



# POWERING OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE



# Public Comments

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This report contains public comments received from CPS Energy customers during the Powering Our Community’s Future engagement period. Comments were collected through comment cards and video testimonials at events and the generation planning online survey. All comments are verbatim, with the exception of any personally identifiable information. Comments that were expressed multiple times have been condensed and contain the number of times mentioned.

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# Community Comments

Comments listed below include feedback received on comment cards during October and December open house sessions.

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- As a young adult in San Antonio, I'm concerned about the city's future. Gas conservation should not be an option as it's a powerful climate pollutant & would not improve emissions as much as it should. Close Spruce & invest in renewables.
- Some of the information was interesting. I appreciated the overall approachability. I'm curious to see how future open houses look. I hope to see more discussion in regard to the future of Spruce and the weatherization of future resources and power plants.
- We need to not only have reliable energy but clean energy too! CPS has the opportunity to be a leader in energy creation in the United States. Gas is not a clean energy as it produces toxic chemicals. Coal is being phased out but the San Antonio community deserves better! Listen to your customers, including the environmentalist! Also, ensure Calaveras Lake is clean and safe.
- CPS isn't serious about the climate crisis. Spruce 1 & 2 are the biggest emitters of GHG (greenhouse gas) in the region. We're in a climate crisis, and it is criminal to continue operating a coal-fired power plant. CPAS has a moral obligation to shut down Spruce and switch to 100% carbon-free renewable energy as soon as possible (by 2050). Carbon neutrality is not enough to address the climate crisis. CPS has a historical debt to pay to majority low-income communities of color living near Spruce. There is a 20-year gap- in life expectancy between N. Bexar County (higher L.E.) and S. Bexar County thanks to a disaster like Spruce.
- FlexSTEP is awesome (except the gas part). Retire Spruce don't convert it to gas. Do more renewable energy and consumer-level solutions! P.S. I would not eat the fish in Calaveras Lake.
- I'm here with my daughter today to urge faster transition away from coal for the safety of our children and our community, despite any increase in cost of power. We cannot buy health and a livable planet!
- Very informative. Looking forward to a coal-free future for San Antonio!
- I really enjoyed the service and table top discussions and variety of topics, all in the help of customers and San Antonio citizens of the community.
- Great info – going to sign-up and purchase thermostats for rebates and efficiency! Thank you!
- Concerns about benchmarking ordinance and energy use shaming. Concerns about impact to economic development.
- Smart Solutions came through and learned that CPS Energy also has Casa Verde weatherization program.
- Shutdown both coal units by 2030 or sooner

- Coal is dying and it is killing us in the process. The future of power generation is a diverse portfolio of renewables and nuclear energy. CPS has been under fire recently, but I think that the goals of the organization can be achieved when the company takes real measured steps toward a cleaner, more equitable future. Let's start the conversation about nuclear energy now!
- Please continue towards the path to sustainability.
- I came to the open house to learn about CPS Energy's involvement with nuclear power and was glad to learn that you value nuclear power as an energy source. My opinion is that you should increase your involvement in it because it is so reliable, has a very small generation footprint when compared to other sources, and produces so little environmental pollution. It is very safe as well. Please keep nuclear power in focus when considering new energy sources

# Public Testimonials

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During October and December open house sessions, customers had the opportunity to record video comments. The video link below includes public testimonials from three customers. **Public Testimonials Video Link:** <https://youtu.be/3uwOTjWHNV0>



**Joyce Deuley**



**Russell Seal**



**Isabella Briseño**

# Survey Comments

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## QUESTION 1 OTHER RESPONSE

Please select **three** objectives listed below that are important to you in how CPS Energy powers our community now and in the future.

### COMMENTS ON FOSSIL FUELS:

- More nuclear [expressed 8 times]
- I am not in favor of closing coal plants. They should be repaired and ready to put into use if needed. Look what is happening in Europe as they prepare for winter. Many countries putting coal back to work. And...look at China...
- The decision for Net Metering vs Whole House belongs to the homeowner and not CPS. You had no right making this decision for me.
- Maximizing Previous Investments
- No more coal
- No more coal and gas! Commit to clean energy to power SA! Shut down the Spruce Coal plant to protect the health of SA residents AND the health of our local environment. Also, allowing only 3 objectives DOES NOT make any sense when CPS Energy should be doing all of these things. CPS Energy should be affordable. CPS Energy should be financially stable (cut executive's pay substantially). CPS Energy should strive for environmental sustainability. CPS Energy should provide reliable and be resistant to climate. And CPS Energy should be flexible with a variety of green alternatives to coal and gas energy. I'm seriously concerned with this cities leadership and the leadership of CPS for avoiding responsibility and lining the pockets of a few people at the detriment of ALL of us. Do better because the people are watching.
- Diversity in sources including nuclear and coal.
- Stop pushing windpower. Dont close the coal plants
- Increase the amount of Nuclear and Coal generation
- wind, solar, battery cannot meet our energy needs, you will never get away from coal or gas
- Don't rely on wind at all and only a small % of solar. Focus on oil, gas, and coal.
- Community health impacts by burning coal or natural gas
- Shut down the coal plant WITHOUT converting to natural gas.
- Stop using coal!!
- Renewable energy that relies less on coal power plants and natural gas
- Don't close anything until you have more added. Closing a coal plant is assinine.

- Closing coal and natural gas plants. Since we cannot rely solely on solar, nuclear is another option.
- continue coal
- Public Safety, i.e. keep the coal plants running
- need to keep coal and nuclear. Our innovation can produce clean coal.
- Convert coal fired generators to natural gas and look seriously at small nuclear energy powered production
- Take coal out of your power generation portfolio! Switch to affordability and environmental sustainability!
- Renewable energy sources! No natural gas!
- use natural gas
- Close Spruce by 2030! Stop using natural gas and transition to renewables.
- Common sense, proven sources such as natural gas.
- Transition away from fossil fuels and the large oil and gas companies that profit from them.
- Phase out fossil fuels.
- no fuels requiring extraction from below the Earth's surface
- just transition (moving off fossil fuels asap while ensuring that access to electricity remains reliable/affordable and workers are treated fairly)
- It would be great if we could phase out fossil fuels as soon as possible.
- Electricity staying on at all times using fossil fuel as dependable fuel source.
- Use more fossil fuels to produce our energy.
- cierre de la planta spruce y suministro de energia renovable al 100%

### **COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR:**

- We need to move away from all forms of fossil fuels as quickly as possible. We do not need nuclear. That just creates more serious problems down the road. And we need to make sure that power is reliable and that employees impacted by power closures are the first to be hired in new energy sources.
- System reliability, climate resiliency, and flexibility addressed by developing community microgrids, utilizing onsite solar electricity production of energy and battery storage, as well as careful community preparedness for increasing extreme weather events. (2) CPS Energy workforce needs to be more flexible to respond to changing conditions, since CPS needs to put more emphasis on building new, safer, and adaptable infrastructure in place of old-fashioned transmission wires that will not be reliable or safe when temperatures outside exceed the wires' capacity and strength. Likewise, the employees at the nuclear power plants will have to do increasingly frequent emergency shutdowns when the water necessary for cooling the highly dangerous spent nuclear fuels, is not available due to extreme outdoor heat. The best preventive measures that CPS employees can provide is a sound training in emergency responses + cross-training among a facility's workforce, so knowledgeable members of each workteam are well enough trained to cope with all likely emergency decisions. Likewise, the non-employees that make up a community-level microgrid can be trained to protect their local microgrid until the

citywide grid is stabilized. I realize that CPS doesn't want to encourage microgrids and privately owned solar systems, but that is foolish. Just ask the Hawaii utilities about how well non-fossil-fuels can work.

- Solar, wind and nuclear
- Get more smaller nuclear powered technology. Wind and solar don't produce enough.
- Using carbon neutral alternatives beyond wind and solar such as nuclear as part of its mix

### **COMMENTS ON RENEWABLES & CLIMATE CHANGE:**

- Support efficiency programs and interconnections of distributed renewables.
- Renewables
- CPS bringing SA into the 21st-century and making our city a leader in climate resiliency (through renewables).
- Less dependence on unreliable sources like wind & solar!
- Leave solar and wind to family households and business's. At the rate you are trying to shut down other reliable sources and implementing renewable energy will cause more black/brown outs because this is not the way energy works. You all already know this and should keep in mind that San Antonians want affordable bills with a grid that works. You need a lot of oil and gas to produce solar and wind. Not to mention copper and other resources the US has NOT secured. We know CPS and the local government are not listening; so, this poll is obsolete. Nice try CPS by attempting to include public opinion, which should be your number one priority.
- Energy storage solutions
- Switching to all renewable sources
- Shutting down Spruce and Transitioning to Renewable Energy
- Do right by Mother Earth, don't reinvent the wheel, there are initiatives and solutions with outlined steps to utilize clean energy
- Reasonable sources.
- More solar farms for customer membership as my roof top is not suitable for solar panels
- Support Solar power for homes
- What good have solar panels done for we, the people?
- Natural resources
- Avoid green energy ridiculousness.
- Low emissions, no carbon
- not polluting the planet and future generations
- Requiring 3 choices creates a false priority; I am only concerned with environment; require all new rooftops to have solar.
- Less renewable. Too costly and huge environmental impact to wildlife (Windmills) and people (those rare earths come from somewhere).
- Minimizing carbon emissions and saving health costs related to air pollution.
- Everything else should work around environmental sustainability
- Sustainability in Clean Renewable Energy



## **MORE COMMENTS:**

- All matter and should be ranked vs "top 3". From the top: 5,3,4,6,1,2
- Health effects and pollution
- Democratize public power by being actually transparent and under the control of city council and report to city manager.
- reliability
- Reliable service that does not over heat the earth, works when temperatures are over 80 degrees and when the sun is not shining or the wind does not blow.
- Don't wish to answer 3, Affordability is the only thing I look for.
- Advocate for Texas to connect to national electricity grid.
- Local...not sourced from other areas that might Restrict the amount or cost of what we receive
- Consistent rates
- False to only say 3 can be achieved
- Get Texas Connected to the USA Power Grid STAT!!
- LOW WATER USAGE
- All of these are important and I don't see any conflict that would force you to shortchange any of them. Cut the political pandering and bickering and you can do them all. However, the three I checked are the most vital for survival of Texas and its people. If there were a conflict, they should be the top priorities.
- Democratize public power by being actually transparent and under the control of city council and report to city manager and system reliability and climate resiliency by using renewable energy resources and equitable pay rate structure.
- Equipment reliability, repair and replacement.
- Moratorium on apartments and subdivisions until infrastructure is in place to support them
- energy democracy - encouraging customers to invest in solar for homes and businesses
- Stop raising rates
- Community Education & Transparency
- stop raising rates and fix problems within your pay rate structure for ceo and others thst get paid more. focus on making CPS community owned ather than private. look into clean energy models throughout the world. save us before its too late.
- equitable rate structure - pay for what you use
- Reliable energy
- Home/building weatherization and adaptation
- Workability~must actually mee5 demand without pretend green.
- CPS efforts to collect bill payments from customers more diligently and aggressively and not be a welfare electric and gas company as it and writing of millions of dollars regardless of the News reports - else the company would not survive
- Maintenance of highway lights
- I would like for CPS Suits to run it as a true mutual company. Instead of a cash cow for the Higher ups!

- Checked marked items and Affordability and CPS Energy financial stability, CPS Energy Workforce Impact, and System flexibility
- CPS prices are much too high
- well-balanced generation portfolio that will meet the increasing demand for resilient, reliable and affordable energy as our community continues to grow in the coming years
- Support San Antonio's energy companies. They are a vital part of this economy.
- Choice and competition that deregulation promised!
- explain, like i'm a 3rd grader, exactly HOW deregulation helped ANTONE except CPS executive mgmt?
- I'm not sure. Your xchoices need to be more understandable to lay people.
- Perhaps CPS should start collecting on those in arrears. CPS customers will make their house/car/cellphone/grocery payments FIRST and defer their CPS bills because they know it takes MONTHS before CPS will do anything about late-payers AND CPS customers know that CPS will NEVER disconnect someone during the heat of the Summer or the middle of the Winter.
- Resilience/reliability to meet demands of critical federal missions and critical infrastructure in SA.
- Static or fixed rate every day 24/7 365. No more extra charges for fuel costs.
- Community events for more information on CPS updates
- low carbon intensity
- Reliable, least costly energy for the community. Decisions based on reality - not ESG or other woke political agendas.
- The questions are positioned to get the responses you want. Don't rely on wind or solar!!
- Ultimate Unit Service Life
- You guys have caused me to be homeless because of a bill that i was over charged
- long term generation efficiency
- Non-agenda driven: Not driven by special interests (political, environmental, etc.) and is a common sense approach to providing cheap, reliable power.
- Why can I only pick 3? A more accurate data set would require respondents to rank ALL considerations, in order from most to least important. I mean, the Financial Stability and System Reliability responses should not even be voted on—THEY ARE EXPECTED!! How many did these softballs take away from more important issues? This is another example of the self-nominated leadership at CPS using prescreened feedback to validate the narrative they've already decided. CPS is nothing more than a political body (full of politicians) disguised as a business. This insular culture led to the cascading failures during Uri and finally gave the public a view of the ineptitude and cronyism of top management. However, instead of hiding behind the "too big to fail" argument, executives this time are hiding behind the "sunset" excuse to keep from making any real decisions while collecting six figure salaries. If you're looking for an easy cop out, continue kicking the can down the road all-the-while packing your own golden parachute for the moment when you're finally found out. THIS is why competition is GOOD for consumers: not only does it ensure fair prices and effort to please the customer, but it also ensures good operators stay in business an NOT by public subsidy or being the ONLY game in town.

- Most important System Reliability
- Give discounts to people who have gas and electric homes or apartments.
- Energy security
- community health impacts
- Enough employees to meet the demand
- need more maint on trees trim away from power line and better accessible thru alley or custer backyard in these new subdivision this would help out tremendously on time outages sec yes hold on to one power plant for back up there more that can be done on your wording of what your asking
- You all have raised power costs double what they were. Alot of familys are struggling due to your greed

## QUESTION 2 OTHER RESPONSES

What is your primary preference for how CPS Energy will make power in the future?

### COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR:

- Nuclear [expressed 37 times]
- Blend option, but with nuclear included
- Advanced nuclear reactors (small modular, micro, and other advanced) in combination with renewables.
- Gas is clean and plentiful. Nuclear is a no brainer. Nuclear subs can stay submerged indefinitely.
- Future power to come from nuclear power technologies.
- Energy efficiency, renewables, AND nuclear.
- Blend + Nuclear
- Whatever is cheapest. Don't forget Nuclear.
- Coal or nuclear power
- Nuclear should be part of Blend
- Nuclear power plants that is by far the cleaner form of energy.
- Invest on nuclear, not on solar or wind
- Use Natural gas, coal, and nuclear power
- Nuclear energy. It's clean and a compromise between people who believe in climate change and those not worried about the climate changing.
- gas, coal, nuclear, and renewables
- Expanded Blend: Future power to come from gas, wind, solar, coal, and nuclear
- Wheres, coal and nuclear
- Nuclear power generation is the most viable option and should be reconsidered.
- Blend: add coal and nuclear to above Blend list
- gas, coal, nuclear and renewables
- Blend, but include nuclear and coal.
- Clean, Safe, Affordable, Reliable Nuclear Energy
- next-en nuclear
- Gas and nuclear
- Gas, nuclear and renewables
- Nuclear, Renewables & Efficiency Programs
- Renewables and nuclear
- HAVE TO INCREASE NUCLEAR POWER FOR THE FUTURE. NEWER and modular nuclear plants can be built relatively quickly and safer for the environment. It is cost effective
- Nuclear or gas
- Renewable energy and nuclear power
- Gas, nuclear, coal, renewables
- gas + renewables + nuclear

- Get more small nuclear powered plants which are safe. Wind and solar are crap at producing energy.
- I believe new Nuclear Generation should be strongly considered. Reliable and a zero-emission clean energy source. New SMR technology can also be retrofitted to be placed in existing coal plants.

### COMMENTS ON COAL:

- Coal [expressed 13 times]
- Coal, natural gas & nuclear [expressed six times]
- Nuclear and coal [expressed five times]
- Increase nuclear and coal production
- Gas, Coal, Nuclear...add wind or solar and let people decide if they want to pay more for energy
- coal w carbon capture
- Natural gas and coal
- Gas, coal, oil.
- Cheapest long term probably coal
- Proven sources, coal, natural gas, nuclear fission/fusion that don't fail in poor weather or cost too much.
- Blend+nuclear+coal+geothermal. Completely removing any technology that is proven to be safe, reliable, and consistently affordable (without price shock from geopolitical events or the adequate controls in place to mitigate that risk) would be critically erroneous. When it comes to creating new generation by renewables, consider crowdsourcing: why sink capital in commercial plants when homeowners with solar panels are willing to 1. Provide the space 2. Provide maintenance/repair/replace, and 3. Provide the capital or seek financing themselves?? The Inflation Reduction Act carries HUGE incentives for those with the desire and the means (in that order). Also, this incremental trickle of energy wouldn't necessarily overwhelm existing circuits and in time could prove to be scalable, given adoption by increasing swaths of the public. This would further incentivize home ownership or seeking out more sustainable communal housing properties by those with heightened environmental sensitivities, generating a positive feedback loop.
- Blend: Future power to come from gas, wind, solar, coal, and nuclear.
- Coal. Nat. Gas. Look into Nuke energy.
- Clean coal is cheaper. Buy three months at a time.
- Many of us know that closing the coal is not smart since you cant cover the entire of San Antonio in windmills or solar panels that need consistent cleaning.
- coal, nuke
- Keep coal plants! Renewables are an expensive and unreliable. Remember the February storm?
- Coal. So many advancements have been made in keeping coal clean
- Continue to operate business as usual with current power plants to keep rates low coal and gas are some of the best options compared to other options

- gas and coal, everything else is unreliable
- Keep coal in the gen mix from those sources.

