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KEY THEMES

- SECI SECI000264 bulk-buyer EOI names data centres, closes Aug 17 2026
- SECI FDRE-RTC-V tender seeks 1,000 MW firm dispatchable RE from ISTS projects
- Captive and group-captive routes for hyperscaler renewable procurement in India
- Delivered C&I power cost vs SECI headline tariff after open-access charges

SECI's bulk-buyer EOI names data centres, and its 1,000 MW round-the-clock tender is the firm-power track

SECI opened a formal channel on July 17, 2026 for large electricity users to line up long-term renewable supply. Its [Expression of Interest for bulk power off-takers](#) names “Data Centres and IT Parks” as a target buyer class and lists a submission deadline of August 17, 2026. The document frames procurement across REIA, captive, group-captive and joint-venture structures. No tariff, awarded capacity, or signed offtake volume is attached to the EOI — it is demand discovery, not a contracted award.

- [SECI opens bulk-buyer EOI naming data centres](#) – Tender SECI000264 (ref SECI/C&P/EOI/17/0002/26-27), published July 17, 2026, invites large loads to secure long-term renewable supply via REIA, captive and group-captive models; submissions close August 17, 2026.
- SECI's separate FDRE-RTC-V round-the-clock tender ([SECI000240](#), ref SECI/C&P/IPP/13/0020/25-26) seeks [1,000 MW of firm and dispatchable renewable energy](#) from ISTS-connected projects — the firm/dispatchable product profile most relevant to always-on data-centre loads.
- The FDRE-RTC-V tender was [published March 10, 2026](#) with a [March 19, 2026 pre-bid meeting](#); its [online bid submission closed July 20, 2026 and bids opened July 23, 2026](#).
- The FDRE-RTC-V tender page links the [RfS document, standard PPA and standard PSA](#) governing the 1,000 MW procurement.
- Captive and group-captive structures are the routes through which hyperscalers and colocation operators can access SECI-facilitated supply — a headline auction tariff understates the delivered cost once open-access charges, balancing and scheduling obligations are added.

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