

## CPS ENERGY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 28, 2024, AT 1:00 PM LOCATION: CPS ENERGY BOARD ROOM (500 MCCULLOUGH AVE)

At any time during the Board Meeting, the Board may go into an executive session as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, (Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code) regarding any item on this agenda.

#### **AGENDA**

ITEM	TOPIC	ACTION	PRESENTER/ SPONSOR
1	CALL TO ORDER	Execute	Ms. Janie Gonzalez
2	SAFETY MESSAGE, INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Execute	Ms. Cynthia Garza
3	PUBLIC COMMENT  Pre-Registration is from Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 5:00 PM – Friday, October 25, 2024, 1:00 PM.  Dial (210) 353-4662 or email  PublicCommentRegistration@CPSEnergy.com	Discuss	Ms. Janie Gonzalez
UPDAT	E ON CHAIR'S PRIORITIES		
4	CHAIR'S REMARKS	Discuss	Ms. Janie Gonzalez
CONSE	NT AGENDA		
5	<ul> <li>APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS:</li> <li>A. Payment to the City of San Antonio for September 2024</li> <li>B. Minutes from the Special Board Meeting, held on September 9, 2024</li> <li>C. Minutes from the September Regular Board Meeting, held on September 30, 2024</li> <li>D. Audit and Finance (A&amp;F) Committee Bylaws</li> <li>E. Technology and Resilience (T&amp;R) Committee Bylaws</li> </ul>	Vote	Ms. Janie Gonzalez
REGUL	AR AGENDA		
6	COMMITTEE REPORTS  A. Technology and Resilience (T&R) Committee Meeting held on September 11, 2024 (Ms. Janie Gonzalez)  B. Personnel Committee Meeting held on September 30, 2024 (Ms. Janie Gonzalez)	Discuss	Ms. Janie Gonzalez

7	COMMUNITY INPUT COMMITTEE (CIC) REPORTS	Discuss	Ms. Janie Gonzalez		
8	PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: GAS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES (Mr. Richard Medina)	Vote	Ms. Janie Gonzalez		
9	PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: ELECTRICAL AND INSTRUMENTATION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE (Mr. Richard Medina)	Vote	Ms. Janie Gonzalez		
10	PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: POLE ATTACHMENT APPLICATION PROCESSING SERVICES (Mr. Richard Medina)	Vote	Ms. Janie Gonzalez		
11	WINTER 2024/2025 PREPAREDNESS	Discuss	Executive Leadership Team		
12	CEO RECOGNITION	Discuss	Mr. Rudy Garza		
13	REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS	Discuss	Ms. Janie Gonzalez		
CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION					
14	EXECUTIVE SESSION  A. Attorney-Client Matters (§551.071) & Competitive Matters (§551.086)  B. Attorney-Client Matters (§551.071)  C. Attorney-Client Matters (§551.071)	Discuss	Ms. Janie Gonzalez		
RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION					
15	ADJOURNMENT	Execute	Ms. Janie Gonzalez		
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If the Board meeting has not adjourned by 4:00 PM, the presiding officer may entertain a motion to continue the meeting, postpone the remaining items to the next Board meeting date, or recess and reconvene the meeting at a specified date and time.

### **CPS Energy Board of Trustees Meeting October 28, 2024**

#### Approval of Payment to the City of San Antonio for September 2024

The New Series Bond Ordinance that took effect February 1, 1997 provides for a total cash payment to the City of San Antonio (City) in an amount not to exceed 14% of gross revenue as calculated pursuant to such Ordinance, less the value of other services provided to the City, with the percentage (within the 14% limitation) to be determined by the governing body of the City. The cash transfer to the City for the month of September 2024 is based on actual gross revenue per the New Series Bond Ordinance of \$337,432,275.66, less applicable exclusions. The revenue for the month of September 2024 is calculated as follows:

Gross revenue per CPS Energy financial statements		
Electric revenue	\$338,040,357.81	
Gas revenue	12,450,033.85	
Interest and other income	7,828,020.88	
Gross revenue per CPS Energy financial statements	358,318,412.54	
Excluded revenue		
School and hospital revenue per City Ordinance 55022	(10,344,450.01)	
Fuel cost component of off-system nonfirm	, , , ,	
energy sales per City Ordinance 61794		
and revenue for wholesale special contracts	(27,931,507.33)	
Noncash and other income, GASB 31		
investment market value change, miscellaneous		
interest income, gas billing adjustment and unbilled		
revenue	17,389,820.46	
Total excluded revenue	(20,886,136.88)	
Gross revenue per New Series Bond Ordinance subject to		
14% payment to the City	\$337,432,275.66	
City payment per Bond Ordinance for September 2024		
based upon September 2024 revenue	\$47,240,518.59	
City payment per memorandum of understanding (MOU)		
regarding wholesale special contracts	295,365.99	
City Payment reduction per gas customer billing adjustment MOU	(12,500.00)	
City payment per Bond Ordinance plus adjustments for		
memorandums of understanding	47,523,384.58	Α
Utility services provided to the City for September 2024	(3,047,188.44)	
Net amount to be paid from September 2024 revenue to		
the City in October 2024	\$44,476,196.14	

### **CPS Energy Board of Trustees Meeting October 28, 2024**

Comparison of City payment per Bond Ordinance (plus adjustments for memorandums of understanding) vs. Budget before deduction for utility services provided to the City:

#### (Dollars in thousands)

September 2024	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Current Month A	\$47,523	\$41,969	\$5,554	13.2%
Year-to-Date*	\$321,149	\$298,435	\$22,714	7.6%

<sup>\*</sup> Includes a rounding adjustment of \$1 to agree to correctly rounded YTD amount.

Approval of the following resolution is requested:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the CPS Energy Board of Trustees that payment to the City of San Antonio in the amount of \$44,476,196.14 representing 14% of applicable system gross revenues for the month of September 2024, such payment being net of City utility services (\$3,047,188.44), is hereby approved."

### CPS ENERGY MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of CPS Energy was held on Monday, September 9, 2024, in the Board Room on the First Floor of the CPS Energy headquarters located at 500 McCullough, San Antonio, Texas.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

#### Present were Board members:

Ms. Janie Gonzalez, Chair

Dr. Francine Romero, Vice Chair

Dr. Willis Mackey

Mr. John Steen

Mayor Ron Nirenberg (Absent)

#### Also present were:

Mr. Rudy Garza, President & CEO

Ms. Elaina Ball, Chief Strategy Officer

Ms. Shanna M. Ramirez, Chief Legal & Ethics Officer, General Counsel & Board Secretary

Mr. Cory Kuchinsky, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

Ms. Karma Nielson, Chief Customer Strategy Officer

Mr. Evan O'Mahoney, Chief Information Officer

Ms. Lisa Lewis, Chief Administrative Officer

City of San Antonio officials

CPS Energy staff members

Interested Citizens

#### II. SAFETY MESSAGE, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A safety message, invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance were delivered by Ms. Nathalia Lopez, Legal Program Manager.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Henrietta LaGrange, community member, stated she would like to be involved in the committee process and to meet Mr. Charles Lopez, Program Manager. She also stated her appreciation to Mr. Garza and Ms. Ball and CPS Energy staff.

#### IV. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Gonzalez stated that Vision 2027 focuses on the near future for CPS Energy with the main pillars of focus being sustainability, reliability, resiliency, and creating an innovative future for energy management in San Antonio and surrounding areas. She noted that today's discussion is a starting point to

gather feedback and she noted that she wanted it to be productive and to think about what is beyond 2027. The items being discussed will not just disrupt but will transform the energy landscape, and we are on the horizon of a brighter future if we take the time to be collaborative and make strong decisions.

#### V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Trustee Dr. Mackey asked that each item be voted on individually, and Chair Gonzalez agreed.

#### A. Approval of Payment to the City of San Antonio for July 2024

Trustee Dr. Mackey moved approval, and Vice Chair Dr. Romero seconded the motion to approve payment to the City of San Antonio for July 2024. The following was approved unanimously by those members present:

The New Series Bond Ordinance that took effect February 1, 1997 provides for a total cash payment to the City of San Antonio (City) in an amount not to exceed 14% of gross revenue as calculated pursuant to such Ordinance, less the value of other services provided to the City, with the percentage (within the 14% limitation) to be determined by the governing body of the City. The cash transfer to the City for the month of July 2024 is based on actual gross revenue per the New Series Bond Ordinance of \$362,866,323.82, less applicable exclusions. The revenue for the month of July 2024 is calculated as follows:

Gross revenue per CPS Energy financial statements	
Electric revenue	\$363,182,002.44
Gas revenue	13,186,086.97
Interest and other income	9,492,462.36
Gross revenue per CPS Energy financial statements	385,860,551.77
Excluded revenue	
School and hospital revenue per City Ordinance 55022 Fuel cost component of off-system nonfirm	(9,304,786.34)
energy sales per City Ordinance 61794	
and revenue for wholesale special contracts	(29,653,182.56)
Noncash and other income, GASB 31	
investment market value change, miscellaneous	
interest income, gas billing adjustment and unbilled	1E 062 740 0E
revenue	15,963,740.95
Total excluded revenue	(22,994,227.95)
Gross revenue per New Series Bond Ordinance subject to	
14% payment to the City	\$362,866,323.82
City payment per Bond Ordinance for July 2024	
based upon July 2024 revenue	\$50,801,285.33
City payment per memorandum of understanding (MOU)	ψου,ου 1,200.00
regarding wholesale special contracts	781,719.64
City Payment reduction per gas customer billing adjustment MOU	(12,500.00)
City payment per Bond Ordinance plus adjustments for	(.2,000.00)

memorandums of understanding
Utility services provided to the City for July 2024
Net amount to be paid from July 2024 revenue to
the City in August 2024

51,570,504.97 **A** (3,237,350.76)

\$48,333,154.21

Comparison of City payment per Bond Ordinance (plus adjustments for memorandums of understanding) vs. Budget before deduction for utility services provided to the City:

(Dollars in thousands)

July 2024	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Current Month A	\$51,571	\$43,262	\$8,309	19.2%
Year-to-Date	\$219,030	\$210,307	\$8,723	4.1%

Approval of the following resolution is requested:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the CPS Energy Board of Trustees that payment to the City of San Antonio in the amount of \$48,333,154.21 representing 14% of applicable system gross revenues for the month of July 2024, such payment being net of City utility services (\$3,237,350.76), is hereby approved."

#### B. Procurement Items:

1. **Item Description:** Underground Infrastructure Installation Services

Category: General Services

Supplier: Bartek Construction Co.

HJD Capital Electric, Inc.

Vice Chair Dr. Romero moved approval, and it was seconded by Chair Gonzalez. The Board of Trustees discussed. The Board of Trustees voted 2-2 with Trustee Dr. Mackey and Trustee Steen voting against the motion, the tie resulting in the motion failing. Chair Gonzalez moved to reconsider, which was seconded by Vice Chair Romero. The Board of Trustees discussed further, and the motion failed on a 2-2 tie vote, with Trustee Dr. Mackey and Trustee Steen voting against the motion.

Chair Gonzalez deferred this procurement item to the September 30 meeting.

Item Description: Transmission Steel Monopoles
 Category: Commodity & Material Goods
 Supplier: Meyer Utility Structures, LLC

Techline, Inc.

This item was deferred to the September 30 meeting.

3. **Item Description:** Engineering & Construction Services for Accelerated Recloser

Deployment

Category: General Services

**Supplier:** Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.

This item was deferred to the September 30 meeting.

#### VI. STRATEGY SESSION

Mr. Rudy Garza, President & CEO, provided an introduction and stated the importance of developing a long-range strategy. Ms. Elaina Ball, Chief Strategy Officer, walked through the agenda for the discussion and the input requested from the Board. She also provided the session's objectives. Ms. Melissa Sorola, Vice President, Corporate Communications & Marketing, provided an overview of the stakeholder engagement plan.

