

## **Santee Cooper Integrated Resource Plan 2023**

### **Public Stakeholder Meeting #5 – Meeting Summary**

Date: April 19, 2023

Time: 1:01 pm – 5:28 pm EDT

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom, Vanry Associates hosting

Topic: Santee Cooper 2023 IRP

- Discussion of current and future issues influencing the IRP analysis; selection criteria to determine a preferred plan; the current state of the analysis and findings; and work yet to be done prior to the May 15 filing date.

Referenced attachments are posted as separate documents at [SanteeCooper.com/IRP](https://SanteeCooper.com/IRP). See the heading **Meeting Presentations & Materials / Meeting 5 – April 19, 2023**.

1. Session 5 Presentation
2. Recording of Meeting
3. Question and Answer (Q&A) Log

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### **Registration and Attendee Overview**

All stakeholders who registered for Santee Cooper's first four meetings were reminded in a series of emails sent by Vanry Associates that they would need to register to attend Santee Cooper's fifth and final IRP meeting, as they did for the prior meetings. Stakeholders received these reminders within four emails notifying them of updated materials posted to the IRP webpage on January 12, February 3, March 3 and March 17. A final email inviting stakeholders to register was sent on March 23, 2023 and included a direct link to the Zoom platform registration page. Upon registering, registrants received an immediate confirmation email with

meeting information. Registrants were also sent two reminder emails one week and one day before the session, respectively.

In keeping with prior meetings, Santee Cooper also used a variety of means to announce the meeting, in advance, to customers and stakeholders. These included newspaper advertisements, bill inserts and social media. Additionally, Santee Cooper team members reached out directly to contacts alerting them to the meeting and registration.

Registration for the session opened on March 20, 2023. In summary

- 157 registrations were received up to the start of the meeting on April 19, 2023
- 89 individuals, or 57% of those registered, were online for all, or a portion, of the meeting
- 71 of the 89 attendees represented stakeholders external to Santee Cooper, with the remainder being either Santee Cooper employees or its IRP consultants
- About 81% of external participating stakeholders were identified as being affiliated with an organization

A list of meeting attendees is included in Appendix A. The list excludes Santee Cooper employees and its IRP consultants.

### Agenda, Presenters, and Topics

The agenda and associated times were included in the presentation posted to the [SanteeCooper.com/IRP](https://SanteeCooper.com/IRP) webpage. Throughout the session, facilitators adjusted the timing to ensure adequate time for presentations, questions, and discussion.

#### AGENDA

1:00 pm	<b>Welcome</b>	<p><b>Stewart Ramsay</b>, Vanry Associates</p> <p>Stewart outlined the key topics for Meeting 5; encouraged participation from stakeholders; and summarized survey results from Meeting 4.</p>
1:10 pm	<b>Introductions &amp; Agenda</b>	<p><b>Jane Campbell Sr.</b> Director Resource Planning, Santee Cooper</p> <p>Jane introduced herself and newly appointed Manager, Resource Planning, Clay Settle, both new to their roles since Meeting 4. She also introduced the meeting speakers and reviewed the agenda.</p>
1:20 pm	<b>IRP Context, Purpose and Selection Criteria</b>	<p><b>John Painter</b>, CEO and Executive Consultant, nFront Consulting</p> <p>John outlined the differences between Santee Cooper and Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) and the three planning obligations Santee Cooper must balance in developing its IRP. He finished by summarizing external considerations Santee Cooper must consider that impact its resource planning analyses and decisions.</p>
2:00 pm	<b>Assumptions – Changes Since Meeting 4 and Under Development</b>	<p><b>Bob Davis</b>, Executive Consultant, nFront Consulting</p> <p>Bob provided a detailed review of updates to Assumptions, studies and other elements since Meeting 4, and spoke to the winter ratings for the Effective Load Carrying Capacity (ELCC) assumptions</p>

2:30 pm	BREAK	
2:45 pm	<b>Preliminary Analyses and Observations</b>	<p><b>Bob Davis</b>, Executive Consultant, nFront Consulting</p> <p>Bob provided a detailed review of the IRP portfolio being analyzed and the IRP team’s analytical approach; key assumptions varied in sensitivity cases; and the preliminary results and observations.</p>
4:15 pm	<b>Ongoing Analyses to be Completed Prior to May 15 Filing</b>	<p><b>Bob Davis</b>, Executive Consultant, nFront Consulting</p> <p>Bob continued his presentation by summarizing the ongoing analyses yet to be completed prior to the May 15 filing.</p>
4:45 pm	<b>Closing</b>	<p><b>Stewart Ramsay</b>, Vanry Associates</p> <p>Stewart opened the floor to questions. Questions were taken by Santee Cooper Chief Planning Officer, Rahul Dembla, and from nFront, John Painter, and Bob Davis. Stewart then closed the meeting with an encouragement to stakeholders to respond to the meeting survey.</p>

### Q&A Summary

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

1. Using the Zoom **Q&A** tool, they could type and send a question at any time during the session and receive a written or verbal response during the meeting by one of the Santee Cooper IRP team.
2. Using the **Raised Hand** functionality, they could be invited to speak by the facilitator at the earliest opening during a presentation, to ask their question live, and receive a verbal response.
3. Using the **Raised Hand** functionality during open floor question periods prior to the break and at the end of the session

For Stakeholder questions using the **Q&A** tool throughout the meeting, follow-on comments, questions, and answers showed up as a thread connected to the original question. In addition, some of the written questions were flagged and answered live by the respective presenters.

