

TVA and Working Group Meet in March to Discuss Integrated Resource Plan

***Editor's Note:** TVA and stakeholders are working on TVA's next Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to determine how TVA could meet customer demand for electricity between now and 2050 across a variety of possible futures that TVA could find itself operating in. A programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will accompany the IRP to address its environmental effects.*

TVA and the IRP Working Group, a diverse group of stakeholders, met on March 25, 2024, in Nashville, Tennessee, to discuss a variety of topics related to the IRP.

Brian Child, Vice President, TVA Enterprise Planning, opened the meeting by talking with the Working Group about TVA's recent decision to pause the publication of its draft IRP. This timing change allows for additional analysis, review and continued engagement with the IRP Working Group. Further, this will allow for the potential evaluation of additional strategies, scenarios or sensitivities that may be appropriate to consider in this dynamic environment.

Developing the IRP is an important process with results that affect the daily lives of more than 10 million people across the Tennessee Valley region. When the draft IRP is released, TVA will continue executing the planned, robust stakeholder engagement plan with open houses in the identified 10 cities across seven states and additional virtual open house opportunities.

Other topics at the meeting included:

- Contextualizing potential project build-outs, with discussion around the different resource types and potential ranges for build-outs;
- An update of stochastics and metrics, with discussion around the stochastic process, including the capacity expansion plan, deterministic production cost plan, stochastic variables, stochastic modeling and the stochastic plan;
- Draft public materials, with discussion around the graphics developed for the public open houses; and
- EPA greenhouse gas rule, with discussion around the expectations for the forthcoming final rule as well as the potential treatment of the rule in the IRP.