

**BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC )  
SERVICE COMPANY’S ANNUAL 2024 RENEWABLE )  
ENERGY PORTFOLIO PROCUREMENT PLAN AND )  
REQUESTED APPROVALS THEREIN; PROPOSED 2024 ) CASE NO. 23-00230-UT  
RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD COST RIDER; )  
TERMINATION OF THE RECONCILIATION RIDER; )  
AND OTHER ASSOCIATED RELIEF )**

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**NOTICE TO SPS CUSTOMERS**

To customers of Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS or Company): This document is required by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC or Commission). The purpose of this document is to provide you with notice of SPS’s Application requesting approval of: SPS’s 2024 Renewable Energy Act Plan (2024 RPS Plan), the 2024 RPS Rider pursuant to Advice Notice No. 315, termination of the RPS Reconciliation Rider, SPS’s 2024 Solar\*Connect Community Rate Rider pursuant to Advice Notice No. 316, and other associated relief.

This notice describes:

- The PRC process for considering SPS’s Application and requests; and
- How you can participate in this process if you wish to do so.

If you would like to participate in this process, the information below details how you may participate. **IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS, NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON YOUR PART.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given by the PRC of the following matters:

SPS filed its Application with the Commission on June 30, 2023, requesting the Commission enter a final order that:

- (a) acknowledges SPS’s concurrent filing of its 2022 Annual Renewable Energy Portfolio Report (“2022 RPS Report”) required under 17.9.572.19 NMAC;
- (b) approves SPS’s 2024 Annual Renewable Energy Act Plan (“2024 RPS Plan”) for the 2024 Plan Year (“Plan Year”) and 2025 Next Plan Year (“Next Plan Year”) under

Rule 572.14, the REA, and prior Commission Orders related to SPS's Plan Year and Next Plan Year RPS requirements;

- (c) approves SPS's proposed rate for its 2024 RPS Rider, which includes, without limitation, recovery of its RPS-related costs over a 12-month period beginning January 1, 2024, as set forth in Advice Notice No. 315, attached hereto;
- (d) approves SPS's request to terminate its RPS Reconciliation Rider (tariff rider rate 77) effective 12/31/23;
- (e) determines SPS's 2024 RPS Plan complies with the annual filing requirements of Rule 572.14, the REA, and applicable prior Commission orders;
- (f) approves SPS's 2024 Solar\*Connect Community Rate Rider, consistent with the final order in Case No. 18-00308-UT, as set forth in Advice Notice No. 316, attached hereto;
- (g) grants all other approvals, authorizations, and relief that may be required for SPS to implement its 2024 RPS Plan under the REA, Rule 572, and the New Mexico Public Utility Act ("PUA").

SPS proposes to collect an estimated \$6,418,756 in RPS procurement costs over a 12-month period beginning January 1, 2024 through its RPS Rider approved in Case No. 12-00350-UT. SPS will apply the 2024 RPS Rider using a kilowatt-hour ("kWh") based rate calculated at \$0.000583 per kWh that will apply to all SPS's New Mexico retail rate classes, other than energy purchased under its existing Solar\*Connect rider.

The following tables compare present bills and anticipated bills, including the proposed 2024 RPS Rider, under each affected customer class and for the indicated levels of consumption (note: there was no Renewable Performance Rider in 2023):

**Residential Service**

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	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2023 RPS Rider and Reconciliation Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2024 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
<b>Consumption Level</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
0 kWh	10.14	10.14	-	0.00%
250 kWh	40.02	39.96	(0.06)	-0.15%
500 kWh	69.91	69.79	(0.12)	-0.17%
750 kWh	99.79	99.62	(0.17)	-0.17%
1,000 kWh	129.68	129.44	(0.24)	-0.19%
2,000 kWh	249.23	248.75	(0.48)	-0.19%

**Residential Heating Service**

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2023 RPS Rider and Reconciliation Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2024 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
<b>Consumption Level</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
0 kWh	10.14	10.14	-	0.00%
250 kWh	36.40	36.34	(0.06)	-0.16%
500 kWh	62.66	62.54	(0.12)	-0.19%
750 kWh	88.91	88.74	(0.17)	-0.19%
1,000 kWh	115.17	114.93	(0.24)	-0.21%
2,000 kWh	220.21	219.74	(0.47)	-0.21%

**Small General Service**

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2023 RPS Rider and Reconciliation Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2024 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
<b>Consumption Level</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
0 kWh	17.48	17.48	-	0.00%
250 kWh	41.85	41.79	(0.06)	-0.14%
500 kWh	66.22	66.10	(0.12)	-0.18%
750 kWh	90.59	90.41	(0.18)	-0.20%
1,000 kWh	134.45	134.16	(0.29)	-0.22%
2,000 kWh	212.43	211.95	(0.48)	-0.23%

