG via a marketer and retain the RTCs. This does not provide a benefit to us, so given a choice, we would select unbundled over bundled. We will consider either option.
Is the template purchase and sale agreement and the transaction confirmation template proprietary or can either be utilized to align terms with our RNG supply partners?	Other than the NAESB Base Contract, the other agreements are proprietary to NW Natural.
What is NW Natural's preferred term length for an RNG supply contract?	We will consider all contract lengths as well as spot purchases.
Is there a different contract template NW Natural would prefer if purchasing a bundled product?	NW Natural expects that the legal terms of a bundled RNG purchase transaction would be documented in a NAESB Base Contract, and that transaction-specific details, such as volume, price, delivery location, quality specifications, and regulatory requirements related to Environmental Attributes, would be set forth in a Transaction Confirmation (Exhibits B or C).