# Draft 2025 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

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# **About Today's Meeting**

A recording of this presentation and copy of these slides will be available on the TVA IRP website: <u>www.tva.gov/IRP</u>.

To view prior IRP Public Webinar recordings and materials, please visit the TVA IRP website, Public Meetings page; previous webinar topics have included:

- Public Scoping
- IRP Process Overview
- Scenarios and Strategies (original five scenarios and five strategies)
- Scenario Updates and Resource Assumptions

There will be an opportunity for questions at the end of the presentation using either the Q&A functionality of the Teams webinar or by submitting questions to <u>IRP@tva.gov</u> with the subject line "Public Webinar Q&A".



# Today's Agenda

TVA's mission and the role of the IRP

IRP Overview and Key Inputs

Draft 2025 IRP Results

Panel Q&A

How to Provide Your Comments



# Draft 2025 IRP Overview and Key Inputs

Candy Kelly, Sr. Manager, Resource Strategy



# **TVA's Mission**

Energy



Provide affordable electric power throughout the Valley Region

#### Environment



Act as a steward of the Valley's natural resources

#### Economic Development



Serve as a catalyst for sustainable economic development



# **2025 Integrated Resource Plan**

The IRP is a study of how TVA could meet customer demand for electricity between now and 2050 across a variety of futures.

A programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) accompanies the IRP to evaluate its environmental effects.

An updated IRP is needed to:

- Proactively establish a strong planning foundation for the 2030s and beyond
- Inform TVA's next long-range financial plan

The IRP provides strategic direction on how TVA will continue to provide low-cost, reliable, and increasingly cleaner electricity to the residents and businesses across the Valley region.





# Planning is Grounded in Least-Cost Principles

In integrated resource planning, TVA applies fundamental least-cost planning principles:





#### **IRP** Timeline WE ARE HERE 2 3 5 6 7 1 **SCOPING\*** DEVELOP **ANALYZE & INCORPORATE IDENTIFY** PRESENT PRESENT Spring/Summer 2023 RECOMMENDATION **INPUTS & EVALUATE INPUT ON STRATEGIC DRAFT IRP** Spring/Summer 2024 Spring/Summer 2025 FRAMEWORK **DRAFT IRP** PORTFOLIO **FOR PUBLIC** Fall 2023/Winter 2024 Winter 2024 DIRECTION Winter/Spring 2025 **COMMENT\*** Fall 2024

\*Opportunity for public feedback during 45-day scoping and 60-day draft IRP and EIS public comment periods.



# **Stakeholder and Public Input**

Utility of the Future Information Exchange

**Public Scoping** 

**Public Outreach and Briefings** 

**Board Public Listening Sessions** 

**Regional Energy Resource Council** 

**IRP Working Group** 

**Regional Engagements** 

Public Review of Draft IRP and EIS

# Integrated Resource Plan



### How the Integrated Resource Planning Process Works





# **Resource Planning for Future Capacity Needs**

Recommended path provides low cost, reliability, diversity, and flexibility.

Resource planning is about optimizing the mix of future capacity.

Projections of new capacity needed are filled by the most cost-effective resources.

Multiple scenarios will be explored, reflecting different levels of forecasted demand.

Multiple strategies will be explored, resulting in different resource mixes to evaluate in each scenario.

#### Illustrative Capacity Gap Chart





# **IRP Scenarios and Strategies**

#### **SCENARIOS**



#### **Reference (without Greenhouse Gas Rule)**

Represents TVA's current forecast that reflects moderate population, employment, and industrial growth, weather-normal trends, growing electric vehicle use, and increasing efficiencies



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#### **Higher Growth Economy**

Reflects a technology-driven increase in U.S. productivity growth that stimulates the national and regional economies, resulting in substantially higher demand for electricity

#### **Stagnant Economy**

Reflects rising debt and inflation that stifle consumer demand and business investment, resulting in weaker than expected economic growth and essentially flat electricity demand

#### **Net-zero Regulation**

Reflects the impact of the May 2023 draft Greenhouse Gas Rule that targets significant reductions in electric utility  $CO_2$  emissions beginning in 2030 and potential future utility regulations striving for net-zero by 2050

#### **Net-zero Regulation Plus Growth**

Reflects the impact of the May 2023 draft Greenhouse Gas Rule and potential future utility regulations, along with substantial advancements in clean energy technologies, that spur economic growth and extensive electrification

#### **Reference (with Greenhouse Gas Rule)**

Reflects TVA's current forecast and incorporates the impact of the Greenhouse Gas Rule finalized in May 2024 that targets significant reductions in electric utility  $CO_2$  emissions beginning in 2030

