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Gridworks would like to invite you and your organization to join us in shaping El Paso Electric Company's 20-year Integrated Resource Plan. The first in a series of conversations, which will occur between February and September of 2025, will take place:

WHEN: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

TIME: 1 PM - 4 PM, Mountain Time

WHERE: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8569536132?omn=89426408810>

Meeting ID: 856 953 6132

The purpose of this “stakeholder engagement” effort is to hear from and enlist the help of people who have a stake in El Paso Electric Company's 20-year resource plan. This plan, known as the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), covers the 2026-2045 timeframe.

Should you have a need for Spanish or sign language translation, please contact Margie Tatro, mtatro@gridworks.org.

Si necesita traducción al español o al lenguaje de señas, comuníquese con Margie Tatro, mtatro@gridworks.org.

FEBRUARY 11 WORKSHOP TOPICS

- Introduce stakeholders, facilitation team, and utility team.
- Discuss the stakeholder process, schedule, and expectations of stakeholders.
- Hear from each stakeholder on a key topic of interest to you.
- Identify critical missing voices or organizations we should invite.
- Present an overview of the El Paso Electric (EPE) system, challenges and opportunities.
- Discuss next steps in preparation for February 25 and March 11 workshops.

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 engage stakeholders in developing their 20-year Integrated Resource Plans (IRP). EPE will be filing its plan by September 1, 2025. 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 the 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?

EPE is a fully integrated electric utility that generates and distributes electricity to meet its customers' needs. You may be a customer or provider (current or future) to EPE, you may be responsible for land on which EPE has facilities, or you may care about how the electric utility is planning to meet the electricity needs of their customers 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 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, appointed by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, works with the utility to bring people together to provide input on the plan. The goal is to 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 and better understand how utilities go about their resource planning.

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

The electrical grid is undergoing significant transformation. The transition away from fossil fuels and increasing electrification of the economy while maintaining system reliability and reasonable costs for customers makes the current decisions regarding this transition critical to all New Mexicans. The voice of all New Mexicans is important as the transition continues.

4) Have actions regarding new electricity resources for the next three years already been put in place, and if so, how will my input make a difference?

A utility's IRP is a 20-year planning document, with a three-year action plan component. The planning done during the IRP focuses not only on near-term resource additions, but also addresses actions needed to position the system to meet environmental and regulatory requirements in a reliable and affordable way over the long term. While some actions in the near-term have already been put in place, this planning effort will examine whether additional actions must be taken to ensure that the next three years of the system's planning actions will meet customer needs and stakeholders' expectations. It is critical for interested stakeholders to participate in this process and make their voices heard.

5) What would be expected of me if I choose to participate?

The most important contribution you can make to this effort is to provide feedback and opinions regarding EPE's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan.

You will be asked to attend as many workshops as possible. The current plan includes seven workshops via a virtual platform and two in-person (hybrid) workshops between February and September 2025. The following is a list of roles and responsibilities for stakeholders who wish to participate:

- Review workshop 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.
- Review the notes and materials from any missed workshops.

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