Overall, there were 58 interactions initiated via typed questions (live asked/answered and written asked/answered), as well as 12 interactions initiated by stakeholders raising their hands. All questions were addressed during the session. Presenters answered 30 questions live.

A transcript of the Q&A log is included as an attachment and available with other April 19, Meeting 5 documents on the [SanteeCooper.com/IRP](https://SanteeCooper.com/IRP) webpage.

### Post-Meeting Survey

Attendees were invited to provide feedback upon leaving the Zoom session and via a link included in a follow-up email sent on April 21, 2023. The short survey included one question specific to Meeting 5 and two questions related to the overall IRP process. Vanry Associates received 14 responses to the post-meeting survey, representing about 19% of attending external stakeholders.

The overall survey response was positive. In summary:

- 100% of respondents strongly indicated they felt better informed about issues, selection criteria, current state findings and next steps required prior to the IRP filing
- 93% of respondents indicated they are satisfied with Santee Cooper's overall IRP process
- 57% of respondents took the time to provide comments of which half expressed appreciation

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

## Action Items

All commitments made by Santee Cooper, or the facilitators are noted in the Q&A log.

Next Steps:

- Act on any commitments noted in the Q&A log
- Review stakeholder feedback from Q&A and Forum
- File the 2023 IRP with the South Carolina Public Service Commission on May 15, 2023

APPENDIX A

**List of External Attendees**

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

<b>ATTENDEE</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Andrew Stone	
Anthony Sandonato	SCORS
Ben Evans	BNRG
Ben Garris	South Carolina Coastal Conservation League
Bhawramaett Broehm	Wartsila
Bill Barnes	Encore Renewable Energy
Brian Bach	INEOS
Brian Manley	Black and Veatch
Brian Sauter	JW Aluminum
Bruce Bacon	Fairfield Electric
Carlos Chavez	Power Generation
Chad Kidwell	INEOS Aromatics
Chelsea Hotaling	Energy Futures Group
Chip Estes	Utilicom Consulting Group
Cunningham Thomas	
Dan Aschenbach	AGVP Advisory
Dan Poteet	
Danny Gray	
Dennis Boyd	Nucor
Devi Glick	Synapse Energy Economics
Devy Traylor	[Kinder Morgan]
Dick Storm	
Eddy Moore	Coastal Conservation League
Edward Muller	TotalEnergies Renewables USA
Elizabeth Callaway	
Emma Clancy	Southern Environmental Law Center
Eric Barradale	Ulteig Engineers, Inc.
Evelyn Menendez	J. Kennedy and Associates, Inc.
Findlay Salter	SC Office of Regulatory Staff (SCORS)
Forest Bradley Wright	Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Fredrick Reimer	
Garrett Weeks	
George Flowers	Duke Energy

Gerry Fleming	CEPCI
Gregg Griffin	Bamberg Board of Public Works
Hamilton Davis	CCEBA
Jake Duncan	[Vote Solar]
Jalen Brooks-Knepfle	Conservation Voters of South Carolina
James Greenough	
James Lamb	
James Wharton	
Joey Coble	Blanchard Machinery
John McKenna	
John Truluck	Dorchester County, SC Economic Development
Jonathan Ly	[J. Pollock, Inc]
Justin Somelofske	Sierra Club
Kate Mixson	Southern Environmental Law Center
Kathleen Mielke	
Kelly Morris	Oracle
Kevin Hopper	Toth and Associates, Inc.
Leslie Maley	Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.
Maria Morais	
Marilyn Hemingway	Gullah Geechee Chamber of Commerce
Matthew Martin	Southern Power
Mikaela Curry	
Mike Fried	AD Group llc
Mike Lavanga	SMXB
Patrick Maguire	ACES
Paul Conway	MPD Electric Coop
Philip Hayet	J. Kennedy and Associates, Inc.
ROBERT FLEMING JR	MPD Electric Cooperative
Robert Hochstetler	Central Electric Power Cooperative,
Ryan Deyoe	[Telos Energy]
Sean Joshi	Sunrise Renewables
Seth Studer	[Ecoplexus Inc.]
Steven Castracane	MESSER LLC
Steven Harrington	Central Electric Power Cooperative, INC.
Suzanne Incarnato	
Teresa Kanter	Central Electric Power Cooperative
Timothy Haynes	[International Paper]
Wade Richards	Apex Clean Energy

