

STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

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LUS should pursue renewables and implement battery/peak power alternatives.	The IRP evaluated renewables and storage along with many other technologies. The IRP recommended to pursue acquisition of solar resources through purchase power agreements. LUS will continue to monitor the overall electric utility industry including technological improvements to emerging technologies such as energy storage and other renewable resources.
LUS should issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for renewables/storage.	LUS intends to follow the recommendations of the IRP, including issuing a Request for Proposals for renewable resources, with an emphasis on solar. LUS plans to include an option for respondents to propose resources consisting of renewables plus storage.
LUS should expedite the procurement of renewable resources.	As illustrated within the results of the IRP, the power supply paths are flexible. The RFP responses will demonstrate when renewable resources will be available to procure, how much capacity is available, and the cost to procure. LUS will determine the appropriate quantity of renewable resources to procure based on these factors.
LUS and the City of Lafayette should pursue implementation of electric vehicles (EVs) and charging stations.	Electric Vehicles are not a specific topic in the IRP. However, LUS is actively pursuing and evaluating EV policies and programs. Within the IRP, a sensitivity evaluation regarding load was conducted should a large amount of EVs be acquired in LUS's service territory.
What is the interconnection policy for PV facilities?	The interconnection voltage and location will dictate the policy to accommodate PV facilities.
LUS should retire RPS2 from coal prior to 2027.	RPS2 will need to be retired in/around 2027 in order to comply with current environmental regulations. The decision to retire RPS2 from burning coal requires Joint Owner approval, regulatory approval, and is subject to the timing of environmental regulations and capital expenditures associated with meeting those deadlines. Early retirement of RPS2 is contingent upon these approvals as well as other financial limitations. Early retirement of RPS2 may trigger the need for additional expenditures that LUS's current rates may not be able to support due to existing financial obligations.
Why does LUS have to retire coal?	The IRP evaluated the ongoing operation of RPS2 as a coal-fired unit. The results indicated that other forms of power supply would be more cost effective.

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Please explain the costs associated with Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) rules.	CCR along with other environmental compliance costs are included in the IRP. RPS2 currently utilizes unlined ash ponds which will need to be closed in the future to comply with CCR rules. The ash will need to be removed from the existing ponds and disposed of within an adjacent landfill onsite.
How is self-generation beneficial?	 There are several benefits to having local generation, including the following. 1) Local generation may be relied upon during emergency situations and restoration efforts necessitated by severe weather (e.g. a hurricane). 2) Local generation can provide enhanced reliability of electric service in and around Lafayette. 3) Local generation can provide price hedging against market fluctuations.
What are the capacity requirements in MISO?	Annually, MISO performs a Loss of Load Expectation Study which determines the planning reserve margin (typically 7-9%) that each load serving member needs to meet. The planning reserve margin is the amount of accredited capacity over and above a load serving member's peak load contribution.
Did LUS consider Time-of-Use Rates?	Time-of-use billing and other rate analysis are not in the scope of the IRP, however LUS will continue to explore options.
Provide cost assumptions, data input, and sensitivity analysis used in the IRP	The data input, assumptions, sensitivities, and costs are included in the final IRP report which is published on the LUS website.
Did LUS consider natural gas storage within the IRP?	Natural gas storage was not specifically evaluated within the IRP. Firm fuel supplies are evaluated within later studies.
Did the IRP consider different scenarios and sensitivities?	As illustrated within the results, the IRP considered several scenarios and sensitivities that may impact LUS power supply paths in the future.
LUS should continue to pursue Energy Efficiency/Demand Side Management.	Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management were evaluated in the IRP. LUS will continue to follow the recommendation of the IRP. LUS currently offers a Net Metering program, Home Audits, Energy Saving Tips, Bright Ideas, Energy Star information, and the Kill A Watt Meter program. LUS will continue to monitor and evaluate additional energy efficiency programs.

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