Ms. Marley Urdanick, Mr. Doug McMahon, and Mr. Dave Cherney from PA Consulting presented an introduction 2050 strategic planning, with Ms. Urdanick leading the presentation. She provided the Board of Trustees information on the dynamic forces within the energy landscape that shape long-term strategic planning and the strategic implications to consider. Finally, she and Ms. Ball presented the strategic framework for CPS Energy. The Board of Trustees discussed and asked questions.

#### VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 2:01 p.m., Chair Gonzalez announced the Board would go into Executive Session, and Ms. Ramirez announced that the required notice had been posted and that the Trustees, with only necessary parties in attendance, would convene into Executive Session, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, for discussion of a posted item:

• Attorney-Client Matters (§551.071) & Competitive Matters (§551.086)

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:53 p.m. The quorum was re-established, and all members in attendance were present. Ms. Ramirez reported that only the matters cited above, and no others were discussed, and no votes were taken in Executive Session.

#### VIII. STRATEGY SESSION, CONT.

Ms. Urdanick presented the draft of a vision, mission, and goals for feedback and discussion. The Board of Trustees discussed the presentation, asked questions, and provided feedback on the draft vision, mission, and strategic goals.<sup>1</sup>

#### IX. PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Ms. Kathy Garcia, Vice President, Government Relations, Regulatory Affairs & Public Policy, provided the Board with an overview of local, state, and federal public policy activities in which we are currently engaged. The Board of Trustees discussed and asked questions.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Trustee Steen requested his continued concerns regarding the generation plan approved by the Board of Trustees be included in the minutes. His concerns relate to the financial risks in meeting the goals of San Antonio's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and the Paris Accords by ending coal generation before the anticipated end-of-life for the Spruce units, particularly Spruce 2. He stated his concern that the financial investment required to achieve the generation plan could both result in continued rate increases and increased debt, which will result in unnecessary hardship on CPS Energy and its customers to meet climate goals he stated cannot be met. Finally, he requested to know if the Board would revisit the generation plan.

#### X. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Ramirez reviewed the previous action items, noting that two remain open, and she reviewed the new action items.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion duly made by Vice Chair Dr. Romero, seconded by Chair Gonzalez and upon an affirmative vote by all members present, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:15 p.m. by Chair Janie Gonzalez.

Shanna M. Ramirez Secretary of the Board

### CPS ENERGY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of CPS Energy for the month of September was held on Monday, September 30, 2024, in the Board Room on the First Floor of the CPS Energy headquarters located at 500 McCullough, San Antonio, Texas.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### Present were Board members:

Ms. Janie Gonzalez, Chair

Dr. Francine Romero, Vice Chair

Dr. Willis Mackey

Mr. John Steen

Mayor Ron Nirenberg

#### Also present were:

Mr. Rudy Garza, President & CEO

Ms. Shanna M. Ramirez, Chief Legal & Ethics Officer, General Counsel & Board Secretary

Ms. Elaina Ball, Chief Strategy Officer

Mr. Benny Ethridge, Chief Energy Supply Officer

Mr. Cory Kuchinsky, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

Ms. DeAnna Hardwick, Chief Customer Strategy Officer

Ms. Lisa Lewis, Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Richard Medina, Chief Energy Delivery Officer

Mr. Evan O'Mahoney, Chief Information Officer

City of San Antonio officials

CPS Energy staff members

Interested Citizens

#### II. SAFETY MESSAGE, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A safety message, invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance were delivered by Mr. James Massey, Senior Manager, Business Administration.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Henrietta LaGrange, community member, stated she is happy to be here today. She stated that that working at CPS Energy is for those who put their heart into their work.

Ms. DeeDee Belmares, Public Citizen, expressed her concern that STEP could do more, primarily by 1) reinstating residential solar rebate with an added rebate for low-to-moderate income customers, and 2) increase and enhance the benefit for bringing your own thermostat.

#### IV. CEO RECOGNITION

Mr. Rudy Garza, President & CEO, honored our mutual aid crews. Our crews have assisted our neighbors in Garland after a storm with severe winds damaged power lines and after Hurricane Beryl in Houston.

Mr. Scott Corwin, American Public Power Association, stated his appreciation for CPS Energy crews, answering the call by providing electricity to the Navajo Nation, and assisting Garland and Houston. He conveyed that the Garland Board noted the excellence in service and work provided by our crews. He recognized CPS Energy with an award for our commitment to providing mutual aid.

Mr. Garza also expressed his appreciation to our crews for working to provide electricity to power houses for Navajo families in Light Up Navajo. These families have never had electrical service, and Light Up Navajo is a joint effort to provide electricity over difficult terrain.

The Board of Trustees stated their appreciation for their efforts and expressed that our crews created pride for the City of San Antonio.

#### V. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Gonzalez noted that October celebrates public power and natural gas. She noted the number of open houses and town halls we have for the community to learn about CPS Energy programs and assistance. She noted that public power means local ownership, local decisions, and reinvestment in our community. She thanked our 3,600 employees for their work every day and she shared a video for public utilities.

Finally, Chair Gonzalez shared information about our upcoming town hall meetings to provide feedback on Horizon 2050 and the future of CPS Energy.

#### VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

On a motion by Trustee Dr. Mackey, seconded by Vice Chair Dr. Romero, and upon affirmative vote by a majority of members present, the following items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

#### A. Approval of Payment to the City of San Antonio for August 2024

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Gross revenue per CPS Energy financial statements Electric revenue Gas revenue

\$412,095,298.57 12,645,812.34

Interest and other income	9,997,653.44	
Gross revenue per CPS Energy financial statements	434,738,764.35	
Excluded revenue		
School and hospital revenue per City Ordinance 55022	(9,486,037.69)	
Fuel cost component of off-system nonfirm		
energy sales per City Ordinance 61794		
and revenue for wholesale special contracts	(34,450,392.92)	
Noncash and other income, GASB 31		
investment market value change, miscellaneous		
interest income, gas billing adjustment and unbilled		
revenue	(7,775,659.51)	
Total excluded revenue	(51,712,090.12)	•
Gross revenue per New Series Bond Ordinance subject to		
14% payment to the City	\$383,026,674.23	
City payment per Bond Ordinance for August 2024		
based upon August 2024 revenue	\$53,623,734.39	
City payment per memorandum of understanding (MOU)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
regarding wholesale special contracts	984,561.45	
City Payment reduction per gas customer billing adjustment MOU	(12,500.00)	
City payment per Bond Ordinance plus adjustments for		
memorandums of understanding	54,595,795.84	Α
Utility services provided to the City for August 2024	(3,102,892.63)	_
Net amount to be paid from August 2024 revenue to		
the City in September 2024	\$51,492,903.21	

Comparison of City payment per Bond Ordinance (plus adjustments for memorandums of understanding) vs. Budget before deduction for utility services provided to the City:

#### (Dollars in thousands)

August 2024	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Current Month A	\$54,596	\$46,159	\$8,437	18.3%
Year-to-Date*	\$273,625	\$256,466	\$17,159	6.7%

<sup>\*</sup> Includes a rounding adjustment of \$1 to agree to correctly rounded YTD amount.

Approval of the following resolution is requested:

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#### B. Minutes from the July Regular Board Meeting, held on July 29, 2024

#### VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

In the interest of time, Chair Gonzalez accepted the submission of the following reports for the record in lieu of having them read during the meeting:

- A. Employee Benefits Oversight Committee meeting held on July 18, 2024. The report is attached as Attachment "A" to the meeting minutes.
- B. Audit and Finance Committee meeting held on July 18, 2024. The report is attached as Attachment "B" to the meeting minutes,
- C. Operations Oversight Committee meeting held on August 12, 2024. The report is attached as Attachment "C" to the meeting minutes.

### VIII. PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLATION SERVICES

Mr. Richard Medina, Chief Energy Delivery Officer, provided a summary of the procurement to support large-scale improvements for underground distribution systems and he requested approval. Vice Chair Dr. Romero moved approval, and Trustee Dr. Mackey seconded. The Board of Trustees discussed the procurement. It was approved unanimously.

### IX. PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR ACCELERATED RECLOSER DEPLOYMENT

Mr. Richard Medina, Chief Energy Delivery Officer, provided a summary of the procurement that will support the Recloser Deployment Plan, which enhances grid reliability, and is a part of the grant awarded for the Community Energy Resiliency Program through the U.S. DoE. Trustee Dr. Mackey moved approval, and Vice Chair Dr. Romero seconded. The Board of Trustees discussed the procurement. It was approved unanimously.

#### X. PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 362KV DEADTANK CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Mr. Richard Medina, Chief Energy Delivery Officer, provided a summary of the procurement that provides for the acquisition of deadtank circuit breakers, which are used for the safe and reliable operation of our substations and switchyards. He also noted that there is a long lead time for these commodities. Vice Chair Dr. Romero moved approval, and Mayor Nirenberg seconded. The Board of Trustees discussed. It was approved unanimously.

#### XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 2:11 p.m., Chair Gonzalez announced the Board would go into Executive Session, and Ms. Ramirez announced that the required notice had been posted and that the Trustees, with only

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necessary parties in attendance, would convene into Executive Session, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, for discussion of a number of posted items, including the following:

• Competitive Matters (§551.086) & Attorney-Client Matters (§551.071)

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:51 p.m. The quorum was re-established, and all members were present. Ms. Ramirez reported that only the matters cited above, and no others were discussed. She noted that the Board voted on the competitive matter listed on the agenda, but no other votes were taken in Executive Session.

#### XII. ANNUAL STEP UPDATE: PROGRAM YEAR 2

Ms. Elaina Ball, Chief Strategy Officer, provided an overview of STEP performance and highlighted achievements for the second year of the five-year program. There was a strong performance in Tried & True programs which will support the transition to more equitable and innovative offerings in the third year.

The Board of Trustees discussed and asked questions. 1

#### XIII. FY2025 SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Mr. Cory Kuchinsky, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the financial performance for the second quarter, noting the positive trends for the fiscal year. Ms. Elaina Ball, Chief Strategy Officer, presented an update on the FY2025 Enterprise Scorecard, noting the progress on strategic objectives and the status of measure targets. The Board of Trustees discussed and asked guestions.

#### XIV. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Ramirez reviewed the previous action items, and she noted the new action items arose during the meeting.

#### XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dr. Mackey, seconded by Mayor Nirenberg, and upon an affirmative vote by all members present, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:22 p.m. by Chair Janie Gonzalez.

Shanna M. Ramirez Secretary of the Board

<sup>1</sup> Trustee Steen requested his continued concerns regarding STEP be included in the minutes. He stated his concern that due to financial pressures on CPS Energy and its customers, at a minimum, STEP should not have been extended by majority vote of this Board due to the costs of the program. He differed on the benefits of the program, disagreeing with the assertion that it costs twice as much to procure energy as it does to save energy. He stated that with the dollars used for STEP a power plant could have been built as a generating asset that could produce revenue.

#### CPS Energy Board of Trustees

#### AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### I. Role of the Audit & Finance Committee

The Audit & Finance Committee (the "Committee") is appointed by, and is a standing committee of, the CPS Energy Board of Trustees (the "Board"). The role of the Audit & Finance Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities for CPS Energy related to the following:

- quality and integrity of the financial statements and the financial reporting process:
- review of financial policies for the organization
- review of proposed transactions relative to investment and debt activities
- compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- qualifications, independence, and performance of the external auditors;
- qualifications, independence, and performance of the internal audit function;
- system of internal controls regarding financial reporting, accounting, finance, ethics, and compliance; and
- management of business/financial risks.

The role also includes coordination with other Board committees/members and maintenance of strong, positive working relationships with management, external and internal auditors, legal counsel, and other financial advisors to management. In addition to CPS Energy, the Committee also has oversight for the 28% and 12% South Texas Project (STP) Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts and any additional trust modifications related to ownership.

#### **II.** Authority

The authority of the Committee is to exercise its business judgment, report to the Board, and recommend to the Board and/or management actions that the Committee reasonably believes to be in the best interest of CPS Energy. The Committee has authority to conduct or authorize investigations into any matters within its scope of responsibility.