### **COMMENTS ON BLEND:**

- Blend, to include coal.
- along with the blend, add nuclear energy power generation
- A blend allowing for cost-effective fuel sources to be used - to include existing nuclear and coal plants in addition to modern technologies such as renewables and energy storage technologies.
- Blend: Future power to come from wind, solar and other not-yet-identified renewables, as well as battery storage, energy efficiency programs and conservation. By the end of the 2030s, usage of natural gas should be reduced to no more than 15% of all power, because methane (natural gas) is far more climate-damaging in the near term, making our climate worsen more rapidly than other fuels. Likewise nuclear-fueled electricity will cause more harm than good, because it leaves long-lasting (many thousands of years long!) waste that causes sickness, deformities especially in babies and children, and extremely grim deaths. The nuclear radiation from spent nuclear fuels will linger longer than human lifetimes. Many places in the USA where nuclear fuels were mined are still deadly and the U.S. government has failed to make them safe after all these years. At the rate we're going now, the planet may become unlivable even in the lifetimes of today's San Antonio leaders. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to reduce energy use by half and make all of it without deadly fuels!!!!
- Blend with primary focus on Nuclear
- A pragmatic approach which takes your blended approach but includes both clean coal and nuclear with the goal take equilibrates these energy sources at the most nominal cost to customers.
- Reliability blend. Incorporate Blend, but include others that are more reliable and not solely reliant on gas prices. Blend may be best option but ultimately the blend has to be baseload minded.
- Blend for now, but move quickly into renewable sources.
- Blend: Same as above but to include nuclear.
- Super blend: reliance on gas should be hedged - addition of more nuclear should be sought
- Blend: Natural Gas, Nuclear, Coal, etc
- "Blend" with nuclear choices
- Blend UNTIL Renewables are feasible

### **MORE COMMENTS:**

- All the above for the entire foreseeable future.
- Geothermal seems both reliable and cleaner than fossil fuels; however, it has a high startup cost and also utilizes water. How does the aquifer play into this?

Transmission could get expensive if the plant had to be located away from our aquifer.

- Power that makes my bills lower.
- Fossil resources
- What has CPS been doing for the last 50 years?, why change the process now?
- Renewables, as much as possible and gas capacity to back up
- OIL
- Cps needs to remain diversified, Meaning leave the coal units on for reliability. What needs to be brought up to the public is if you lose reliable electric by utilizing renewables, the cost will drastically increase when it is cloudy or not windy or too much wind for that matter and cps needs to buy it off of the market.
- Renewables + Energy Efficiency Programs
- There is no such thing as totally Green and Renewable.
- Whatever is the cheapest and most efficient.
- Most affordable for the customer
- Invest in SMR and microreactors
- Natural gas and, longer term, small nuclear facilities(s).
- Support solar for homes will help a lot with energy demand
- Renewables and tie Texas into the national power grid
- Renewables, energy efficiency, storage and baseload geothermal  
[https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2021-06/ARMA\\_Hamm%202021.pdf](https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2021-06/ARMA_Hamm%202021.pdf) (i.e.  
<https://youtu.be/3cNO2cR5Azk>)
- Localized energy generation
- Look in to using small scale nuclear power, also, ask the board to read "Fossil Future" by Alex Epstein but each cust will have there own power source at home

## QUESTION 3 (OPTIONAL RESPONSE)

Please provide any additional comments or feedback you would like to share with CPS Energy regarding Powering Our Community's Future.

### COMMENTS ON SYSTEM RELIABILITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY

- its not enough to attempt to keep up with demand and growth. CPS must be ahead of the curve and have sufficient reserves in Firm power to be reliable in all contingencies.
- Avoid moving too quickly into a renewable energy space to avoid cost increases and reliability concerns.
- Cost is the most important factor. Select technology's based on cost and reliability.
- Reliable and affordable power is what is most important to me. I am NOT interested in CPS Energy adding any more intermittent or unreliable power source, such as solar or wind. CPS Energy needs to focus on reliable base load.
- In times of low wind, or freeze you need to be able to delivery energy and renewables just aren't there. You need to keep traditional methods for system reliability.
- Transition to solar, and weatherize it to be reliable in both hot and cold conditions.
- With millions of dollars in CEO bonuses the dollars that residents could be saving need to be met. Rising inflation and economic issues, increased energy bills and worrying about the reliability of the grid has created a disconnect and mistrust with the power company. Electing a new CEO and increasing the salary shows that residents are overpaying and a lack of responsibility to lower bills from CPS.
- Please continue to support and pursue increased enhancements (redundancy and reliability) to ensure power delivery to critical infrastructure and national priority federal missions conducted from San Antonio.
- CPSE has done a great job of diversifying its generation and increasing renewables. Until large-scale storage is available at an affordable price, CPSE should stay on its current course. Affordability and reliability should be job one. Environmental sustainability should NOT be pursued at all cost and should not be paid for by low-income customers.
- Our safety and security of our systems, and their reliability. Let us not forget cost the most important of them, cost to us the community.
- Add Bitcoin miners to the grid in order to increase reliability during times of peak demand. The reason this works is because miners will consume additional electricity (ideally renewable energy) adding to the demand. When demand increases during extreme weather conditions, we can turn the miners off so that people and business can continue to function as normal.
- Affordability and reliability is key. Financial hedging and PPAs may seem most affordable but they don't generate power. Need to keep in mind what keeps the lights on.
- Texas needs to tie into the national power grid to ensure reliability of the grid.



- The most 24/7 reliability generation possible to meet all power needs.
- Winter storm Uri proved, that in order to have reliable energy, CPS Energy cannot rely on solar and wind for their main source of power. They need fossil fuel energy sources to provide affordable and reliable energy to customers.
- Cost is most important to me, and not having the power outages during winter weather.
- Please focus on reliability and affordability.
- Reliability and affordability are most important to me as a resident and consumer, but environment and sustainability are also important. Overall I think CPS is on the right track.
- Reliability is important.
- CPS Energy must be thoughtful and methodical as it charts our future energy generation mix. Affordability and reliability must be the driving factors to keep energy costs reasonable for citizens and businesses alike. While renewables must also be important element of our energy generation mix, the fact that we have such a large population of citizens that live at or below the poverty level, dictated that affordability and reliability must be the primary driver of our go forward plan.
- We must be mindful of having a diverse mix of AFFORDABLE energy options that are accessible to all. We also need to have RELIABLE energy in extreme weather situations.
- Would like to see long term reliability tests conducted on new renewable energy systems before CPS shuts down current power systems. Provide a smooth transition from old system to new system and avoid present unforeseeable issues that would cause unnecessary power outages.
- CPS is OUR public utility, the public does not want to see CPS fail. Not only is renewables by 2050 obtainable, the public, ratepayers not bond holders, will support CPS in making this change. It just takes courage!
- I believe our community is best served by utilizing a blend of power sources (gas, wind, solar and storage technologies) to keep our city running with reliability in all weather conditions.
- I would prefer a move to primarily renewables but understand we may still need to rely on natural gas to some extent. I want the focus of CPS to be mostly on reliability, especially after the February 2021 disaster on the part of ERCOT.
- I believe system reliability and affordability should be the main focus in deciding the next steps in power generation. The extreme Texas freeze from 2020 and the European energy problems highlight the importance of reliable energy sources. With inflation already placing a burden on the citizens of San Antonio, affordability should be a close second on the list of priorities. Thank you for all of these considerations.
- "I am more concerned about energy reliability that I am about fossil fuel free energy.
- I think a well-diversified portfolio is the key to reliability and affordability.
- After the events we saw last summer, and the events we experienced in February 2021, flexibility on how power is generated as well as reliability in all weather

conditions are a priority. We need to be able to supply reliable, consistent power to our homes and businesses.

- Affordability and reliability should be the main focuses.
- With San Antonio Growth, System reliability at this time and the near future is critical. Everyone I think wants a better environment, but to quick to change to wind, solar etc I fear would be a disaster.
- Need ability to keep our air conditioning in the Summer and heat in the Winter without disruption.
- I don't not want another black out winter. This is why i want gas powered plants for electricity. then we won't have to worry if snow is covering the solar or windmills frizzing up
- CPS needs to remember that customers are the priority. The debacle with the winter storm never should have happened. We need to join the national grid.
- Make sure my power doesn't go out this winter
- I am a CPS customer and I do have a vested interest here. I am supportive of a diversified energy portfolio but do not want to be out of balance with wind or solar - both of which have no real means of storing power when these assets don't generate (no wind or sunshine). Our state has plenty of gas so there shouldn't be any reason not to have a well-balanced portfolio. I certainly don't want a repeat of what happened a couple of years ago when the grid almost came down during that winter storm.
- San Antonio is growing and with the recent winter outages, and the blackouts and power surges this summer, I'm not confident CPS, or any TX energy supplier, currently has the systems in place to Store enough wind/solar-generated energy to meet and basic demand during peak periods or sustained abnormal weather conditions without the assistance of fossil fuels. San Antonio is growing, weather patterns are changing, sometimes the wind doesn't blow, the sun doesn't shine, shines too much, or the equipment we already have in place ultimately malfunctions. It's irresponsible to push a climate change agenda that removes a reliable source of energy and ultimately leaves businesses and residents with no power at all. Safety first. Reliability first. Until renewable energy is proven to be 100% reliable, continue to use fossil fuels. Please don't pursue a climate change agenda just because it's a hot political item or makes a nice talking point. 😞 Its short sighted and way too common.
- I'm the last blackout during the extreme winter we learned that renewable energy failed massively, as well as having the proper generators running to support the power consumption at the moment. Additionally a blend of natural gas, coal, nuclear and renewable seems sufficient to operate as needed. Preplanning should play a major role during such events.
- Please consider expansion of nuclear power and other green technologies over greater reliance on natural gas. Natural gas failed us during winter storm Uri. Some natural gas may be needed to bolster the reliability of green technologies."

- Please don't forget what happened during winter storm Uri! Make strategic decisions to make power affordable and reliable for the customer.
- Central Public Services has grown. I hope we can find a way to use ALL fuel sources. We already had a winter experience of no heat due to relying too much on wind and solar. Use all methods in Texas Electrical Grid. and CPS. I believe we should have elected officials oversee this. Why? We need some transparency, accountability, future development and public input for our current/future Energy sources. This would help keep costs in line of real energy costs. The current alternative energy sources for our CPS/Texas electrical grid are too many. We the public are being deliberately forced to pay I feel too much for solar and wind without adequately providing natural gas, nuclear power and other more reliable sources of energy as in gas and coal. European markets and foreign countries have already revolted about this. Why deliberately keep jam this down our throats plus make us in cold weather shiver or in hot weather heavy sweat? Even if we wanted to pay more - at times you even deny many folks including during critical times hospitals, first responders etc vital life saving power. Solar power roofs fail to be financially successful payback for a normal middle-class middle aged 45 year current homeowner earning \$50,000 a year or less net thanks to inflation and soaring utilities /gasoline costs. Important information and decisions that you have already made, leave us with no choice since Central Public Service is our ONLY electric company. Please harden our Electrical. Grid from solar flares, magnetic forces and other countries computer hackers. As much as possible, continue to generate affordable, reliable and reasonable electrical services and equipment - using ALL forms of energy especially rather clean natural gas, oil and fossil fuels to all who are your customers - living in the San Antonio Texas area
- Reliability at the lowest cost is the PRIMARY goal of a public utility. Some renewables are fine, but if the cost per MWH is more than if by coal and gas, it should be limited and only added if customers are willing to directly pay more for their electricity; costs should NOT be borne by those unwilling to pay for it. Expand Nuclear plant (mistake to back out some years ago) and keep Spruce coal plant open. If new plants are needed. then add gas, coal, or nuclear.
- Reliability of generating power always needs to be in the conversation
- I have lived all over the world, including several third-world countries. The reliability of electrical service in San Antonio has been among the worst. On Oct 17th we had cooler temperatures and light rain, hardly significant weather, and yet CPS had several outages. This needs to be improved.

#### **COMMENTS OF AFFORDABILITY**

- Gas prices are too high! And gas is contributing to climate change! Get us on clean energy !Thank you
- Keeping the power on an affordable. Thanks
- Love it, but keep my bill's affordable!

- Make the rate of the usage price of electricity reflect what the citizens of San Antonio can afford and fall within the low income households
- "I believe that the public should have the ability to choose between at least 2 different companies for any service. It is unfair for one company to own the monopoly of a state and then price their service so high that not even the middle class can afford it. I also believe that we need to be doing all that is possible for us to find other sources for electricity solar, wind, etc.
- "Diverse, reliable electricity at most affordable price should be the top goal of CPS.
- Use as much renewable energy as problem without causing outages or huge price increases. I realize 100% renewables at this point is a bad idea. Don't end up like Europe
- Hold price gougers accountable
- Keep our system as reliable as possible. Do not expose our community to the price risk exposure of the ERCOT market. If so, this would be your lasting legacy that will be looked down from in the future.
- In spite of being promoted by various media and political organizations to align with their ESG agendas - wind turbines and solar panels are expensive, unreliable and destructive to the environment and economy.
- CPS Energy should prioritize obtaining affordable and reliable power for its costumers. All the renewable options might be great at some point down the the road - NOT NOW. My electrical bills are already outlandish because you have no competition in San Antonio. I do not want to pay more so you can pursue less reliable and more expensive power sources. You have a responsibility to place your costumer's wellbeing as your #1 priority. Act like it.
- Wind and Solar energy should be evaluated as to the impact of the hardware as it becomes unserviceable. Disposing of the hardware responsibly is very expensive.
- Quit listing to the environmental and do what is right for the customers, we don't want to pay more for less reliable and more expensive ways to make fuel. Save the clean burning coal plants and make electricity cheap again.
- These bills are TOO expensive! And cutting power in the winter or heat is a death sentence in Texas.
- Renewables are extremely expensive and unreliable. Gas prices are too volatile affecting citizens electric bills. Focus on expanding nuclear (0 net emissions) and coal which is extremely reliable for maintaining base load. Coal has great emission mitigation equipment in use to provide clean power. The community needs to be better educated of the cost of green energy.
- CPS should invest in safe, renewable, reliable and inexpensive nuclear energy.
- I do not support "closing" of our plants. Land for future endeavors will be expensive or even prohibitive. We should keep the sites we now own and adapt it as necessary, to include carbon capturing and RELIABLE power generation, and battery storage facilities.

- Reducing costs to customers should be the first priority. Expanding the nuclear power option will help reduce this. Also, boosting the solar incentives for residents is one great way to have your customers help reduce costs of electricity.
- Please keep the customer's needs your #1 priority, which is how to make electricity affordable. I'm barely getting by with record inflation, it was hard enough living paycheck to paycheck, but now, I am having to choose between feeding my family and keeping the lights on. Please help...make power affordable again.
- My electric bill more than doubled yet i have my same setting on 80 -81! Sometimes 79. This is unfair and was due to surcharges in the hot summer. Government should have and could have helped. Not burden the users! Very unfair
- Bring the bills down. Keep the EPA off your backs. Make the customers happy. A good utility company is one you never hear about (unless it's good press) and never have to think about because the rates are reasonable.
- Stop the shift of financial burden onto customers who pay, for the benefit of customers who do not pay. The community deserves the right to choose as individuals who, how and when they provide economic support for others in our community. This should not be a choice made for us by our utilities! Less politics, more action on what's best for CPS and its business as a utility provider.
- Affordability is keen for retirees, older generations so finding such sources is paramount.
- Affordability, reliability, and environmental sustainability should be at the top of CPS's priorities for the health and prosperity of our community.
- It is important to ensure we are thoughtful about keeping energy costs affordable while still taking advantage of emerging technologies. The cost of some emerging technologies may prohibit immediate adoption so timing of adoption is critical. Programs that shift demand should be a focus so that we are better able to "spread" demand over a larger period thus reducing the overall need for peaking power needs.
- CPS has been known to offer the lowest cost electricity for some time. I want to continue to see that trend. Be reliable and cheap. Don't worry about the climate fanatics. We have an overall economically disadvantaged community. Low cost and reliable power is much more important to help everyone afford to heat and especially cool their homes.
- CPS needs to have affordable rates for people with disabilities and fixed incomes.
- Your company is owned by us the people and always giving breaks to companies for a cheaper rate should be revised to help lower rates for the needy citizens who really need help today. Thanks , [Omitted] Family
- Reduce our bills there should not be an increased surplus we are being charged much more since the February 2020 fiasco.

## **COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR**

- Recommend considering an approach similar to that taken by UAMPS for development and deployment of new advanced nuclear reactors for consideration in replacing aging coal. Proper community education will be vitally important because

of misinformation about nuclear, but it is one of the safest and most efficient power sources. Thank you for considering community input.

- I would like to see CPS provide the ability to use San Antonio's homes for power production by continuing the Solar Host SA and also provide battery back up with the program so when the power goes out no one is left in the dark. Also I have found Qnenergy that has a Stirling Engine Generator that is environmentally clean and almost maintains free. Which would save money and give CPS the ability to make the grid better. Nuclear is another thing we can use and replace our coal plants with Nuclear plants instead
- Micro Nuclear plants seem to be best alternative
- Although it is a political challenge due to lack of STEM understanding/knowledge among the general public, NUCLEAR power options to maintain baseline power should not be overlooked.
- Energy policy based on "green energy", other than nuclear, is economic suicide. Look at Germany over this coming winter.
- Nuclear power is safe, reliable, and non-polluting. It should be at the top of CPS Energy's list for future investment.
- "Recent legislation and fiscal stimulus packages from the Biden administration (infrastructure act, and the Inflation Reduction Act) will make available billions of dollars for municipal utilities like CPS to be able to access federal incentives to build, own, and operate renewable energy and energy storage systems. The economics of zero-carbon production - solar, wind, storage, geothermal, and nuclear have never been better. It is extremely important that CPS take the new financial context seriously and investigate whether the Spruce II coal plant can be completely replaced with zero-carbon production.
- CPS has been a responsible energy provider for San Antonio, but we must continue moving away from dependence upon fossil fuels. We should use energy sources that are safe, easy and free. Let's move farther away from coal and gas. And never invest in nuclear power.
- I would encourage CPS Energy to include nuclear and coal in the generation mix. These are existing technologies that generate customer-affordable and reliable electric power.
- I believe that CPS must act with courage in providing our community with affordable energy produced at a low cost. Clearly in the long run this mean nuclear with coal providing sufficient power until nuclear capacity can be expanded.
- Your previous question left Nuclear out of the mix. Mix is important and Nuclear is an important component of the mix.
- There is no reason not to consider nuclear power as a means to provide electricity. Plants today have come far beyond what we built in the 70s and 80s. It is a clean energy in the sense that no ghg are emitted and in my opinion the storage of nuclear waste (which has been thoroughly researched in the late 80s) is not much different than electric battery stockpiles
- Utilize nuclear as well as gas/renewable"
- CPSEnergy used to be the envy of all utility companies with an excess of generation on hand. This excess generation enabled us to sell power across the state when other utilities were caught short-handed. The recent trend to expensive, unreliable renewables along with the removal of older coal and gas plants from service have

removed this ability. A huge mistake was made when we had the chance to invest more into the Bay City nuclear plant during Milton Lee's tenure. It's disheartening to see our Board of Trustees and city leaders give in to political pressure to move CPS in a direction that has caused the current electric reliability and affordability issues. In retrospect, looking back at the decision to not invest to a greater extent in the Bay City plant, it would seem that we would have learned our lesson, but apparently not. Had we invested in nuclear instead of the current unreliable renewables, we would have reliable affordable power for many decades to come. Instead, we continue to invest more money in solar farms that don't work at night and wind farms that don't work when the wind doesn't blow. When will we admit to our mistake and start actually making good decisions?

