

## **2024-2026 IRP Stakeholder Process**

### **General Notice Meeting #3 – Meeting Summary**

Date: December 3, 2025

Time: 2:31 – 4:50 pm EDT

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom, Vanry Associates hosting

Topic: Santee Cooper 2024-2026 Integrated Resource Plan, General Notice Meeting

The meeting was an opportunity for stakeholders to learn about Santee Cooper's resource updates, 2025 Load Forecast, 2025 Reserve Margin Study results, and information on its Integrated Resource Plan filings.

The following referenced attachments are posted as separate documents at the [Santee Cooper IRP](#) website and can be found on the [2024-2026 IRP Stakeholder Process](#) webpage in the 2024-2026 General Notice Meetings section.

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### **Registration and Attendees**

Registration for the session opened on November 14, 2025, and remained open for stakeholders to register at any time, including up to the start of the meeting. Upon registering, registrants received a confirmation email with options and instructions for joining the meeting.

Santee Cooper used various means to announce the meeting to customers and stakeholders. These included print advertisements, a press release, and social media posts. In all of these, stakeholders were invited to register via a link on the [SanteeCooper.com/IRP](https://SanteeCooper.com/IRP) webpage. The same link was also posted at the top of the [2024-2026 IRP Stakeholder Process](#) webpage. Both links led to a registration form housed in the Zoom platform.

Additionally, Santee Cooper team members reached out directly to contacts, alerting them to the meeting and how to register.

Prior meeting registrants and attendees were sent an email by Vanry Associates on November 14, 2025, that included a direct link to register, as well as links to other topics of interest outside the scope of the IRP process.

Another email was sent to all registrants on December 1, 2025, to let them know the presentation had been posted to the [2024-2026 IRP Stakeholder Process](#) webpage. This email also included additional links to other topics of interest.

In summary

- 123 registrations were received up to the start of the meeting on December 3, 2025
- 7 registrants included a question or comment when signing up for the meeting
- 53 individuals, or 43% of those registered, attended all, or a portion, of the meeting
- All but one attendee represented external stakeholders
  - One attendee was a Santee Cooper employee
- 12 of the attendees are members of the IRP Stakeholder Working Group
- 47 or 87% of the external stakeholders either self-identified or, based on their email, were identified as being affiliated with an organization
- 24 or about 45% of the external stakeholders who joined the meeting were identified to be from outside the State of South Carolina; one from outside the United States.

Appendix A lists meeting attendees, excluding Santee Cooper employees and its IRP consultants.

## Agenda, Presenters, and Topics

The agenda and associated times were included in the presentation posted to the [2024-2026 IRP Stakeholder Process](#) webpage on December 1, 2025. Facilitators adjusted the timing to ensure sufficient time for presentations, questions, and discussion during the session. Less time than anticipated was needed to cover all of the topics planned for this meeting, and the meeting ended ahead of schedule. The times below reflect the actual time versus the time listed in the agenda (recorded in brackets).

### AGENDA

2:30 pm (2:31 pm)	<b>Welcome &amp; Agenda</b>	<b>Stewart Ramsay, Meeting Facilitator, Vanry Associates</b>
		Stewart welcomed participants to the third General Notice meeting of the IRP stakeholder process. He reviewed the principles for engagement, including respectful dialogue and transparent documentation of all questions and responses. He explained how participants should use the Q&A and raised-hand features, outlined the intended meeting outcomes, and reviewed the agenda. He noted that additional questions could be submitted after the session and introduced the presenters before turning the meeting over to Greg.

