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**SPS 2026 Integrated Resource Plan**

**August 26, 2026: 1 - 5 PM, MDT**

**August 27, 2026: 8:30 AM - NOON, MDT**

**Workshop #7 SPS: Statement of Need and Action Plan**

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<https://gridworks.org/initiatives/xcel-sps/>**

## Objectives and Outcomes

- Review the Statement of Need and Action Plan and gather stakeholder reactions
- Seek agreement on the Statement of Need and Action Plan
- Identify and work through any remaining issues to seek alignment, where possible

## Timetable

Wednesday, Aug. 26: 1 PM - 5 PM, MDT (refreshments available at 12:30)

Thursday, Aug. 27: 8:30 AM - 12 NOON, MDT (continental breakfast available at 8:00)

### Wednesday

- 12:30 Refreshments available
- 1:00 Welcome and Context Setting
- 1:20 Statement of Need Presentation
- 2:45 Action Plan Presentation
- 3:55 SoN and AP Discussion
- 4:50 Summarize and Prepare for Day 2
- 5:00 Adjourn for the Day

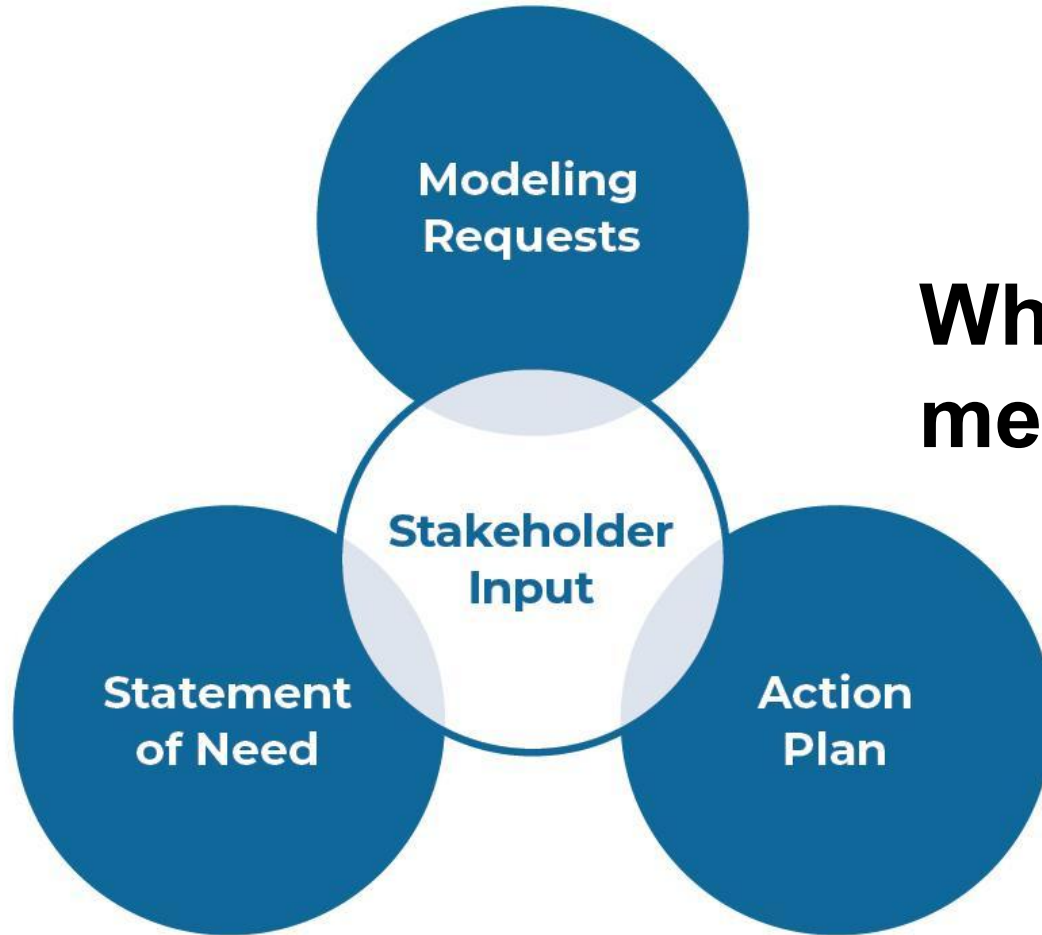
### Thursday

- 8:00 Continental breakfast available
- 8:30 Welcome Back, Reflections from Day 1
- 8:40 Discussion of SoN and AP
- 10:20 Stakeholder Check-in
- 10:40 Continued Discussion, Identify Issues
- 11:45 SPS Reflection
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## Workshop Norms for All Participants

- Please locate the “react” function in Zoom for hand raising and the “chat” function for responses to specific questions or to suggest specific language for SoN and AP.
- Please raise your virtual hand if you have a question or comment. When called upon, please state your name and organization when offering questions. Speak clearly and project your voice.
- Share your ideas; we would like to hear from everyone.



**What is SPS's resource need to meet the expected demand?**

# We Now Turn to Big Picture Discussions: Insights From Modeling

| March - April | May - July | August - September |
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| 1. March 5: virtual                     | 4. May 20: virtual                  | 7. <b>Aug. 26-27: 1-4 &amp; 8:30-12</b> |
| 2. <b>Mar. 23 - 24: Roswell, hybrid</b> | 5. <b>June 23-24: Hobbs, hybrid</b> | <b>Carlsbad, hybrid</b>                 |
| 3. April 30: virtual                    | 6. July 21: 9 AM - 12 PM, virtual   | 8. Sept. 22: 2-5 PM, virtual            |



1. Stakeholder interests and utility vision.
2. SPS system, challenges, and opportunities. Explore central question.