It is also empowered to:

 Recommend for final approval by the Board the appointment and compensation of any registered public accounting firm(s) employed by the organization to conduct the annual external audit of CPS Energy's financial statements (i.e., the external auditors) and other agreed upon engagements, and oversee the work of any such firm(s);

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- Pre-approve all audit and non-audit services that may be requested of the audit firm(s) selected to perform the annual financial statements audit;
- Review at least annually, updates to financial policies which provide financial direction for management and ensure the financial integrity of the organization;
- Review management recommendations for new financing (includes refinancing) and investment transactions in accordance with policies and bond ordinances;
- Approve the remuneration of the Chief Audit Executive (CAE), as well as the appointment or removal of the CAE.
- Retain independent legal counsel, accountants, or others to advise the Audit & Finance Committee or assist in the conduct of an investigation, as warranted, with the Board's concurrence;
- Seek any information it requires from employees all of whom are directed to cooperate with the Committee's requests or external parties; and
- Meet as needed with company officers (including the General Counsel), internal auditors, external auditors, or outside legal counsel.

#### **III. Committee Membership**

The Committee shall consist of two (2) Board members. Audit & Finance Committee appointments, including designation of one member as the Audit & Finance Committee chairperson, shall be approved annually by the full Board.

Over time, the utility business and industry will change in response to evolving financial, industry, regulatory, economic, reporting, or other developments. It is therefore important for the Board to periodically re-evaluate its members' experiences, competencies, and the overall balance of skills on the Committee in response to emerging needs.

#### IV. Meetings

The <u>Audit & Finance</u> Committee shall meet at least <u>two (2) times</u> per <u>calendar year</u>. Additional meetings shall be scheduled as considered necessary by the Committee or the Committee Chair. All members are expected to attend each meeting. <u>In person attendance is preferred</u>. The committee <u>will may invite</u> members of management, the external and/or internal auditors, and/or others to attend meetings and provide pertinent information, as necessary. The Committee will hold private meetings with the auditors (see below), and <u>conduct meetings in</u> executive sessions, as warranted <u>and as permitted by law</u>. Meeting agendas will be prepared and provided in advance to members, along with appropriate briefing materials. -Meeting minutes will be prepared for each meeting.

#### V. Responsibilities

The Audit & Finance Committee will carry out the following responsibilities:

#### A. Financial Policies, Transactions and Reporting

- Review and discuss with management and the external auditors all critical financial and accounting policies and practices used by the company, as well as any significant financial reporting issues, including complex or unusual transactions and highly judgmental matters;
  - any significant changes in company financial and accounting policies as well as recent professional and regulatory pronouncements;
  - o any material alternative financial and accounting treatments;
  - o any financial and accounting proposals that may have a significant impact on the company's financial reports and metrics;
  - o results of the annual financial audit, including any difficulties encountered; and
  - all matters required to be communicated to the Committee under generally accepted auditing standards.
- Review the annual financial statements, and consider whether they are complete, consistent with information known to Committee members, and reflect appropriate accounting principles.
- Review other sections of the annual report and related regulatory filings before release and consider the accuracy and completeness of the information.
- Understand how <u>m</u>Management develops interim financial information, and the nature and extent of internal and external auditor involvement.

#### B. Internal Control and Risk Management

- Consider the effectiveness of CPS Energy's system of internal controls, including information technology security and control.
- Understand the scope of the internal and external auditors' reviews of internal controls and obtain reports on significant findings and recommendations, together with mManagement's responses.
- Understand CPS Energy's business risk profile and controls in selected areas representing significant financial and/or business risk (operational, legal, reputation, etc.).
- Meet periodically with management to review CPS Energy's major financial risk.

#### C. Internal Audit

- Approve the Audit Services Charter.
- Approve the risk-based internal audit plan.
- Approve Audit Services' budget and resource plan.
- Receive communications from the Chief Audit Executive on Audit Services' performance relative to its plan and other matters.
- Approve decisions regarding the appointment and removal of the Chief Audit

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- Approve the remuneration of the Chief Audit Executive.
- Make appropriate inquiries of management and the Chief Audit Executive to determine whether there is inappropriate scope or resource limitations.
- Ensure the Chief Audit Executive has unrestricted access to and communicates and interacts directly with the Audit & Finance Committee, including in private meetings without senior management present.
- Approve the internal audit function's charter, which includes the internal audit mandate and the scope and types of internal audit services.
- Approve the risk-based internal audit plan.
- Provide input to the internal audit function's human resources administration and budgets.
- Review the internal audit function's expenses.
- Provide input to senior management on the appointment and removal of the Chief Audit Executive, ensuring adequate competencies and qualifications and conformance with the Global Internal Audit Standards.
- Receive communications from the Chief Audit Executive about the internal audit function including its performance relative to its plan.
- Ensure a quality assurance and improvement program has been established and review the results annually.
- Make appropriate inquiries of senior management and the Chief Audit
   Executive to determine whether scope or resource limitations are inappropriate.

#### D. External Audit

- Review the qualifications of the external auditors; oversee due diligence responsibilities relative to the selection, compensation and terms of engagement for the external audit firm(s); and recommend final approval on the appointment or discharge of the external auditors to the Board.
- Review and confirm the independence of the external auditors by obtaining statements from them on their relationships with CPS Energy, including any non-audit services, and by discussing these relationships with the external auditors
- Review the external auditors' proposed audit scope and approach, including coordination of their audit effort with internal audit.
- Meet with the external auditors and appropriate CPS Energy staff at the end of the annual audit to review the audit results and financial statements.
- Resolve any disagreements between management and the external auditors regarding financial reporting.
- Meet separately with the external auditors to discuss any matters that the Committee believes should be discussed privately.

#### E. Ethics

 Review the process for communicating the CPS Energy ethics policy/code of conduct to company personnel, including the annual training plan.

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- Review the effectiveness of the system for monitoring compliance with the CPS Energy ethics policy/code of conduct, including the process for handling actual or perceived conflicts of interest.
- Review results of Ethics-related investigations by management (and followup, including disciplinary action) of any instances of noncompliance.

#### F. Compliance

- Understand the system for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations; review results of investigations by management and follow-up, including disciplinary action of any instances of noncompliance.
- Review the findings of any examinations by regulatory agencies and any internal or external auditor observations regarding compliance.
- Obtain regular updates from management and company legal counsel regarding compliance matters, including review and assessment of any significant conflicts of interest and related-party transactions.

#### G. Reporting Responsibilities

- Provide an open avenue of communication between internal audit (Audit Services), the external auditors, and the Board.
- Report on a regular basis to the Board about Committee activities, issues, and related recommendations.

#### H. Other Responsibilities

- Institute and oversee special investigations, as needed.
- Review and assess the adequacy of the Committee Charter annually, requesting Board approval for proposed changes.
- Confirm annually that all responsibilities outlined in this Charter have been carried out.
- Evaluate, on a regular basis, the Committee's effectiveness in executing its responsibilities
- Perform other activities related to this Charter as requested by the Board.

This Charter of the Audit & Finance Committee of the CPS Energy Board of Trustees is hereby approved this 22<sup>nd</sup>-xx day of May-xx 20243.

#### CPS Energy Board of Trustees

#### AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### I. Role of the Audit & Finance Committee

The Audit & Finance Committee (the "Committee") is appointed by, and is a standing committee of, the CPS Energy Board of Trustees (the "Board"). The role of the Audit & Finance Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities for CPS Energy related to the following:

- quality and integrity of the financial statements and the financial reporting process:
- review of financial policies for the organization
- review of proposed transactions relative to investment and debt activities
- compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- qualifications, independence, and performance of the external auditors;
- qualifications, independence, and performance of the internal audit function;
- system of internal controls regarding financial reporting, accounting, finance, ethics, and compliance; and
- management of business/financial risks.

The role also includes coordination with other Board committees/members and maintenance of strong, positive working relationships with management, external and internal auditors, legal counsel, and other financial advisors to management. In addition to CPS Energy, the Committee also has oversight for the 28% and 12% South Texas Project (STP) Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts and any additional trust modifications related to ownership.

#### **II.** Authority

The authority of the Committee is to exercise its business judgment, report to the Board, and recommend to the Board and/or management actions that the Committee reasonably believes to be in the best interest of CPS Energy. The Committee has authority to conduct or authorize investigations into any matters within its scope of responsibility.

It is also empowered to:

 Recommend for final approval by the Board the appointment and compensation of any registered public accounting firm(s) employed by the organization to conduct the annual external audit of CPS Energy's financial statements (i.e., the external auditors) and other agreed upon engagements, and oversee the work of any such firm(s);

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- Pre-approve all audit and non-audit services that may be requested of the audit firm(s) selected to perform the annual financial statements audit;
- Review at least annually, updates to financial policies which provide financial direction for management and ensure the financial integrity of the organization:
- Review management recommendations for new financing (includes refinancing) and investment transactions in accordance with policies and bond ordinances;
- Approve the remuneration of the Chief Audit Executive (CAE), as well as the appointment or removal of the CAE.
- Retain independent legal counsel, accountants, or others to advise the Audit & Finance Committee or assist in the conduct of an investigation, as warranted, with the Board's concurrence;
- Seek any information it requires from employees all of whom are directed to cooperate with the Committee's requests or external parties; and
- Meet as needed with company officers (including the General Counsel), internal auditors, external auditors, or outside legal counsel.

#### **III. Committee Membership**

The Committee shall consist of two (2) Board members. Audit & Finance Committee appointments, including designation of one member as the Audit & Finance Committee chairperson, shall be approved annually by the full Board.

Over time, the utility business and industry will change in response to evolving financial, industry, regulatory, economic, reporting, or other developments. It is therefore important for the Board to periodically re-evaluate its members' experiences, competencies, and the overall balance of skills on the Committee in response to emerging needs.

#### IV. Meetings

The Audit & Finance Committee shall meet at least two (2) times per calendar year. Additional meetings shall be scheduled as considered necessary by the Committee or the Committee Chair. All members are expected to attend each meeting. In person attendance is preferred. The committee may invite members of management, the external and/or internal auditors, and/or others to attend meetings and provide pertinent information, as necessary. The Committee will hold private meetings with the auditors (see below), and conduct meetings in executive session, as warranted and as permitted by law. Meeting agendas will be prepared and provided in advance to members, along with appropriate briefing materials. Meeting minutes will be prepared for each meeting.

#### V. Responsibilities

The Audit & Finance Committee will carry out the following responsibilities:

#### A. Financial Policies, Transactions and Reporting

- Review and discuss with management and the external auditors all critical financial and accounting policies and practices used by the company, as well as any significant financial reporting issues, including complex or unusual transactions and highly judgmental matters;
  - any significant changes in company financial and accounting policies as well as recent professional and regulatory pronouncements;
  - o any material alternative financial and accounting treatments;
  - any financial and accounting proposals that may have a significant impact on the company's financial reports and metrics;
  - o results of the annual financial audit, including any difficulties encountered; and
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- Review the annual financial statements, and consider whether they are complete, consistent with information known to Committee members, and reflect appropriate accounting principles.
- Understand how management develops interim financial information, and the nature and extent of internal and external auditor involvement.

#### B. Internal Control and Risk Management

- Consider the effectiveness of CPS Energy's system of internal controls, including information technology security and control.
- Understand the scope of the internal and external auditors' reviews of internal controls and obtain reports on significant findings and recommendations, together with management's responses.
- Understand CPS Energy's business risk profile and controls in selected areas representing significant financial and/or business risk (operational, legal, reputation, etc.).
- Meet periodically with management to review CPS Energy's major financial risk.

#### C. Internal Audit

- Ensure the Chief Audit Executive has unrestricted access to and communicates and interacts directly with the Audit & Finance Committee, including in private meetings without senior management present.
- Approve the internal audit function's charter, which includes the internal audit mandate and the scope and types of internal audit services.
- Approve the risk-based internal audit plan.
- Provide input to the internal audit function's human resources administration and budgets.

