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MAY 2022

Help LES put together its 5-year Integrated Resource Plan

LES develops an Integrated Resource Plan every five years, per its contract for hydroelectric power with the Western Area Power Administration. IRPs are common tools in the industry, designed to examine and compare supply-side (e.g., generation) and demand-side (e.g., energy efficiency) resource investments to identify a reliable energy supply while keeping costs affordable.

The 2022 study will be LES' first IRP guided by its new decarbonization goal, seeking to achieve net-zero carbon dioxide emissions from its generation portfolio by 2040.

Creating an IRP

The IRP is one of many tools LES staff and administrators use for analyzing various resource-planning choices to meet the community's growing energy demand. Staff have been simulating many different scenarios for the future of our area's electric needs, and will continue throughout the process. This helps to identify power supply options that will be successful over the broadest range of possible futures.

In essence, rather than a roadmap of definite destinations, LES' IRP is like a playbook, exploring options based on the situation, which informs LES' future resource decisions.

Community collaboration

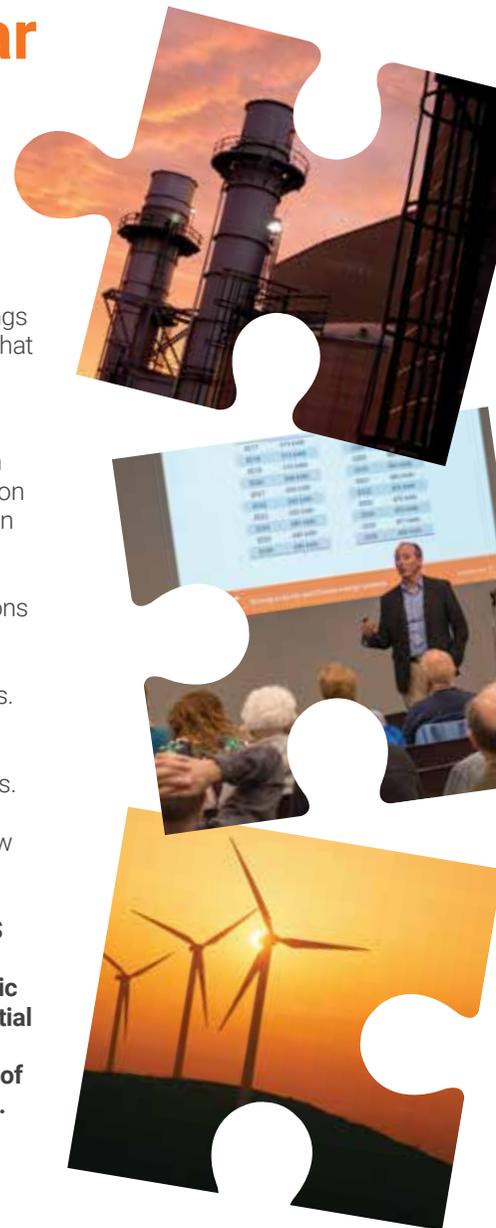
"A fundamental part of creating our IRP is community collaboration," said Scott Benson, manager, LES Resource & Transmission Planning. "During the IRP process, we make time for public meetings where we can update the public about what we've evaluated and solicit their input."

To make sound choices on behalf of customer-owners, staff weigh long-term goals with short-term needs. While carbon emissions will be a primary consideration in this year's IRP, CO₂ will not be the only factor considered. In addition to environmental impacts, key considerations include cost, feasibility and reliability. Together, these are always balanced to best fit the community's changing needs.

Through the IRP, LES can form a future-focused vision of the community's needs. This allows LES to make near-term decisions that align with a long-term view of the future.

Join us at 6 p.m. on June 23 at the LES Service Center near 27th and Fairfield streets in Lincoln for the next IRP public meeting. The meeting will cover potential enhancements to LES' Sustainable Energy Program and review the scope of the utility's resource portfolio analysis.

Learn more at [LES.com/IRP](https://www.les.com/IRP).



MAY
Workshop



JUNE
Public Meeting
#2



JULY
Workshop



AUG.
Public Meeting
#3



SEP.
Report
Finalization



OCT.
Board
Presentation



NOV.
Report Due



LES' 2021 Annual Report is now available

Avg. length of outage

LES 17.1
MINUTES

Avg. length of outage

NAT'L 124
MINUTES

Approved a systemwide

1%
RATE DECREASE

LES' Annual Report is a synopsis of the utility's efforts and achievements from the past year. It is part of *your* utility's ongoing effort to maintain transparency for you, our customer-owners.