2:40 pm (2:38 pm)	<b>2025 Load Forecast</b>	<p><b>Greg McCormack, Director Financial Forecast</b></p> <p>Greg provided an overview of Santee Cooper's recent and upcoming forecasting work and emphasized the importance of early stakeholder input. He reviewed the major customer classes, the collaborative forecasting process with Central Electric Cooperative (Central), and geographic areas of service. Greg highlighted the significant economic development activity influencing the forecast, including industrial growth and data center development, and explained how these trends had accelerated the expected peak load. He summarized the factors driving the increase in projected winter peak demand and outlined the schedule for the next forecast update.</p>
3:10 pm (3:13 pm)	<b>Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update</b>	<p><b>Clay Settle, Senior Manager, Resource Planning</b></p> <p>Clay reviewed the requirements of Act 90 and the coordination agreement with Central, noting the triennial IRP, annual updates, and the need to address Public Service Commission directives. He explained that the 2025 update reaffirmed prior conclusions regarding the value of new natural gas resources, battery storage, solar additions, and combustion turbines. Clay summarized regulatory developments, including the EPA's greenhouse gas rules and the federal tax incentive changes, and described how these factors shaped the updated resource portfolio. He also reviewed the stakeholder engagement process and the Public Service Commission's schedule for reviewing the filing.</p>
3:40 pm (3:30 pm)		<b>BREAK</b>
3:50 pm (3:40 pm)	<b>Resource Update</b>	<p><b>Clay Settle, Senior Manager, Resource Planning</b></p> <p>Clay outlined the approval requirements for major resource decisions under Act 90 and the Siting Act, including certificates of need and Public Service Commission review. He summarized several near-term projects planned for service by winter 2028, including upgrades at Rainey, new LM6000 turbines at Winyah, and a battery storage facility at Jefferies. Clay also discussed the Canadys combined-cycle project, jointly developed with Dominion, and the recently authorized evaluation of the AP1000 nuclear units with Brookfield. He noted that dedicated project websites would provide ongoing updates.</p>
4:10 pm (3:50 pm)	<b>2025 Reserve Margin Study</b>	<p><b>Joel Dison, Technical Manager, PowerGEM</b></p> <p>Joel reviewed the purpose of the reserve margin study and described the modeling approach, which incorporated economic load variability, historical weather patterns, renewable performance, and forced outage rates. He noted that the recommended reserve margin increased from 18% to 20% and walked through sensitivities to imports, data center load, solar additions, and islanding. Joel summarized the primary factors driving the change, including extreme weather impacts, updated outage rates, and the growing influence of large loads.</p>

4:35 pm (4:10 pm)	<b>2026 Integrated Resource Plan</b>	<p><b>David Millar, Director, Resource Planning</b></p> <p>David outlined the upcoming engagement process for the 2026 IRP, which includes general notice meetings, stakeholder working group sessions, and topic-specific technical sessions. He described the broad composition of the working group and reviewed the schedule leading to the September 2026 filing. David noted that key areas of upcoming work include studies on reserve margin, effective load-carrying capability, wind resources, market potential for demand-side programs, and coal retirement. He directed participants to online resources and invited them to ask final questions.</p>
4:45pm (4:15 pm)	<b>Meeting Closeout</b>	<p><b>Stewart Ramsay, Meeting Facilitator, Vanry Associates</b></p> <p>Stewart thanked participants for their engagement and reminded them that additional questions could be submitted through Santee Cooper's IRP website. He noted that meeting materials would be posted online and encouraged attendees to complete the post-meeting survey.</p>

## Q&A Summary

During this meeting, stakeholders were able to ask questions in two ways:

1. Using the Zoom **Q&A** tool, they could type and send a question at any time during the session and receive a written or verbal response during the meeting by one of the Santee Cooper IRP team.
2. Using the **Raised Hand** functionality during the presentations, and during the open floor question periods before the break and at the end of the session.

For questions asked using the **Q&A** tool, any follow-on comments, questions, and answers were reflected in a thread connected to the original question. Some of the Q&A questions were answered live by the respective presenters.

Overall, 13 interactions were initiated via typed questions (live asked/answered and written asked/answered) and one with a raised hand. The presenters discussed four of the questions live during the sessions.

A transcript of the Q&A log is included as an attachment and available with other December 3<sup>rd</sup> General Notice Meeting 3 documents on the Santee Cooper [2024-2026 IRP Stakeholder Process](#) webpage.

## Post-Meeting Survey

Attendees were invited to provide feedback upon leaving the Zoom meeting, and again in an email thanking the stakeholders for attending, sent the day after the session. The short survey included seven questions. Of the seven, three questions allowed participants to provide written feedback. Vanry Associates received 13 responses to the post-meeting survey, representing about 25% of attending external stakeholders. Nine respondents chose to provide written feedback, resulting in 14 written answers overall.