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- Review the internal audit function's expenses.
- Provide input to senior management on the appointment and removal of the Chief Audit Executive, ensuring adequate competencies and qualifications and conformance with the Global Internal Audit Standards.
- Receive communications from the Chief Audit Executive about the internal audit function including its performance relative to its plan.
- Ensure a quality assurance and improvement program has been established and review the results annually.
- Make appropriate inquiries of senior management and the Chief Audit Executive to determine whether scope or resource limitations are inappropriate.

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This Charter of the Audit & Finance Committee of the CPS Energy Board of Trustees is hereby approved this xx day of xx 2024.

#### CPS Energy Board of Trustees

#### TECHNOLOGY & RESILIENCE<sup>1</sup> COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### I. Role of the Technology & Resilience Committee

The role of the Technology & Resilience Committee of the CPS Energy Board of Trustees is to oversee operational and business technology, including cyber security and innovation matters, with a focus on enhancing our business functionality and resilience, aligned to the work of other Board Committees, by:

- Encouraging thought leadership in the industry;
- Understanding and diligence in addressing gaps between current technologies and industry trends; and,
- Reviewing the Company's strategic direction in relation to technology and resilience.

This committee will work to maintain strong positive working relationships with management; external and internal counsel; and Committee advisors, as may be necessary.

#### II. Authority

The authority of the Technology & Resiliency Committee is to exercise its business judgment in providing input and counsel to management, as well as to report and recommend actions to the Board of Trustees.

#### III. Committee Membership

The Technology & Resiliency Committee shall consist of two (2) Board Members from the CPS Energy Board of Trustees. One should be elected as chair. Committee appointments shall be approved annually by the full Board.

Management expertise and knowledge of technology & resilience issues, with a preference for expertise in cybersecurity, financial oversight of large technology investments, energy sector insights, and project management for major initiatives like ERP implementations, should be required of at least one of the Committee members. While not absolutely necessary to do so every year because of the general need to rotate members periodically, the technology & resiliency expert will typically be assigned to this Committee.

Regardless of committee assignments, if in any year the Board does not have a member with significant broad applicable expertise, the collective governing body can

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#### V. Responsibilities

The Technology & Resiliency Committee will carry out the following responsibilities:

#### A. General

- Review the Company's technology & resilience developments in support of its overall business strategy.
- Review management's efforts to evaluate existing and future trends in technology & resilience to ensure that there is a consistent focus on improving the Company's strategic and business execution.
- Provide expertise and direction on such other matters about which the President & CEO may consult the Committee or its members.

#### B. Risk Management

- Receive and evaluate risk assessments from management in areas which involve technology & resilience issues that are within the oversight of this Committee.
- Relative to new and innovative product developments, review management's formal plans to address intellectual property, supply chain, possible brand infringement, and/or other business concerns.
- Assess risk mitigation policies and procedures relating to products based on new technology or significant innovations to existing technology.

#### C. Other

- Review and assess the adequacy of the Technology & Resiliency Committee Charter from time-to-time, requesting Board approval for proposed changes.
- Confirm annually that all responsibilities outlined in this charter have been carried out.
- Evaluate the Committee's and its individual members' performance on a regular basis.
- Perform any other activities consistent with this charter as the Committee or the Board may deem necessary or appropriate.
- Report to the Board on the significant items covered at each Committee meeting.
- Invite industry Subject Matter Experts, as needed.

This Committee Charter of the CPS Energy Board of Trustees was approved on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019 and updated on the 2024.



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This Committee Charter of the CPS Energy Board of Trustees was approved on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019 and updated on the 2024.





#### **TECHNOLOGY & RESILIENCE COMMITTEE (T&R) MEETING**

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND CHAIR REPORT FROM THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 MEETING PREPARED FOR BOARD CHAIR JANIE GONZALEZ FOR REPORT AT THE OCTOBER 28, 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Technology & Resilience Committee met on September 11, 2024. As part of the Technology & Resilience Committee Meeting agenda, the Committee:

- A. Approved meeting minutes from the prior meeting, held on June 10, 2024.
- B. Approved updates to the T&R Committee Charter.
- C. Received Artificial Intelligence, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Transformation, and Evolve ERP Transformation Program updates.
- D. Four new action items were generated from this session.

The next meeting of the Technology & Resilience Committee will be held December 9, 2024.

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#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND CHAIR REPORT FROM THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 MEETING PREPARED FOR COMMITTEE CHAIR JANIE GONZALEZ FOR REPORT AT THE OCTOBER 28, 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Personnel Committee met on September 30, 2024. As part of the Personnel Committee agenda, the Committee:

- A. Conducted the President & CEO's mid-year performance review discussion including:
  - 1. Safety performance and safety culture
  - 2. Operational metrics
  - 3. Community commitments relative to procurement
  - 4. Implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software

The next meeting of the Personnel Committee is not yet scheduled.

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Last Update: 10/16/2024 Prepared by: F. Smith-Ziegler



# Community Input Committee (CIC) Subcommittee Report Rates, Finance and Business

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND CHAIR REPORT FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, MEETING PREPARED FOR COMMITTEE CHAIR, MS. LAWSON PICASO FOR REPORT AT THE OCTOBER 28, 2024, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Rates, Finance, and Business subcommittee met on September 18, 2024. As part of the agenda, the Committee:

- A. Received a presentation on CPS Energy's Renewable Portfolio Product Offerings
  - a. Portfolio:
    - i. Background.
    - ii. Definition of a Renewable Product.
  - b. Customers:
    - i. How to voluntarily enroll.
    - ii. How participation is tracked.
  - c. Renewable Rider E-19 Renewable Energy:
    - i. Windtricity and Solartricity are enabled by optional Rider E-19.
    - ii. Approved by our Board and City Council in 2012. The rider allows "a charge of up to \$0.03 per kWh of renewable energy subscribed."
  - d. Windtricity relaunch.
  - e. Solartricity new initiative.
  - f. Enrolling in new offerings.
  - g. Green Tariff:
    - i. Business model.
    - ii. Current program.
    - iii. Proposed program enhancements.

After the presentation, the subcommittee members suggested clarifying the concept of Green Tariffs to make it easier for customers to understand the value of the programs and why customers may want to participate. They also recommended incorporating the importance of Green Tariffs in supporting CPS Energy's generation plan, infrastructure, and reliability.

The next Rates, Finance, and Business Subcommittee meeting is November 13, 2024.

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# Community Input Committee (CIC) Subcommittee Report Customer Relations and Communications

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND CHAIR REPORT FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, MEETING PREPARED FOR COMMITTEE CHAIR, MR. RICHARD FARIAS FOR REPORT AT THE OCTOBER 28, 2024, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Customer Relations and Communications Subcommittee met on September 18, 2024. As part of the agenda, the Committee:

- A. Received a presentation on the CPS Energy Customer Response Unit (CRU)
  - a. History
  - b. Function
    - i. Provide concierge customer service:
      - 1. Participate in community resource fairs.
      - 2. Assist customers with assistance program applications.
      - 3. Assess other needs and connect customers with our partners.
      - 4. Support customers through bundled care services.
    - ii. Cultivate community partnerships:
      - 1. Over 200 partner organizations.
      - 2. Partners recognized on customer materials.
      - 3. Constantly meet to gather partner information on their programs.
    - iii. Liaison to City of San Antonio City Council District Offices:
      - 1. CRU team members assigned to council districts.
      - 2. Attend satellite office hours to meet with customers.
      - 3. CRU assistance publicized in council district newsletters.
  - c. Statistics this year to date:
    - i. Assisted over 1,800 customers.
    - ii. Cycle time 6 days per customer.
    - iii. Home visits 691.
    - iv. All engagements 2,100.
  - d. Extended outage response:
    - i. CRU triggers at 4 hours.
      - 1. On the scene in 1 hour to work with affected customers.
      - 2. Canvas the neighborhood, speak to customers and identify unregistered critical care customers in need.
    - ii. Works closely with Corporate Communications to inform customers of the outage and estimated time of restoration.
    - iii. Activate mobile command center:
      - 1. Provide snacks, water, and a charging station.

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- 2. Customers can cool down/warm up.
- 3. During large extended outages, provide food for affected customers.
- 4. Act as the liaison between our crews and our customers.
- B. Received an update on the Affordable Discount Program (ADP) which included:
  - a. Description of the program.
  - b. Why changes were made.
    - i. City Council requested a change to the eligibility criteria.
  - c. Changes.
    - i. Income threshold now at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.
- C. Received a presentation on the Residential Energy Assistance Program (REAP) which included:
  - a. Description of the program.
  - b. Why changes were made.
  - c. Changes.
    - i. Income threshold now at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.
    - ii. Maximum benefit for Bexar County residents is now \$1,200.

Subcommittee members expressed appreciation for the work CRU performs and were surprised to learn so much is done with so few CRU members. The subcommittee inquired about procedures for processing ADP/REAP applications, how customers engage the Customer Response Unit, and how the subcommittee members could get involved as volunteers.

The next Customer Relations and Communications Subcommittee meeting is November 13, 2024.

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# Community Input Committee (CIC) Subcommittee Report Power and Technology

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND CHAIR REPORT FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, MEETING PREPARED FOR COMMITTEE CHAIR, MR. STEVE BONNETTE FOR REPORT AT THE OCTOBER 28, 2024, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Power and Technology subcommittee met on September 18, 2024. As part of the agenda, the Committee:

- A. Received a presentation on CPS Energy's Electric Infrastructure Routing and Siting process
  - a. Purpose of Routing and Siting:
    - i. Identify and evaluate possible transmission line routes.
    - ii. Support growth.
    - iii. Maintain and increase electric reliability.
    - iv. Reduce grid congestion.

#### b. Processes:

- i. Inside San Antonio city limits.
- ii. Outside San Antonio city limits.
- iii. Both inside and outside city limits.

#### c. Process overview:

- i. Define the scope, purpose, and need for the project.
- ii. Define the study area.
- iii. Contact government agencies for input.
- iv. Develop preliminary constraints map and route.
- v. Customer information provided in English and Spanish.
- vi. Host open house to gather community input.
- vii. The project team reviews customer input:
  - 1. Questionnaire responses/emails/phone calls.
  - 2. Meetings.
- viii. Segments and routes are modified.
- ix. Engineers develop cost estimates.
- x. Environmental assessment is developed evaluating cultural, environmental, and community impact of each route.
- B. Received an update on the Howard Road to Leon Creek Project:
  - a. Rebuild existing 138kV transmission line.
  - b. Split into 2 phases. Phase 2 (1.8 miles) requires additional right-of-way.
  - c. Phase 2 is inside City of San Antonio (District 4).

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- d. Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) endorsed project.
- e. Approximately 4.8 miles total project length.
- f. Open House held August 29th.
- g. Target in-service date: January 2027.

After the presentation, the subcommittee members reported being well informed and indicated an interest in more fully understanding the role of ERCOT in transmission planning. Staff will arrange for this topic to be discussed at a future meeting.

The next Power and Technology Subcommittee meeting is November 13, 2024.

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### Community Input Committee (CIC) Committee Report

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND CHAIR REPORT FROM THE OCTOBER 9, 2024, MEETING PREPARED FOR COMMITTEE CHAIR, DIANA AGUIRRE MARTINEZ FOR REPORT AT THE OCTOBER 28, 2024, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Community Input Committee met on October 9, 2024. As part of the agenda, the Committee:

- A. Received a presentation on CPS Energy's Renewable Portfolio Product Offerings which highlighted proposed, voluntary programs that will allow for customers to purchase renewable energy. The Committee reported understanding the concepts of the programs but asked that each CIC subcommittee at their next meeting look at the programs through their specific focus areas, along with the related customer materials and outreach plan, such that customers can clearly understand the value of the programs and why customers may want to participate.
- B. Received a presentation on CPS Energy's Horizon 2050, a proposed long-term strategic plan intended to provide over-arching guidance to address future challenges and ensure sustainable growth while continuing to deliver outstanding service and value to our customers. Each subcommittee at their next meeting will look at the Horizon 2050 plan through their specific focus areas and provide input. The CIC indicated a desire to learn more about large load customers and addressing their unique energy needs. The CIC also expressed interest in learning more about the community outreach to collect input on Horizon 2050.

