



Attend a virtual public meeting

The PUC and an administrative law judge (ALJ) will hold virtual public meetings in May and you are invited to attend a meeting to learn more about Minnesota Power's IRP, ask questions and comment on the plan. You do not need to be represented by an attorney. To watch the video stream with audio, you must join by internet and phone. If a computer is unavailable, you can still access meeting audio by phone.

IMPORTANT You must join a meeting by phone to access the audio and ask questions or make comments during a meeting.

Accommodations: If any reasonable accommodation is needed for you to fully participate in these meetings (e.g., sign language or large print materials), contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7000 (voice) or 651-361-7878 (TTY) at least one week before the meeting. Folks with hearing or speech impairment may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.

How to submit comments

You may submit comments to the PUC if you are unable to attend a public meeting or prefer to comment in writing or in a video. **Both written and video comments are due by 4:30 p.m. July 1, 2021. Reply comments are due by 4:30 p.m. Sept. 1.** Comment periods may be extended if requested by official parties. Check <http://www.mn.gov/puc> for updates.

Your comment can discuss whatever you like but it would be helpful to have your insights on:

- Whether the PUC should approve, modify, or reject Minnesota Power's IRP.
- Additional concerns or opinions related to the IRP.

Written Comments: Include your name, city, and state. Note that your comments are for Docket 21-33 and submit in one of the following ways:

1. **Online:** Visit www.mn.gov/puc and click on the comment icon for instructions. Then, click "Submit Comments" on the left tool bar to use the digital comment form. You can also print and mail a comment form to the PUC.
2. **Email:** Email your comments to consumer.puc@state.mn.us.
3. **eDockets:** Use the Commission's eFiling system—go to www.mn.gov/puc and select "eFiling."
4. **U.S. mail:** Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101


The IRP Process


The PUC oversees the resource planning process for utilities and will approve, reject or change Minnesota Power's plan after hearing from stakeholders and the public. The PUC evaluates whether the IRP can (1) maintain or improve the adequacy and reliability of service, (2) keep customers' bills as low as possible, given regulatory and other constraints, (3) minimize adverse socioeconomic and environmental effects, (4) enhance the utility's ability to respond to changes affecting its operations, and (5) limit the risk of adverse effects on customers and the utility that the utility cannot control.


IRP highlights

Minnesota Power submitted its 2021 Integrated Resource Plan to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on Feb. 1. The IRP explains how the company plans to produce electricity for its customers for the next 15 years, and the Commission is gathering input on the plan from the public.


What Minnesota Power wants to achieve


 70% renewable power supply by 2030


 Reduce carbon emissions by 80% by 2035

 Achieve coal-free energy supply by 2035

How Minnesota Power plans to do it

 Add 200 MW of wind by 2025

 Add 200 MW of solar by 2030

 Boswell Energy Center
+ Economic dispatch of Unit 3 in 2021
+ Retire Unit 3 by 2030
+ Cease coal operation at Unit 4 by 2035

Minnesota Power is the first utility in the state to deliver 50% renewable energy to customers and recently announced its vision for delivering 100% carbon-free energy by 2050.

As Minnesota Power continues to provide safe and reliable energy and advance a sustainable transition to a less carbon-intensive future, the company also will work with customers to conserve energy, promote distributed generation (such as personal solar panels) and electrification (such as EVs), and reduce demand for energy at times of the day when energy is most expensive and the greatest number of customers want to use energy (demand response).

For more information

Read the IRP at <https://mnpower.com/Environment/IntegratedResourcePlan2021> or by using eDockets, the PUC's online system. To use eDockets, go to <http://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> enter "21" in the year field and "33" in the number field, click "Search" and a list of documents will appear.

Visit mnpower.com or contact the company by mail, email, or telephone:

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More information on the resource planning process is at <https://mn.gov/puc/energy/resource-planning/>.

For questions about consumer issues, contact the **PUC Consumer Affairs Office:**

Phone: 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782

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For questions about technical aspects of the IRP, contact **PUC staff:**

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