

Resource Planning Advisory Council Charter

2023 TEP and UNSE Integrated Resource Plans



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1. Introduction

The integrated resource plan (IRP) process, which is mandated by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), is an assessment of each utility's power system needs with a plan to meet those needs over the next 15 years. The plan considers alternative combinations of demand-side resources (energy efficiency, load management, demand response) and supply-side resources (traditional and renewable power plants, transmission lines) to identify the best portfolio of resources for meeting customer energy needs in a safe, reliable, sustainable, and affordable manner. The IRP provides a roadmap for balancing these objectives while also considering risks and uncertainties inherent in any long-term planning process.

2. The Resource Planning Advisory Council (RPAC) Function

The IRP process includes the engagement of TEP and UNSE's customers, stakeholders, and the public at large in planning efforts through customer outreach, town hall meetings, public outreach, and the RPAC.

The primary function of the RPAC is to provide guidance at critical points in the IRP process with collaborative stakeholder feedback that shares knowledge and expertise of the represented organizations and groups. The RPAC is composed of the following:

- Representatives of the companies' customer classes
- Advocates of Limited-Income Customers
- Environmental Advocates
- Consumer advocates
- A member of the public at large
- Representatives from public interest groups
- Stakeholders representing the Renewable Power, EE/DSM, Energy Storage Systems, and Electric Vehicle industries.

Stakeholder participation in the RPAC does not necessarily imply stakeholder endorsement of RPAC results, assessments, conclusions, or deliverables.

The RPAC will engage constructively in helping the companies define the scope and priority of issues to be addressed in the 2023 IRP, as well as identifying key assumptions and data sources and scenarios to be analyzed. Examples of questions and issues that may be addressed include:

- How have changes in the energy landscape since the last IRP in 2020 affected resource planning, including the clean energy incentives included in the Inflation Reduction Act?
- What are the companies' short-term versus long-term needs?
- How will competitive resource procurements, such as the companies' recent all-source request for proposals, be incorporated into long-term resource planning?
- How do we balance tradeoffs that sometimes occur between affordability, reliability, and sustainability?
- How should alternative future resource portfolios be designed, compared, and analyzed?

3. Role and Responsibilities of the RPAC

The role and responsibilities of the RPAC are to:

- Participate in all meetings or send an alternate — approximately 6 meetings are anticipated.
- Read pre-meeting materials that are distributed and be prepared to discuss agenda topics at the meetings.
- Provide perspectives on all topical issues.
- Where applicable, conduct outreach to their constituent groups to bring their input into the process and keep them informed.
- Provide technical information and perspectives related to appropriate areas of expertise.

4. Participation and Collaboration Principles

It is anticipated that the RPAC will engage collaboratively and constructively with each other and the companies to identify and achieve common objectives. By volunteering to serve on the RPAC, members commit to:

- Participate in an active and focused manner, committing to the success of the process.
- Engage in constructive collaboration and discussion.

- Interact respectfully with all other members, valuing all perspectives.
- Communicate interests rather than positions.
- Listen to other points of view and provide meaningful input to identify solutions that balance multiple needs and interests.

5. Communication

The dedicated email address for reaching the UNS resource planning team is RPAC@tep.com. Please use this email for all communication about the RPAC including requests for clarification of procedural matters or substantive issues discussed during the RPAC meetings.

6. RPAC Composition

The RPAC is composed of representative and advocate stakeholders as previously specified. Any RPAC member may identify an alternate to represent them when they are unable to participate in an RPAC activity.

The following stakeholders¹ constitute the 2023 RPAC.



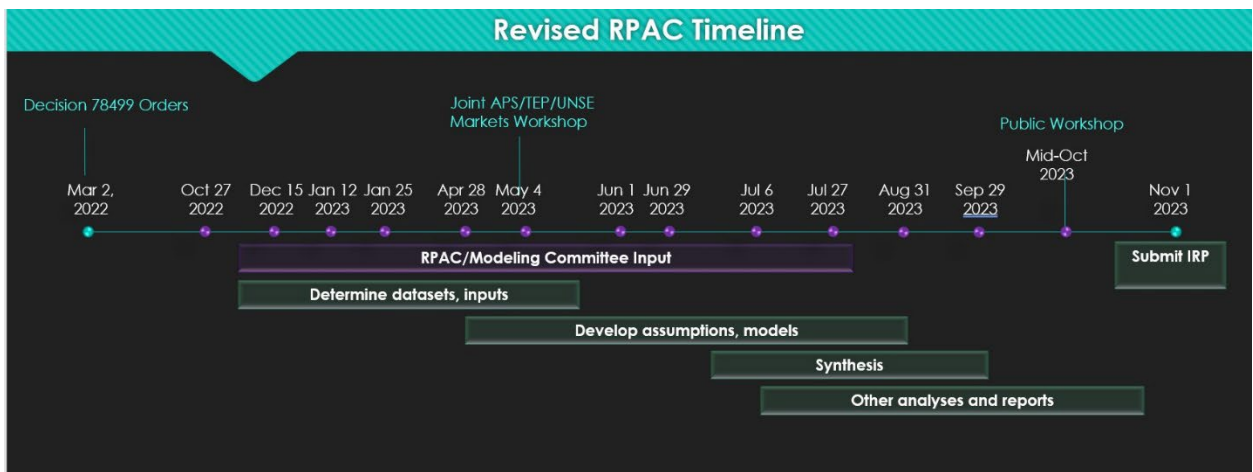
¹ Not final list.

In addition to the general meetings and deliberations, the RPAC may convene breakout sessions or technical workgroups for specific topical issues. These workgroups may include subject matter experts (SMEs) in addition to RPAC members.

7. Meeting Schedule, Location, Agendas, and Summaries

Meeting Schedule

There will be seven monthly meetings lasting approximately two to three hours starting October 27th, 2022. These monthly meetings will run through May 2023. A tentative schedule is provided below.



RPAC meeting dates are scheduled for the last Wednesday or Thursday of the month whenever possible.

As much as possible, the meeting dates are scheduled so as not to conflict with ACC open meetings and other electric utilities’ RPAC meeting dates. The RPAC will be informed whenever meeting dates change.

Location

Meetings will be conducted in a hybrid format – providing the option of attending in-person or remotely. RPAC members and alternates will receive calendar invites for the meetings, which will include links for participating virtually.

Unless otherwise specified, all meetings are scheduled for

9:00am – 12:00pm (MST)

All meetings will be held at TEP headquarters:

Conference Room 257
88 E Broadway Blvd,
Tucson, AZ 85701

Agendas and Summaries

Agendas will be sent out 3-5 business days ahead of scheduled meetings.

Summaries of previous meetings and the agenda for the upcoming meeting will also be posted on the RPAC website:

<https://www.tep.com/irp-advisory-council>

8. Media Interaction

Per the **Participation and Collaboration Principles**, RPAC members agree to respect the open, frank discussions that occur within the meetings and agree not to make public statements about RPAC meeting discussions and deliberations.

RPAC members are free to speak with the media from their perspectives as individuals or in representing their respective organizations; however, members are requested to not serve as a spokesperson on behalf of the RPAC.

The overriding consideration in all communications among RPAC members is to honor and sustain the constructive, collaborative process.