- Add Nuclear power plants to the mix that are a standardized design, consist of factory-built parts, assembled on-site, and can be operated safely in more diverse locations, to substantially reduce cost and construction time.
- Georgia just finished a nuclear plant. Why can't Texas?
- I support nuclear power options
- Nothing wrong with looking into nuclear plants, I'm good with additional coal plants.
- Include nuclear energy as a source in the long run. Encourage customers to add solar and wind to their homes; add up ore incentives to achieve this.
- I would like to see our transition to renewable energy amped up. And if we're going to close the STP nuclear facility in Bay City (elevation above sea level?) before a hurricane closes it for us, we need to decrease our energy consumption by seriously increasing our conservation efforts.
- I believe that a well thought out plan for blending ALL power sources is necessary. Nuclear was not included in your blending option and it should be. In addition you should not be rushing into wind and solar without considering their adverse environmental impact and costs. Natural gas is a clean and abundant source that should not be forgotten
- Nuclear power is another great option
- Capacity reserve margin should be a priority including nuclear, gas and coal. Reliance on wind and solar is foolish but politically beneficial. Plants with fuel oil reserves should be maintained to allow switching during gas curtailment periods. Long term, CPS should look seriously at small modular reactors such as the NRC approved design from Nuscale. This will provide reliable, safe, clean energy for the future.
- Should consider expanding nuclear plants. The unfortunate event at Three Mile Island which should not have happened had a very negative impact on nuclear power. The Hollywood movie that followed did not help.
- The local power system should be making continual upgrades to the whole system by replacing and upgrading the system systematically. Add the newer small nuclear power systems which are easier to build and maintain and can be added on to for a lot cleaner energy development. The cost of the smaller reactors is a lot less than a fullblown sized one and can be constructed faster and cheaper---make an investment now.
- I think coal and gas are the next best thing to nuclear. I think wind is a bad idea - costly, unsightly, unreliable and not very environmentally friendly. Nuclear is the best

option - it's affordable, clean and reliable. Solar would be great, but it's expensive and again, is not that environmentally friendly when you consider the materials involved and the vast amount of land needed to produce a little power.

- Solar and wind are terrible. They just greenwash the gas power plants. Invest on nuclear. Get some small modular reactors into the decommissioned coal sites.
- Utilize coal and natural gas and nuclear power generation. Use the cheapest per Kwh and most dependable sources. Use Solar and wind only to the extent that CPS is mandated to as they are revenue losers (cost per Kwh is passed on to customers) and store the energy as needed in an environmentally safe battery storage solution such as ESS Inc.'s (Made in America) long-duration iron flow batteries for commercial and utility-scale energy storage applications.
- There isn't enough landmass for solar/wind to meet the needs. Nuclear is the cleanest generation of power known today.
- CPS investments, especially coal should be leveraged and CPS should retain ownership and operating control of its generation assets. Closing Deely 15 years early based on speculated upgrade costs was not responsible, especially given the cost of fuel and power during February 2021. California in the 90's required the shutdown of significant in-state generation, unsuccessfully attempted to replace with contract power is still constrained at significant cost 25 years later. Europe shut down coal and nuclear and continues to limit natural gas exploration and development, again at significant cost and reliability risk. San Antonio had been a reliable seller of power, benefiting San Antonio ratepayers and leveraging investments made over many years. Current energy decisions should not discount the experience gains over the past several decades.
- We all know that nuclear and fossil fuels are needed to sustain base load operations. It's incompetent to believe that wind and solar alone will RELIABLY provide for an increasing demand on electricity. Don't sell us short by pandering to woke ideologies.
- Fossil fuels for energy are unsustainable for our shared environment and nuclear power is the most efficient and cleanly alternative we can strive for, but in light of the real options presented I suggest natural gas or really anything else over dirty coal.
- I support updating and and keeping coal, natural gas and nuclear in use much longer than the present projected schedule. San Antonio is growing and we need to keep up with consistent sources even if dollars are needed to maintain those in place. Renewable use should not be expanded.
- With a growing community, as well as growth across our entire state, CPS Energy can't meet all of the demand for power with battery storage or renewables -- which aren't capable of producing power all of the time and could lead to serious consequences during the record-breaking heat and cold that Texas has been experiencing more frequently. CPS Energy needs to be thoughtful about the process and push back or pause if necessary in order to continue providing reliable, cost-effective power. Where would San Antonians be now if it weren't for coal and nuclear keeping down power costs? Many San Antonians already struggle with their utility bills; fortunately CPS Energy made the decision years ago to diversify its generation portfolio, saving money for customers and keeping costs down. And there's still a question of just how environmentally friendly solar and other technologies actually are. Much energy and resources go into making solar panels and components, and



even battery storage. There are countless articles that speak about the toxicity of solar panels -- cadmium, arsenic, copper and/or selenium -- that obviously can't be good for the environment OR PEOPLE! Also, something that is seldom addressed is the life expectancy for the wind and solar farms, solar panels and batteries. Where and how will they be disposed of when they reach end of life? More gas and nuclear, please. And let's keep the coal units running until a replacement for this generation source -- one that makes sense -- can be found.

- The City of San Antonio should not receive any revenue from CPS. All of our power should come from natural gas and possibly from nuclear. Solar and wind are unreliable and expensive.
- The cost must stay at a rate affordable to all. If the cost is too expensive for low income people, the CPS is going in the wrong direction with the type of energy it uses. Coal, gas and nuclear are the most reliable and cheapest.
- "As a lifelong electric utility employee and senior manager (now retired) for the largest investor owned electric utility in America, I can say with certainty that Nuclear power is the cleanest, most sustainable, safest, cheapest overall source of electric energy currently available. It creates no greenhouse pollutants, it has a tiny footprint per kWh and doesn't destroy vast swaths of natural habitat like wind and solar farms, and used nuclear fuel can be recycled numerous times.
- Nuclear power plants are the single most reliable form of electric generation regardless of weather, and they create numerous high-paying jobs. Due to regulatory required regular updating, nuclear plants are typically serviceable for greater than 100 years (we don't know exactly how long they will last because we are at that lifespan now and plants are still getting operating license extensions after extensive safety evaluations.)
- When the existing stockpile of used fuel is recycled, there is enough energy in it to provide 100% of all electric power demand for the next century or more.
- Wind and solar cannot begin to match the massive output from a nuclear plant, which is typically 1000MWe to 2000MWe per reactor and a typical plant will have multiple reactors. Consider the amount of natural habitat that would be destroyed to build enough windmills to replace a single 4-unit, 8000MWe plant that occupies, say, 100 acres. Choose nuclear.
- Meanwhile, we should use highly reliable domestic energy sources (coal, oil, and gas) until we can transition to nuclear. Wind and solar are not the answer and never can be; they are incapable of it.
- Given our commitment to transition to Electric Vehicles, the existing power generation, transmission, and distribution infrastructure will need to be AT LEAST doubled, not taking into consideration the ever increasing system load from other sources. We MUST begin the transition to nuclear or we WILL be building fossil plants because the customers will never allow our power grid to be shutdown no matter how much it may affect climate change. So, management needs to bite the bullet and start transitioning to nuclear. We are already way behind the curve but we can't get started any sooner."
- I realize that wind and solar are fashionable and we are led to believe that these are renewable, however production of windmills and solar panels is trashing sites in other parts of the world. Also the windmill blades and solar panels cannot be

recycled. Of course use the renewables that we already have but consider nuclear and gas for future projects. Cost and reliability are of utmost importance.

- I think a blend, with a significant source of nuclear, would be ideal. I don't think (considering the environmental implications of mining for battery materials) that "renewables" + storage will be sustainable. Nuclear is incredibly safe, as long as people design it appropriately. Considering ONE nuclear plant makes nearly the exact same amount of energy produced by the current renewable sources in the CPS portfolio, I think it would be beneficial to open more plants.
- We need affordable, reliable energy that CANNOT be met with wind and solar. Build nuclear plants and more gas and coal!
- I take issue with the obfuscation of terms between climate and weather. Weather is what happens every day. Climate is a generalization of weather patterns over centuries/millennia. A mix of all types of generation is important, but the most efficient and clean power is nuclear, and CPS should consider more of that power source. The life span of a nuclear reactor is much greater than all the windmills and solar panels with much less land, thus environmental impact, needed to support it.
- Consider nuclear power
- Stop with the carbon neutral nonsense. CPS job to make electricity cheaper and reliable. Solar and wind are not either. Use the Chinese model- they are building new coal power plants as fast as they can. New technology nuclear reactors are looking good, small and using other technology in the reactors.
- Need reliable energy! Why is nuclear not on the list? Why is reliable coal not on the list? The survey is biased in its questions.
- Blending with renewable resource and nuclear
- Look more into the efficiency of nuclear power and the negative effects of other types of power generation when it comes to building, life span and disposing of solar cells and windmills.
- Bring more nuclear power online "
- 100% Renewables are not a good idea. It takes such a large footprint and it doesn't produce as much as nuclear or gas. A blended option is smarter and gives more flexibility. Putting all your eggs in one basket will create a crisis.
- Nuclear is by the best option. Waste/emissions is very minimal. Very sustainable and reliable. Many good examples already available to look at."
- Renewables are the future. Declining costs and technological innovation mean that all roads must go green. I am in favor of including nuclear energy into that grouping as well. Reducing carbon emissions should be our top priority.
- Nuclear shouldn't be overlooked and should be part of any transition to clean energy technology plan. It should be preferred over even gas
- CPS Energy should focus on reliability and affordability. Please consider additional options such as nuclear and continued use of coal as well as natural gas. Renewable options are still in their infancy and should not be utilized because of public pressures as opposed to focusing on the mission for all of the CPS Energy customers.
- "More nuclear required. Gas is as clean as the pretend green of solar and wind when cradle to grave is accounted for. Real 24/7/365 power required."

- Nuclear is the only way to generate power when there's no wind or sun without creating harmful emissions so it's use needs to be expanded.
- NUCLEAR power NEEDS to be in the mix for long term sustainability. I do not see anywhere ""nuclear"" is mentioned!? Why? You need to educate yourselves and the public on the benefits of nuclear power. Canada and France have highly successful nuclear power. "
- I'm pro-nuclear and pro-renewable. I wanted to go 100% to CPS, and was dismayed to know that my neighborhood is captive to Grey Forest for its gas supply. I'd rather have one bill from CPS only and eventually transition to 100% electric.
- Why is nuclear power not under consideration?
- CPS should have not put all their power generation into one "basket". CPS should continue to have coal generation, natural gas, nuclear, etc. Solar should only be used at locations with existing impervious cover (ie, roof tops, parking garages, etc)
- Stop being an added tax and run fat break even. CPS does not need to provide additional dollars to the city. If this continues we need a open the market to other providers. Why is nuclear power not under consideration?
- CPS should have not put all their power generation into one "basket". CPS should continue to have coal generation, natural gas, nuclear, etc. Solar should only be used at locations with existing impervious cover (ie, roof tops, parking garages, etc)
- We continue to increase "renewables;" however, these are not necessarily better on the environment as they are not a biodegradable product at the end of its life. Not to mention that the cost to the residents has only increased to the point that it's unaffordable to most. We also found that solar and/or wind doesn't provide a sufficient source of energy when these natural energies are not producing (i.e. the storm of 2021). Try more nuclear as a source of energy.
- Coal and gas are dirty and inefficient. Renewables alone can't cover our needs but when combined with sources like nuclear energy can provide South Texas with a clean, reliable power. Recent advances show that nuclear power is a viable option when combined with renewable energy. "
- Keep doing what CPS Energy does best -- serving the community with reliable, cost-effective power from diverse generation sources: gas, nuclear, coal and renewables. Add new proven technologies when they are cost effective and can benefit its customers and community. CPS Energy should follow a path that makes the most sense and that can keep up with the significant growth San Antonio is experiencing. CPS Energy has to have baseload to meet current and future energy demand to prevent any other crises from occurring.
- Nuclear choices should be part of Blend; then Blend would be appropriate comprehensive first choice
- Nuclear and coal are robust power generation.
- Please consider nuclear, including modern nuclear.
- We need to ensure that affordable power is available to the community at all times. This is during high peak loads as well as during times when the wind is not blowing, and the sun is not shining. Renewable fuels and resources are key sources of energy in our community; however, we need to be careful about completely phasing out other sources of power generation such as natural gas and nuclear.

- We are supportive of a well-diversified energy portfolio because currently there is no way to store significant amounts of wind or solar-generated energy. We need a healthy amount of traditional, higher-density energy sources in our generating capacity so that when the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine, we still have a reliable and affordable energy supply to power our homes and businesses. Natural Gas is the solution here and now, however nuclear power would ultimately be the best choice of all.
- While renewables are great to add to the mix, we cannot allow ourselves to make the same mistake that California is making to get rid of natural gas and nuclear in state and then import dirty power from out of state. The future must be well balanced with gas, solar, wind and nuclear. Just by retiring coal plants and switching to clean burning natural gas, the United States have reduced their emissions significantly in the last 10 years due to shale boom natural gas.
- Reliable and affordable energy is of paramount importance. People expect lighting and power when it is 70 degrees and the weather is pleasant. They expect air conditioning and cooling when it is 104 and hot and humid. They expect heating and hot water when it is 20 and snowing. The primary job of the CPS is to provide affordable energy in all of these conditions. When it fails to do so, the complaints and calls-for-action rise all the way to the state and national level. Even worse, we have seen that the failure to provide power when it is needed can result in the loss of life. CPS must ensure the reliability of the energy supply, by maintaining a strong balance of all energy resources. Yes, this includes solar and wind, but it also includes coal, nuclear, and gas. Moving away from the last three resources too soon or too early, jeopardizes both affordability and reliability. It makes us reliant on wind and solar energy that is not always available. It makes us reliant on 3rd party providers (to make up the shortfall) that can jack up the cost of a specific energy resource to suit their profit margin. The best option, the most affordable option, the most reliable option, is an option that embraces all energy resources -- solar, winds, coal, gas, and nuclear -- to meet the energy needs of San Antonio.
- Invest in reliable Power like Gas & Nuclear. Don't rely too much on wind & solar! Wind & solar cannot be counted on during extreme weather events when we need power most.
- Don't ignore nuclear energy as an option.
- For long term stability, particularly in base load, nuclear is the only clean option. And there must be a stable base load if we will be relying more on renewables.
- Start planning on getting AWAY from ESG and Carbon Neutral. They are purely a grift and offer no REAL sustainable adaption for our future. Look towards proven renewables, nuclear and Natural Gas.
- Nuclear power has many distinct advantages. I wholly support a move towards nuclear power creation/usage.
- Politicians have no business making these kinds of decisions, nor do people that don't work in the energy field. Wind power and solar are good ideals until the sun goes down or the wind stops blowing. Natural resources that are available and abundant make the most since. Nuclear has progressed a longways, and new systems have become much more secure with no carbon emissions. Do what is

right, not some contract that you can get a kick back or what is most popular for voting constituents.

- CPS needs to retain coal and nuclear as part of a diversified source portfolio. Then, CPS can use the slogan, "Diversity is our strength."
- I don't believe power generated from the sun, wind, water, etc can meet our energy needs. I realize that these types of generation are considered the least harmful; however, they alone cannot support the demands of individuals for their homes (and cars) as well as industry and infrastructure. I hear that California pushes going all electric cars, then they ask citizens not to charge the batteries - how does that even work? A blend of power generation is absolutely needed to not only preserve our way of life, but also for power in times of emergencies such as weather when the sun doesn't shine, and the wind doesn't blow. What about providing power to hospitals, police stations, prisons, utilities and so on? Wind and solar are developing technologies that still have a long way to go for storing power in emergencies and also meeting instant demand. Please don't burn any bridges by not replacing gas powered, coal fired, or even nuclear power generation like in kind. Maybe there will be a time in the future where this type of fuel isn't needed, but it's not today and not for the next 50 or 100 years. The wise and prudent decision is to replace the power generation facilities that are coming to the end of their life with fossil fuel plants or even nuclear. We live in perilous times not only because of terrorists and criminals, but also on agendas that are one-sided. Please don't tie our hands behind our backs by placing power generation limits on us. I believe we are making great strides in protecting the environment and the technology is there to continue to do so and still use fossil fuels. Gradually, our dependence on them will decline, but today is not that time.
- CPS Energy really should consider a foray into nuclear generators. I understand the concerns surrounding such an endeavor, but they are borne from outdated fears and tragedies that happened during it's technological infancy.
- I think nuclear and coal have to be a part of the blend.
- We need to be able to keep the natural gas plants and the nuclear plants in on the mix of power supply. Also, we need to keep CPS Energy financially strong, it has been a model utility in the past and has taken a step backwards in the last few years. Management needs to step up and provide a stronger voice. We are letting the citizens wag the tail versus management wag the tail.
- You already have a mix and plan similar to California and we see how well that doesn't work. You already should be aware of Alex Epstein's "Fossil Future", referenced by both Sec of Energy Rick Perry, and Railroad Commissioner Wayne Christian, that clearly lays out the increased costs of renewables due to the need for back-up power from reliable gas and nuclear and building two infrastructures. Furthermore, the adverse environmental costs of to mine minerals for solar panels and back up batteries in quantity are poorly accounted for.
- Consider expansion of Nuclear and continue to use natural gas. Renewables will have a place in the mix just don't forget what works and is affordable.
- GAS. COAL. OIL. Explore nuclear with safety as a focus.
- "As a Next Era Energy (NEE) retiree with many years of diverse experience in electric power production and nuclear regulation, I can say without equivocation that

the best option for CPS and your rate payers over the long term would be to negotiate a contract with either South Texas Project (expand your share) or Commanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant in Glen Rose.