#### STRATEGIES



#### **Baseline Utility Planning**

Represents TVA's current outlook based on least-cost planning, incorporating existing programs and a planning reserve margin target. This reserve margin target applies in all strategies



#### **Carbon-free Innovation Focus**

Emphasizes and promotes emerging, firm and dispatchable carbon-free technologies through innovation, continued research and development, and strategic partnerships



#### **Carbon-free Commercial Ready Focus**

Emphasizes proven carbon-free technologies like wind, solar, and storage, at both utility-scale and through customer partnerships, along with strategic transmission investment

#### **Distributed and Demand-side Focus**



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Emphasizes existing and potentially expanded customer partnerships and programmatic solutions to reduce reliance on central station generation and promote virtual power plants

#### **Resiliency Focus**

Emphasizes smaller units and the promotion of storage, along with strategic transmission investment, to drive wider geographic resource distribution and additional resiliency across the system



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# **IRP Utilizes a Rigorous Analytical Process**







Stakeholder feedback and public comments informed the development of scenarios and strategies that combine to form 30 unique portfolios.





### **IRP Resource Options**





# Draft 2025 IRP Results

Hunter Reed, IRP Project Manager



# Draft IRP Results Suggest by 2035...



In all scenarios, TVA will continue to provide AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, RESILIENT, and increasingly CLEANER energy for the region for decades to come.



Power supply mix ranges, summarized in gigawatts (GW), vary based on energy demand, market conditions, policy and regulations, and technology advancements.



# **Draft IRP Key Themes Are...**

New capacity is needed in all scenarios to replace retiring and expiring capacity, support economic growth, and enable further electrification of the economy.



Firm, dispatchable technologies are needed to ensure system reliability throughout the year.



Solar expansion plays an increasingly substantial role, providing economic, carbon-free energy.



Gas expansion serves broad system needs, with the potential for emerging carbon capture and hydrogen options to enable deeper decarbonization.



Energy efficiency deployment reduces energy needs, particularly between now and 2035, and demand response programs grow with the system and the use of smart technologies.

Storage expansion accelerates, driven by evolving battery technologies and the potential for additional pumped storage. Wind additions have the potential to add more diversity and carbon-free energy to the resource mix. New nuclear technologies, with continued advancements, can also support load growth and deeper decarbonization.



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# **Incremental Capacity Plans**





\* MW summer net dependable capacity, except for renewables and storage that are shown in nameplate.

# **Total Energy Mix**



# **Strategy Performance**

	Strategy	Low Cost	Risk Informed	Environmentally Responsible	Diverse, Reliable, and Flexible
	Baseline Utility Planning	\$			
E	Carbon-free Innovation Focus	\$		Y	
	Carbon-free Commercial Ready Focus	\$		Y	
	Distributed and Demand-side Focus	\$			
E	E Resiliency Focus	\$			
	Good	Better	Even	Better	Best



# **Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

We strive to be good stewards of the Valley's resources. It's part of who we are at TVA. The draft EIS provides an overview of the IRP, discusses environmental conditions in the TVA region, and evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the IRP:

- Air quality
- Climate and greenhouse gases
- Water resources
- Land resources
- Solid and hazardous waste
- Fuel requirements
- Life cycle analysis
- Socioeconomics
- Environmental justice



# **Highlights of EIS Observations**





# Panel Q&A



# **TVA Panelists**

Melanie Farrell – Vice President, Valley Engagement & Strategy

Clifton Lowry – Vice President, Enterprise Planning

Hunter Reed – IRP Project Manager, Enterprise Planning

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# Panel Q&A

Please enter your questions in the Q&A feature of this webinar.



As a reminder, **submitted questions are not considered official comments on the 2025 Draft IRP**; please submit your official comments at <u>www.tva.com/IRP</u>, via email at <u>IRP@tva.gov</u>, or written comments can be mailed to Kelly Baxter, NEPA Project Manager, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 W. Summit Hill Drive, WT 11B, Knoxville, TN 37902.



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# Closing / How to Submit Your Comments

Melanie Farrell; Vice President, Valley Engagement and Strategy



# 2025 IRP Public Open Houses



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- Visit TVA's IRP website at: <u>www.tva.com/irp</u> for registration information.
- Taped webinars will be available as well.



### In-Person Meetings at 6 PM Local Time

Antioch, TN Southeast Community Center

Oak Ridge, TN

Hopkinsville, KY

Huntsville, AL Calhoun Community College

Starkville, MS The Gathering Starkville



Public comment period runs from September 23 through December 11, 2024