The next Community Input Committee meeting is December 11, 2024.

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Item Description:
 Purchase Category:
 Supplier:

**Gas Construction Services** 

**General Services** 

Benton Georgia, LLC

Dimension Energy Services, LLC

Mastec North America, Inc.

Mears Installation, LLC

Medina Utility Services Corporation

Wampole-Miller Inc. dba Miller Bros

Committee Presentations:

Operations Oversight Committee – August 12, 2024 Audit & Finance Committee – October 24, 2024

2. **Item Description:** 

**Electrical and Instrumentation Engineering Services for** 

**Natural Gas Infrastructure** 

**Purchase Category:** 

**Professional Services** 

Supplier:

Atwell, LLC

**ENTRUST Solutions Group** 

LJA Engineering, Inc

Committee

Operations Oversight Committee - August 12, 2024

**Presentations:** Audit & Finance Committee – October 24, 2024

3. Item Description:

**Professional Services** 

Purchase Category: Supplier:

**ENTRUST Solutions Group** 

PAR Western Line Contractors, LLC dba QUES

**Pole Attachment Application Processing Services** 

TRC Engineers, Inc

Committee

**Presentations:** 

Operations Oversight Committee – August 12, 2024 Audit & Finance Committee – October 24, 2024

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**Approval:** 

Lisa Lewis, Chief Administrative Officer

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Approval:

Cory Kuchinsky, Acting President & CEO





Item Description	Gas Construction Services		
Purchase Order Value	\$175,000,000		
Purchase Category	General Services		
Department	Gas Construction		
Vice President Gas Solutions	Richard Lujan		
Chief Energy Delivery Officer	Richard Medina		

#### **Detailed Description**

CPS Energy staff recommend that a contract be awarded to Benton Georgia, LLC, Mastec North America, Inc, and Dimension Energy Services, LLC, all local, diverse firms, Medina Utility Services Corporation, a diverse firm, and Mears Installation, LLC and Wampole-Miller Inc. dba Miller Bros, both local firms as the respondents who will provide the services at the best value for CPS Energy based on the evaluation criteria set forth below.

This contract is for construction and maintenance services critical to the safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to our current and future customers. This contract will allow CPS Energy to leverage contractors to maintain gas assets in accordance with regulatory compliance requirements and construct gas facilities associated with system improvement, customer growth, infrastructure modernization, and JBSA projects. This contract will expire on October 31, 2027.

#### **Subcontracting Opportunities**

All large businesses awarded a contract have committed to subcontract a portion of the services to one or more diverse businesses.

The solicitation method for this procurement was a Request for Proposals (RFP). An evaluation team considered the following weighted evaluation criteria to determine the best value to CPS Energy.

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Experience and qualifications to perform the Services	45
Safety records and training program	20
The overall cost	15
The ability to meet CPS Energy's requirements	10
Economic Development (local & diverse consideration)	10
TOTAL	100





	Recommended Respondent(s) & Award						
Respondent Name	SBA Classification & Details	Score	PO Value	PO #	Comments		
Benton Georgia, LLC	Local/Diverse (African American- owned)	74	\$40,000,000	2222815			
Mears Installation, LLC	Local	73	\$40,000,000	2222816			
Mastec North America, Inc	Local/Diverse (Hispanic American- owned)	70	\$40,000,000	2222817			
Dimension Energy Services, Inc	Local/Diverse (Small)	69	\$25,000,000	2222818			
Wampole-Miller Inc. dba Miller Bros	Local	64	\$20,000,000	2222819			
Medina Utility Services Corporation	Diverse (Hispanic American- owned)	61	\$10,000,000	2222820			
		TOTAL	\$175,000,000				

Two (2) additional respondents were not recommended for award: Badeco Inc and Bexar Pipeline and Utilities, Inc.

Annual Funds Budgeted								
Corporate	Funding	Projected	% of FY2025	Projected	Projected	Projected		
Annual	Method	FY2025 PO	Annual Corp	FY2026 PO	FY2027 PO	FY2028 PO		
Budget		Spend	Budget	Spend	Spend	Spend		
\$937,000,000	Capital	\$6,000,000	0.64%	\$40,117,500	\$40,117,500	\$40,117,500		
\$890,000,000	Non-Fuel	\$3,000,000	0.33%	\$15,215,833	\$15,215,833	\$15,215,833		
	O&M							

Our current approved budget and latest estimates support these new purchase orders.







Item Description	Electrical and Instrumentation Engineering Services for Natural
	Gas Infrastructure
Purchase Order Value	\$9,000,000
Purchase Category	Professional Services
Department	Gas Solutions
Vice President Gas Solutions	Richard Lujan
Chief Energy Delivery Officer	Richard Medina

#### **Detailed Description**

CPS Energy staff recommends that a contract be awarded to Atwell, LLC, ENTRUST Solutions Group, and LJA Engineering, Inc, all local firms, as the respondents who will provide the services at the best value for CPS Energy based on the evaluation criteria set forth below.

This contract is for electrical and instrumentation engineering services for our natural gas infrastructure. Selected firms design and engineer the complex projects supporting existing and future natural gas facilities including tap stations, gate stations, custody transfer stations, and regulator stations. This contract will expire on October 31, 2027.

#### **Subcontracting Opportunities**

All large businesses awarded a contract have committed to subcontract a portion of the services to one or more diverse businesses.

The solicitation method for this procurement was a Request for Qualifications (RFQ)<sup>1</sup>. An evaluation team considered the following weighted evaluation criteria to determine the best value to CPS Energy.

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Experience and qualifications to perform the Services	100
Safety records and training program	Pass/Fail
The financial soundness of the Respondent	Pass/Fail
TOTAL	100

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CPS Energy is unable to consider price or economic development as Evaluation Criteria for RFQ's.





Recommended Respondent(s) & Award								
Respondent Name SBA Classification & Details Score PO Value PO # Comments								
Atwell, LLC	Local	95	\$3,000,000	2223195				
LJA Engineering, Inc	Local	93	\$3,000,000	2223196				
ENTRUST Solutions	Local	89	\$3,000,000	2223197				
Group								
		\$9,000,000						

Five (5) additional respondents were not recommended for award: Alisto Engineering Group, Inc; Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc; MasTec Professional Services (fka HMI Technical Solutions, LLC); Millcreek Engineering Company; and Zachry Industrial, Inc.

Annual Funds Budgeted								
Corporate	Funding	Projected	% of FY2025	Projected	Projected	Projected		
Annual Budget	Method	od FY2025 PO Annual Corp		FY2026 PO	FY2027 PO	FY2028 PO		
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\$937,000,000	Capital	\$300,000	0.03%	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000		
\$890,000,000	Non-Fuel O&M	\$0	0%	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000		

Our current approved budget and latest estimates support these new purchase orders.





Item Description	Pole Attachment Application Processing Services
Purchase Order Value	\$6,000,000
Purchase Category	Professional Services
Department	Energy Delivery Services
Vice President T&D Engineering & Grid	Loo Doy Doroz
Transformation	LeeRoy Perez
Chief Energy Delivery Officer	Richard Medina

#### **Detailed Description**

CPS Energy staff recommends that a contract be awarded to ENTRUST Solutions Group, PAR Western Line Contractors, LLC dba QUES, and TRC Engineers, Inc, all local firms, as the respondents who will provide the services at the best value for CPS Energy based on the evaluation criteria set forth below.

This contract supports the management of pole attachment applications, the permitting process and electrical make-ready construction design review and helps to maintain efficiency for the overall process for third-party attaching entities on CPS Energy poles. This contract will expire on October 31, 2027

#### **Subcontracting Opportunities**

All companies have committed to subcontract a portion of the services to one or more diverse businesses.

The solicitation method for this procurement was a Request for Qualifications (RFQ)<sup>2</sup>. An evaluation team considered the following weighted evaluation criteria to determine the best value to CPS Energy.

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Experience and qualifications to perform the Services	100
Safety records and training program	Pass/Fail
The financial soundness of the Respondent	Pass/Fail
TOTAL	100

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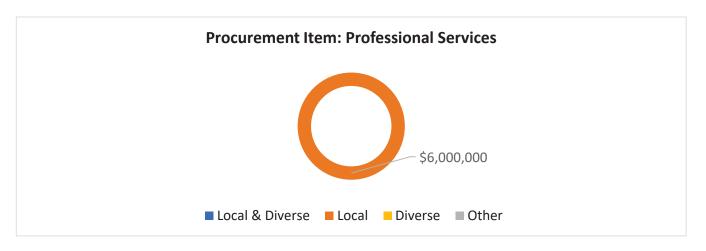


Recommended Respondent(s) & Award								
Respondent Name	SBA Classification & Details	Score	PO Value	PO #	Comments			
TRC Engineers, Inc	Local	83	\$2,000,000	2222812				
PAR Western Line	Local	82	\$2,000,000	2222813				
Contractors, LLC dba								
QUES								
ENTRUST Solutions	Local	81	\$2,000,000	2222814				
Group								
	TOTAL \$6,000,000							

Sixteen (16) additional respondents were not recommended for award: Alisto Engineering Group, Inc; Aquawolf LLC; Atwell, LLC; Black and McDonald aka Custom Lighting Services LLC; Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc; CCI Systems; Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc; Davey Resource Group, Inc; Empact Engineering, LLC; Halff Associates Inc; Mesa Associates, Inc; Osmose Utilities Services Inc; REOP ENG; SA Smart Solutions LLC; TechServ Consulting and Training LTD; and Utility Engineering, LLC.

Annual Funds Budgeted									
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Annual Budget	Method	FY2025 PO	Annual Corp	FY2026 PO	FY2027 PO	FY2028 PO			
		Spend	Budget	Spend	Spend	Spend			
\$937,000,000	Capital	\$0	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0			
\$890,000,000	Non-Fuel O&M	\$600,000	0.08%	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,400,000			

Our current approved budget and latest estimates support these new purchase orders.





# PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL GAS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

PRESENTED BY:
Richard Medina

Chief Energy Delivery Officer

October 28, 2024
Request for Approval

### NEW CONTRACT / REBID GAS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

- Selected firms will provide gas construction services which include the following scopes of work within our service territory:
  - Gas System Maintenance Repairing leaks, providing corrosion mitigation services, and repairing valves
  - Gas System Renewal Replacement of aging steel mains and services to increase system reliability
  - Gas System Expansion Installing new gas infrastructure to meet current and future customer needs







Steel Gas Main Extension

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### REQUEST FOR APPROVAL GAS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES





