

UNSE RPAC Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2025

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Meeting Purpose:

Kick-off of the RPAC process leading to the 2026 Integrated Resource Plan.

Meeting Focus:

- Introductions and stakeholder alignment.
- Overview of UNSE operations and planning context.
- Establishing ground rules and expectations for collaboration.
- Discussing industry trends, sustainability, and reliability.

Key Themes & Topics Discussed:

1. Introductions
2. Stakeholder Representation:
 - TEP/UNSE
 - o Resource Planning
 - o Business Development
 - o Communications
 - State Government
 - o Arizona Corporation Commission
 - Commercial customers
 - o Fresh Produce Association of the Americas
 - Mining
 - o South32
 - Renewable energy, environmental, and efficiency groups
 - o SWEEP
 - Nonprofit social services groups
 - o River City United Way
 - Economic development/Business advocacy groups
 - o Lake Havasu Chamber of Commerce
 - o Arizona Solar Energy Industry Association

3. Ground Rules & Collaboration Principles:

- Open communication
- One-on-one engagement
- Assuming best intentions
- Cohesive conversations
- Aligning and sharing priorities
- Encouragement of all questions
- Communicate interests rather than positions

4. Potential Concerns in Meeting Facilitation:

- Conflicting goals
- Missed deadlines
- Lack of communication
- Loss of trust

5. Key Questions:

- Where do energy purchases come from? (Will Greene)
 - o Energy purchases from the wholesale market cover 42% of UNSE energy requirements. UNSE risk management policies require that firm capacity is secured at least one year prior to delivery. The wholesale group will issue a Request for Proposals for these transactions; more near-term negotiations to procure energy may be made if there are fluctuations in the load forecast.
- What does a typical energy negotiation look like (bilateral market)? (Will Greene)
 - o The Wholesale Power Marketing group will issue an RFP (for 1-to-2 year contracts) or make an offer for a certain amount of energy (for day-ahead deals). Both RFP bids and short-term deal offers are evaluated against market price indices to ensure a fair price.

6. Topics for Discussion:

- Supply chain delays
- Tariffs and changes to tax credits
- Pipeline constraints and turbine delays
- Geography's potential for power generation through technologies such as geothermal resources
- Technology changes and price variability (notably, storage prices have recently dropped)
- Net zero goals: increasing renewables to support growth
- Preparing for summer and winter reserves with gas
- Public inclusion in resource planning—Demand-Side Management (DSM) and consumer behavior
- Data center and load growth
- Media insights: Rapid load growth affecting carbon goals and affordability

7. Other Relevant Topics:

- Tariffs
- Supply chain issues
- Executive Orders
- Natural gas expansion
- Enhanced geothermal initiatives with energy storage cost decreases
- Customer Engagement:
 - o Customers increasingly have sustainability goals, raising questions about the competitiveness of solar and wind energy.
 - o Adoption of an "all of the above" strategy to address energy diversification.
- Empowering customers to leverage their energy usage for enhanced involvement in resource planning.

Administrative Notes:

- Meeting slides will be posted at UESAZ.com/RPAC
- Next Meeting: October 22, 2025
- Meetings occur every two months