- Commanche Peak planned to build two new nuclear units a few years ago but the project was canceled. CPS could negotiate a contract to revisit this plan and construct two new nuclear units at the Glen Rose site with first claim to power output over the life of those units up to say, 50%. This would backstop CPS demand for a century or more.
- Nuclear power is the safest, cleanest, tiniest environmental footprint, zero carbon output, commercial electric power generation source in existence today and for the foreseeable future. A nuclear plant has a reasonably expected service life of a century with regulatory required maintenance. Power output is massive and the most reliable of any power generation technology; designed and constructed to withstand the most severe environmental and other external hazards of every type. This is not optional. It is a regulatory requirement.
- I'm a retired Nuclear Regulatory Affairs Consultant. I wrote the sections on Seismic Design and Seismic Analysis for the AREVA USEPR Design Control Document for submittal to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to request USEPR design approval for construction in America. I also wrote a significant portion of the Mitsubishi USAPWR DCD submittal. Incidentally, I was the Contracted Licensing Lead on the STP Unit 1 and Unit 2 Steam Generator Replacement Projects and several other SGRP. If CPS management is interested in discussing the nuclear option, I would be happy to try to answer their questions, pro bono.
- Not one single member of the public has ever been injured or killed by radiation from a COMMERCIAL nuclear power plant. No other heavy industry can claim this safety record. (Chernobyl was not a commercial plant. It was owned and operated by the Soviet government and was conducting dangerous experiments (illegal in commercial plants) when it suffered a steam explosion and caught fire. This accident could not have happened in a regulated commercial nuclear power plant.) "
- Please provide the community more information on nuclear. From what I remember, Nuclear is reliable and available when needed. Nuclear is also the lowest cost to generate. I also think that the volume of waste (cubic yardage) is minimal. These pros/cons should be compared to pros/cons for batteries, solar, etc. But ultimately, we need more energy to power more EVs.
- Recently completed "A Bright Future" which is an environmentalist's take on next-gen nuclear (smaller and more reactors) and how it needs to be a part of any mix of generation options. It highlights the Swedish model and compares and contrasts with other generation 'blends'. I think it should be part of the conversation.
- solar, wind and small nuclear power.
- You did not include nuclear power in your mix, which is a mistake because nuclear provides reliable baseload power without CO2 emissions.
- The technology of photovoltaics and wind turbines are insufficient in providing stable and on demand power. They also require billions in subsidies, damage the environment, and have no real good storage ability. Please stop decommissioning natural gas and coal steam plants. Push for nuclear. I know the Federal Government, EPA, and environmental organizations are against it, but our demand

increases all the time, and there is just no ability to provide energy to the public on a scale needed. To purposely choose to eliminate means of supply and the population suffers is criminal.

- We should be moving to smaller nuclear plants that can power portions of the city infrastructure. all operating independently. These plants are much safer, cheaper and reliable. <https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/what-are-small-modular-reactors-smrs>
- **NUCLEAR POWER IS THE WAY OF THE FUTURE**
- nuclear is a good alternative if handled professionally
- The percentage of nuclear power should be increased as coal is phased out. Renewables are nice-but they're not 100% dependable 100% of the time. They do have their place, however, and should be used with the power storage facility(ies) as a backup. We need a deep reserve that will withstand the impact of disruption by destructive forces, no matter the source. The grid must be upgraded and protected against physical, electronic and digital attacks. Thank you for considering this.
- Natural gas, Nuclear energy and coal are the only ways for a great portfolio from a system reliability standpoint. Technology (i.e. wind, solar) is not close to providing what is needed for constant energy/electricity if CPSE doesn't except the subsidies from the US government no one could afford the power delivered. One more thing there is no global climate crises its made up storyline from the elite and leftist to have power over the People of this great Nation. There is nothing new under the Sun, windmill, battery power has been around since early 1900s', if individuals want to but their own renewables go for it but Energy companies should never push that terrible science on others.
- Fossil fuels are abundant in Texas and in America generally. In this time of international crisis, CPS should feel free to avail itself of all available natural resources while building toward future reliance on nuclear power, natural gas technology, and renewable energy sources (wind and solar). A growing and successful Texas, the promise of the Americas, requires a reliable supply of inexpensive and abundant energy as we go forward together into an ever-more uncertain 21st century.
- It is important for CPS Energy to maintain a blend of energy sources to ensure affordability and reliability. This includes solar, wind, gas, coal, and nuclear. If I understand it correctly, any shortfall in CPS Energy's portfolio (in other words, if CPS Energy cannot meet the demand of its customers), it must be made up by purchasing power on the open market from ERCOT. If CPS moves too quickly into less reliable forms of renewable energy and only these forms of energy, it will become more reliant on the open market, much of it still made with fossil fuels, only now at a higher cost. What happened the last time we had to rely upon ERCOT? Per the San Antonio report (March, 11, 2021): "CPS Energy estimates it incurred between \$850 million and \$1.1 billion in unexpected costs during the storm, according to Moody's." How many years will it take for CPS Energy consumers to pay that off? Having a balance of power resources, based both on renewable and fossil fuels, will help CPS from having to rely on ERCOT and the high costs of energy that result. Thanks!

- Think nuclear choices should be added to the "Blend" choice, support blend with reliable choices like gas to provide when the wind isn't blowing, and the sun isn't shining.
- CPS needs to look 'outside the box' for both power generation and the distribution infrastructure. As one example, begin developing solar-based micro-grids in neighborhoods that are not near a substation, to improve their reliability and simplify the grid connection to be a backup. As another example, consider developing a nuclear generation capability as an alternative source of clean power.
- CPS needs reliable base load from nuclear because it is carbon neutral and works continuously independent of weather conditions.
- I would like to look into nuclear options as well. I know that may scare people but with the variability in renewables this may be another option to get "clean" energy.
- Climate resistance to failure of ERCOT system preferably push for nuclear power and for CPS keeping or lowering cost and benefits to solar adoptors on homes/businesses.
- Since nuclear energy is so stable and works best at a max capacity, 1. determine the minimum amount of energy the system needs, 2. build up nuclear capacity to that level, and 3. then use all the other energy sources for the seasonal fluctuations.
- Create more smaller nuclear-powered plants which are safe and produce more energy than anything else. We do not want another SNOVID power outage ever!!! You caused all my appliances to be damaged from your non-stop power outage during SNOVID. You should be liable for all my appliances since you knew the super storm was coming and sold energy prior. Also, people should have a choice of who they want for power company as you failed San Antonio.
- Expand Nuclear. Keep and expand natural gas plants. Add renewables as technology and cost improve.

## COMMENTS ON COAL

- Replace the Spruce Coal Plant with renewable energy. Prioritize the ever-worsening climate crisis and building resources around renewable energy, rather than buying into false solutions such as natural gas.
- Ensure CPS Energy uses clean energy (NOT GAS). And reduce the amount of pollution you all are causing in our waterways. COAL is DEADLY. End its usage.
- The Spruce coal plant should be retired immediately. Replacing it with a gas power plant should not be an option as it is as equally harmful. Invest in renewables for the good of San Antonio's environment and residents!
- "Please immediately retire the Spruce coal-fired power plant, as it is polluting our community. Additionally, please replace the plant with renewable solar, wind, and battery storage - NOT gas. Gas prices are negatively affecting consumers via higher costs, and gas-fired power plants also contribute to air pollution and climate change.
- Natural gas is clean, plentiful and reliable. Clean coal technology is here; coal is clean, plentiful and reliable. The environmental impact is minimal from the ground lease, survey and site prep through drill bit and site reparation, through pipelines and processing plants to the consumer. Minimal environmental impact, and CO2 is good. All 0.05% of it in our atmosphere! This is easily demonstrable. Read the data.



- Retain Spruce Coal Plants as long as economical to run and as needed for unforeseen weather and grid conditions that could curtail remotely located "renewable generation". Don't be swayed by shortsighted environmentalists.
- Please don't build any new gas plants that we'll be stuck with similar to the coal plants that haven't yet made their return on investment. Converting those coal plants to gas or biomass sounds alright. Please don't go all in on wind, solar, and battery storage. They're too variable and are resource heavy. Please don't shy away from nuclear or geothermal. We really need to reduce our energy consumption, but CPS Energy needs to lead by example and not force it down everyone's throat.
- Phasing out the use of fossil fuels, especially coal, is my top priority as an energy consumer in San Antonio.
- And let us remember that Spruce II already represents a humiliating mistake by older CPS leadership, who decided to build an uneconomical and polluting coal plant precisely when coal prices began to skyrocket and the climate crisis began to kick into high gear. No excuses here for not knowing - the science has been largely settled since the 1980s. This was just a case of sticking ones' head in the sand. Let's not repeat the same mistake with natural gas - there is no telling how long the current global energy/gas crisis will continue, but we do know that climate action will continue to accelerate. "
- As a parent I am passionate about pushing a All Renewable Portfolio concept to replace aging gas and coal plants. I sincerely hope we can close Spruce 1 much sooner than 2028z
- People need to understand you can't get rid of coal and gas with the snap of a finger.
- Solar energy and wind power or now cheaper than any fossil fuel combination. It is the responsibility of CPS to make the most affordable green options available to its customers. There's no place for coal or natural gas in this world anymore.
- Down with coal
- The goal should be to phase out coal as quickly as possible.
- We need to close the coal plant
- Clean coal is the only totally reliable energy source. My second choice would be natural gas.
- Coal is the most reliable and most cost effective and safest for the public and the employees. Water vapor is the most effective green house gas and production of electricity from natural gas emits 1.3 times more water vapor per kilowatt.
- Get off coal ASAP - forget past sunk costs - that's history and not today. Structure new pro-forma analyses considering only additional expenditures, and time value of money.
- more coal plants and a power plant burning garbage
- Reliable power, affordable price, move toward a greener mix that helps clean up our poor air quality that appears to be getting worse as time goes by. Coal plant needs to be decommissioned as so as it becomes feasible to do so.
- In the past years you have leaned toward renewables and less on gas or coal. This is not reliable power and it showed with the snow 2 years ago. We need to look at gas generating because it will work during harsh weather conditions. The

renewables also don't produce enough power during our hot summers. This too is evident since you have put more into renewables. Renewables also cost more to build and maintain so the cost gets passed on to the costumers. NEED TO GO WITH GAS AGAIN.

- Why not blend that includes coal? Green energies doesn't seem to acknowledge the devastation to bird populations (wind) or long term pollution problems from mining and producing batteries to store solar and wind power.
- Energy is a problem that has always needed a dynamic solution. For far to long first world countries have had a single approach, coal. I don't think that the problems ahead of us can be solved with nothing but green energy, but given that our tech is nowhere near what it should be, green energy should be our only focus.
- Please do not continue burning coal. Think about the future! We should have started a more aggressive transition to renewables many years ago.
- End coal
- Move towards renewable energy, away from coal and gas which are contributing to the wholesale destruction of the planet
- Close coal-fired power plants as soon as possible because of the health effect on the community.
- Expedite closure of coal plants. Transition to renewables and batteries as soon as possible. Avoid natural gas generation. Remove incentives to switch to natural gas appliances.
- Convert the dirty coal powered plants to natural gas or shutter them. Long overdue.
- Any and all sources of energy production must overlap through any addition or deletion of production avenues. Just shutting down the coal fired production without adding different production before the shutdown is not acceptable for the company or the end user - me.
- "I feel like the windmills and the solar was underhandedly brought into the mix without adequately and timely maintaining the backup original sources....Cleaner coal is available now. Why are you shutting down the useful coal plants????
- It is important we have the energy available to sustain life in and around our community and on our planet
- We need to close the spruce coal plant as soon as possible and focus on renewables! Closing spruce doesn't have to mean losing jobs if we retrain and replace them with green jobs. It is the smart choice for our planet and personal health and ultimately the economical choice in the long run.
- Shut down Spruce coal power plant ASAP and convert to renewable energy, NOT gas. We need an equitable pay structure where heavy energy users pay more and working class families are not left burdened to pay their bill with increasing energy prices. Weatherize all homes in San Antonio and require new buildings to be energy efficient. Democratize CPS!
- CPS should know that using coal is very dangerous to our climate. They need to implement changes ASAP not wait until our world suffers more damage. We need renewable energy implementations now not when it's too late. I foresee that using renewables may be more cost-effective to the customer and require fewer employees to maintain. The current cost of electricity is outrageous and apparently here in Texas not very safe and secure thanks to the current Governor.

- Solar -panels and wind turbines provide energy. However, they do not reduce cost or lower efficiency. Crank the coal power plant to full power and put those wind turbines and solar panels out of business.
- Coal plants should be closed much sooner, and replaced with renewables and energy storage, for both ecological and economic reasons - the recent climate legislation, plus ongoing technological developments, has made zero-carbon energy cheaper than ever before, especially for municipal utilities like CPS. We can do better. Think bigger. I know y'all know to do the right thing.
- Leave the coal units running for reliability. The public needs to know what the effect may be if electricity is bought off of the market. If the clouds are out and not enough or too much wind is produced there goes the renewables. We must have reliable electricity for customers.
- Prefer retiring the coal-powered plants much earlier than currently planned, including converting Spruce 1 to natural gas within 3 years.
- The Spruce coal plant accounts for a tremendous portion of our city's greenhouse gas emissions, and the burning of fossil fuels is detrimental to our environment and people. With the dangerous effects of climate change, we need to act now in converting the Spruce coal plant to renewable energy. This has to be our path forward if we want any chance at all to avoid an environmental catastrophe.
- Please keep our coal plants working. I agree with not building more coal plants but we should continue to generate power with coal as long as the plants are working properly and in compliance. I think closing a coal unit before it's end of life is wasteful.
- I live right next to JK spruce. My family and kids are directly impacted by the pollution of that plant. I want healthy air for my kids, I don't want to worry about water pollution, I don't want to look out my window and see coal smoke polluting my backyard. I understand the business investment and I will gladly pay that. As we have found with the Pandemic our health is more important than money.
- Please shut down the coal plant. My family lives near the Calaveras power station and we are very concerned about the negative health impacts and long-term effects that can come from air and water polluted by coal plants. I would support your efforts to increase your clean energy production and would prefer to pay for energy that I knew was from sustainable/clean/renewable resources, as opposed to being forced to be part of the problem by consuming energy made by coal.
- "Stop closing coal plants.
- No more coal.
- Prioritize getting rid of coal as soon as possible. 2. Transition to renewables as soon as possible. 3. Move away from all fossil fuels. Repurpose workforce to install and maintain solar arrays and wind farms.
- We should reduce our reliance on coal as an energy source immediately.
- Please figure a way to stop using coal to supply electricity to your customers.
- Coal is an energy resource we can not just ignore. Its reasonable and affordable in the US
- I believe it would be best to utilize a blend of gas, wind, solar, and storage technologies because there is no guarantee that the wind will blow or that the sun will shine. When this inevitably occurs, it is critical to have sufficient gas or coal

powered technologies to keep our homes and businesses powered and operating as normal. There is currently no way to store significant amounts of either wind or solar power, but there are plenty of ways to store significant amounts of gas or coal.

- Coal adds diversity to the fuel mix and needs to be retained.

## **COMMENTS ON RENEWABLES & CLIMATE CHANGE:**

- I support a well-diversified energy portfolio because currently there is no way to store significant amounts of wind or solar-generated energy. We need a healthy amount of traditional, higher-density energy sources in our generating capacity so that when the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine, we still have a reliable and affordable energy supply to power our homes and businesses. [expressed eight times]
- Having a more diverse source of energy production is the best way to supply future growth in our area and increasing demands on the power grid. Moving rapidly towards renewable energy sources seems foolish, considering their unreliability to extreme conditions and demand increases. A well balance approach is the best way forward for our rapidly growing community. [expressed four times]
- SHUT DOWN THE COAL PLANT, WEATHERIZE OUR GRID INFRASTRUCTURE, AND INVEST IN ALL KINDS OF RENEWABLES!
- Rule it with renewables!!
- We need to move to all renewables. Look at storage options, and remove gas from our portfolio. Gas is not a bridge fuel. It is a fossil fuel, and we need to get off of fossil fuels. Make CPS Energy more nimble by installing more solar arrays on top of buildings, over parking lots, provide incentives for companies to make the switch, for residential ratepayers to make the switch. Stop installing gas infrastructure in new construction. We've had the technology for decades now. It is past time to make the switch.
- Consider spinning off renewables and storage solutions to a separate company to avoid conflicts of interest with traditional business methods, perhaps allowing greater competition and the best approach to win. Consider supporting rooftop solar and storage in lieu of building more transmission and distribution.
- Keeping the electricity flowing, under all conditions, and at an affordable cost is by far the most important factor in electrical generation. Would it be nice to have more renewables, more green energy? Sure, but not if it comes at the cost of California style brownouts, forced thermostat control, or higher prices.
- As a public owned utility your primary focus should be reliability and cost effectiveness. Where these goals align with renewables then renewables are a good choice, otherwise the best choice to meet those objectives should be used for sourcing power. The average working class San Antonio household is far more concerned about the lights staying on and not facing ever increasing bills to keep them on.
- be as diverse as possible with renewables
- Renewals are not always the answer. Do better than the snow storm!
- Of course the utility has to make enough money to sustain itself and all employees. We like CPS and want it to continue long into the future. Increasing the

use of renewables is important to everyone and we understand that's a long term commitment but must be done for all our grandchildren. Please understand we like CPS and understand it's mission is critical for all of us. Now ERCOT is another story and seems to only serve the stockholders, not Texans.