3. Modeling foundation: plans, inputs, assumptions, requirements. Access to modeling info.
4. Base case model results and plans for additional utility-defined scenarios.
5. Agreement on parameters of stakeholder-requested modeling runs.
6. Results of stakeholder-requested runs.
7. **Utility decisions from all analyses. Statement of need and action plan.**
8. Review of IRP report and invitation for feedback on stakeholder process.

## Open Items from Workshops #6A and 6B

- Results of split emerging tech hydrogen CT scenario
- Stakeholder questions
  - 6- and 8-hr batteries, and Quay County replacement BES duration
  - inclusion of SPP's 756 kV transmission projects
  - build limits in zero carbon, emerging tech scenario

Responses at: [Combo-WS-6B-Follow-Up.pdf](https://gridworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Combo-WS-6B-Follow-Up.pdf) or  
(<https://gridworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Combo-WS-6B-Follow-Up.pdf>)

- Model results posted on iManage
- Draft SoN and AP distributed on 8/17, advance questions due by 8/21

# Statement of Need and Action Plan

Planning Horizon: 2027-2047  
Action Plan: 2027-2030

## Statement of Need

- What new resources (by type and amount) SPS needs to reliably meet customer demand and state policies
- Key technical characteristics those resources need to provide (by energy or capacity)
- Take a broad view of the evolving needs of the system, beyond simply meeting peak demand

## Action Plan

- Specific steps over the next 3 years to implement the resource plan (SPS seeking 4 year period for this IRP)
- Specific actions for resource solicitation or contracting activities
- Status report on items from last action plan

For rule language and examples, see [Background Reading](#), Workshop 6B

# Discussion Questions

## Statement of Need

- What are your reactions to the **amount and types of resources** SPS identifies?
- What questions or concerns do you have about the **technical characteristics** of the resources identified in the Statement of Need?
- Does the Statement of Need take a **broad view** of SPS's evolving system? What, if anything, is missing or should be reconsidered?

## Action Plan

- What are your reactions to the **specific steps** SPS proposes to implement its resource plan over the next four years? What, if anything, is missing or should be reconsidered?
- Are SPS's proposed **resource solicitation and contracting activities** appropriate, clear, and timely?
- Does SPS report on **commitments** from the 2023 Action Plan?



