



# 2026 Call for Demand - Emerging Industries Connection

## Application Submission Information Session

February 9, 2026



*We are grateful to be meeting today  
on the unceded traditional territory of the  
Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations*

# Virtual Meeting Etiquette



- We have muted participant microphones to reduce background noise.
- To save bandwidth, we have turned cameras off for this session.
- If you have a question, please place it in the chat and we will answer questions at the end of the session. We're going to try to get to all the questions but if we run out of time, we will do our best to compile them and get back to you.
- We aren't recording this session and kindly ask that others do not record.



# Purpose of Today's Call



Support Applicant's understanding of the Call for Demand process:

- Application requirements & eligibility
- Application submission process
- Evaluation process
- Key dates
- Answer questions related to this process



# Project Status Impact

Requests of 10MW or greater

Cut-off based on  
project status as  
of  
Feb 1, 2026\*

## Transmission Projects



## Distribution Projects



Must apply to  
Call for  
Demand

- Must apply to Call for Demand
- Proceed in queue concurrent with evaluation process
- If successful in Call, continue with interconnection process
- If unsuccessful in Call, removed from interconnection process

Exempt from Regulation  
- proceed -



\* February 1, 2026, is set out as the "reference date" in the DATA CENTRE FACILITY AND HYDROGEN PRODUCTION FACILITY POWER SUPPLY REGULATION. The reference date provides the cut off point by which project status is assessed.

# Agenda

	Topic
1.	Welcome
2.	Section 1: Eligibility and Minimum Requirements
3.	Section 2: Initial Application Content Requirements
4.	Section 3: Evaluation Criteria
5.	Section 4: Important Dates
6.	Questions
7.	Wrap up



# Section 1: Eligibility and Minimum Requirements

- Eligibility Requirements
- Minimum Requirements (Pass/Fail)



# Eligibility Requirements

- BC Hydro will only consider Projects that meet the Eligibility Requirements presented below

Characteristic	Requirements for Eligibility
<b>Size of Request</b>	Project request for electrical service of 10MW of capacity or greater, but not more than 145MW of capacity.
<b>Location</b>	Project must be located in British Columbia within the BC Hydro service area
<b>Facility Type</b>	The Project must be for the use of electricity in or for a Conventional Data Centre or an AI Data Centre.
<b>Interconnection</b>	Project is or will be directly or indirectly interconnected to the BC Hydro System, either via the distribution system or transmission system
<b>Type of Request</b>	The Project must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- a new facility that is not yet interconnected to the BC Hydro System; or</li><li>- must be for incremental capacity at an existing facility connected to the BC Hydro System; or</li><li>- for any change in end use of electricity supply at an existing facility connected to the BC Hydro System</li></ul>



# Eligibility Requirements (continued)

- BC Hydro will only consider Projects that meet the Eligibility Requirements presented below

Characteristic	Requirements for Eligibility
Interconnection Queue	<p>Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• is in BC Hydro's transmission interconnection queue, but has not yet signed a facilities study agreement with BC Hydro as of February 1, 2026.</li><li>• is in BC Hydro's distribution interconnection queue, but has not yet paid a design deposit to BC Hydro as of the February 1, 2026; <u>OR</u></li><li>• is not yet in BC Hydro's interconnection queue as of February 1, 2026.</li></ul>



# Minimum Requirements (Pass/Fail)

Pass/Fail	Description
Financial Readiness	<p>Financial readiness can be demonstrated by satisfying one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dun and Bradstreet overall business risk of moderate or better;</li><li>- External credit rating from Standard and Poor's, Moody's, or Morningstar DBRS of BB-equivalent or better; or</li><li>- As determined by BC Hydro treasury based on financial statements for the most recent three years (Please review Project Information Application Form)</li></ul> <p>NOTE: Requirement can be satisfied by an affiliated entity. Financial commitment letter is required</p>
Curtailment	<p>Must curtail load year-round without any incentive or compensation as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• no less than 10% percent of the electricity or load requested in the Application;</li><li>• no fewer than 4 consecutive hours of curtailment in a day;</li><li>• no fewer than 5 days of curtailment events per calendar week;</li><li>• no less than 2 weeks in which curtailment events occur per calendar month;</li><li>• no fewer than 36 curtailment events per 12-month period commencing October 1 and ending September 30; and</li><li>• no fewer than 144 hours of curtailment per 12-month period commencing October 1 and ending September 30.</li></ul>
Minimum Price	Provide a minimum bid price of 10% over Rate Schedule (RS) 1830 or RS1611