- 100% Renewables and energy storage is long over due because of greed. The technology is here NOW for lower energy cost from sun/wind and storage. There are many jobs in renewables energy sector. Gas/oil greed has cost many lives and it didn't have to happen. Do better CPS Energy Just Do Better the world is watching!
- Oil and gas companies have been peddling lies to hang on to their spot at the top. Time to transition to renewables.
- Lower rates and invest in renewables. Period.
- Well-considered incentive structures for property/home owners to individually invest into renewables (i.e. solar and local/community power storage) could be a route to a more resilient, sustainable, and decentralized power grid.
- I really do not want to rely on "renewables" because look at the United Kingdom right now. How foolish it would be for us to willingly set ourselves up for failure and when that happens, regular people suffer, not the elitist.
- I have children, who have children. The generations of people that succeed me are not theoretical— I can see them. Please consider becoming a state-leader in renewables. It's not leftist propaganda— I am a Republican. It's about the life quality of the young and unborn! God bless you!
- Solar/wind for individual households (homeowners and renters) should be a right. We are blessed with both of these renewables in Texas and yet we continue to be slaves to a destructive fossil fuel industry due to the power of local and international lobbyists. Texans talk a big game about independence and self-sufficiency, renewables are the ultimate self-reliance. You don't have to pay anyone for the sun and wind if you have the tech to harness their power.
- The move to a blend + renewables is certainly a goal to be achieved. I ask that CPS make sound business decisions that allow for reasonable energy costs with high reliability. I do not desire a rapid move to wind or solar until it is more cost effective.
- Moving to renewables sooner than later is most important. I would like to see our metro area be a leader and role model for a sustainable energy system.
- After the snow storm proved that renewables are unreliable in that type of weather, why is there still a strong push to obtain more, knowing what we know now about them?
- ""Renewables" have poor cost vs benefit and can easily be impacted by weather. They also use fossil fuels in developing the "renewable" components so they are not as "green" as advertised. They also rely too much on importing parts from foreign countries like China.
- Please diversify with renewables at the forefront.
- Renewables are both the future and a Council-driven mandate for the City of San Antonio.
- Clean air is one of my priorities, although I believe the reason SA has dirty air is primarily due to transportation. But, I would have prioritized the production of clean energy as a priority. (perhaps I missed that option or it is implied through renewables)

- Thank you for your work in San Antonio. After the grid failure in 2021, energy is on a lot of our minds. CPS should invest its energy future in renewables, which are where the country is headed and is a better (and safer) long-term investment.
- Plan for the long term, go renewable!
- let others blaze the path to renewables and we can follow. Then we can gain from lessons learned and lower cost as the technologies become more prevalent.
- There is no need demonstrated need to accelerate any move toward a higher percentage of renewables at the customer expense of higher electricity bills. Renewables have a place in the energy matrix but they should not replace natural gas as renewables have a history of being unreliable.
- We need to pump the brakes on any rushed change to renewables and develop technologies that allow us to have reliable energy storage systems. There is not a climate emergency that warrants a rapid and economy killing move to renewables. Climate change is being politized and climate models are still inaccurate. Actual science, data and statics prove this.
- Well-balanced generation portfolio (gas, renewables, coal, and nuclear) that will meet the increasing demand for resilient, reliable and affordable energy as our community continues to grow in the coming years.
- need to have a balanced transition to renewables, cannot get rid of traditional energy sources without a plan and use of multiple energy sources in extreme weather Texas.
- No fracking no gas and subsidize renewables for real people.
- Renewables are NOT good for the enviroment when considering the impact of creating solar panels and wind turbines and the cost of transport and maintenance. They are NOT reliable. I want RELIABLE CHEAP energy and I don't want San Antonio siphoning off funds from CPS revenues for their pet redistribution of wealth programs!
- Please consider the positive economic impact of switching to renewables
- Renewables energy is a good source of supplemental energy but is not reliable. A blend of energy MUST prevail to meet consumer needs and affordability.
- Natural gas is an abundant, domestic natural resource, especially here in Texas. Given that we are the U.S.'s leader in crude and natural gas production, we should use this resource to make the Texas grid more reliable during peak periods. At minimum, we should fund enough backup natural gas power plants to have on standby, for when renewables fail to deliver.
- Seems to be focused only on gas and renewables. Very narrow minded, to appease the few.
- Push toward renewables must absolutely be at the forefront. This in turn also supports resiliency.
- sommers and deely units are beyond their design life and inefficient. renewables serve a need, however, don't see how the amount of mws' needed to replace retiring fossil units will be met by renewables (not to mention concerns around dispatchability). seems, for cps customers, most economical and fastest way to retire inefficient generation and replace with new long-term generation is to use combined cycle gas generation (believe this is also the most efficient in btu/kw). converting spruce 2 to gas - don't see how this is practical or feasible.

- Renewables are crucial to our ability to survive and thrive. CPS must move to that manner of energy production as soon as possible!! M G. Weser
- Make JBSA contribute to the grid by use of land for renewable energy generation.
- "- Invest in renewable energy generation and energy storage. Consider investment in nuclear energy generation too. Systematically evaluate emerging technology.
  - Reducing usage is a very important component. Encourage energy efficiency. Test creative ways to incentivize investments in energy efficient construction and appliances. For example, partner with other local govt. to create fee/rebate programs, e.g., new HVAC system installed and based on energy rating, inefficient systems are charged a fixed fee, and those fees use pay floating rebates to efficient systems.
  - Maintain some natural gas generation capacity for high demand times.
  - Energy storage: how much capacity? How long? If you only need to store energy for, say, 72 hours to hold us over until wind/solar generates excess energy, that drives storage solutions.
  - How vulnerable is CPS from natural gas delivery systems? My understanding is that part of the Feb. 2021 problem was that natural gas pipelines were not weatherized, so natural gas couldn't get to power plants. So, what is CPS doing about that?
  - What is CPS's plan for a severe geomagnetic storm? Say tomorrow we had another 1859 Carrington Event: what's going to happen? How are we going to be prepared?
  - I'm in favor of aggressive investment. This is about setting the stage for lower rates 20 plus years from now. This will be part of a larger strategy to give the area competitive advantages for growth and investment. Low electricity rates will encourage business to move to the area, and with business comes population growth. It's about trying to get more people to choose to live here.
  - I'm in favor of more distributed energy generation and storage. Essentially, every house should have solar panels and a large battery. Reduces vulnerability from failures at centralized power plants (e.g., mistake, cyber attack, terrorism). Power does go out? Well, if each house has local energy storage, maybe the house has 2 hours of electricity usage stored in its local battery. Maybe a short term outage is unnoticeable to the consumer. If there's a long term outage, local storage gives the consumer options.
  - Personally, I doubt I'll be opting-in to ""smart thermostat,"" and other people might feel the same way. The key part is that I don't want to give up control of my thermostat. Maybe if systems are designed to better allow for ""consumer override"" I might consider it, but I've very skeptical, and I don't see myself ever opting into a system like that.
  - Over several years, draw down contributions to CoSA general fund, and keep those funds internal to CPS to be used for investments in renewable power generation. Do it gradually over, say, 10 years so that it can be planned for, and doesn't disrupt the CoSA budgeting process. At the end of 10 years, you have that extra cash for investments, and that will make it easier to issue more bonds. In 2032, investors will be more interested in CPS issued bonds if CPS can say ""we're investing in renewable power infrastructure such as ..., and 30% of cost of infrastructure investment will be paid for with internal funds."" "

- I want a dependable and equitable power generation and distribution system as soon as pragmatically possible for my grandkids and beyond. I want to plan for the longest term possible, which means renewables as soon as possible. I want financial management so everyone pays their fair share at the real price, with penalties for not maximizing conservation or individual power generation (see below). Maximum conservation and generation (as practical) should be the expectation. We've been an incentives-focused city, but it doesn't work well enough. Penalties also partially address the problem of CPS having less revenue when people conserve. We should always have sufficient funds to carry those who are unable to afford a "living consumption volume" of energy. This can be achieved by developing a decentralized generation and distribution system, which has national security benefits, reduces the challenge and environmental impact of expensive and huge construction, and can help individuals be more energy independent, with incentives for individual consumers to invest in necessary equipment. CPS can acquire equipment manufacturers/installers to create a revenue stream to make up for central generation and distribution revenue reductions. We need to turn the system upside down.
- Renewable energy like solar and wind is the key to energy resiliency. The key to energy resiliency is energy storage that is safe, durable and with the potential of increased energy density. How does a company with an important new material get heard by CPS Energy?
- Focus on sustainable renewable energy. Clean burning fossil fuels such as natural gas can be used for changing system loads during a phase out period, but net carbon neutrality and offset for zero emissions are also important.
- I would like to see that cps energy makes the switch to cps energy. I hate that because i live in an apartment in san antonio then i only have one option for energy, an that the one option is cps who uses coal. Honestly the fact that i cant choose a company that cares for the planet bothers me alot. Its actually my primary reason for planning to leave the city. I want to support ethical companies that only use clean renewable energy sources like solar energy. If cps made the switch to solar energy it would not only be cheaper for all residents in the city, but also be more sustainable and better for our city. It would reduce air pollution and could even be a selling point that promotes growth & encourages people to move here. The sun is a source of energy that we can depend on, and solar energy works in all types of weather. We will be able to sustain ourselves an not contribute further to controversial human rights & environmental issues. Please do what is right for future generations and make the switch citywide to sustainable energy sources such as solar energy.
- Make investing in renewables very, very approachable and user-friendly. You know how organizations do campaigns to symbolically ""adopt"" an endangered animal to invest in the future?
- I think it would be foolish to depend on any one source of generating fuel. Flexibility will be crucial while working towards more use of renewable. Coal fired generators can be fitted with "scrubbers" to catch emissions for suitable processing. I've seen



this done at steel manufacturing plants in the Northeast. Let's not discard a plentiful and valuable source of fuel.

- After all, the main argument for supporting renewables is that they help reduce the negative environmental impacts of our energy use. And predicting the cost of natural gas generation has shown to be unpredictable, especially with extreme weather events.
- Have all sources of power generation fuel available for use and/or emergency use. Don't rely on just one or two sources of fuel. Use all that's available but work towards renewable sensibly but always have a Plan B.
- It's high time for Texas to break the stranglehold that oil and gas have on this state. This state advertises itself as 'great for business', so why not encourage renewable energy companies to come and set up shop here. Texas, despite its right-wing BS, has the chance to be a true leader in renewable energy. San Antonio can initiate that process and show the way for other cities in Texas and America
- I believe a good mix of different types of generation would be great. I don't believe renewables have as much impact as some would believe, but it's still a good option. Natural gas is probably the best solution. I would leave all coal plants running for as long as possible, not shutting down prematurely.
- Provide options to low income families for renewable energy. ie solar power installation at very reduced cost or no cost at all.
- Obvious to me the best outcome would be all renewable energy generation. However I chose the blended version including natural gas because in the short term an all renewable option is just not there yet. Definitely do no more coal. I had to choose between reliable and affordable and chose reliable because it doesn't matter how affordable energy is if it is not there. I donate to REAP every bill to address the affordability. A tiered rate structure might help with higher users subsidising the lower usage customers.
- It will be important to educate residential customers to stop charging EVs at night because if the grid goes to primarily renewable sources it may not have enough power with EVs being charged at night. Instead people must find a way to charge their EVs during the day when solar is generating.
- cps should employ more renewable energy facilities and tactics that better the environmental safety of the world. they alone could help reduce pollution like captain planet.
- Affected workers should be given retraining opportunities in order to meet the demands of a renewable energy workforce.
- The future must be renewable or we will not be able to support energy usage! As the only power provider in San Antonio I see that CPS has no motivation to change their energy structure and provide safe, clean, and affordable energy for their consumers. I'm disappointed that CPS continues to rely on fossil fuels and non-renewable energy sources instead of being a leader in the industry that millions of people rely on!

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- I'm really hoping that CPS will move to transition away from fossil fuels and instead focus on renewable energy production to meet the global threat posed by climate change. I trust CPS will put the community's well-being and health above the short-term benefits of natural gas and oil energy production.
- We must focus on sustainable, renewable energy sources.
- Renewable sources because of environmental impacts plus lower operating costs over the long term.
- We need a long term reliable and flexible source of energy delivered at a reasonable price. Multiple fuel sources are a must. Continue a reasonable amount of investment dollars to renewable and future sources of energy. Continue the legendary customer service that CPS has always delivered.
- Let's embrace renewable energy adoption and help power a cleaner and more stable energy future
- we need to think long term by transitioning to a blend of renewable energy sources. it is possible to have both climate and affordability, i think we can achieve both aims.
- I know it may be difficult to forge new renewable technologies with lower costs. However it can be done with new technologies and know how.
- "You have current deficiencies that need to be fixed. I cannot remember a week in my neighborhood [Eden, off Thousand Oaks] that did not have a power outage. Some were for hours. Most were brief, but even a few seconds is enough to wreak havoc on computers and some other household functions. I don't know whether the problem is amateur people or junk equipment, but you need to fix this as much as you need to prepare for the future. For the future, I protest your overly narrow survey scope. There was more than one right answer to what you should be doing for the future. Gas is fine for the interim, but it should yield to renewables within a decade or so at most. And conservation at the consumer level should be an eternal priority.
- Of course the utility has to make enough money to sustain itself and all employees. We like CPS and want it to continue long into the future. Increasing the use of renewables is important to everyone and we understand that's a long term commitment but must be done for all our grandchildren. Please understand we like CPS and understand it's mission is critical for all of us. Now ERCOT is another story and seems to only serve the stockholders, not Texans

- We need to get away from fuels like gas and oil that impact our climate. Renewable energy and energy efficiency are key. Please continue to prioritize these.
- Climate change is undeniable. The question is, how quickly will we, as a city, prioritize the utilization of renewable technologies and support our communities so that our city can thrive and be an example, perhaps for the entire country. We have no more time to waste!
- I am disgusted with the city of San Antonio and CPS Energy's blatant disregard for the people it serves. The for-profit attitude that motivates this company has killed people. Divest from harmful energy and invest in renewable energy.
- I believe that renewable energy is and will continue to be immensely important for both reducing the impacts of climate change and building a resilient grid system. That being said, I also know that reducing demand/consumption of energy is the most long-term sustainable strategy, particularly as San Antonio and Texas continue to grow. I hope that CPS Energy prioritizes both energy efficiency and renewable energy usage in its future planning.
- Fossil fuels are a dead end. We need resilient and renewable energy infrastructure. More solar panels, more turbines!
- Please invest in renewable energy. It may be easier to stick with fossil fuels in the present, but if you don't make an effort to change now, you won't be able to invest in the future when you don't have one anymore.
- Renewable sources of energy are an investment in the future. As a publicly-sector corporation, CPS Energy needs to prioritize making energy affordable for ratepayers while making consistent, concrete progress towards emissions reduction goals and clean energy generation.
- CPS Energy needs an equitable rate structure based on usage to incentivize conservation. Of course, we must expand and develop our renewable energy usage. Carbon based energy will always have negative impacts on the health of San Antonio residents. It also has negative impacts on the natural environment as well. It's about to be 2023. Climate focused initiatives are the only way we get to pass down the planet to future generations. Load demand in summer months are always going to happen as long as we continue to ignore the impacts of natural gas, coal, and other fossil based methods of supplying energy.
- We must use more renewable energy.
- Investing in renewable energy is the answer, the sun and the wind are an unlimited source of FREE and CLEAN power
- This survey really should be accompanied by estimates of cost impact to ratepayers, impacts to system reliability (and a discussion of where electrons will come from during periods when renewable sources are not generating), and CO2 emissions for completeness. Perhaps I missed them.
- CPS, like all utilities, must recognize the urgency of converting to renewable power sources as quickly as possible. The region's economic stability and the well being of San Antonio's residents depend on this.

- To survive we must respect the sun and air, our planet's soils and waters. Our power sources need to be clean and renewable for our very survival as a species.
- As a current owner of solar (for my home) and PHEV vehicles, until storage for renewable sources becomes more economical, we will still need fossil fuel generation as a standby for days the sun doesn't shine or the wind isn't blowing, natural gas being the best of these in my opinion.
- I am supportive of a blend of energy technologies (gas, wind, solar, battery) in order to provide the growing city's demand. I believe there is currently a lack of significant capacity to store enough wind or solar energy, so we need the diversity in times of extreme demand and low supply of renewable energy.
- Renewable energy sounds good, but too much dependence on solar and wind generation, is a bad idea. This country has an abundance of natural gas that is ratable and not impacted by cloudy days or windless days.
- Rates could be pushed to the 'high side', to encourage conservation, with safety clauses for needy families."
- As the 7th biggest city in the country, San Antonio has an opportunity to set an example for transitioning Texas populations to renewable energy. Texas emits 2X the CO2 of California which is embarrassing. San Antonio has the public support to make a just transition towards cleaner power generation methods. Energy workers and the health of the populace will all benefit as a result too.
- San Antonio is going to take the brunt of unsustainable summer temps and drought on the chin, a climate effect only surpassed by extreme flooding events in Houston and along the Gulf Coast. As a city with more to lose, our energy strategy should be a risk-mitigated blend of traditional and renewable sources, but still aggressive enough to set the standard for other metropolitan areas in Texas.
- I would like to see CPS Energy move toward renewable energy sources, while making sure to have other sources available in case of emergencies.
- Affordability & reliability are paramount! I'm all for renewable alternatives; however, not when I have to deal with outages & increased costs.
- Renewable are so important and can positively impact affordability in our growing communities. Positive marketing with substantial rebates and installation help will promote substantial increases in all renewable sources.
- We need affordable energy. We can accomplish that through sunsetting fossil fuel consumption and switching to renewable energy sources.
- Please make sure to further your plans to have renewable resources as the main provider of energy and moving away from fossil fuels.
- Plea Quit wasting resources on inefficient energy generation solar and wind that cost twice as much due to need for reliable backup, require a large land footprint, and further do not take into account effects of extensive mining for materials to provide for solar panels and limited life, inefficient batteries. Also, is the grid EMP resistant, and are there any plans if not, to make it so?
- The environment matters. ""Green energy"" is not the solution (to a problem that doesn't exist to begin with.) Look at the tremendous devastation caused by mining

for the huge volumes of rare earth minerals that are required by solar and wind, not to mention the devastating health effects on the humans (often children) that are manually mining for these minerals. Look at the enormous amounts of toxic waste that are created, even without the push to electric vehicles (another boondoggle if all aspects are examined.) The mining required for "green" energy for the US and Europe destroys the environment in other parts of the world. Wind and solar deliver far less energy than forecast, and far less consistently.

