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## Xcel Energy/SPS's 2026 Integrated Resource Plan Stakeholder Orientation, Interests, and SPS Vision Workshop #1 (March 5, 2026), Virtual

### WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Representatives from 42 organizations attended this workshop to meet the Xcel Energy/SPS IRP core team, hear SPS's perspective on planning in these times, and present their highest-priority topics for the Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process. Stakeholders from both New Mexico and Texas jurisdictions were present. The 73 participating stakeholders were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and offer their priority interests in this planning process. The list of participating organizations (excluding Xcel Energy/SPS, its consultants, and Gridworks) is attached.

### MATERIALS

- [Gridworks Slide Deck](#)
- [Xcel Energy/SPS Slide Deck](#)
- **Recording of workshop:** <https://youtu.be/Ttn2c1PrzFo>
- **WEBSITE FOR ALL MATERIALS:** <https://gridworks.org/initiatives/xcel-sps/>

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

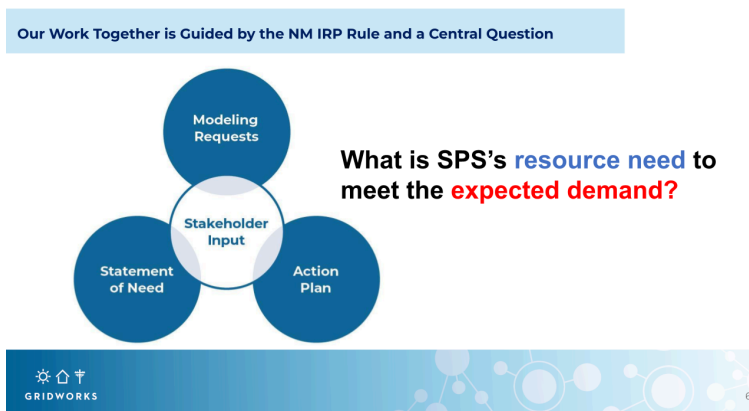
This orientation workshop, facilitated by the NM PRC-appointed facilitator, Gridworks, had the following objectives:

1. Describe stakeholder process, conceptual schedule, and options for engagement.
2. Meet the SPS IRP core team and hear an SPS executive's view of the current planning landscape
3. Hear stakeholders' primary topics of interest.
4. Preview the next workshop, March 23-24, in Roswell, New Mexico.
5. Build relationships and connections.

### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT GUIDING QUESTION AND TIMELINE

The stakeholder engagement process includes opportunities for input across the three areas shown in the figure on the right.

The central question, "What is SPS's resource need to meet the expected demand?" will guide the conversations throughout the process.

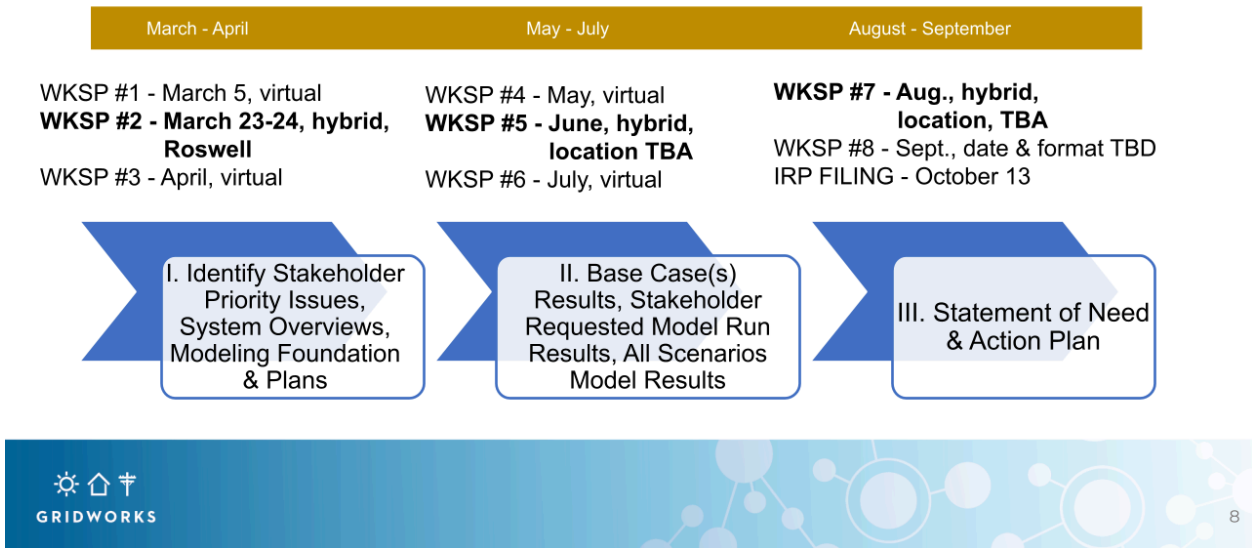




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A three-phase process, spanning March through Sept 2026, offers opportunities to participate in “big picture” or “detailed modeling” conversations, or both. These phases and the engagement process timeline are shown below.

