



El Paso Electric Company's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan Closing Meeting, Aug. 15, 2025

MEETING SUMMARY

Representatives from 19 organizations attended this meeting to review EPE's Statement of Need and Action Plan. 22 individual stakeholders, not including representatives from EPE, E3, and Gridworks, were in attendance. The list of meeting participants and their affiliations is attached.

WELCOME AND MEETING OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this meeting were to:

- Allow EPE to present the Statement of Need (SoN) and Action Plan, including changes made since the July 24 workshop
- Query stakeholders regarding their level of agreement with the SoN and Action Plan
- Invite feedback on the entire facilitated stakeholder process

STATEMENT OF NEED AND ACTION PLAN

EPE representatives presented a summary of changes to the Statement of Need and Action Plan based on stakeholder input from the July 24 workshop. EPE noted errors in documents distributed in advance of the meeting to all stakeholders. Revised documents will be posted on the Gridworks website and sent to stakeholders. Following the presentation by EPE, stakeholders voiced questions of clarification and offered issues they felt were unresolved in these updated documents.

Unresolved issues presented by stakeholders regarding the Statement of Need are listed below:

- Lack of a definitive commitment to demand-side resources, and inclusion of the same as a specific category of resources in the tables and figures
- Lack of a plan for meeting resource needs between now and 2030
- Lack of a strategy for transmission and distribution asset upgrades or investments
- Inappropriateness of the sentence regarding compliance with the RPS, which states, "However, affordability and reliability considerations may act as a limitation to EPE's degree of compliance with the RPS over time."
- Concern that the large load growth anticipated in the Santa Teresa area has not been included in EPE's demand forecasts

Unresolved issues listed by stakeholders regarding the Action Plan are:

- General lack of dates/deadlines and clear, tangible deliverables for many action items. For example, item #8 regarding the evaluation of AMI-enabled capabilities to support DER coordination, demand response, and customer engagement does not include a completion date or tangible deliverables.

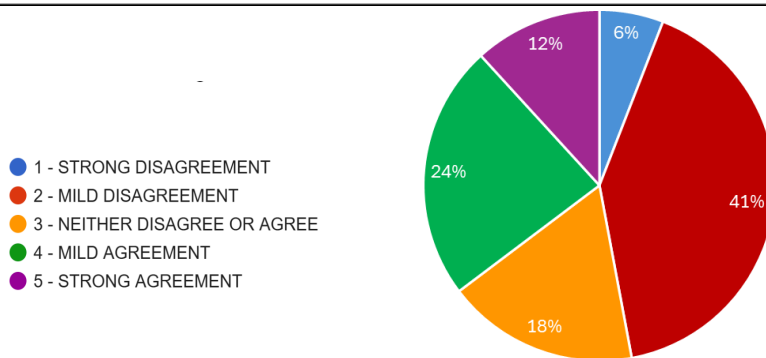


- Item #12 should be modified to test multiple ideas at once, including an “opt out” pilot, and needs to include a budget for cost recovery.

LEVEL OF AGREEMENT

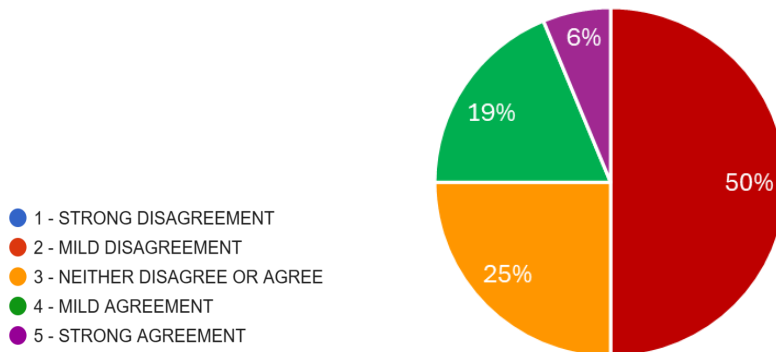
Stakeholders were asked to submit their level of agreement with the presented Statement of Need and Action Plan. The results of these polls are shown below.