The overall survey response was positive. In summary:

- 92% of those who responded reported feeling better informed, 17% feeling slightly more informed

- 62% of respondents found the detail in the presentations just right, 8% found it too technical, and 31% found it a little too basic
- 92% indicated they were satisfied with their ability to contribute
- 100% of those who responded reported being satisfied with Santee Cooper's stakeholder engagement IRP process

Results of the post-meeting survey are included in Appendix B.

## Action Items

### Next Steps:

- Resource Planning to review stakeholder feedback from the General Notice meeting Q&A log, the post-meeting survey, the public Stakeholder Input and Feedback Forum, and any emails received pre- and post-meeting
- No other action items emerged in the session

## APPENDIX A

### List of External Attendees

Attendees are represented in alphabetical order by the name provided. The list excludes Santee Cooper employees and IRP consultants. Organization names in square brackets were not listed at the time of registration and are recognized from prior meetings or discerned from emails provided.

ATTENDEE	ORGANIZATION
Aaron Reiss	HTC
Amanda Mueller	Haley & Aldrich, Inc.
Andrew Tran	Samsung C&T America
Ben Reilly	Destination North Myrtle Beach
Brady Porth	[Blanchard Machinery]
Breeden John	[South Carolina Senate]
Brian Bach	INEOS US Chemical Company
Brian Sauter	JW Aluminum
Brooks Camp	AES Clean Energy
Caroline Tyler	Sen. Tim Scott
Carson Wilde	[Cypress Creek Renewables]
Celeste Wanner	Clean Energy Buyers Association
Charles Cook	McCormick County Councilman, District 3
Connor McCormick	RWE
Cunningham Thomas	
Daniel Case	[Allianz-Trade]
Dave Buonviri	Town of Briarcliffe
David Nordenmalm	Siemens Energy
Dean Michael	
Dennis Boyd	Nucor (retired)
Diane Bell	
Ed Rivera	[RoarEnergy, LLC]
Eddy Moore	[Southern Alliance for Clean Energy]
Elizabeth Miller	South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources [SCDNR]
Gerald Antonacci	
Heather Zrust	Central Electric Power Cooperative
Jalen Brooks-Knepfle	CVSC [Conservation Voters of South Carolina]
James McCulla	[RWE Clean Energy]
Jane Campbell	
Jason Martin	Holocene Clean Energy
Jef Freeman	AES Clean Energy Services LLC
Jenise Clancey	[AES Clean Energy]
Joel Ledbetter	PMPA
Joey Coble	[Blandhard Machinery]

John Watson	WW Williams
Jonathan Ly	J. Pollock, Inc.
Joshua Austin	South Carolina Senate
Joshua Smith	Silicon Ranch Corp
Katherine Ross	Parker Poe
Kevin Casey	Beaufort Rosemary LLC
Michael Schmid	
Mike Lavanga	SMXB
Paul Black	[Sierra Club]
Paula Lancaster	wpd USA Inc
Robert Brown	[SCDES BAQ, SC Dept. of Health and Env. Control (DES)]
Robert McKee	
Sam Deck	[Guidehouse]
Sam Miller	
Sam Moses	Parker Poe
Scott Bechler	Sun2o
Scott Morales	Treaty Oak Clean Energy
Sharon Melton	
Steve Gallon	[Fusion Renewable]
Ted Dalakos	RWE Supply & Trading
Whitney Russell	A-1 Best Quality Painting LLC
Will Salters	Terracon
William Rogers	CCE Advisory

