



## Stakeholder Engagement for El Paso Electric Company's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan Workshop #2, Feb. 25, 2025

### ACTION REQUESTED

PLEASE RSVP FOR WORKSHOP #3 BY RESPONDING TO THIS [DOODLE POLL](#) by March 6, 2025.  
(See next steps details below).

### WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Representatives from over 29 different organizations attended a meeting focused on learning more about EPE's Integrated Resource Planning process, factors to consider for the plan, and modeling parameters. 39 individual stakeholders plus representatives from EPE and Gridworks were in attendance. The list of meeting participants and their affiliations is provided at the end of this document.

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

This workshop's objective was to deepen stakeholders' understanding of all aspects of resource planning and build rapport within this community. Following a review of the results of Workshop #1, the Gridworks team described the resource planning process and modeling activities in graphical form.

### EPE INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

The EPE/E3 team provided four presentations, listed below, and answered questions from stakeholders.

1. Energy and Demand Forecasting
2. Planning Reserve Margin and Capacity Accreditation
3. Resource Options and Technologies
4. Capacity Expansion Modeling

Stakeholder questions and discussions included the following primary themes:

- Consideration of distributed energy, demand response, and load management tools: virtual power plants, heat pumps, innovative rates, peak demand reduction
- Modeling assumptions for battery energy storage - charging, discharging, generation attached, emerging battery technologies, firm resource vs. baseload
- Capacity factors - relevancy given shift to intermittent resources, usage vs. peak capability vs. maximum capacity
- Effective load carrying capability: modeling inputs for the different technologies and comparison to 2021 IRP assumptions
- Supply chain bottlenecks - solar, natural gas

### NEXT STEPS

Workshop #3 will be a **hybrid workshop on Tuesday, March 11, 2025**, and is scheduled for 9 AM – 4 PM in Las Cruces, New Mexico. **In-person attendance is strongly encouraged.** Zoom participation with



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limited interaction will also be available during select portions of the workshop. Two different tracks, with information sharing between the two, will be provided. One track will focus on conversations for stakeholders who are new to the integrated resource planning process. The second track will focus on detailed modeling conversations, including the development of stakeholder requested modeling run ideas and parameters.

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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A recording of this workshop is available here: <https://youtu.be/A1IJTxvaUpY>
- Workshop materials can be found at:  
(<https://gridworks.org/initiatives/new-mexico-energy-planning/>)

Materials include presentation materials and this summary.

- [Slide Deck - Gridworks IRP - 2/25/25 Stakeholder Workshop #2](#)
- [Slide Deck - EPE IRP - 2/25/25 Stakeholder Workshop #2](#)

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