What is your level of agreement with the Statement of Need?



Of the 17 responses received, 36% of stakeholders expressed strong or mild agreement, while 47% expressed strong or mild disagreement with the Statement of Need.

What is your level of agreement with the Action Plan?



Of the 16 responses, 25% of stakeholders expressed strong or mild agreement, while 56% expressed strong or mild disagreement with the Action Plan.



SUMMARY

This meeting concludes the process for stakeholder input prior to EPE's submission of the IRP on Sept. 2, 2025. This summary is available here ([El Paso Electric Company \(EPE\) - Gridworks](#)), and a recording of the meeting is available here <https://youtu.be/MQFo-hpJG-0>

Gridworks requests all stakeholders' feedback on the overall engagement process to inform a report to the NM Public Regulation Commission and to EPE. Feedback is welcome via a survey (see the **QR code** at right and this link: <https://bit.ly/45s4l5M>), by Sept. 12, 2025.

Stakeholders are also encouraged to attend a ZOOM session on **Sept. 11 from 9 AM – 11 AM** to submit live comments on the process.



QR CODE for SURVEY

Feedback on the following topics is critical to the evolution of stakeholder engagement in New Mexico electric utilities' planning conversations:

- Your level of knowledge about resource planning in New Mexico
- Extent of your impact on EPE's IRP
- Your sense of being heard and understood
- Diversity of perspectives represented in the process
- Level of respect during interactions with the utility
- Understandability of materials presented
- Responsiveness by the facilitation team
- Satisfaction with how your priority needs were handled
- Suggestions to improve the facilitated stakeholder process
- Any additional comments you wish to submit

Gridworks and EPE expressed appreciation for all stakeholders who have participated in the conversations over the past 6 months.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Workshop materials can be found at the [Gridworks Website](#), under the Aug. 15 Closing Meeting.
- Questions, concerns, and suggestions are welcome through info@gridworks.org or by contacting Margie Tatro at mtatro@gridworks.org, 505-205-0838.



CLOSING MEETING ATTENDEES

Jennifer	Bradfute	Bradfute Law (representing Borderplex)
Anastasia	Stevens	City of Las Cruces
Charlie	Mahady	City of Las Cruces
Cara	Lynch	Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy
Chris	Hickman	Creation Energy
Don	Kurtz	Customer
Dwight	Eggers	Customer
Randy	Rankin	Customer
Stephen	Fischmann	Customer
Ben	Elsey	E3
Margo	Bonner	E3
Angie	Rodriguez	EPE
Brian	Turaki	EPE
Clarissa	Reyes	EPE
David	Hawkins	EPE
Desmond	Machuca	EPE
Edmundo	Salazar	EPE
Elizabeth	Aragon	EPE
Emmanuel	Villalobos	EPE
George	Novela	EPE
James	Schichtl	EPE
Jessica	Christianson	EPE
Leslie	Padilla	EPE
Michelle	Pedroza	EPE
Omar	Gallegos	EPE
Rico	Gonzales	EPE
Ronda	Richards Griffin	EPE
Victor	Silva	EPE
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Cathy	Boies	Gridworks
Deborah	Shields	Gridworks
Margie	Tatro	Gridworks



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Dean	Wine	IBEW, 7th District
Ryan	Brown	Independent consultant/researcher
Allen	Downs	Life is Good
Christopher	Hall	NM EMNRD
Jim	Bordegaray	NM State Land Office
Arthur	O'Donnell	NMPRC
Jack	Sidler	NMPRC
Cynthia	Mitchell	NMPRC, Consultant
Robert	Jackson	Raith Capital Partners
Gina	Gargano Amari	Southwest Power Pool
Ramon	Alatorre	SWEEP
Glenn	Wikle	Third Act NM
Jane	Asche	Unitarian Universal Church/Climate Action Committee