- shut down spruce. invest in solar. demand new building codes that are energy efficient
- Should have more energy efficiency and electrification programs. Should have more wind, solar, and batteries. Climate change is real and we need to get off of fossil fuels immediately.
- How much farmland are you taking for solar farms. How hot are those solar farms and how many animals are killed in their zones. .
- Look for efficiency and environmental sustainability throughout all municipal operations and rules - not just CPS - make it a city approach. Update building code requirements to reduce consumption and require generation via wind or solar on all new construction. Provide more incentives to rehab and insulate existing housing stock. You do not need surveys to find or create ways to minimize CPS impact to climate change - take the best practices from around the world and implement them here to power san antonio's future.
- Solar and wind power is not dependable during extreme weather conditions.
- Just like when gasoline prices rise, people use less gas, higher energy costs encourage less energy use. SAWS successfully reduced water consumption with low flow toilets, rain barrels, faucet flow restrictors, etc. One thing CPS could do would be to institute a time of day rate structure like Bandera Electric Coop has used for several years. With CPS's rebate program we were able to purchase solar panels a few years back with Community Solar in Adkins. We also planted lots of trees when we purchased our home in 1981. It took a few years, but our house and property is now nicely shaded. I would love to have a 'reward' of some sort for being conservative with our energy usage - maybe a cash rebate or an earned percentage off my electric bill for meeting a reduced usage goal. Money always is a great incentive for most people. And for those who don't respond to financial incentives, a rate scale that increases as consumption increases might work to decrease usage.
- "CPS has been more self sustainable in the past. Being on the "grid" (and under PUC and ERCOT) has pros and cons. Continue to support individual energy production (by gas, solar)
- Get back to promoting and educating the public about going green. Offer education and incentives about Roof top & Solar array or ground mounted, Bring more diversification promotion about hybrid systems wind and solar. When you have community events bring out wind manufacturers to help educate and promote the energy, we miss out of capturing at night WIND. And while the iron is hot, full press on incentives \$\$ better rebate programs and community engagement more than just a booth at an event. Get people out and aware of the historic incentives offered by

agencies now (local, State, and Federal). Help educate folks of navigating incentives. Stop leaving our money on the table. Back up storage needs to be addressed. Bring out these manufacturers as well to your events. want to be able to go to the CPS website now and find this information and when & where I can go to begin this green journey.

- We need to move to environmentally friendly energy sources as fast as possible. Wind, solar, thermal, etc. The longer we take, the more strain on the power grid due to climate change. It will be a worsening and worsening cycle if we don't move with haste. If we need backup, use the least toxic power source such as gas, but only when absolutely necessary. Mother nature isn't giving us any more wiggle room. We have to act.
- Full solar, wind, energy storage NOW! Why hasn't this happened? NOW is the time you don't need a survey to know this will save lives and money for the people/customers.
- Solar and wind are not reliable sources
- Wind and solar energy DID NOT cause the winter storm and they are more reliable and better for the planet in the long run. They're better economically long term considering fossil fuels will run out eventually (I know you only care about what is good for business). Also, no one likes you CPS energy
- Wish there were more incentives to install residential solar with battery storage
- My concern, with the big push for electrified vehicles, is the ability for the generation and transmission facilities to keep up. Electrification does not happen overnight and must be planned for sensibly. Only so much power is available and the addition of power to cover the load takes time and I don't think the average citizen understands this. Wind and Solar are great but solar is good only during primary sun times and wind is only available when the atmosphere supports it. Storage would seem to be the key here but I doubt the technology has kept up with the addition of these "sometimes" resources. If wind and solar is not available then there would seem to be a huge energy deficit. It would seem to me we would be able to reduce dependency on fossil fuels but not for a good while yet.
- I want fossil fuel to be used. Since Texas had no wind or sunlight - our electric grid failed the entire stste. Second, my. Electric bills are higher even though I have cut back on energy used. If we were allowed to use the many resources that we already have in the ground - this may not happen. Third, those solar panels fuel batteries cell are quite expensive. I am fine with adding those sources of renew energy but I saw that most Electric companies including CPS spent 45% on only undependable wind and solar when at best the most it can be generated for our Texas Electric Grid is 20%. I feel. CPS and our woke Green new deal policies are pressuring all of us, to loose our energy index and this hurts our economy and kills lots of good paying jobs. Right now this will continue to work through our legal system - yet I feel that we definitely need more fossil fuels.
- Make the benefits for residential solar better for the user, allowing people to go totally off the grid if they choose. Solar farms are ugly and detrimental to wildlife, especially migrating birds. Get rid of them. Solar farms would be better. Devise a

safer battery which to store energy in. Right now the batteries are most harmful to our earth, more so than burning coal.

- I signed up for Solar Panels only to find out that \$48,500.00 was not a Whole House Solar Project, rather it was Net Metering. I did not pay \$48,500.00 to lower my CPS bill. My sales representative told me that the subject of Net Metering never came up because the decision was made by CPS and the City of San Antonio. My sales representative continued by explaining that it was determined that most people don't want to pay \$10,000.00 for the 2nd battery. Well, I don't want to pay \$48,500.00 to reduce the CPS bill so that CPS can retain homeowners as paying customers. I understand that the numbers are rigged and you will never allow homeowners to make money from their solar panels. I don't really care about that part. I am furious about the Net Metering. I asked about the 2nd battery and they told me that the wattage on the solar panels would not charge the 2nd battery. I asked about switching out the existing panels because the system hasn't been activated and I was told that wasn't going to be done. I am required to purchase 5 additional panels and the 2nd battery which is going to cost as additional \$20,000.00 if I am lucky. I will be doing whole house in the future. In the meantime, I am going to share my experience with everyone who will listen. Hopefully when enough people hear my story there will be change.
- Clean power please
- EV's will give the flexibility need to work with intermittent wind and solar. More level two, WiFi connected chargers must be installed. 3 to 4 hours can give me my daily commute. you pick when, just have me fully charged by 7:00am
- I have had Solar on both of my homes, I take as many steps as possible to reduce usage (Smart plugs, thermostats, 6 month checks on AC/Heater etc.) They are small steps but if we could truly make those changes across the board, we would make a large difference. The increasing rebates for Solar would help, more free/reduced smart plugs/thermostats would help. People have difficulty changing unless it's practically offered lol. Training your existing team from coal facility to a solar maintenance etc. would be incredible. Hold onto the team you have, train those you believe in, no need to let anyone go.
- Global warming will provide more opportunity for solar energy options but climate change may bring destructive powers to injury those structures.
- I like the changes that CPSenergy is doing to help the environment and the monthly cost for customers. I am 77 years old and the changes that CPS has done for us has helped alot. We went solar and the combined cost of solar and CPS has gone down to a very nice balance. Thank you.
- Energy should be cheaper - it does not cost money to create energy. We should have city wide access to wind and solar energy grids.
- Make decisions based on finance, availability, efficiency. Dont make decisions based on "Climate Change".
- One needs to take a pragmatic approach that equilibrates all energy sources at the most nominal cost to customers. Understanding the limits of solar and battery storage do not preform at the optimal level during periods of inclement weather and

colder temperatures. During these time in inclement weather events, One must understand that natural gas and clean coal will meet power demands, and can be part of a pragmatic balanced approach when one includes the goal of carbon capture.

- "You CANNOT meet the demand with solar and wind power. They do adversely affect the environment over long term. You need to look at the total life cycle costs and resource required to manufacture them. Power storage technology is not matured enough. The earth's climate has been changing for millions of years because of variations in the orbit of the earth relative to the sun. We need energy now and wind or solar are not reliable."
- Previously y'all have offered community solar. I would like to have that option to participate in community solar.
- I live in an area of San Antonio with frequent power outages and nothing has been done to fix it. My address is [Omitted] and we have had up to 10, if not more, outages in the last year and a half. .
- Need a well-diversified energy portfolio. Not just solar or wind as those two are not sustainable as the main means of energy.
- I support a diversified energy system for when the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow, in addition to the cost to create the infrastructure required to store wind and solar generated energy.
- It is quite important to maintain a blended approach. Wind and solar maybe solutions in the short term, but they have their faults (lack of sun, lack of storage, lack of wind, short lifespans) and eliminating fossil fuels altogether is a short-sighted perspective.
- Net metering should be supported. This policy encourages consumers to install solar generation with the knowledge that they can effectively "store" their surplus power "on the grid" for use during low (or no) generation times. Policies that only allow customers to "sell at wholesale and buy at retail" discourage this development by significantly increasing payback times for system implementation.
- It would seem most prudent to utilize a "Blend" of gas, wind, solar and storage technologies. We should be supportive of a well-diversified energy portfolio because currently there is no way to store significant amounts of wind or solar-generated energy. We need a healthy amount of traditional, higher-density energy sources in our generating capacity so that when the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine, we still have a reliable and affordable energy supply to power our homes and businesses.
- CPS Energy should be mindful that a blend of energy sources should be used and not heavily rely on wind and solar to supply the customer needs. Solar and wind energy are not always reliable therefore, a variety of sources should continue to be used.
- Please don't be blinded by some leaders wild ambitions to become 'zero carbon' immediately. Don't shut down conventional, reliable plants until there is a real solution in place.



- Please don't make us like California with high prices and rolling blackouts. Wind, solar and batteries are not yet at a technological level to sustain human flourishing. To rely on these technologies is to ensure none of us will have the capacity of energy needed for our best future.
- I prefer a well-balanced generation portfolio that will meet the increasing demand for resilient, reliable and affordable energy as our community continues to grow in the coming years.
- The most stability for all stakeholders is a broad blended base of gas, wind, solar, and storage technologies which will provide, a reliable, resilient energy base that is yet flexible and affordable.
- We are SERIOUSLY considering investing in solar power to save money.
- Do not depend on Solar and Wind power it is not dependable in extreme weather conditions.
- CPS should continue to maintain generation from lignite, natural gas, nuclear in addition to solar and wind to supplement.
- Consider these Energy Sources now and the future: Nuclear; Natural Gas; Solar; Wind
- Solar and wind is not reliable right now.
- Planning on Solar with battery back-up is unrealistic as the components rely on China which appears at risk of collapse within the next 10 years due to demographics, and possibly earlier with current unrest. <https://zeihan.com/the-end-of-china/>
- DO NOT rely on wind or solar. At most they should only supplement others.
- "All new builds and major renovations (more than 50%) to existing structures, facilities, etc. in Bexar County, whether government, commercial or private, should be required to contribute to energy production (solar, wind, other) to offset energy demand.
- Use natural gas.... Its always works. Wind turbines only work if there is wind. Solar works only if there is sun. Supplement the natural gas but not rely heavily upon solar or wind.

## **MORE COMMENTS**

- Generation planning needs to include alignment to CAAP 2050 net zero goals — or you can't say it is aligned to CAAP.
- Clean energy is not an option. We need to build networks of care across the community, COSA, labor, and CPS to answer the questions of workforce and revenue for a equitable and just future.
- Do what's best/effective for all customers, not the the loudest few.
- "Infrastructure maintenance and upgrade for now and our future. This will help drops in Power During Storms and Extreme Summer Heat.nAlso, I have noticed throughout San Antonio, many Overgrown Trees that are growing into powerlines. What are the procedures to get these cut to prevent future power issues?"

- I thought this was a very well thought out event, lot of knowledgeable people. I still think more work could be done to meet the community where they are at. Perhaps holding the event on a weekend so people can attend. There's a great outreach event that COSA puts on called the SmartSA Sandbox event that CPS Energy could participate in, too. But, overall, nicely done.
- Its important that there is a transparent process for energy generation that includes environmental and health impacts. In addition, it is important to ensure the largest polluters are also reducing their emissions and conservation efforts.
- "How much of earth's atmosphere is CO2? 0.05% Look it up if that shocks you. 0.05%
- That tiny amount is changing the climate? No. CO2 is plant food for goodness sakes. It was much hotter in Texas in the 1930's, long before atmospheric CO2 began to increase due to human activity. What caused the temperature change during the Dust Bowl?
- Man-made global warming is a political lie. Read Dr. Patrick Moore's work (founder of Greenpeace). Go to [www.realclimatescience.com](http://www.realclimatescience.com) to see the data that has been censored.
- Focus on your grand children. Stopping methane, carbon, and other emissions as quickly as possible is the primary requirement.
- Cps is doing great!
- More incentives
- Also, I love your demand response, energy efficiency, and weatherization programs! Please do more of them! "
- The presentation setting of the table tops showed how active CPS Energy is in providing for there customers such as having eco cost rebates for customers.
- Cierren ya la planta Spruce. Urge cambiar la generacion a 100% energia renovable lo mas antes posible.
- Very informative open house. Thank you!
- "Push for clean energy!!!
- The current structure of CPS is the reason for failures in planning, corrupt practices, and lack of transparency. It should not be run like a business because it is not a business. Developers and chamber of commerce adjacent actors are horrible self-selecting members of board. Democratize and be accountable to the taxpayers!
- CPS should be as transparent as possible, in keeping the City Council and the community informed about any major developments that affect their finances, ability to meet customer demand, issues that affect system reliability and future projections of any nature that might affect CPS customers.
- You're closing down Spruce units too soon we are still paying for them it will cost us more to close them. We will lose dependability of our grid
- Please respect the health and future of your customers by stopping all involvement in coal and gas.
- No nos mientan, no nos usen. Somos trabajadoras y está carísimo no hay aún mucho trabajo! Aún sufrimos los efectos de la Pandemia! Con empresarios ricos les

deben de cobrar sin subsidios! Han acuminado riquezas con nuestro trabajo! No nos cobren a la comunidad trabajadora lo que a los ricos no les cobran!

- Cleaner air will help everyone's health, as will maintaining the electricity supply.
- At the end of the day, I want to get home turn on my Lights, Heather or AC and it comes on. I also I want to have a low Light Bill every month. If im going to have to pay 300-500 every month that will be hard to do. I know san antonions what low bills first then worry about how the electricity came from. We need to stop letting a few people make decisions for us. we know and want to go green energy that is great, but not if we cant afford it.
- As of right now I think we're heading in the right direction to help reduce climate control as much as possible but need to figure out better and more was to do that without draining our powering source. I'm still studying this stuff and learning as I go. Thank you
- Ensure ERCOT has qualified Texans on Board—
- I believe natural gas should play a large part in our energy as natural gas is readily available in the Eagle Ford. This will allow us to run efficiently with a consistent fuel source and also continue to help provide employment to the oil and gas industry here in South Texas.
- Don't mess with our reliability, please. All we need is another snowmageddon to send people to the morgue, while the rich are comfortable talking about being green.
- I would like to see a balanced approach that does not negatively impact the environment or contribute negatively to climate change.
- Although I care about the environment, I care more about the people who already have trouble keeping the lights on. Continue to build sustainable sources but transition slowly and thoughtfully away from fossil fuels.
- WHAT IS HAPPENING IN TODAYS IS HORRIBLE.WE NEED A SUPPLY OF ENERGY AS WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST YEARS
- Eliminate environmental hazards asap. Try to give city a smaller share of profits so you can go faster. We need to be pace setters for Texas and the country.
- Nothing is more important than getting off fossil fuels as quickly as possible. CPS also needs to have a system that assures the most needy in our community are not cut off from energy needed for basic needs.
- CPS has been given a large monetary rebate. This rebate needs to be disbursed to all customers for the period of time the rebate represents. Not only for families living in single dwelling homes. Many people live in condos, the HOA is paid by the tenants monthly which includes the CPS monthly charges. Therefore, the tenants of the condo, or the condo HOA should also get their cut of the rebate. On another note, stop paying the CEO's/upper hired management all these big salaries, when they have not proven themselves yet, or are not knowledgeable. \$600k plus is way too much \$\$\$ for a CEO.
- Just keep the lights on 24/7/365!
- Build/keep fossil fuel power plants to meet demand and keep costs affordable.

- CPS Energy needs to educate the public (its customers) that climate change is real and the utility's power generation decisions going forward must reflect the elimination of CO2 gas production.
- Until these new power sources are on-line and can prove stability and on-demand power, no existing power plants should be shut down.
- Reliability regardless of weather conditions is my #1 priority!
- Green is nice until you freeze or burn up. We are not going to die from either of these conditions within the next 25 years. You can't instantly replace 100% with 50%.
- I am 72 and disabled and I almost froze to death with the power down in the snow. I was sick for months afterwards. I'm unable to leave and go elsewhere. Ditto my heart can't take very high heat. So reliable power is very important for me.
- It is a priority to get the cps grid resilient to hot and cold. Reliability is the most important. I will pay extra for high reliability. Hold ercot accountable to issues.
- I am primarily concerned with the health impacts of CPS's future choices.
- The power plants at Calavaras lake need to be cleaned up and shut down.
- Close the spruce plant ASAP
- Please stop being climate alarmist! The true science doesn't support it
- just keep the energy flowing
- "Is it possible to pay the City of San Antonio LESS so residential bills do NOT increase? Perhaps the City of San Antonio could take a cut and remanage their finances instead of relying so heavily on CPS revenue. I understand that if CPS paid the city one-half percent less, than perhaps we would not have to absorb the rate increase.Thank you for the small rebate though."
- Keep heat on when it is cold and air conditioning when weather is warm/hot.
- We need to move away from, and minimize or eliminate, the use of coal and oil
- We can use coal in a clean way Science has proven that and we need to provide reliable energy.
- Obviously need to blend all sources.
- "Disband the traditional out-of-Texas ERCOT representation. Get ERCOT to actively work for Texas, NOT for their Golden Parachutes when they kill fellow Texans during unexpected weather excursions. For POCF, go GREEN!!! [Omitted] Col USAF Veteran Volunteer. 1981-2009. Legion of Merit" as an adjunct source--a source outside of ""grid"" control.
- We must fight climate change conditions aggressively for the sake of future generations
- "DO NOT LOSE TRACK OF YOUR OVERALL OBLIGATIONS IN ENERGY.
- WE DO NOT NEED TRENDY ""WOKE"" THINKING AS IN CALIFORNIA THINKING.LISTEN TO EXPERIENCED ENERGY INDUSTRY SPECIALISTS."
- Snow storm grid failure was unacceptable while we're in at Att center and corporate buildings
- We shouldn't have to pay for your failure during the big freeze.
- Protecting the environment and caring for our community should be the top priorities.