#### Current Contracts:

Value: \$129 million

Term: 4 ½ years

Expiration: March 2025

#### New Contract Details:

Value: \$175 million

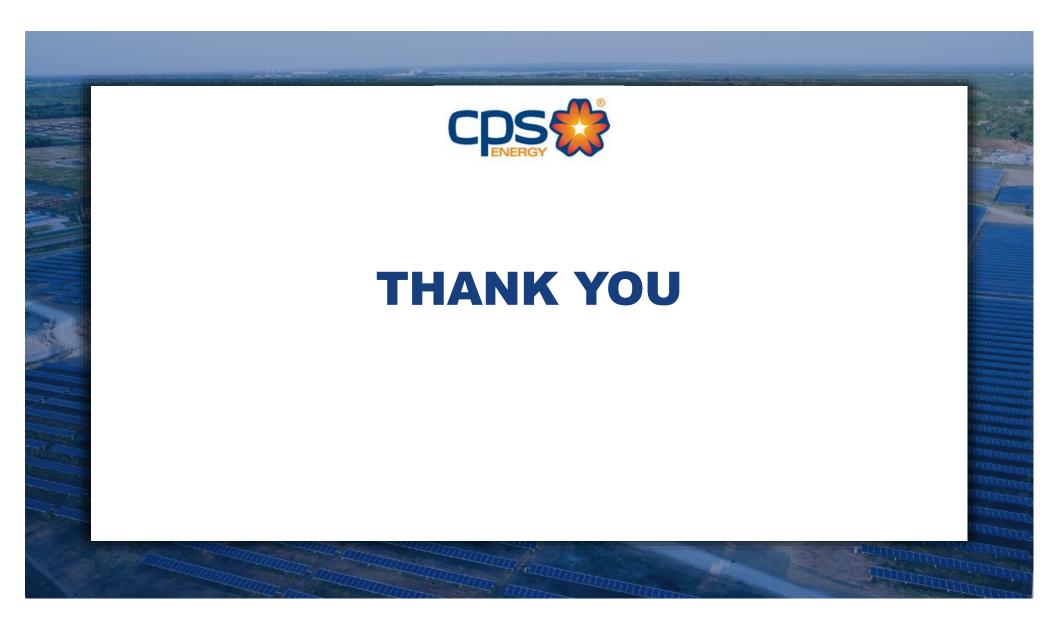
Term: 3 years

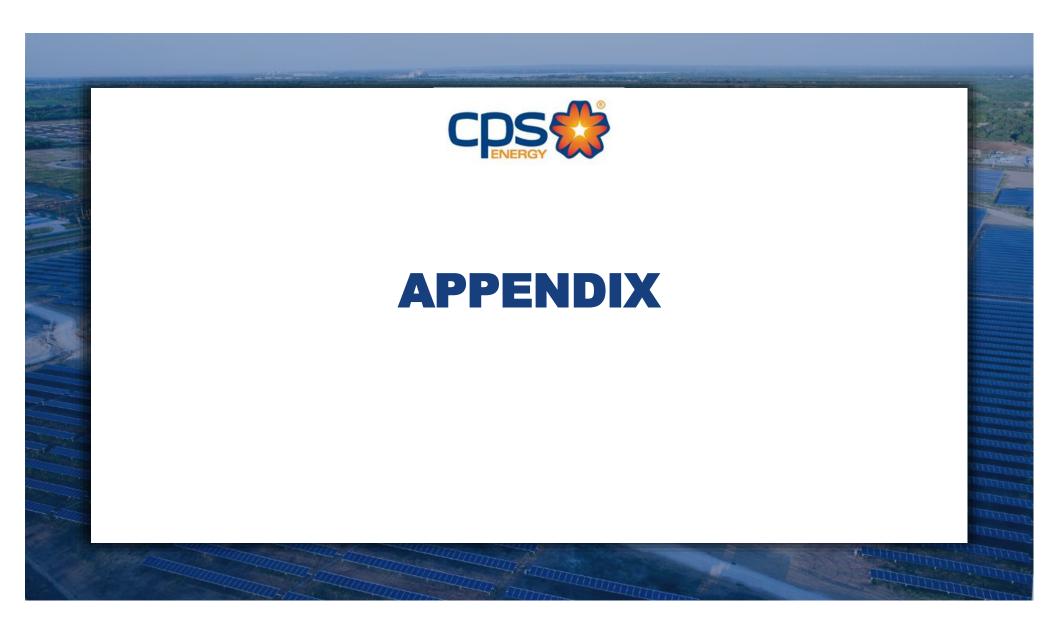
# Bidders: 8 responded to solicitation (7 Local and 6 Diverse businesses)

# Awardees: 6 (5 Local and 4 Diverse businesses)

 Contracts with large businesses include diverse subcontracting commitments, and a scorecard system will be used to track the utilization of diverse businesses by prime contractors.

We respectfully request your approval at this time.





#### **GLOSSARY / DEFINITIONS**



ACRONYM OR WORD	DEFINITION	ACRONYM OR WORD	DEFINITION
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning		
TCOS	Transmission Cost of Service Change		

### KEY DRIVERS FOR SUPPLY CHAIN IDENTIFIERS FOR PROCUREMENT ITEMS



















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## PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

# ELECTRICAL & INSTRUMENTATION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE

PRESENTED BY:

**Richard Medina** 

Chief Energy Delivery Officer

October 28, 2024
Request for Approval

#### **NEW CONTRACT / REBID**

### **ELECTRICAL & INSTRUMENTATION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE**





- Selected firms will provide electrical and instrumentation engineering services to support existing and future natural gas infrastructure projects.
- This includes engineering design, construction documents, drawings, specifications, and asbuilts required for the numerous new sites to be added and current site upgrades planned over the next 3 years.



**Guadalupe Transfer Station** 

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#### **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

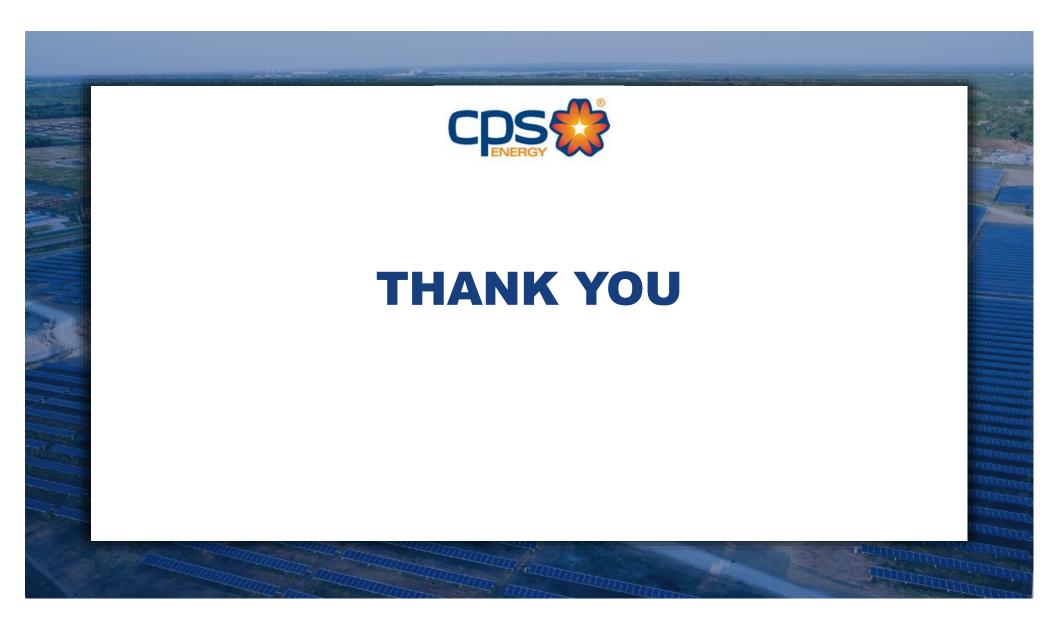
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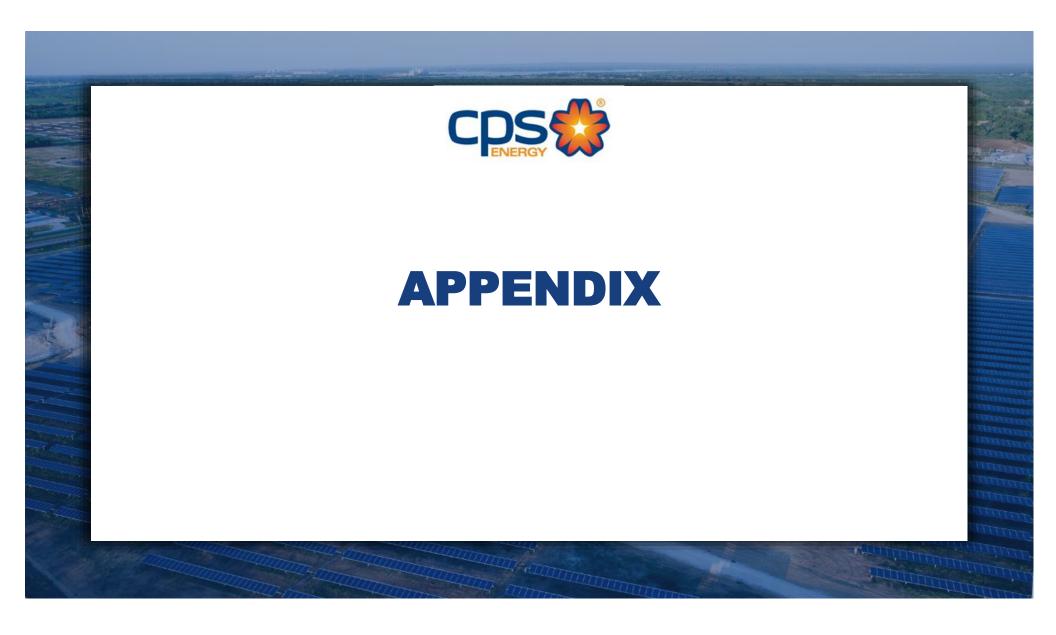
### ELECTRICAL & INSTRUMENTATION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE



- Current Contracts:
  - Value: \$900,000
  - Term: 3 years
  - Expiration: June 2024
- New Contract Details:
  - Value: \$9 million
  - Term: 3 years
  - # Bidders: 8 responded to solicitation (5 Local and 3 Diverse businesses)
  - # Awardees: 3 (All Local businesses)
  - Contracts include diverse subcontracting commitments, and a scorecard system will be used to track the utilization of diverse businesses by prime contractors.

We respectfully request your approval at this time.





#### **GLOSSARY / DEFINITIONS**



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### KEY DRIVERS FOR SUPPLY CHAIN IDENTIFIERS FOR PROCUREMENT ITEMS



















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# PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

### POLE ATTACHMENT APPLICATION PROCESSING SERVICES

PRESENTED BY:

Richard Medina
Chief Energy Delivery Officer

October 28, 2024
Request for Approval

### NEW CONTRACT / REBID POLE ATTACHMENT APPLICATION PROCESSING SERVICES



- Selected firms will provide support in the pole attachment and permitting process, and other work related to our Pole Attachment Standards.
- Application process includes initial field, pole-bypole, and pole loading analysis, and make-ready construction reviews.
- Post inspection, invoicing/billing, field verification, and reporting are also key contract functions.



Pole Attachments

### REQUEST FOR APPROVAL POLE ATTACHMENT APPLICATION PROCESSING SERVICES



Current Contracts:

Value: \$2.5 million

Term: 3 years

Expiration: October 2024

New Contract Details:

Value: \$6 million

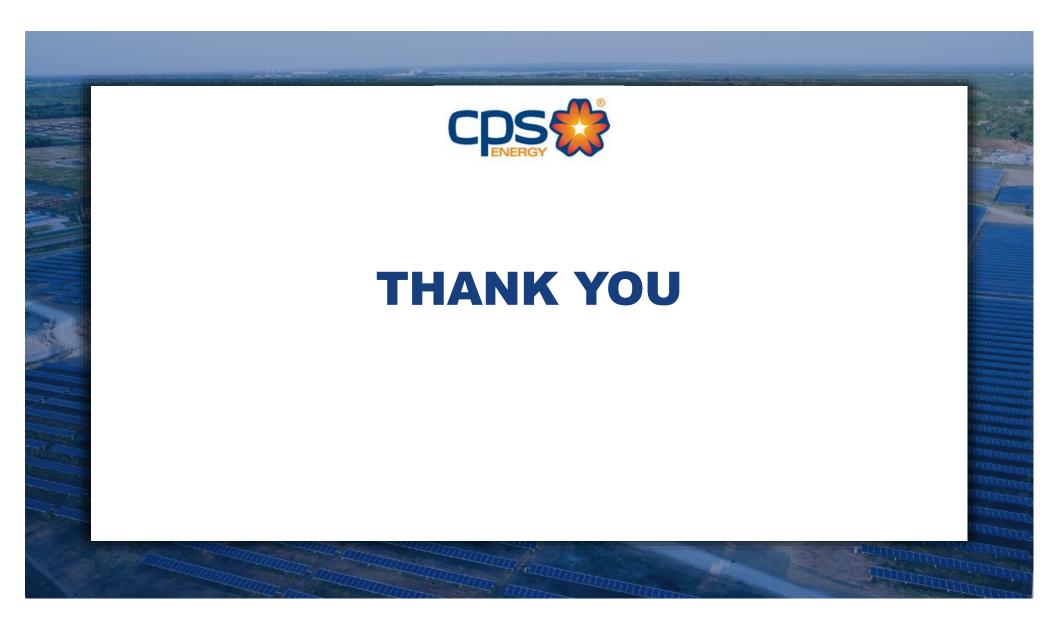
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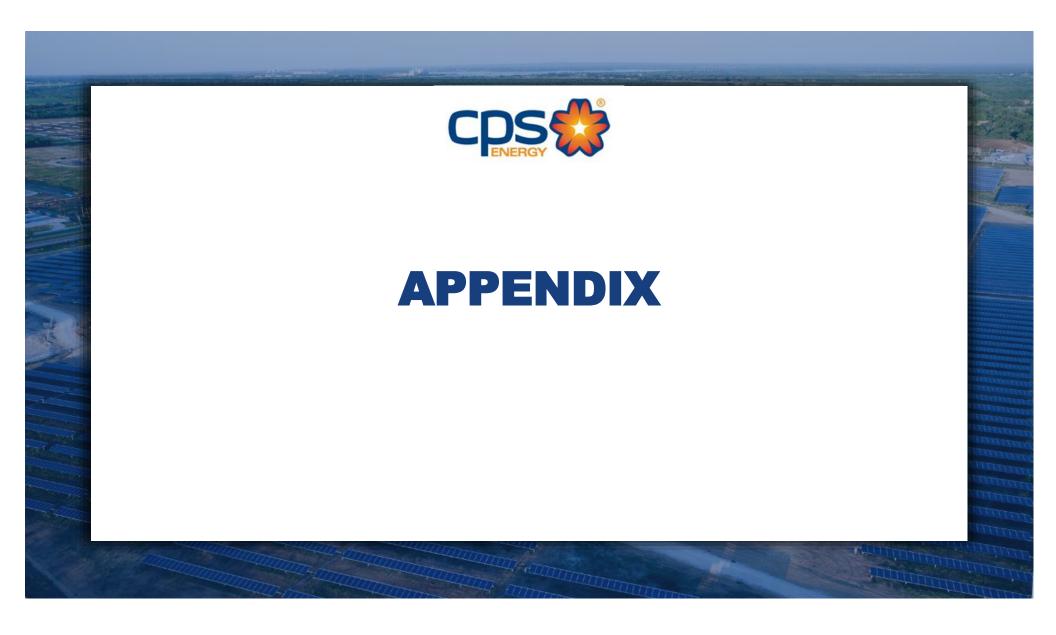
# Bidders: 19 responded to solicitation (10 Local and 6 Diverse businesses)

# Awardees: 3 (All Local businesses)

 Contracts include diverse subcontracting commitments, and a scorecard system will be used to track the utilization of diverse businesses by prime contractors.

We respectfully request your approval at this time.





#### **GLOSSARY / DEFINITIONS**



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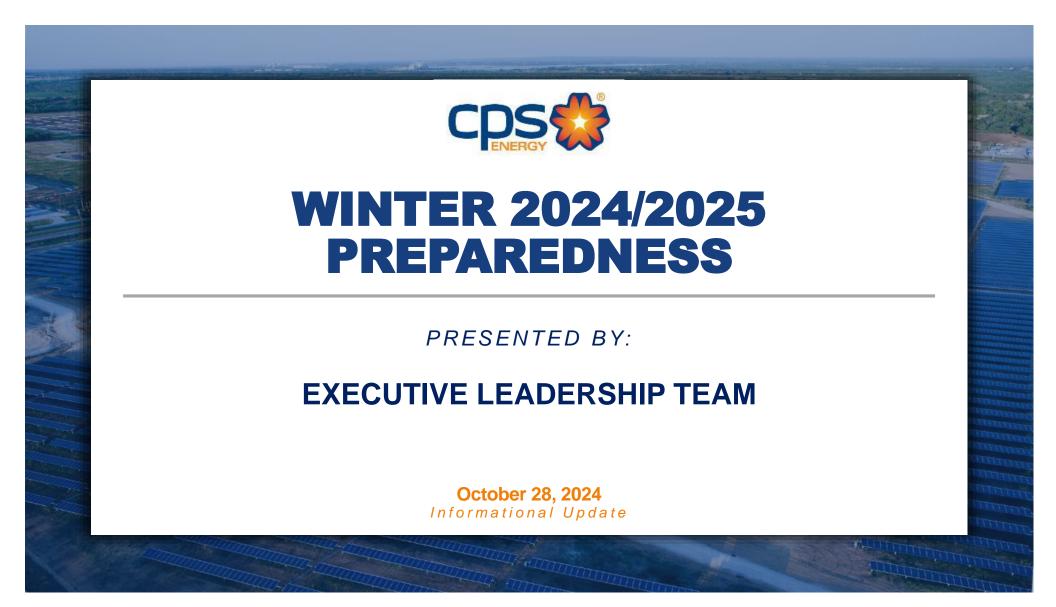








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#### **AGENDA**

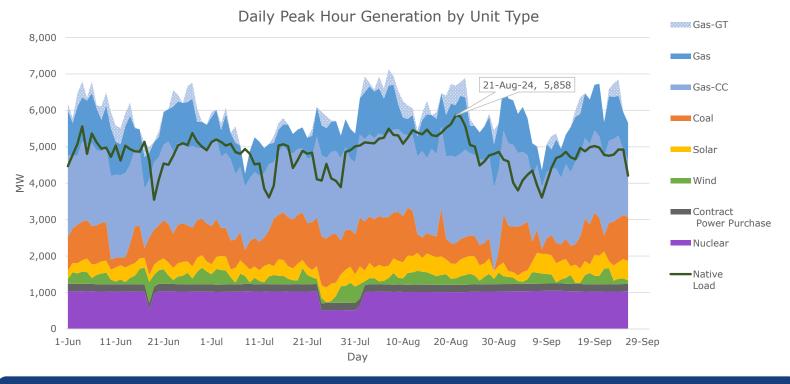


- Summer Recap <u>Video</u>
- Winter Weather Outlook
- Team Readiness:
  - Energy Supply
  - Energy Delivery Services
  - Customer Strategy & Communications

Our team will share an update on how we are preparing for upcoming winter conditions.

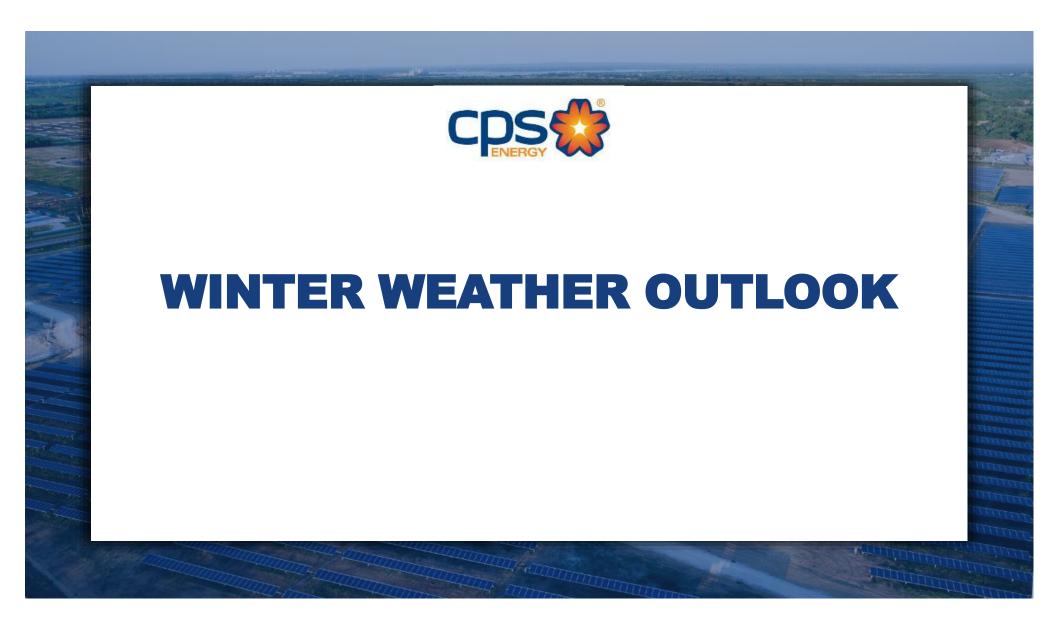
#### **CPS ENERGY SUMMER 2024**

#### **GENERATION AVAILABILITY**



Our "all-in" process ensured sufficient energy was available to serve our community's needs.

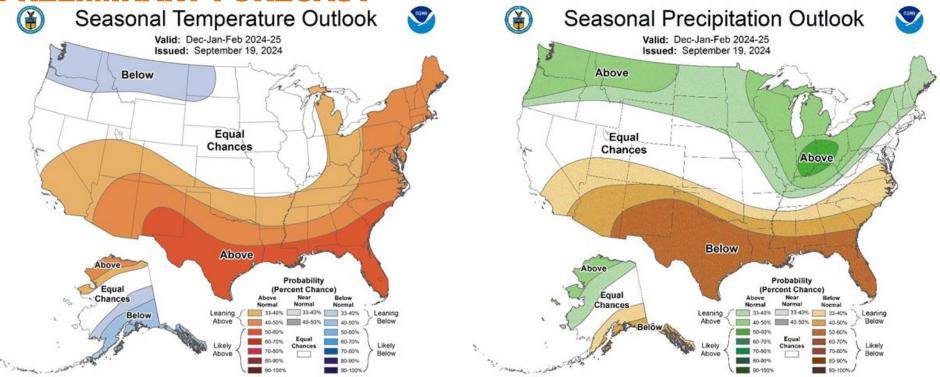
Data through 9/26/2024



## **2024-25 WINTER OUTLOOK**



### PRELIMINARY FORECAST



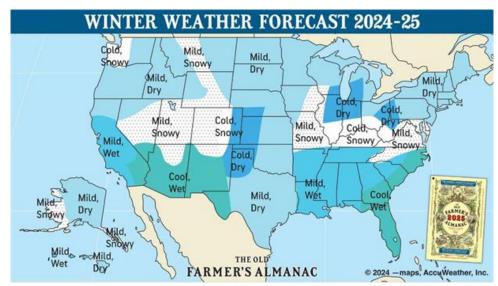
With a weak La Niña anticipated, above-normal temperatures are possible, and below-normal precipitation is expected.

This could enhance wildfire threats this winter season.

## THE TWO FARMERS ALMANACS

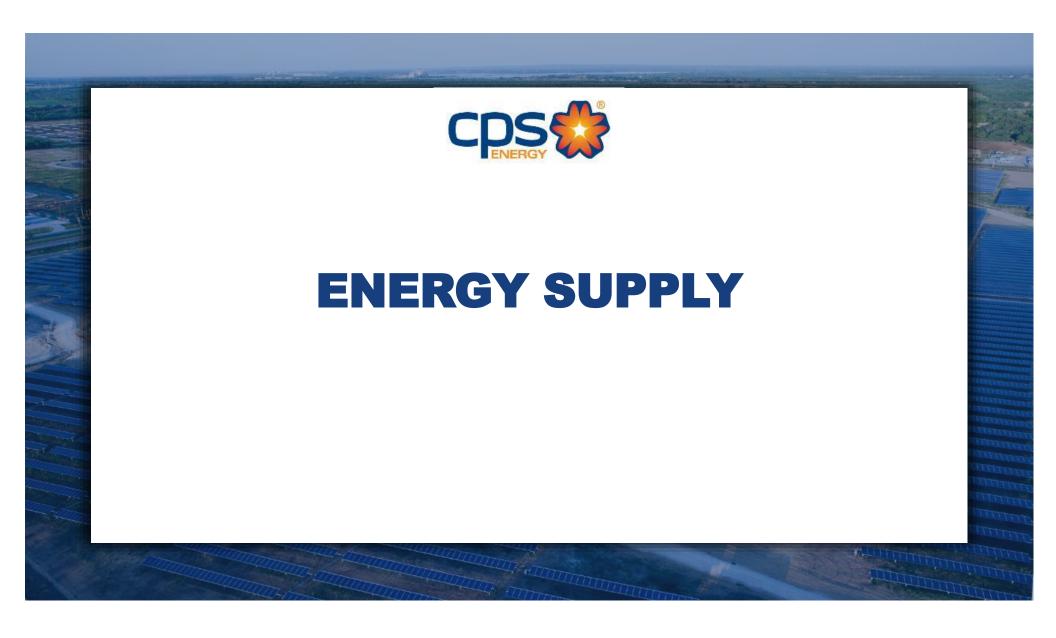






Both Almanacs are calling for mild temperatures and a dry winter.