**Secondary General Service**

	Annualized Monthly Bill	Bill Change
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	<b>Bills Including 2023 RPS Rider and Reconciliation Rider</b>	<b>Bills Including Proposed 2024 RPS Rider</b>	<b>Proposed \$ Change</b>	<b>Proposed Change %</b>
<b>Consumption Level</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
1,500 kWh and 12 kW	338.78	338.42	(0.36)	-0.11%
7,500 kWh and 35 kW	1,040.61	1,038.83	(1.78)	-0.17%
15,000 kWh and 35 kW	1,337.44	1,333.88	(3.56)	-0.27%
30,000 kWh and 100 kW	3,243.46	3,236.33	(7.13)	-0.22%

**Irrigation Service**

	<b>Annualized Monthly Bill</b>		<b>Bill Change</b>	
	<b>Bills Including 2023 RPS Rider and Reconciliation Rider</b>	<b>Bills Including Proposed 2024 RPS Rider</b>	<b>Proposed \$ Change</b>	<b>Proposed Change %</b>
<b>Consumption Level</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
1,500 kWh and 12 kW	198.73	198.37	(0.36)	-0.18%
7,500 kWh and 35 kW	821.02	819.24	(1.78)	-0.22%
15,000 kWh and 35 kW	1,519.28	1,515.72	(3.56)	-0.23%
30,000 kWh and 100 kW	3,095.76	3,088.63	(7.13)	-0.23%

**Primary General Service**

	<b>Annualized Monthly Bill</b>		<b>Bill Change</b>	
	<b>Bills Including 2023 RPS Rider and Reconciliation Rider</b>	<b>Bills Including Proposed 2024 RPS Rider</b>	<b>Proposed \$ Change</b>	<b>Proposed % Change</b>
<b>Consumption Level</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
1,500 kWh and 12 kW	330.86	330.51	(0.35)	-0.11%
7,500 kWh and 35 kW	980.15	978.37	(1.78)	-0.18%
15,000 kWh and 35 kW	1,210.60	1,207.04	(3.56)	-0.29%
30,000 kWh and 100 kW	2,985.44	2,978.31	(7.13)	-0.24%

**Large General Service Transmission (69 kV)**

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2023 RPS Rider and Reconciliation Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2024 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
<b>Consumption Level</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
500,000 kWh and 800 kW	27,236.32	27,135.09	(128.23)	-0.47%
1,000,000 kWh and 1,500 kW	52,061.25	51,715.43	(345.82)	-0.66%
4,000,000 kWh and 6,100 kW	205,840.32	204,500.76	(1,339.56)	-0.65%
8,000,000 kWh and 12,200 kW	404,326.76	401,648.35	(2,678.41)	-0.66%

**Large General Service Transmission (115+ kV)**

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change	
	Bills Including 2023 RPS Rider and Reconciliation Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2024 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed % Change
<b>Consumption Level</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
500,000 kWh and 800 kW	26,796.76	26,677.93	(118.83)	-0.44%
1,000,000 kWh and 1,500 kW	52,543.80	52,215.20	(328.60)	-0.63%
4,000,000 kWh and 6,300 kW	204,978.91	203,706.91	(1,272.00)	-0.62%
8,000,000 kWh and 13,000 kW	408,041.30	405,497.30	(2,544.00)	-0.62%

**Large Municipal and School Service**

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change		
	Bills Including 2023 RPS Rider and Reconciliation Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2024 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed Change	%
<b>Consumption Level</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	
10,000 kWh and 30 kW	881.03	878.65	(2.38)	-0.27	
20,000 kWh and 45 kW	1,495.76	1,491.01	(4.75)	-0.32	
30,000 kWh and 75 kW	2,332.42	2,325.29	(7.13)	-0.31	

**Small Municipal and School Service**

	Annualized Monthly Bill		Bill Change		
	Bills Including 2023 RPS Rider and Reconciliation Rider	Bills Including Proposed 2024 RPS Rider	Proposed \$ Change	Proposed Change	%
<b>Consumption Level</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	
500 kWh	60.31	60.19	(0.12)	-0.20%	
1,000 kWh	103.43	103.20	(0.23)	-0.22%	
2,000 kWh	189.70	189.23	(0.47)	-0.25%	

SPS’s proposed rate changes are for informational purposes only and the final approved rates may vary.

Further information regarding this case can be obtained by contacting SPS or the Commission at the addresses and telephone numbers provided below. The Commission has assigned Case No. 23-00230-UT to this proceeding and all inquiries should refer to that case number.

