



**Xcel Energy/SPS's 2026 Integrated Resource Plan
Closing Workshop
Workshop #8 (Sept. 22, 2026) Summary**

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Representatives from 15 organizations attended this virtual workshop and received an update on changes made to SPS's 2026 Integrated Resource Plan's Statement of Need and Action Plan since the prior workshop. The utility team also reviewed the IRP structure and presented details on load forecasts. The 20 participating stakeholders had opportunities to ask questions and offer reflections as the utility prepares to file the IRP on Oct. 13. The list of participating organizations (excluding Xcel Energy/SPS, its consultants, and Gridworks) is attached.

MATERIALS

- [Gridworks Slide Deck](#)
- [Xcel Energy Slide Deck](#) and [Additional Load Forecast Information](#)
- **Updated Statement of Need and Action Plan:** [Revised SoN and Action Plan](#)
- **Recording:** <https://youtu.be/DUvCA5WNRL0>
- **Website for all materials, including this summary:** <https://gridworks.org/initiatives/xcel-sps/>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

This workshop had the following objectives:

- Understand the changes to the SoN and AP as a result of stakeholder comments after Workshop #7,
- Understand key elements of the IRP report,
- Offer an opportunity for final reflections from stakeholders and SPS, and
- Invite feedback on facilitated stakeholder process.

The SPS IRP and Gridworks teams expressed appreciation to the stakeholder groups who submitted written comments on the draft SoN and AP following Workshop #7. Similarly, the teams thanked everyone who attended Workshop #7 for their comments and suggestions. The SPS IRP team credited stakeholder comments for significantly improving the SoN and AP documents.

IRP UPDATE

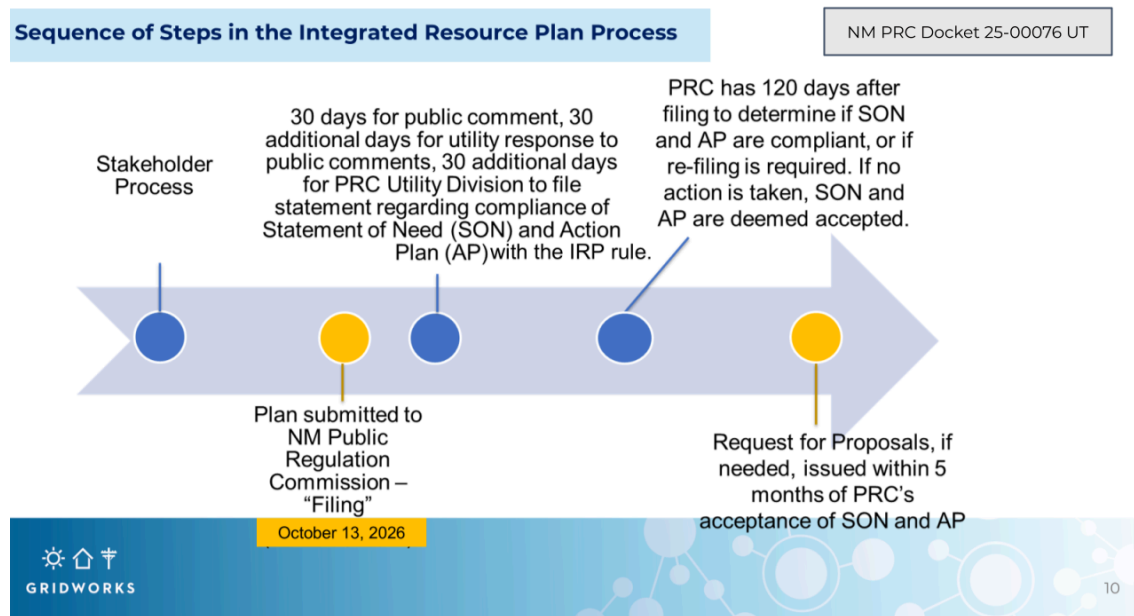
The utility team presented the IRP Report outline and offered stakeholders opportunities to ask clarifying questions. The team discussed the revised SoN and AP, followed by additional opportunities for stakeholder questions, reactions, and reflections. A summary of stakeholder comments and the utility's response to each is included in the [Revised SoN and Action Plan](#). Stakeholders who submitted written comments after Workshop #7 were called upon to share their reactions to the revised SoN and AP. Several stakeholders voiced support for the action plan item that convenes technical working group conferences before filing future RFPs. Key topics for these conferences include parameters for future RFPs and updated load forecast information. The group discussed using Net Present Value to compare portfolio costs and recognized that this metric is insufficient for predicting customer bill impacts.



The SPS and Gridworks teams thanked all stakeholders who participated in the facilitated stakeholder process over the past 7 months. Input has been invaluable to the planning process.

NEXT STEPS - IRP FEEDBACK PROCESS

As this workshop concludes the facilitated stakeholder process, stakeholders wishing to comment on the filed IRP can do so within 30 days following the Oct. 13 filing of the IRP. Comments can be offered through the NM PRC's e360 system, case number 25-00076-UT. The figure below shows the steps that follow for this IRP.



NEXT STEPS - FACILITATED STAKEHOLDER PROCESS FEEDBACK

Engaging in the feedback process is essential to ensure your voice is heard. We invite all stakeholders to share your thoughts and contribute to shaping the future direction of New Mexico's planning process. Anonymous feedback is an important part of Gridworks' report to the NM PRC.

Your input is requested on the facilitated stakeholder process by Oct. 20. An online survey is available through the QR code and link below, and Gridworks is also available to arrange a conversation by phone or Zoom. Please contact dshields@gridworks.org to schedule an appointment if you wish to offer your feedback via a discussion. Thank you for taking a few minutes to offer feedback.



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WORKSHOP #8 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS (Excluding SPS, its consultants, and facilitators)

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Coalition for Community Solar Access
ConocoPhillips
Deaf Smith County - Judge
Eddy County Community Development
Energy Futures Group
ExxonMobil
GridLab
Long Duration Energy Storage Council
New Mexico Large Customer Group
NM PRC
OPL
Priority Power
Prosperity Works
Targa Resources