# SPS

## Statement of Need

# SPS

## Action Plan

# Topics for Further Conversation

## Statement of Need

- Elements of the constrained planning forecast: data centers, oil and gas, etc.
- Relationship between IRP planning (generic) resources and resources selected as a result of RFPs
- Uncertainty around different requirements of NM and TX
  - possible text for inclusion in body of report: MJB approach and ability to satisfy both states' requirements

## Action Plan

- Item C.v. – long lead resource needs
- Timeline and actions for seeking new resources, how to move forward with both near-term and long lead resource options

## Day 1 Recap and Plan for Tomorrow

- Draft Statement of Need and Action Plan Content
- Topics for Further Conversations

Tomorrow:

- ★ Continental breakfast available at 8:00, Workshop begins at 8:30 AM, MDT
- ★ Further Conversation on SoN and AP
- ★ Stakeholder check-in on SoN and AP, Further Discussion as Needed
- ★ Review next steps

Please join us for refreshments and informal conversation.

Stevens Inn - Blue Cactus Lounge

1829 S. Canal Street

5:30 - 7:00 PM



**Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5948384712?omn=85213174854&jst=2> (ID: 5948384712)

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## Check-in With Stakeholders. Zoom Participants, Please Respond in Chat.

- Query A: On a scale from 1 - 5 (with 5 being “well understood”), how would you rate your understanding of the draft Statement of Need?
- Query B: How would you rate your understanding of the draft Action Plan?

## What Were Your Key Takeaways From Day 1?

Statement  
of Need



Action  
Plan

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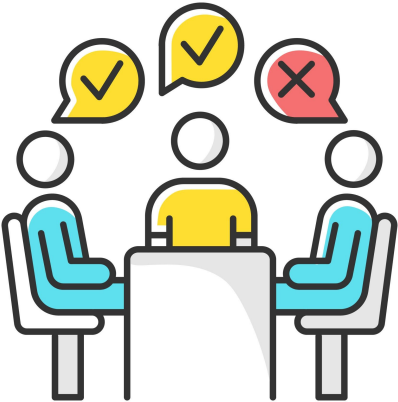
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# Continued Discussions - Statement of Need

| Stakeholder concern or question | SPS response, change, or consideration |
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# Continued Discussions - Action Plan

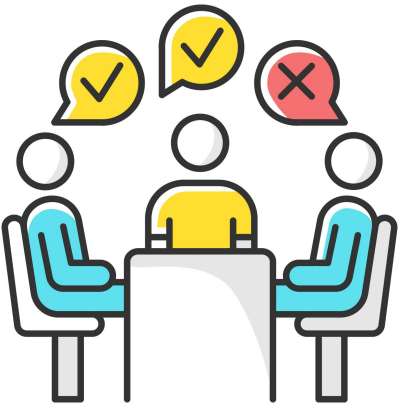
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What is your sense of the proposed Statement of Need?

Please respond via “chat.”

| YES                | NO                                  | OTHER            |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| agree              | disagree                            | please elaborate |
| comfortable        | uncomfortable                       |                  |
| on the right track | needs to take a different direction |                  |
| thumbs up          | thumbs down                         |                  |



What is your sense of the proposed Action Plan?

Please respond via “chat.”

| YES                | NO                                  | OTHER            |
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# SPS Reflections

## Summary and Next Steps

Workshop summary will be distributed and available at <https://gridworks.org/initiatives/xcel-sps/>

### NEXT ACTIVITIES:

- **Sept. 4, Written comments on SoN and AP due to [dshields@gridworks.org](mailto:dshields@gridworks.org) AND [Linda.L.Hudgins@xcelenergy.com](mailto:Linda.L.Hudgins@xcelenergy.com) by 5 PM MDT.**
- **Final workshop Sept. 22, 2 - 5 PM, via Zoom. Information on IRP report content and invitation for feedback on stakeholder process.**
- **IRP Filing Oct. 13**





**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING**

**QUESTIONS**

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