



Resource Planning Advisory Council Charter

2026 UniSource Integrated Resource Plan



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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 RPAC is designed to solicit key partner input and provide transparency on development of the company's 2026 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The primary function of the RPAC is to provide guidance at critical points in the IRP process with collaborative participant feedback that shares knowledge and expertise of the represented organizations and groups. The RPAC will also provide direction on the development of 1-2 portfolio in addition to the planned portfolios.

The RPAC is composed of the following:

- Representatives of the companies' customer classes
- Advocates of limited-income customers
- Environmental advocates
- Consumer advocates
- Representatives from public interest groups
- Participants representing the renewable power and energy efficiency sectors.

Participation in the RPAC does not necessarily imply participant endorsement of RPAC results, assessments, conclusions, or deliverables.

The RPAC will engage constructively in helping the company define the scope and priority of issues to be addressed in the 2026 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:

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- How have changes in the energy landscape since the last IRP in 2023 affected resource planning?
 - What is the company's short-term versus long-term needs?
 - How will competitive resource procurements 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 8 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 company 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 UNSE 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 community partners and advocate participants 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 members¹ constitute the 2025-2026 RPAC:

- UniSource Energy/Tucson Electric Power:
 - Resource Planning
 - Business Development
 - Communications
- Commercial
 - Fresh Produce Association of the Americas
- Consumer advocacy groups
 - AARP
 - Arizona Public Interest Resource Group
 - Residential Utility Consumer Office
 - River City United Way
 - Wildfire
- Mining:
 - South32
- Economic development/Business advocacy groups
 - Arizona Solar Energy Industry Association
 - Lake Havasu Chamber of Commerce
- Renewable energy and environmental groups

¹ Attendees may change due to availability

- Sierra Club
- Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP)

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. Arizona Corporation Commission staff are invited to attend RPAC meetings as observers.

7. Meeting Schedule, Location, Agendas, and Summaries

Meeting Schedule

There will be seven monthly meetings lasting approximately two to three hours starting August 27th, 2025. These monthly meetings will run through July 2026. A tentative schedule is provided below.

Date	Description
August 27, 2025	RPAC Purpose & Ground Rules, Utility Basics and UNSE Overview
October 22, 2025	Technical Session: IRP Basics, Key Assumptions, and Inputs
December 17, 2025	Technical Session: Portfolios and Modeling
February 25, 2026	Focus On: Affordability, Rates, and New Resources
April 23, 2026	Technical Session: Preferred Portfolio
May 1, 2026	Modeling inputs due to participants (no meeting)
June 24, 2026	Review and Wrap-up
July 29, 2026	Public Workshop (Virtual)
August 3, 2026	IRP Due Date (no meeting)

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 via Teams only. Unless otherwise specified, all meetings are scheduled for **10:00am – 12:00pm (MST)**.

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.uesaz.com/rpac/>

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 may engage with the media in their personal or organizational capacities. However, they are asked not to present themselves as spokespersons for RPAC or speak on its behalf.

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