# Section 2: Initial Application Content Requirements

## Section 12 of Call for Demand Document

- Applicant must submit the following Initial Application Content by Initial Application Deadline of **11am PST, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**:
  - Schedule 4 – Project Information Application Form
  - Schedule 5 – Applicant Declaration Form
  - Schedule 6 - Relationship Disclosure Statement Form
  - Schedule 8 – Bid Security



# Bid Security

## Section 12 of Call for Demand Document

- Bid security must be provided in the form of a letter of credit (see Schedule 8)
- Amount is \$25,000 per MW of the request (Peak Demand per Row 34 of Project Information Application Form)
- Bid security will be returned if Applicants are not successful in this CFD
- An electronic copy of the Letter of Credit to be submitted with each Application
- The original Letter of Credit to be provided to BC Hydro by **March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

CFD Administrator – BC Hydro 2026 Emerging Industries

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Attn: BC Hydro, Treasury Department



# Feasibility Study Fee and Form

## Section 10 of Call for Demand Document

- If Stage 1 minimum requirements are met, shortlisted applicants must:
  - pay a non-refundable feasibility study fee in the amount of \$75,000\*
  - Complete Feasibility Study Form and provide required documents
- Invoice, payment and Feasibility Study Form instructions will be provided by BC Hydro to the contact as stated in the Application
- Due date for the Feasibility Study Fee and Form is **11am PST, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**
- Multiple Applications must submit a separate Feasibility Study Fee and Form for each application

\*\$10,000 if requesting distribution connection where it is determined that upstream transmission upgrades are unlikely



# Feasibility Study Results

## Section 10.3 of Call for Demand Document

- BC Hydro's target date for delivering the feasibility study results is **August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**
- The feasibility study is an initial study that will assess potential impacts and identify any required system modifications or upgrades for your project
- Good faith cost estimate will be provided at this time



# Supplemental Application Form

## Sections 11.2 and 12.5 of Call for Demand Document

- Upon receipt of feasibility study results, shortlisted applicants have final opportunity to adjust their price (RS 1830 or 1611 demand and energy charges) and level of curtailment
- This can be done on the Supplemental Application Form – Schedule 7
- Deadline to submit Supplemental Application Form is **11am PST, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**



# Section 3: Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Criteria	Weighting	Description
BC Hydro cost Effectiveness	30%	Cost to BC Hydro (including the cost of providing the electricity service) and Benefits to BC Hydro (including revenue, and availability of the load curtailment)
Economic Development and Community Benefits	20%	Community and Provincial Economic benefits, including employment opportunities, and upskilling and training opportunities, located on brownfield site and in region impacted by industry downturn
Data Sovereignty	30%	Data Sovereignty, including the jurisdiction of formation of the Applicant, degree of foreign control and access and percentage of facility allocated to digital sovereignty
First Nations Benefits	10%	First Nation benefits and impacts, including equity opportunities, employment opportunities, letter of support and value of contracting opportunities
Environmental Benefits	10%	Environmental impacts and benefits, including heat recovery ready, power usage efficiency and water usage efficiency



# Section 4: Important Dates

Milestones	Dates
Initial Applications and Bid Security (Schedules 4,5,6 and 8) submission deadline	March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2026**
Original Letter of Credit	March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
<i>Applicants notified on Pass/Fail – Stage 1 minimum requirements (Schedule 3)</i>	<i>March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026</i>
Shortlisted Applicants to submit Feasibility Study Form and non-refundable fee	May 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2026**
<i>BC Hydro to return Feasibility Study Results</i>	<i>August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026</i>
Shortlisted Applicants to submit Supplemental Application Form (Schedule 7)	August 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2026**
Deadline to withdraw from CFD without forfeiting Bid Security	Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026
Notify Applicants of results	Mid-Sept 2026

\*Items in italics are BC Hydro's target deliverable dates and subject to change

\*\* Failure to meet this date results in ineligibility to participate in the CFD

For further details, please review the CFD Document



# Electronic Submission

- Please submit all information to the CFD Administrator at [emerging.industries@bchydro.com](mailto:emerging.industries@bchydro.com)
- Late submissions will not be accepted
- Any updates made to the Call for Demand will be shared on our website at [www.bchydro.com/emergingindustries](http://www.bchydro.com/emergingindustries)



# Questions



# Thank you

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