



IRP focus group questions to consider and discuss

General questions

1. How important is a 100% noncarbon energy mix?
2. How important is reliable electric service?
3. How important are low electrical rates?
 - As you consider prioritizing and balancing these three pillars, what suggestions do you have?

In-depth questions to explore

Considering the four potential energy mix options:

- Should Platte River assume and rely heavily on technology advances or be more cautious? What happens if technology does not advance as rapidly as needed or has unintended consequences?
- Are the noncarbon energy mix differences between Option 2 and 3 worth the significant added cost and risks to service reliability? Would you be willing to accept maintaining some natural gas-based options, primarily to serve as backup to ensure reliability? (Currently, natural gas is about one third of PRPA's effective capacity but only 1% of actual production because it is mainly used as a backup only when needed. This backup function will become more important as we rely more on renewable resources).
- To what extent should we consider the broader regional market and our potential ability to produce energy more efficiently with our energy options than our neighbors? Do we focus only on our specific mix or, if we can produce energy more efficiently and with less environmental impact than neighbors, should we leverage these tools for broader regional gains?