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Gridworks would like to invite you and your organization to engage with us in shaping Xcel Energy/Southwestern Public Service Company's 20-year Integrated Resource Plan

WHEN: Tuesday, May 16, 2023

TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM Mountain Daylight Time

WHERE: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8569536132>

Meeting ID: 856 953 6132

The purpose of the meeting is to hear from and enlist the help of people who have a stake in Xcel Energy/Southwestern Public Service Company's 20-year plan. This plan, known as the Integrated Resource Plan (or IRP), covers the 2023-2043 timeframe.

MAY 16 MEETING TOPICS

- Introductions of stakeholders and facilitation team.
- Describe how stakeholders can participate and how much time may be required.
- Answer questions you might have.
- Develop a basic understanding of SPS's electric system.
- Identify critical missing voices or organizations we should invite.
- Discuss meeting schedule and expectations of stakeholders.
- Discuss next steps in preparation for June 13-14 (in-person) workshop, including a set of informational tutorials by SPS on June 1 via ZOOM.

BACKGROUND

In November of 2022, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) put new procedures in place for the state's investor-owned electric utilities to follow to engage stakeholders in developing their 20-year Integrated Resource Plans (IRP). SPS will be filing their plan by Oct. 16th, 2023. The PRC appointed Gridworks (www.gridworks.org) as the independent facilitator to lead a stakeholder process intended to advise the utility and reach potential agreement on two key elements of the IRP – the statement of need and action plan.

WHY WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING

A few questions might help to explain why we would like you to consider participating in this process:

- 1) Why is my voice important to this planning process?

SPS will deliver energy to serve you, your business or community and you will pay for the energy they choose. You may be a customer or provider (current or future) to SPS, you may be responsible for land on which SPS has facilities, or you may care about how this utility is planning to meet the electricity needs of over 400,000 customers systemwide over the next 20 years. You might be interested in how the New Mexico Energy Transition Act and other recent laws are changing the landscape in which our electricity is



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produced and delivered. Finally, you may feel strongly about how electricity decisions made today may affect future generations or potential economic development within New Mexico.

2) What makes this process different from past Public Advisory efforts regarding IRPs?

In the past, utilities have conducted public advisory activities to inform stakeholders about the development of the IRP. Now, an independent facilitator has been appointed by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission to bring stakeholders together to provide input on the plan, to help expand and make it easier for stakeholders' opinions to be included. Gridworks is interested in your views and wants you to have opportunities to hear the views of other stakeholders.

3) Why is it critical to be involved at this time?

The electrical grid is undergoing a significant transformation. The transition to carbon free sources and continued need for system reliability combined with the goal of minimizing costs for customers makes the current decisions regarding this transition critical to all New Mexicans. The voice of all New Mexicans is important as we look to balance the direction and the speed of this transition.

4) What would be expected of me if I decide to participate?

The most important contribution you can make to this effort is to provide feedback and opinions regarding SPS's 2023 Integrated Resource Plan.

You will be asked to attend as many meetings as possible. The current plan includes 6 meetings via ZOOM and two in-person workshops. A schedule of meetings is shown on page 3. The following is a list of roles and responsibilities for stakeholders who choose to participate:

- Review meeting materials in advance.
- Work offline in small subgroups, if interested.
- Serve as respectful, active participants during discussions.
- Consider views and input of other stakeholders.
- Share experiences and expertise.
- Attend as many meetings as possible.
- Review the notes and materials from any missed meetings.

5) Who should I contact for more information? info@gridworks.org or Margie Tatro, mtatro@gridworks.org, 505-205-0838.



SCHEDULE OF STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Below is the schedule as it currently exists. Meeting dates are not expected to change, but adjustments to exact times and agenda topics are possible. Locations for in-person workshops are open to input from stakeholders.

DATE	TIME (Mountain Daylight Time)	VENUE	PURPOSE
May 16, 2023	2:00 – 4:30 PM	ZOOM	Orientation meeting. Begin creating a shared foundation of knowledge about the SPS system. Hear from stakeholders about how they would like to engage going forward. Share plan for next 5 months.
June 1, 2023	2:00 – 4:00 PM	ZOOM	Continue building a shared foundation of knowledge. Preview working group opportunities for upcoming workshops.
June 13 and June 14, 2023	12 Noon – 5:00 PM 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	IN PERSON, Roswell, NM	Develop content for Statement of Need. Build a shared understanding of modeling limitations. Begin discussion of scenarios, futures, and sensitives to inform modeling.
July 6, 2023	1:00 – 5:00 PM	ZOOM	Modeling Forum. Review modeling results to date and select any additional model runs. Enable those who wish to run models with the tools to do so.
Aug. 1-2, 2023	12 Noon – 5:00 PM 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	IN PERSON, Location TBD	Assess degree of consensus around the Statement of Need. Discuss all modeling results and formulate input for Action Plan.
Aug. 29, 2023	2:00 – 3:30 PM	ZOOM	Assess degree of consensus around the Action Plan.
Sept. 21, 2023	1:00 – 5:00 PM	ZOOM	Review key issues being addressed in IRP, pose any outstanding questions of stakeholders.
Oct. 26, 2023	2:00 – 3:30 PM	ZOOM	Reflect on effectiveness, best practices, and suggestions for future IRP stakeholder processes.