## Stakeholder Engagement Includes Three Phases



## SPS TEAM AND PLANNING CONTEXT

SPS representatives described the company’s long-term system-planning priorities: accelerating clean-energy delivery, customer-focused innovation and value, expanding the grid, and modernizing for safety and resilience. The team also provided an update on action plan items from the 2023 IRP and noted that SPS plans its system as a single system, integrating the NM and TX footprints. A summary of important issues anticipated for the 2026 IRP is shown below (slide 24, SPS slides).



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<b>Resources</b>	<b>Loads</b>	<b>Reliability</b>	<b>NM RPS Compliance</b>
<b>Retiring Owned Generation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Nichols 1 Thermal (107 MW) March 2035</li><li>- Quay Co Thermal (23 MW) March 2035</li></ul> <b>Expiring PPAs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Spinning Spur Wind (161 MW) December 2029</li><li>- Wildorado Wind (161 MW) March 2030</li><li>- SunEdison Solar (50 MW) December 2031</li><li>- Hobbs/Lea Power CC (604 MW) September 2033</li><li>- Palo Duro Wind (250 MW) November 2034</li><li>- Mammoth Wind (199 MW) December 2034</li><li>- Roosevelt Wind (250 MW) December 2035</li></ul> <b>2024 RFP Resource Approvals</b> <b>Generic Resource Assumption</b>	<b>Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Significant Load Growth</li><li>- High Impact Large Loads (Data Centers or Other Large Single Point Loads)</li><li>- General Industrial Growth (Oil &amp; Gas)</li></ul> <b>Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Demand Response (with SPP limitations)</li><li>- SPP large load and gen discussions</li></ul>	<b>Reliability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Primary focus</li><li>- SPP Access to Market Energy</li><li>- Associated SPP Reliability Requirements</li><li>- ELCC Accreditation</li><li>- LOLE Study (PRM)</li><li>- ELCC Accreditation</li><li>- Performance-based accreditation</li><li>- SPP AQ Study (Load Additions)</li><li>- SPP Generator Interconnection (DISIS)</li><li>- Transmission Topology and HVDC Ties</li></ul>	<b>Challenge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 2030 50% New Mexico Retail Sales to be served with Renewable Energy</li><li>- 2040 80% New Mexico Retail Sales to be served with Renewable Energy</li><li>- 2045 Zero-Carbon Standard</li><li>- BESS additions before 2045</li><li>- Surplus Opportunities</li></ul>

## STAKEHOLDER PRIORITY TOPICS

The remainder of the meeting was an opportunity for stakeholders to introduce themselves and share the topic of most interest to them in this planning process. 18 individuals shared their priority topics.

Key themes offered by the group include:

- Economic development. Preparation for future growth, power availability, and staying competitive. Time to connect new loads. Power needs for expansion.
- Balancing reliability, affordability, and policy requirements.
- Meeting the requirements of New Mexico's Energy Transition Act
- Dispatchable versus intermittent resources and cost-effective generation.
- Cost-effective power. Affordability for small and residential customers
- Grid reliability while serving new or expanding loads.
- Data centers, large load integration, and forecasting demand growth.

## NEXT STEPS

A summary of this workshop is available at <https://gridworks.org/initiatives/xcel-sps/>

**The next workshop will be held on March 23-24, 2026, from 1 PM – 5 PM on March 23 and from 8:30 AM – 12 PM on March 24.**

- New Mexico Military Institute (Daniels Learning Center), 101 W. College Blvd, Roswell, NM, and via Zoom (with limited interaction capabilities)
- **In-person attendance is highly recommended.**
- **The purpose** is to build a foundation of knowledge about the SPS system, opportunities, challenges, available resources, and requirements.

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



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## **WORKSHOP #1 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS (Excluding SPS, its consultants, and facilitators)**

Bayliff Law Firm  
Chevron  
City of Hobbs  
City of Clovis  
City of Muleshoe  
City of Pampa  
City of Roswell  
City of Tucumcari  
Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy  
Conoco Phillips  
EDC of Lea County  
EDF Renewables  
Enterprise Products Company  
ExxonMobil  
Farm Bureau Financial Services  
Friona Industries  
Golden Spread Electric Cooperative  
Grid United  
Harding County  
Holland Hart  
Mewbourne Oil  
New Mexico Large Customer Group  
New Mexico Oil and Gas Association  
NGL Water Solutions  
NM Counties  
NM Economic Development Department  
NM Environmental Law Center  
NM PRC  
NM RETA  
OPL  
Office of Public Utility Counsel  
Orion  
Prosperity Works  
Renewable Energy Industries Association of New Mexico  
Reservoir Power PBC  
Sierra Club  
Targa Resources  
Texas Cotton Ginners' Association  
Western Farmers Electric Cooperative  
Western Resource Advocates