- Energy usage efficiency is the ultimate key to conservation. All new HVAC systems and units should have the highest possible energy efficiency ratings. Governments role is to set and enforce standards to achieve this goal. 0% financing on all such products would make this affordable for most families.
- We must have a stable grid that is affordable and predictable!
- "CPS has a huge task ahead of them to meet the varying demands of its customers. I hope in the end you make the decision based on the future of our planet. Consumers waste energy in many ways, and I suggest you create a list of ways to reduce consumer consumption and eliminate waste.
- We need to be open to a diversified generation portfolio. Let's not put our eggs all in one basket.
- "Energy conservation should be primary focus. Our culture of wastefulness is not sustainable. As a public utility company, CPS Energy can be a global leader on reducing demand by businesses, as well as residents. Green Energy should be the second part of a long-term plan. These would, in the long run, make Energy more affordable. "
- Join the national electrical grid to help support peak demand without exorbitant costs and for greater reliability. Texas's 'go it alone' policy is outdated, unreliably funded and just plain arrogant. Texas is not an independent nation and has a duty to join the grid for both assistance when needed and to help our neighbors when they have needs.
- We are pleased with your service since moving here from Oregon and buying a home in San Antonio. Global climate change is literally destroying our planet, and our lives are in danger. We need to prioritize switching to renewable energy NOW. I realize the financial and reliability benefits of coal and natural gas, but we are in a crisis situation. CPS has the opportunity to lead the way. Please grasp it.
- "Environmental sustainability is important and encompasses not only electricity generation itself, but how we deal with the end of life of each unit that generates or stores electricity. It will become vitally important to invest into programs that can repair and recycle these items or components where possible so that waste is reduced, money saved, and the electrical grid is more easily maintained. Any products that are designed with anti-repair intent in mind, or are only repairable by the manufacturer, should be avoided at all costs in favor of operator-friendly equipment.
- As the climate continues to warm/extremify we also need measures that lead to home builders using more energy-efficient housing materials, perhaps incentive structures could be created/expanded there as well. Under the current model where max market profitability is the goal, achieved by reducing material costs, and energy-efficient materials are not generally the most cost-effective to builders, increased costs in the form of cooling and heating get passed on to home buyers, and results in more strain on CPS and the Texas grid as a whole."
- I believe today we have technology that can provide sustainable energy for a large metropolitan area that can be more flexible, provide jobs and can grow with tech advances.

- The technology isn't where it needs to be to make it viable yet.
- Emphasis should be given to green technologies which would address the global warming threat.
- CPS Energy should not let businesses or Chamber of Commerce representatives that have considerable amounts of interest in fossil fuels to have any place at the table when making CPS Energy's decisions.
- we have an abundance of natural gas in our region and adding a combined cycle unit like rio nogales and AVR that make good clean power
- CPS should not allow environmental groups to stampede it into decisions that will compromise it's ability to maintain a dependable system regardless of any weather related issues.
- For the health of the planet and its inhabitants, it is absolutely essential that CPS and other power companies eliminate the use of greenhouse gases.
- The news cycle has been talking about the growth in our city and state. The strain the grid is facing now and in the future is of concern. In oil and natural gas rich Texas we shouldn't have to debate about building new natural gas power plants and putting them online asap. Instead ERCOT put out a color conservation chart for us to follow. I feel like we live in California and rolling black outs are in our future.
- More emphasis should be placed on maintaining a reliable system. Too much renewable sources in the mix can risk reliability. Also CPSE should avoid being overly dependent upon purchasing power on the spot market which leads to higher energy bills.
- CPS Energy has many more gains to make in helping its customers improve energy efficiency. Also, please stop offering rebates for natural gas appliances.
- The timeline for the energy generation is too short. CPS needs to extend and educate rate payers better to ensure we are making the appropriate choices for the future.
- The climate won't wait for it to make monetary sense.
- Equal management of power throughout neighborhoods in San Antonio unlike Storm when my neighborhood did not receive power for 4 days!
- Microsoft appreciates the work that CPS is doing to solicit feedback from customers on this difficult but critical topic. We would love to continue to partner creatively with you on how we can best decarbonize the grid, while being cost and resiliency focused.
- "We really like that our CEO is in house and not from another company . It sure is nice that his salary doesn't come with bonus just doing the job he was hired for .
- I think you were caught with the power down during Snowgедden in 2021. I would really like not having to find a motel that still has electric and will take my 2 dogs. Better planning for the unforeseeable future.
- Please allow decisions to be made by citizens rather than District representatives that may not be working for the best solutions for the population and rather more committed to special interests.
- Please add gas to only electric customers.

- CPS should concentrate on the delivery of power in an efficient and affordable manner. Playing politics by adopting virtue signaling but inefficient “green” power solutions puts our entire community at risk of blackouts and spiraling unsustainable utility costs.
- Use energy means that are reliable and storage. Avoid green energy crap!
- "Put infrastructure for all roads and utilities in place before issuing new building permits. Have developers fund required infrastructure.
- Use fossil fuels.
- "My husband and I both feel fortunate to be in CPS service area and think that you all are doing a great job. We want to go faster toward fossil free energy, but we also know this is as good as it gets in the present moment.
- I have been leading a book discussion at Reconciliation Episcopal Church on Kimberly Nicholas' book Under the Sky We Make: How to Be Human in a Warming World. This is a wonderful book, part memoir, and part personal plan for action tool kit. We recently extended our reading and discussion schedule because of a desire not to rush through the book. There are so many important things to talk about.
- Maybe you could consider a collaboration with Bibliotech and SAPL on a community reading program. (I was library director in Universal City for 5 years, recently retired, and special projects librarian at UT Health from 2007 to 2013. While at UT Health I was the manager for several One Community/One Book programs. I would love to support a project like that.)"
- It's completely unsustainable to rely on coal and natural gas to keep San Antonio's electricity supply going. It's also economically straining on working class families who can barely afford their electricity bills. Sustainability and affordability should be your company's goal and MAIN FOCUS for the future. We are all struggling, including mother Earth, and we need the help of the utility companies to help relieve this stress.
- The people of San Antonio need, want, and deserve a sustainable future WITHOUT coal or gas usage. CPS needs to commit to CLEAN ENERGY and stay away from natural gas.
- It is CPS's responsibility and duty to ensure our rate scale is truly equitable and not providing huge corporate consumers to receive unfairly lower rates and displacing that financial burden on regular rate payers. A transparent and publicly influenced resource should erase, using windfall funds, the energy debt that it created by neglecting to properly weatherizing our grid. Commit to a green and just transition, refusing false fossil fuel solutions like “natural gas” and “green coal”, while continuing and deepening investments to weatherize rate payer properties. Decades of neglect and pollution cannot be undone over night but commitment and action toward a green future absolutely must take place to ensure to safety, well-being, and sense of comfort that we all deserve as tax and rate paying citizens. No rate hikes, no disconnections!
- People & planet over profit.

- I believe we need to ensure our electricity network should be redundant by merging into the rest of the country's grid.
- Until we have a more dependable source of power stick to the basic resources we currently have. We can't afford to not be able to provide power to our customers.
- I believe it is reality that CPS Energy will be unable to satisfy everyone's best interests but standing by their core values and transparently communicating efforts & decisions may be the best deliverables to the community.
- With any change that comes to powering the community, affordability and sustainability should be at the top of the list of priorities. Decreasing our bills should be the focus.
- How do expect customers to pay high prices when rates are being raised. Then you have the audacity to send a delinquent notice and threaten power stoppage, when it's very difficult to pay off a \$ 700 bill!
- We need to accept the fact that a major dependence on fossil fuels will conclude in the ruin of CPS energy and the community it powers. We cannot depend on exhaustible resources forever and the February winter storm proves that. Please INVEST in long-term solutions to fix our unreliable & inefficient energy system. The greatest consumers of energy need to be regulated and held accountable for their enormous negative impact on the environment & community at-large. Our energy sources should also be updated to reflect the needs of the future generation. As a monopolistic company, it IS your duty to provide OPTIONS to the homes you serve.
- I recommend a variable rate program for homes with smart meters to encourage shifting energy usage from peak demand hours to hours with excess capacity.
- The use of fossil fuels must be eliminated as soon as possible.
- As a person on life-sustaining medical equipment who was without power for 40 straight hours during the Snowpocalypse it is incredibly morally corrupt to charge people for service that is not guaranteed 24/7. I find it also extremely misleading and scam-like that I am paying DOUBLE or TRIPLE what I use in energy costs to support YOUR COMPANY'S ability to provide me the service I ALREADY PAY FOR. In what world is this legal? Especially in a city that has a monopoly as there is no other option for power sources??
- I want a CPS energy reimbursement program for putting solar panels up on my property or reducing my energy costs for x amount of months
- Thanks g fyh or allowing public input !
- Please consider and take opportunities that bury power lines when trenches are open. Example: Bandera Rd. in Helotes has been opened up three or four times in the last seven years and we still have out of date power polls lining the street. Nobody is a fan of obstructing views with power poles and places like Fair Oaks Ranch and Dominion do not have power poles. Spend the money and come up to today's standard so we can enjoy the scenery of Texas.
- Residents pay for electricity. It is not given free of charge. Therefore we want reliable energy. If you don't provide electricity, you don't make money. You don't make money, then you can't provide electricity and all kinds of bad things happen. I



don't want to read about controlled outages in my bill. Texas is very hot. If you are unable to provide residents what we need to keep our homes cool at an affordable cost, Texas will become another California and people will leave in mass. I know I will.

- Please understand that while your company is definitely committed to your bottom line, the Earth as it exists now can be sent either into a dark age that would rival the Bronze Age Collapse but; if we put our hearts and minds for the betterment of Humanity and the planet on which we live, we will be able to reach the stars. Please also understand that you provide a service which is vitally important and if you follow the path of wisdom you will see that putting Climate Justice as a tenant of CPS Energy you will be showing that you care about the Earth and it's finite resources.
- Find as many ways as possible to educate the people about the benefits of reusable energy. Clearing up myths, etc.
- Ensuring that consumers can afford power and continue to provide enough generation resources to meet needs during hotter summers and colder winters.
- I'd love to see San Antonio be fueled without fossil fuels asap. I moved here 22 years ago and the climate is so different now. We desperately need to change the way we do things if we are going to survive as humans.
- More education about reducing energy use
- I'd like to see a bigger commitment from CPS energy towards green energy sources.
- Texas is already inhospitable for much of the year without significant power being expended on indoor temperature control. It will only get worse in the coming decades due to climate change. Any action that can be taken to minimize CO2 and particulate emissions while maximizing power generation and grid resilience needs to be pursued.
- "The town hall meeting, is it to deliver information to tell the public that rates will increase again? I ask the question because there was not enough information for Me to help planing but just enough info to let us know the rates will increase. "
- I want my power to turn on but also not hurt the environment. Communicate to the community which portfolio is best for everyone.
- You should allow outside energy aggregators with a more robust team into market to better capture distributed energy resources within CPS
- please invest in upgrading homes and buildings to be energy efficient and shut down spruce
- Please make sure that there is enough reserve to avoid any blackouts and brownouts during the hottest days and the coldest days.
- You need to keep the customers first in your decisions, the ones that are struggling living paycheck to paycheck with record inflation this year. It's been a tough year, please keep our bills as low as possible.
- The electric bills also should reflect the time of the house built and CPS should offer more or free options to help lower income house which are older like mine with free window upgrades or installing insulation

- "I would like to see more solar panels on businesses with large roof space - could CPS give an incentive to businesses or "rent" that space for a solar farm?
- Please provide incentives for people to reduce usage by creating a fee schedule that increases when usage increases. "
- Green energy needs to be prioritized. Surplus money from CPS should go toward sustainable environmental efforts.
- The CPSE tree rebate does not apply fir trees planting on north side of house. We're not in the arctic; sun's path is to our north during summer. Please reconsider.
- Keep trying to educate customers even though many ignore facts and what is realistic.
- Gas is the most reliable form of energy production and its use should be maximized in San Antonio's ability to meet future demand.
- Environmental sustainable and reliable energy is the key for San Antonio residents.
- In choosing only 3 objectives in question #1 there should be no assumption that those not chosen are not important. Clearly CPS must be able to adjust rates to cover its cost of operations. So, having rates that are affordable to customers is subjective at best. But hopefully there will be a continuing effort to stress affordability while tending to the necessary practice of coving the cost of maintaining long-term operations.
- Climate change is an urgent global crisis. CPS must position itself to be part of the solution, not of the problem.
- Looked at our air quality lately? It's awful.
- It is of utmost importance that CPS provide reliable and consistent power during extreme weather events!
- "<https://e360.yale.edu/features/putting-solar-panels-atop-parking-lots-a-green-energy-solution>"
- Lower salaries of executives and remove bonuses from executives. Look into tidal and geothermal energy sources. Get rid of Ercot and get onto the national grid.
- You need better lightening, squirrel, and wind power failures.
- Building the most efficient combined cycle in the world here in San Antonio would be good if its cost effect not causing rates to go up. I would also not shut down Spruce 2 to keep the company well diversified especially during times of high gas prices like now. Affordability is more important than being green.
- The planet is going fast-----so decisions that will help slow down destruction are imperative-----we have to also help reduce usage in buildings and homes.
- I would like to see limits on growth within our region. We should try to limit growth spread so that we don't have to build so many new power stations in order to save our environment.
- Correct the mistakes and shortcoming that were the cause of most of us going without power in the 2021 storm. We were without electricity, 78259, at our property for 9 days. Our house dropped to 38°F inside. We need a reliable system to get power from some other areas that have power and shuffle it to those who don't have power. Our friends never lost power, but we were told they had essential service

close to them. NO, only a school within 3 miles. We on the other hand are within 1/2 to 3 miles of 3 fire stations and 2 hospitals. We didn't even get rolling power.

- I don't believe our planet is about to be destroyed by CO2.
- All energy sources are two edged. Blended is best. Current European situation along with the winter storm and general gas issues should indicate not to rely too heavily on natural gas. What happened to clean coal? Additionally, nuclear should not be taken off the table. Become a test bed for future technologies so to be ahead of the curve.
- Besides investments in solar and wind, use federal funds to increase efficiency in buildings and homes (primarily HVAC, but also battery-powered digital thermostats, gas-to-electric transition for things like ranges and water heaters, attic and wall insulation, and windows).
- The most important thing that CPS Energy goes away from fossil fuels.
- Clean air and climate responsibility are paramount. Accountability to City of San Antonio consumers is the next highest responsibility. I don't really care about rates to non-CoSA rate payers within the law. I'm fine with non-CoSA rate payers subsidizing rates to CoSA customers. Not a fan of all small suburban municipalities and outlying counties who don't want to pay taxes and coast on the backs of San Antonio tax payers and rate payers. Also, cut the fat on upper management. CPS Energy is wholly owned municipal utility. It's operating very much like a for profit utility with profits going to upper management salaries. This isn't ethical or acceptable.
- Raising rates on customers would do more harm than good. Everyone is struggling, it's no longer just low income families struggling to make ends meet. Due to inflation raising rates would further compromise not only customers but also Cps's ability to maintain service/reliability
- My neighborhood almost never had outages prior to the extreme winter storm resulting in the statewide crisis. Since that event we have had multiple outages lasting minutes to hours for no apparent reason such as weather or construction in the area. I don't understand this instability. It makes me worry that we aren't prepared for another extreme weather event.
- "Please stop pacifying the climate activists! These are the same people that show up and shout at every CPSE event and represent a very small percentage of the local ratepayers and harbor an extreme agenda. I can guess that most are likely to be collecting some type of compensation for doing so.
- The City of San Antonio needs CPSE to be reliable and accountable to the entire population.
- We need a blend of power, but we need RELIABLE power we can count on. This means some power sources that will work when the weather is dark and the wind doesn't blow. San Antonio needs to generate its own power. What a great thing to have power plants and support the city's bottom line!
- offer significant financial incentives for ratepayers to buy electric powered vehicles and hybrid EV/gas, and for installing rooftop solar panels or investing in community solar installations. Such improvements decrease the need for CPS to invest directly

in solar or wind generation. Also give incentives for defraying the cost of installing home recharge equipment for EV's. Any incentives would be in addition to federal or state income tax credits.

- CPS needs to prepare for electric vehicles and charging.
- "I like the fact that CPS Energy provides information to the community for utility assistance, partnered programs, how to reduce energy, community events, townhall meetings, etc. Thank you for being informative and transparent."
- I want my power to come from clean sources, backed by scientific research and evidence. We need a more robust infrastructure (including power delivery systems) that can handle our growth and the increased risk of climate change related weather conditions.
- Need industries to pay the same rate structure as residential and then they will reduce their consumption. Residents should not carry the burden for businesses with respect to the rate structure. Public relations, do more with the community.
- Consumers need valid, current and applicable info for decision-making.
- When I drive interstate 35 to downtown, the highway overpass lets me look down on the flat, hot, sun-soaked rooftops of large businesses and warehouses. These rooftops would be perfect for solar panels! Could CPS please make an outreach program to encourage businesses to place solar panels on appropriate rooftops? It would be a win-win-win for the business owners, for Energy production for CPS and cleaner air for San Antonians.
- Focus on making energy reliable and at a lower cost rather than raising salaries of the CEO and others.
- Better website or app to report outages or lights out and take responsibility to properly maintain and be proactive about maintaining street and highway lights.
- It would be great if CPS Had an unbiased committee formed to provide Transparency and accountability.
- thank you for everything you guys do!
- Thank you for the opportunity to educate me! Keep up the good work!
- great event, loved it
- No fracked gas.
- CPS continuing to encourage rebates for energy efficient installations or energy efficient building envelope improvements(windows, attic insulation, etc) should also be a consideration that remains at the top. I've evaluated residential solar and the payback options at their current rates do not make sense for my situation, but it's appreciated that CPS still offers the rebates; I believe contractors may be pocketing the difference which may be why the payback is not appealing. Has CPS taken into the account for more electric vehicle charging requirements that are coming; new homes constructed now require the provision for electric vehicle car charging on homes and this should be an additional factor to evaluate long term energy needs for our community. Thank you for the survey opportunity and continuing to improve our community. Have a great Holiday season!