## APPENDIX B

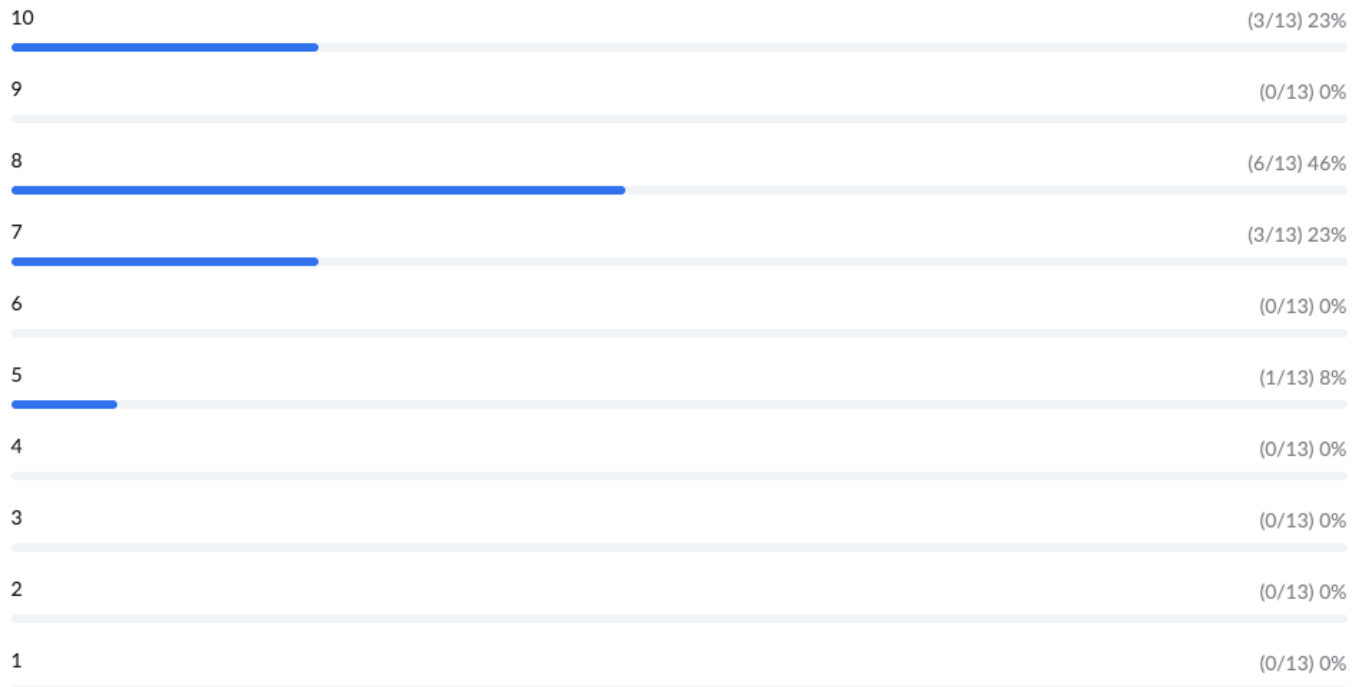
### Post-Meeting Feedback Survey Results

*Note: the stakeholder comments in questions five through seven are included verbatim as received. The graphs are representations generated by the Zoom platform.*

1. Based on today's session, how informed are you about Santee Cooper's current integrated resource planning efforts?

13/13 (100%) answered · 0 skipped

10: fully informed 1: slightly better informed



2. How would you rate the presentations for level of detail?

13/13 (100%) answered · 0 skipped





### 3. How would you rate your ability to provide input to the meeting?

13/13 (100%) answered · 0 skipped

1: not enough chance 10: completely satisfied, able to contribute



### 4. How satisfied are you with Santee Cooper's IRP stakeholder engagement process overall?

13/13 (100%) answered · 0 skipped

1: not satisfied 10: completely satisfied



5. Is there anything you would like to see less or more of?

- Each speaker To summarize their department
- More input on the planning to include what effort is being made to keep/reduce the cost of this most important energy source for our state. Don't believe its possible to achieve ZERO CO2 with the planned generation mix shown!
- It would benefit others to learn the value of non-firm load

6. Is there anything you would like to say about your experience of the overall IRP process?

- Good overview of work done and plans for the future.
- The process is great – information, and makes a lot of information available but also easy to understand.
- This is my first time and I receive a lot of information
- Thanks for the chance to participate.
- Nope
- Overall helpful, but could have been a little more in the weeds on data/assumption, believe most listening/participating have a strong enough basic understanding to follow more *[comment typed in #7]*

7. How did you find out about today's meeting?

- invitation
- Email
- A friend
- From your invitation on the internet.
- Email
- via email from last time
- Email
- E-Mail from Santee Cooper