# ENERGY SUPPLY WINTER RESOURCE ADEQUACY

- Units prepared for winter operations.
- No unit outages scheduled during Jan-Feb.
- Declaration of Winter Preparedness will be submitted to ERCOT by December 1.
- Natural Gas suppliers contacted to confirm weatherization activities completed prior to December 1.
- We were awarded Firm Fuel Supply Service to support grid operations during the winter.

# **CPS**

#### Our Winter 2024/2025 Peak Position



\*Winter peak demand record occurred January 16, 2024

Winter readiness activities are in flight and will be completed by December 1 to meet the needs of our community.

# **POWER GENERATION**

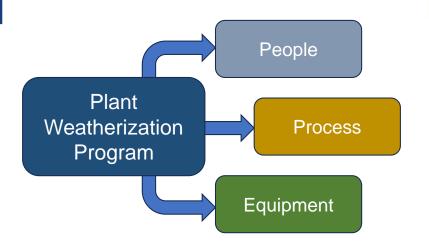
#### PREPARING FOR WINTER



Compliance with Public Utility Commission requirements



New Weatherization Enhancements





**Employee Preparations** 



**Heating Systems** 



**Critical Equipment** 



**Permanent Enclosures** 

Enhancements to the weatherization program are in place to deliver plant reliability during extreme winter weather.



# **EDS OVERVIEW**

#### **WINTER PREPAREDNESS**



SAFETY	OPERATIONAL	EQUIPMENT
<ul> <li>Cold stress signs</li> <li>Back-feed hazard awareness</li> <li>Fire rated clothes layering</li> <li>Hazardous driving conditions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>System improvements</li> <li>Refresher training</li> <li>Load flow analysis</li> <li>Collaboration with Emergency Ops Center</li> <li>Gas pressure increases</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inspections &amp; testing</li> <li>Identify &amp; correct deficiencies</li> <li>Inventory checks</li> <li>107 smart switches installed</li> </ul>



**Employee Prep** 



**System Improvements** 



**Pressure Increases** 



**Equipment Maintenance** 

We leverage lessons learned to enhance system performance and emergency response during significant events.

### **OPERATIONS & RELIABILITY**

# CDS

#### WINTER PREPAREDNESS

#### Coordination

 Wildland Fire Response training provided by Bexar County Office of Emergency Management

#### **Drills & Exercises**

- ERCOT Outage Coordination meeting
- ERCOT Severe Weather Drill

#### **Load Shed**

- Maintain increased capacity
- Maintain readiness

#### **Trainings**

- ERCOT-led & internal Winter Load Shed training
- ERCOT-led & internal Blackstart training



Wildland Fire Response Training presented by the Bexar County Office of Emergency Management

Communication and collaboration with our partners are critical components of our preparedness activities.

# EDS COMPLIANCE WINTER PREPAREDNESS

- By December 1, we will submit a Weather Emergency Attestation to the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) describing our compliance with seasonal preparedness inspections and maintenance of critical infrastructure serving power generation and gas distribution as required by RRC Rule 3.66.
- By December 1, we will submit a Winter Weather Preparedness Attestation to ERCOT describing our compliance with seasonal preparedness inspections and maintenance of substation equipment as required by PUC Rule 25.55 to ensure equipment will successfully operate through the winter season.



Gas Pressure Control Team performing inspection and maintenance of critical infrastructure.



# **CUSTOMER FOCUS**











- Conservation Network
- Demand response
- Critical customer support
- Enhance support with high energy-burdened customers
- Awareness of plant and infrastructure winter readiness
- Continued data efforts to provide customer and community insights

- Compassionate approach to collections
- Education on safe consumption & conservation
- Ongoing awareness of bill assistance
- Customer payment & rate reviews
- Energy Conservation and Assistance Communications & Marketing Campaign
- Targeted outreach
- Online, self service and account management tools
- Customize solutions to adapt to seasonal conditions
- Ongoing development for situational awareness of weatherrelated outage activities

- Townhalls and Focus Groups
- Expand Safety Culture Teams
- Ongoing employee engagement action activities
- Educate and empower employees to share energy savings information

- Tailored education series
- Partner with nonprofits and community agencies
- Sponsor STEM school events
- Engage stakeholders to share our information

You can take control and save on your energy bill.

We are here to help!

# **CUSTOMER FOCUS**

# CPS

#### **EZ Pay Options**

- September 12 expanded bill payment options for customer convenience.
- Customers are now able to pay their energy bills by using Google Pay, Apple Pay, or an American Express card in their digital wallet.

#### **Energy Angels**

 As we approach the winter season, a gift of energy is something you can give to anyone in our service territory, for any occasion, anytime, and for any amount.

#### **GrillsGiving**

- November 2 GrillsGiving BBQ Competition at Hangar 9.
- Net proceeds from GrillsGiving will benefit REAP.

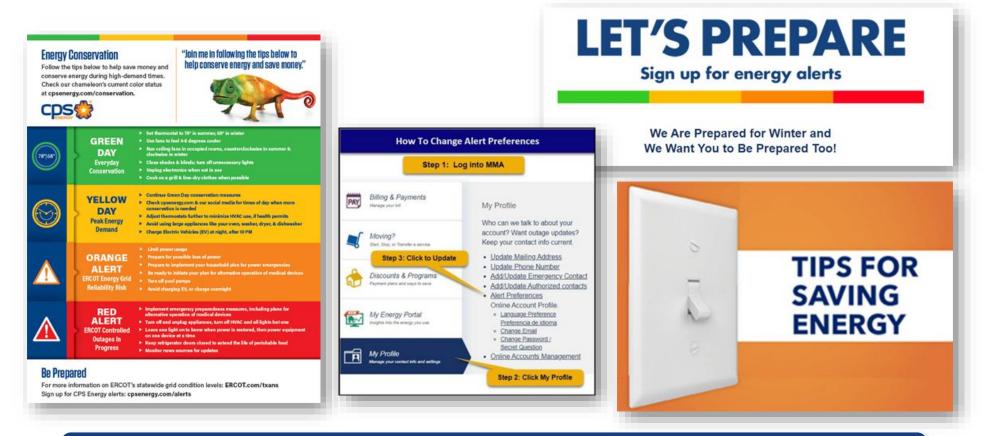
#### **Products and Services**

- Energy Efficiency
- Demand Response
- Town Halls

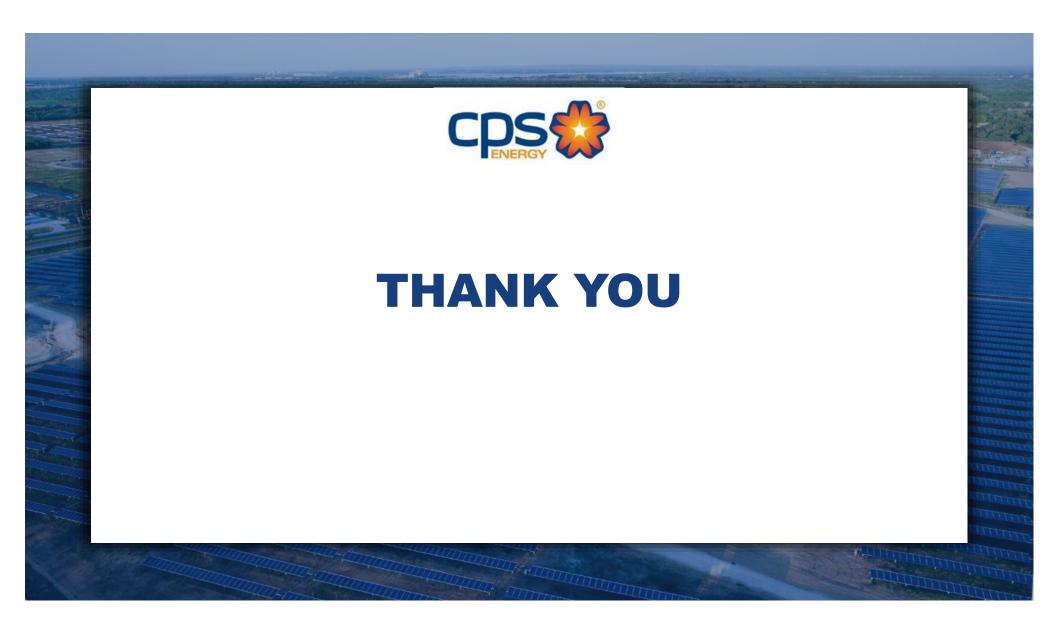


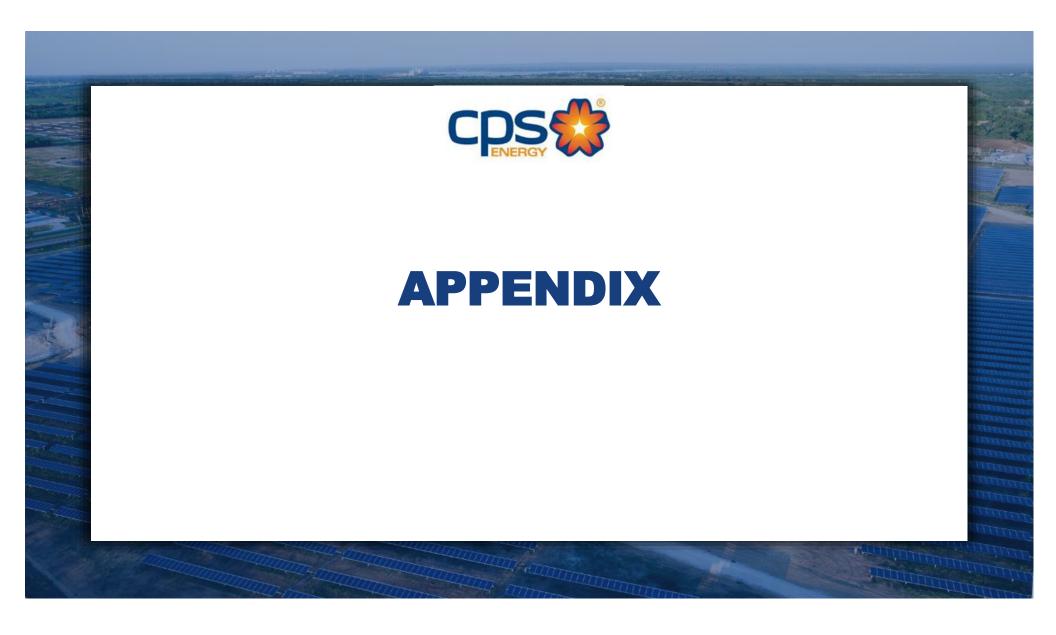
## WINTER PREPAREDNESS





We are ready to encourage conservation and provide emergency messaging to our customers and stakeholders.





# **GLOSSARY / DEFINITIONS**



ACRONYM OR WORD	DEFINITION	ACRONYM OR WORD	DEFINITION
EDS	Energy Delivery Services	PUC	Public Utility Commission
ERCOT	Electric Reliability Council of Texas	REAP	Residential Energy Assistance Partnership
CC	Combined Cycle	RRC	Railroad Commission
GT	Gas Turbine	STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
MDT	Mobile Data Terminal		
MW	Megawatt		
Ops	Operations		