The NMPRC assigned a Hearing Examiner to preside over this proceeding and the Hearing Examiner established in her July 27, 2023 Procedural Order the following schedule for this case:

- A. Any person desiring to become a party to this case must file a motion for leave to intervene in conformity with Rules 1.2.2.23(A) and 1.2.2.23(B) NMAC by August 28,

2023. All motions for leave to intervene shall be served on all existing parties and other proposed intervenors of record.
- B. The Commission’s Utility Division Staff shall, and any intervenors may, file direct testimony by September 8, 2023.
  - C. Deadline to file a Stipulation is September 15, 2023.
  - D. Opposition to Stipulation shall be filed by September 20, 2023.
  - E. Rebuttal testimony or testimony in support of a stipulation shall be filed by September 22, 2023.
  - F. Testimony in Opposition to a Stipulation shall be filed by September 27, 2023
  - G. Rebuttal testimony in support of the stipulation may be filed by October 2, 2023.
  - H. A pre-hearing conference will be held on October 3, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.
  - I. A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on October 5, 2023 and will continue as necessary through October 6, 2023. Based on present conditions and logistical issues, the Hearing Examiner has concluded that it will be necessary to conduct any evidentiary hearing via the Zoom videoconference platform. Access to and participation in the evidentiary hearing shall be limited to party participants (i.e., counsel and witnesses), the Commissioners, and other essential Commission personnel. Any Zoom hearing will be livestreamed through YouTube and will be displayed on the Commission’s website at <https://www.nm-prc.org>. Persons not participating in the evidentiary hearing as an attorney or witness may view the hearing on the Commission’s website and shall not join the hearing via Zoom except to provide oral comment as allowed below.
  - J. Interested persons who are not affiliated with a party may make oral or written comment as allowed by Rule 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC. Oral comments shall be taken shortly after the beginning of the evidentiary hearing on October 5, 2023, and commenters shall be limited to 3 minutes per comment. As part of the public hearing, public comment will be taken via the Zoom platform; therefore, persons wishing to make an oral public comment must register in advance, not later than 8:30 a.m. MT on October 5, 2023, by emailing Ana Kippenbrock at [Ana.Kippenbrock@prc.nm.gov](mailto:Ana.Kippenbrock@prc.nm.gov). Written public comments may be submitted before the Commission takes final action by sending the comment, which shall reference PRC Case No. 23-00230-UT, to [PRC.Records@prc.nm.gov](mailto:PRC.Records@prc.nm.gov). Public comments, whether oral or written, shall not be considered as evidence in this proceeding.

The procedural dates and requirements currently set in this case are subject to further Order of the Commission or the Hearing Examiner.

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The Commission's Rules of Procedure found at 1.2.2 NMAC will apply to this case unless modified by order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. A copy of such Rules may be obtained from the offices of the Commission and are online at the New Mexico Compilation Commission at <https://nmonesource.com/nmos/en/nav.do>.

SPS's Application, 2022 RPS Report and 2024 RPS Plan, together with supporting documents are available to be examined by interested persons at [https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates\\_and\\_regulations/filings](https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations/filings) or the Commission's website at <https://edocket.nmprc.state.nm.us>; or in person at SPS's offices at the following addresses:

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111 East Fifth Street  
Post Office Box 1937  
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Anyone filing pleadings, documents, or testimony in this case shall comply with the Commission's electronic filing policy which is amended from time to time. This includes compliance with the following (not exhaustive) set of requirements. Filings must be in pdf format. They must include an electronic signature and be sent to the Records Management Bureau's email address, [PRC.Records@prc.nm.gov](mailto:PRC.Records@prc.nm.gov), or to another Records Bureau address as set out on the Commission's webpage. Any filing must be submitted within regular business hours of the due date to be considered timely filed. Documents received after regular business hours will be considered filed the next business day. Regular Commission business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. MT. Parties shall serve a copy on all parties of record and Staff. Copies of all filings



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shall also be emailed on the date of filing and service to the Hearing Examiner at [Elizabeth.Hurst@prc.nm.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Hurst@prc.nm.gov) by no later than 5:00 p.m. MT. Any filing emailed to the Hearing Examiner shall include the Word or other native version of the filing (e.g., Excel or Power Point) if created in such format. Any filings not emailed to the Hearing Examiner in compliance with the requirements of this order and Commission rules are subject to being summarily rejected and stricken from the record at the Hearing Examiner's discretion.

Interested persons should contact the Commission at (505) 690-4191 for confirmation of the hearing date, time, and place, since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

Any person filing prepared testimony under 1.2.2.35(I) NMAC on behalf of a party shall attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath. No person shall testify at the hearing unless that person has pre-filed testimony.

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE COMMISSION'S ADA COORDINATOR AT (505) 412-3502 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO REQUEST SUCH ASSISTANCE.

**ISSUED** under the seal of the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

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