

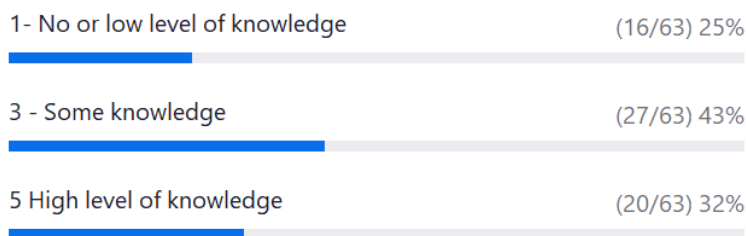


Stakeholder Orientation for El Paso Electric Company’s 2025 Integrated Resource Plan Workshop #1, Feb. 11, 2025

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Representatives from over 52 different organizations attended a meeting focused on orienting stakeholders to participate in discussions pertaining to EPE’s Integrated Resource Plan. 74 individual stakeholders plus representatives from EPE and Gridworks were in attendance. The list of meeting participants and their affiliations is attached. The group was asked to identify missing voices who might be interested in participating in this process.

When asked about their knowledge of the integrated resource planning process for electric utilities in New Mexico, stakeholders replied as follows:



STAKEHOLDER INTRODUCTIONS AND TOPICS OF INTEREST

An overview by El Paso Electric Company representatives provided context for stakeholders. The stakeholders were given the opportunity to contribute a topic that is most important to them related to the IRP. The most commonly stated topics are listed below:

- 2021 IRP outcomes and how they relate to 2025 planning
- EPE progress toward New Mexico’s resource portfolio standard requirements
- Meeting requirements of the IRP rule: reducing greenhouse gas emissions, fostering clean energy development, and grid modernization
- Transition to zero carbon electricity system in the most efficient, affordable, and cost effective way
- Role of distribution system planning, distributed energy resources, virtual power plants, and demand management in integrated resource planning
- Load growth, electrification, data centers, and power availability to support development
- Treatment of battery energy storage systems in the future resource mix
- Reliability for loads at the end of feeder lines; grid resilience
- Affordability, energy cost burdens for low income customers
- Regionalization, EPE participation in a wholesale market, transmission needs, and impact to resource requirements



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- Rate designs and load management tools to reduce system peak and need for new resources
- Anticipation of labor needs to build future resources
- Ensuring a transparent and fair competitive solicitation resulting from the action plan

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Gridworks, the NM Public Regulation Commission's appointed facilitator for this process, presented a three-phase stakeholder engagement process.

- **Phase 1** focuses on building a shared foundation of knowledge and engaging diverse stakeholders.
- **Phase 2** has a strong modeling element and aims to develop actions that can meet the statement of need. Approximately 18 stakeholders expressed interest in the modeling activities.
- **Phase 3** involves reviews of the IRP elements and feedback on the stakeholder engagement process.

NEXT STEPS

Workshop #2 is **February 25, 2025, from 1-4 PM via ZOOM.**

Workshop #3 will be a **hybrid workshop on March 11, 2025** and is scheduled for most of the day in Las Cruces, New Mexico. **In-person attendance is strongly encouraged.** Zoom participation with limited interaction will also be available during select portions of the workshop.

Questions, concerns, and suggestions are welcome through info@gridworks.org or by contacting Margie Tatro at mtatro@gridworks.org, 505-205-0838.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A recording of this workshop is available at: <https://youtu.be/BQ3ShzQ4S-M>
- Workshop materials can be found at: (<https://gridworks.org/initiatives/epe-irp/>)

Materials include: the invitation, presentation materials, an acronym list, and this summary.

- [Workshop #1 Invitation](#)
- [Slide Deck – Gridworks IRP 2/11/25 Stakeholder Workshop](#)
- [Slide Deck – EPE IRP 2/11/25 Stakeholder Workshop](#)
- [Acronyms](#)



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WORKSHOP #1 PARTICIPANTS

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