Highlights include responding to extreme cold due to Winter Storm Uri, announcing a systemwide rate decrease

for customers and hosting LES' EV Ride + Drive, the first electric vehicle test drive event of its type in the state.

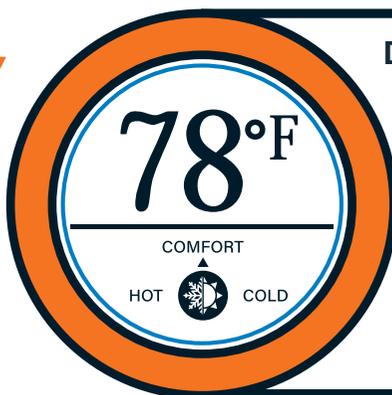
Along with our industry-leading reliability, focus on affordable rates, continuing emphasis on safety, and a wealth of local energy experts, LES found new ways to bring value to the community. We engaged

customers with STEM and safety education, hosted public meetings and held charitable giving events.

Learn about your local public power provider's positive impacts on our customers, community and industry over the last year by visiting [LES.com/AnnualReport](https://www.les.com/AnnualReport).

JUNE 1 // Summer electric rates go into effect

Rates are higher in the summer due to more electricity demand than during spring, fall or winter. This summer's residential rate is **\$0.0710 per kilowatt-hour**.



DID YOU KNOW you can save as much as 10% a year on heating and cooling costs by turning your thermostat back at least 7°F for eight hours a day? With a smart thermostat, you can put efficiency on autopilot.

EARN \$50 with LES PEAK REWARDS! Get incentives for enrolling your eligible smart thermostat. More info at [LES.com/PeakRewards](https://www.les.com/PeakRewards).

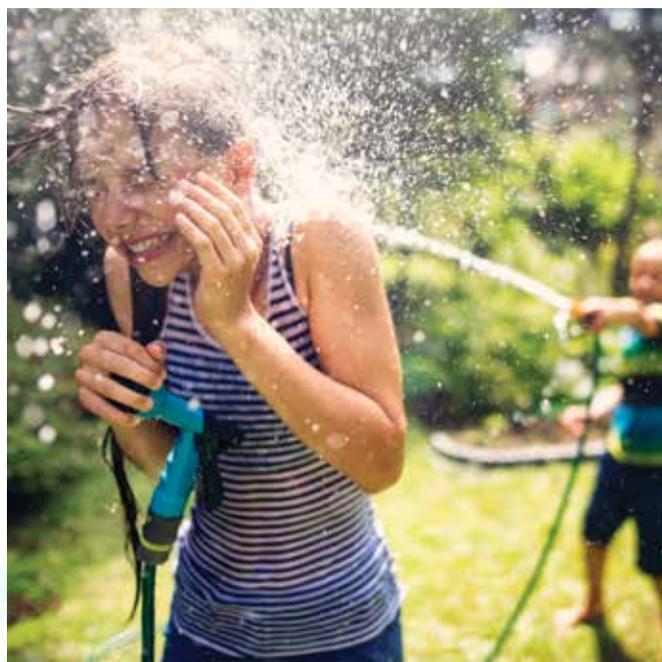
Remember electrical safety this summer

May is Electrical Safety Month, offering LES customers an opportunity to learn about ways to stay safe while enjoying time outside this summer.

With summer comes pool parties, cookouts and backyard staycations. Whatever you're doing outdoors, be sure to stay vigilant about electrical safety. Here are some tips to stay safe this summer:

1. Install ground fault circuit interrupters, or GFCIs, on all outdoor outlets.
2. Make sure all pools, hot tubs are at least 25 feet from powerlines.
3. If you have a pool, locate and label all power switches for quick shutoff in case of emergency.
4. Stay away from electric substations. Never attempt to rescue a pet or animal that goes inside. Call LES for assistance at **402.475.4211**.
5. If you need to dig a hole for any reason, call the Diggers Hotline at 811. They will let you know if there are any underground utility services before you dig.
6. When working near electrical wiring, do NOT use metal ladders.

Electricity and water don't mix! Take extra caution when dealing with electricity outdoors, especially near water. It is crucial to use GFCIs in all of your outdoor spaces and look up to check overhead line positions before installing pools, hot tubs or any water features on your property. Being aware of powerlines above your pool isn't just safe, it's required.



Learn more about electrical safety by following LES on social media all month long, or check out more safety tips in our video vault at [LES.com/VideoVault](https://www.les.com/VideoVault).