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Fwd: Suggested Future Studies for the SPS IRP and Action Plan

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Dear Linda and Deborah,

Thank you for sharing the SPS Statement of Need and Action Plan outline and for the great workshops!

I recognize that the modeling for the 2026 IRP is already complete, so the following suggestions may be more appropriate as studies for future IRP, but I wanted to share these few thoughts that could be interesting for the future studies:

- Transmission and interconnection analysis: it would be interesting to evaluate available capacity and deliverability at key points of interconnection, transmission and substation constraints, congestion and curtailment, and the need, cost, and benefits of potential upgrades or new lines. Where possible, this analysis could also inform upcoming RFPs and the evaluation of total delivered system costs.
- CCS/CCUS: Consider Gas-CCS/CCUS as a possible firm, lower-carbon resource option in future all-source analysis and procurements.

These studies could help connect future resource planning with transmission and consider other lower-carbon firm-generation opportunities.

 Best,
Jean

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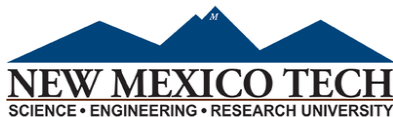
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