APPENDIX B

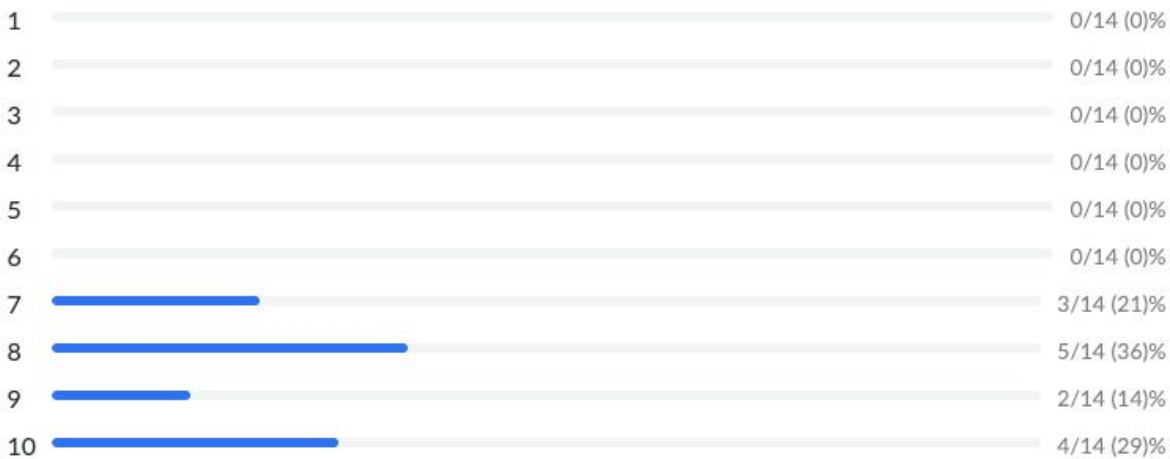
Note: stakeholder comments in question three are included verbatim as received.

**Post-Meeting Feedback Survey**

1. Do you feel better informed of the issues influencing our IRP analysis, our selection criteria, where we are at with our analysis and findings and what more we have to do prior to filing?

(Rating scale where 1=Slightly better informed to 10=Completely informed)

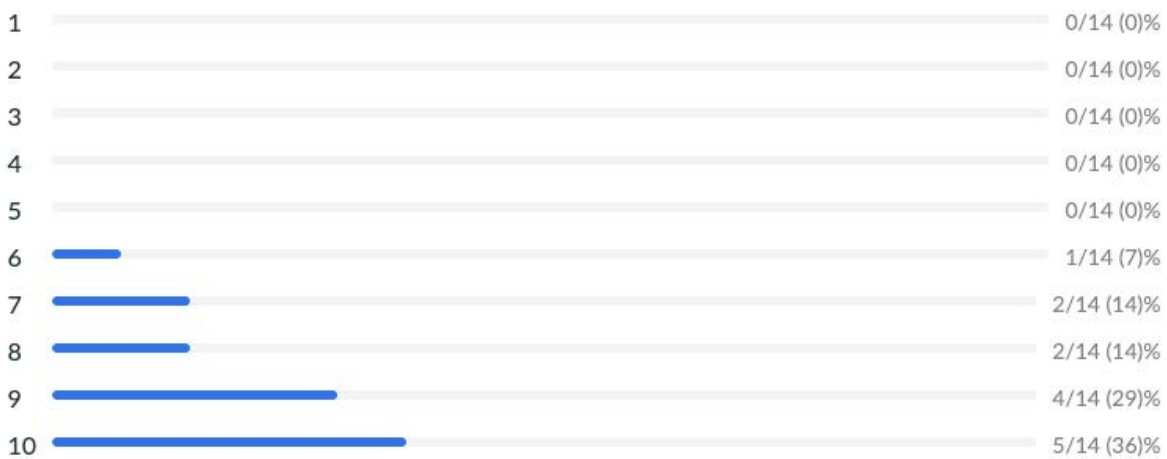
14/14 (100)% answered



2. How satisfied are you with Santee cooper’s IRP stakeholder engagement process overall?

(Rating scale where 1=Not satisfied to 10=Completely satisfied)

14/14 (100)% answered



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

*(Long answer)*

8/14 (57%) answered

- Thanks for letting us be part of such an important process in my and I hope others future in a carbon reduced World.
- I am very grateful for the opportunity to ask questions and offer input during the five stakeholder sessions. I found the Santee Cooper and Vanry Associates staff very professional, knowledgeable, and courteous in all of my interactions.
- Knowing this meeting was open to the public, Santee Cooper should have changed the presentation to high level and less detail.
- Nothing at this time.
- I admire your patience on some radical respondents.
- Innovation is key and Santee Cooper is in the forefront adapting to Federal and State legislation to meet the needs for all the people of South Carolina.
- Not sure why Central is such a large part of Santee Cooper's IRP process.
- I think the meeting format was designed to baffle the public with minute details and put us to sleep.