- It is extremely reckless to cut out traditional, reliable energy sources and replace them with a source that hasn't yet proved reliable. Thank you.
- We need a healthy amount of traditional, higher-density energy sources in our generating capacity so that when the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine, we still have a reliable and affordable energy supply to power our homes and businesses.
- Please be cautious and prudent.
- We need to prepare for the unexpected and only a blended strategy will help ensure you are able to most consistently meet demands during extreme crisis. While we were fortunate to have a fireplace for heat during "Snowmageddon", plenty of our neighbors did not.
- Be smarter than California and the West Coast. Don't be foolish and make bad decisions that will affect our quality of life. We will ALWAYS need a BLEND. Don't let woke craziness be part of any decision making.
- Please utilize a healthy amount of traditional, higher-density energy sources so that when the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine, we still have a reliable and affordable energy supply to power our homes and businesses.
- I think that the word "FAIR" is important. So, CPS gets fairly paid for its operation costs, customers are billed fairly so its affordable, and we are fair to our world by including environmentally safe technologies. When adjective FAIR is part of the goal, things are better for the different parties in the equation.
- I could care less about the Green New Deal, it is silly and done by dumb people. Stop bending over to the "Woke". Provide reasonable costs to citizens while utilizing useful and sustainable resources doing it. Not a single penny is added to citizens in their monthly billing.
- We need a healthy amount of traditional, higher-density energy sources in our generating capacity so that when the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine, we still have a reliable and affordable energy supply to power our homes and businesses.
- I believe we need a well-diversified energy plan. Storing energy has limitations and you cannot safely predict the elements. Also, having reliable and affordable energy for our homes and businesses is necessary when prices on almost everything else is skyrocketing.
- Stay diversified, this will benefit our communities and surrounding areas.
- The United States is 2nd largest producer on liquid natural gas in the world. We should focus on the fact the rest of the world already knows. Use the available resources we have here at home first before importing other less reliable methods.
- A blended portfolio that doesn't financially constrain CPS Energy and its customers (residential and commercial).
- After moving to Texas from Illinois I'm shocked at how fragile and the power infrastructure is here. While Illinois is probably the worst run state in America, their power was reliable even though extreme weather situations intense cold or heat.for the 50 years I lived there.

- Discuss how CPS determine pay scale for executives? you know, the ones that were BONUSED after snowmageddon? especially, after taking direction from Gov Abbott to misrepresent the upgrades/updates/state of readiness for TX grid (during inclement weather).
- Time to catch up with the rest of the world on technology and stop giving false information to people who don't read or understand. Keep politics out and stop lining abbot's and cruz's pockets.
- Natural gas is an abundant and reliable source of energy. Wind and Solar is less reliable. Let's use what works and stop toying with wind and solar power.
- Incentivize micro grids on existing residential and commercial roof tops.
- CPS Energy is doing a good job providing power at an affordable price.
- "Please take the climate crisis seriously. We also need to prevent another blackout like in February 2021"
- A strong and well-funded public information program will be essential to garner support for a move to a mix or change from the status quo.
- Has anyone at CPS done any serious, realistic research into the silliness of battery storage? If they were honest about batteries they would disregard it because it is neither sustainable nor is it practical. Worse, there is nothing environmentally friendly or green about batteries. Why not look into what the U.S. Navy does to power its aircraft carriers? It's called Small Modular Reactors.
- Stranded asserts are not a reason to pollute and continue to use fossil fuels. Going green should be your highest priority.
- We need to consider more than just the cost of the energy that is generated, such as cost of negative health impacts from increasing heat, as well as from polluted air.
- Stick with gas and coal and continue to upgrade wind and solar. The technology isn't ready to handle the full load.
- Wind and solar power are not reliable (especially during extreme weather events). Keep using and investing in natural gas for power.
- CPS is a great utility and well run. San Antonio is fortunate to have CPS.
- Something must be done now to control the uncollectables individuals must select their priorities. The other ratepayers are burdened to cover this.
- Pls include true holistic data for energy generation. Availability. Viability. Efficiency. Portability. Resiliency. Sustainability. Refurbishment. True overall emissions impact.
- I would like more education, or at least peace of mind that our grid will not experience a massive failure as it did years ago. We understand why it happened, but i need to know what confidence we should have in our own infrastructure.
- We need a healthy amount of traditional, higher density energy sources in our generating capacity so that when the wind and sun does not shine, we still have a reliable and affordable energy supply to power our homes and businesses.
- "First of all, I get emails from CPE Energy all the time, and yet, I had not seen this survey come through. I had to find out about it through a friend. Very disappointing. If the sun isn't shining and the wind isn't blowing, I'd still like to power my home at an

affordable cost. It's as simple as that. Perhaps you can shift some executive bonuses to use for experimentation; don't use my money."

- Reducing usage through efficiencies is a customer/individual level solution that does not address industry and corporate level responsibility to design, build, and implement energy-efficient products and services.
- We have a growing population. Clean energy is great, but we need DEPENDABLE energy too. Lives are literally on the line and if our grid goes down or energy costs skyrocket - we will lose neighbors. This is not strictly an economic argument anymore. Green has gone too far and has proven itself to not be dependable enough in a crunch. We must have a balanced portfolio - not an ideological portfolio.
- I picked efficiency over blend in the previous question, due to my assumption that dollar for dollar, efficiency will give our community the biggest and fastest return on investment.
- Why is there only ONE energy company providing service in San Antonio? Does that not constitute a monopoly? Competition would be good for the citizens of San Antonio? What has ERCOT done to improve service in case there is a repeat of February, 2021? And do the board members now live in Texas?
- Are you still going to put in storage batteries on the property 5 acres off of Ansley Blvd?
- Any windmill farms need to have the weatherization piece to prevent freezing. Winterization of CPS-owned assets need to be winterized. City hall gets a ton of money from CPS--They need to give some back to winterize.
- "Set a fixed rate No more surprises because we don't know what the file change or other fees will be. Stop giving money to the city. Either lower rates...refund or invest in new coal and nuke plants."
- CPS rates need to continue to be managed with attracting new businesses and retaining existing businesses as a goal. Economic growth will continue by keeping the community's utility availability, reliable and affordable, to not only consumers but businesses as well. With economic growth, opportunities will continue to present themselves for both consumers and businesses.
- We need to go back to producing energy and not buying to sell. You are at the mercy of what's available to buy and at the owners source availability's.
- We need a reliable and affordable mix of power generation to ensure plentiful power that can meet our city's needs.
- We don't support the unreliable, and environmentally damaging, wind and solar projects being driven by various political groups.
- "If you're going to survey customers, don't word questions to get the answer you want. I am most concerned with the inherent politization of the ERCOT power grid, of which I was completely unaware until February 2021. Being without power for 3+ days was a frightening and sobering experience which I will never forget. I live alone, was 74 at the time, and was recovering from the first surgery of my life and waiting for another (not counting the births of my four children). Please please work to ensure the 'grid' and CPS will be able to provide necessary power in the future! And

PS I am happy to participate in 'lower your energy use' days directed by CPS to help conserve. I don't use nearly the energy we did when I was growing up or even 10 or 20 years ago. "

- Better keep our power on from now on. Update equipment and protect it from domestic threats and weather issues. Keep excess reserves for worst case scenarios
- I would like to see more/better incentives for solar on the home. The sell back rate for Solar should match the buy rate.
- ""Demand response"" is the latest buzzword in the Bitcoin/energy markets. In summary it means the following:
  - Consider all options with the least impact of damaging our environment and that will deliver reliable energy.
  - Other issues I would like to see some discussion on are power distribution decentralization strategies, fuel and solar cells, energy storage. Thank you.
- Continuing to build facilities that are dependent on fossil fuels will result in building a power infrastructure that will soon be out of date. Delaying movement to non-fossil fuel technology will only increase the long-term, capital cost that ratepayers will have to incur.
- Sustainable and efficient usage is needed!
- Please stop weatherization/efficiency programs. In my opinion, they only benefit the companies contracted to do the work. The actual homeowners benefit very little. The money would be better spent on reducing usage.
- P2 is a better plan than P9. Natural gas is much cleaner than coal and more reliable than wind. In the past month I drove to Arlington and Tyler and saw many wind turbines that were not moving and generation electricity.
- I have been very disappointed that I cannot sign up for a San Antonio solar farm. Also very disappointed in flippant manner in which CPS employees have addressed me when I have made inquiries about same--no information available, no one who can provide information, just check back every day on CPS website, etc. Not acceptable :o(
- Rooftop solar should be part of the mix and the \$2,500 incentive for installation should be continued to encourage a resilient grid that includes production by individual houses.
- I think that CPS should have more customer input. It is after all a publicly owned utility.
- Support solar power for homes and help people getting them will help the grid big time and will benefit the people and the city
- Too much money spent on undependable green energy when natural gas is available for use. Upgrade our fossil fuel plants. One day green energy may work but it is no where near that time at present.
- Continued communication with customers has been an excellent improvement in my opinion.



- Wind turbines along I-35, I-37, I-10, Loop 1604 to use wind generated by traffic to offset and reduce carbon emissions.
- Implement solar steam generator power plants and local solar steam generators (facility based) for city and county.
- Rates are running people out of their homes
- I'm interest in having sufficient electricity available at all times. Wind and solar should only be used as emergency backup when CPS has an issue with one of the gas/coal plants.
- We need a resident solar agreement similar to Virginia where residents can supply energy to the grid and retrieve it at No additional cost. This is the future of power generation and will happen eventually. We are in the best place in the US to make sure of this.
- Perhaps implement some of Nikola Teslas inventions to further expand power capabilities.
- I would like to see more investment into solar, wind, and battery storage solutions for our energy sources so we are less reliant on coal and oil. I also hope to see existing utility-owned coal plants to be converted to geothermal plants, or natural gas as a last resort.
- Need to leave coal plants intact and replace aging gas plants with newer ones
- The cost of energy will continue to increase as time goes on. CPS should not have to take loses because customers cannot pay for utilities. Other sources should be the Federal Gov or other organizations that are engaged in charity for the lower income.
- I totally bit when Solar was offered. I couldn't wait to have solar panels and benefit from the sun. How unsettling it has been to see that for a few months I was rewarded with some significant reduction in my electric bill. Note I said for a few months. What I have been shocked over is the suffering I am having to pay for my awareness of mother nature and her offerings. That was Mother Nature - not CPS. I am a single senior citizen and am unemployed due to a brain injury. I rely on my Social Security benefits to feed myself and provide roof over my head. CPS relies on my Social Security as well. My problem is that I have to continue to pay them for their folly. It is a disgrace to have complied with a new opportunity only to be burned by it. Shame on me for covering my house in solar!
- When someone applies for assistance because they are in DIRE need, ANSWER them - don't leave them wondering if they were approved or not!
- On edge during the cold months I know this state is not used to the type of conditions we've dealt with in the past few years but it is no excuse to be left in the dark
- CPS energy should be cost efficient, reliable and come from all available sources that meets good customer service. Keep cost down, treat your employees and customers with respect.
- CPS, if you're not willing to offer real solutions for the upcoming energy needs of our beloved community, just say so now. Sunset your aging or less-popular assets, and

focus on maintaining some generation capabilities strictly as a merchant supplier and transmission company to satisfy your debt requirements and pensions. Otherwise, man up and have some REAL discussions about what you wanna be now that you're all growed-up. Because this is officially your midlife crisis: will you go out with a whimper or seize this moment to refocus your priorities and revisit your mission statement as you serve "the Mission City." In a town with so many energy companies and professionals I strongly encourage you to seek guidance from outside the organization (NOT consulting firms that are paid to stroke your egos!!) to identify & implement some best practices before City Council takes it upon themselves to review your charter.

- Its a fact that Natural Gas is plentiful, typically affordable, and clean burning. With that said, I feel that Natural Gas should not be withheld from our use to generate power for our city and community. Personally, I have always had Natural Gas in my home and I would not have it any other way.
- "It's important to me that CPS ensure customers are provided consistent power through all weather conditions. If the current grids aren't available for forth coming growth of the city/county then the CPS oversight needs to ensure city/county members are advised. The current prior 20 years growth has impacted power grid negatively. Also if a customer uses less power then the average base they should receive a discount for good power energy conservation. The reverse is also true, charge customers more based on their higher energy use. Minimize CPS performance awards to meet government COLAs. Stop offering tax rebates to bring in new businesses. "
- "I owe \$22k on my solar system installed in my home. Education is key. When to take advantage of the sun to wash dry clothes etc. provide cheaper battery backups for current solar owners would be great "
- "This idea might seem silly, but go with me here... :0) I would be interested in a better PR campaign for wind energy. Get a PR company to help you with marketing that makes it possible to symbolically ""adopt"" a wind turbine to invest in Texas' future. The customer pitches in with others from around the state and your name is on that turbine forever on a little plaque. A high school group could raise money together, an Optimist/Lions/Kiwanis group, a Boy Scout pack, etc. Make the increments like \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000, etc. This makes it a fun, approachable way to invest. Do the same thing with solar panels.
- Make residential solar more affordable especially for seniors.
- No need for climate panic. Even the IPCC says so.
- Don't be so quick to close Calavaras. Clean up the Coal burning.
- I am 80 years old. Lived in SA all my life. CPS has done a great job. Keep going!
- It would be nice if everyone could get the commercial rate. Does the City own you and if so when did that happen.
- "Make public solar panels option for home owners. Ie credits, installation partners, best installers "

- "How is baseload geothermal, with or without utilizing microgrids, a part of this discussion, particularly when decommissioning a coal plant? While geothermal LCOE does exceed gas combined-cycle plants, it's not by much. (<https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy21osti/78291.pdf>) And LCOE is inappropriate as a policy tool because it does not capture the cost of externalities, system integration costs, and subsidies cost. With geothermal installed, it will provide a steady and predictable ROI. And as with any technology, costs are expected to fall as it is more developed and thermal storage included. Especially in Texas, geothermal needs to be in the discussion because similar skills and expertise required for geothermal are the same as in the oil and gas industry. So workforce impact risks can perhaps also be reduced. Below are additional links for your reference. I have many more feel free to contact me if interested.
- [https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2021-06/ARMA\\_Hamm%202021.pdf](https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2021-06/ARMA_Hamm%202021.pdf) (i.e. <https://youtu.be/3cNO2cR5Azk>)
- need to have reliable generating units (coal and gas) that can consistently operate at a capacity factor of 85%+, not at 22-25% for solar or 35-40% for wind.
- the health of the grid continues to be of concern, as does the independence of all of Texas and its exclusion from the greater United States. Reassurance of the continued improvement of the system in the face of a changing climate is vital to consumers. Is it possible to be included in the greater US grid going forward? Thank you for the survey and your engagement with the community.
- I have 2 electric vehicles. It now costs way too much to charge my car anywhere except my driveway anymore. In my opinion, part of Powering Our Future is figuring out how to support people trying to cut down on vehicle emissions.
- Can we look at projects to invest in development of intelligent power grids and utilize federal grants available from federal government IIJA and IRA programs? Significant amount of money in those programs for grid development.
- Abandon the grid and go to localized (neighborhood) energy generation. This will also reduce the risk of outside forces disabling the community as a whole.
- Rates should be based on usage. If one uses more during a non busy hour then we should get a discount. Also those able to have solar panels should receive more money as a monthly rebate the more energy they give back to the grid
- Thank you for providing this service. First one I've been involved with!!
- Please harden the substations to avoid the problem caused by criminals in South Carolina this past week.
- "When you purchase gas from the middle market there should be a way to know where that gas has originated and how environmentally friendly the production has been. This is most important and I am disappointed that attention has not been focused there. CPS should require the middle market to verify that the gas is being produced without flaring methane. Methane is the most harmful emission from oil and gas wells."
- Natural resources such as natural gas and coal have proven to be more reliable than other means such as wind turbines. I hope Texas continues to rely on the more

natural resources. Newer ideas have been proven to not be very reliable. take the freeze of 2021 and power outage for 4-5 days straight that occurred. Reliance was on wind turbines. the millions who pay for power each and every month should not have to worry about power outages given the fact that Texas has all the resources it needs to sustain power and then some.

- Cps needs to diversify the power generation, needs nuclear , wind ,solar and ?
- cps Energy needs to build more power plants to keep cheaper and reliable energy.
- If we make choices on how we generate electricity based on local workforce impact and local economic impact the world and climate is lost. We should not be making short-sighted decisions or we will never make progress as a society. CPS's job should be to make responsible decisions not generate jobs. If you cant do that then San Antonio should not have city own monopoly in charge of our electricity.
- I would like to see Community Solar reintroduced for people in the community that are unable to have solar installed on their domicile.
- Mitigating climate change is, objectively, several orders of magnitude more important than all other considerations combined.
- Solar and wind turbines are an ecological disaster harming wildlife habitat, killing migratory birds and bats my the millions annually. Additionally, disposal of lithium ion batteries, solar panels and wind turbines is a known environmental disaster not being discussed.
- I am only interested in solar, wind, and geothermal energy. I vote green we have the capability we both know this. There is no other planet to flee to. Act now!
- I recently had a bad experience with CPS in regards to not enough staff to meet customers needs
- Get away from the goal of “ever increasing revenue to the city no matter what” and try to get rates comparable to nearby cooperatives.
- The generation mix should be based upon good business decisions and not emotional issues.
- Conservation is a concern. I note that even in a summer when I am subjected to many "Rush Hours" to enable CPS to meet demand, there are businesses running AC with open doors. Can't CPS restrict or discourage this practice, in the same way that SAWS restricts water use during periods of drought? Perhaps discourage it by drawing attention to it, as a minimum?
- Help make residential solar more affordable so home owners can be part of the grid and part of the solution. I have enough roof space with good sun to provide for my needs and yard space to add ground mounted panels to provide power to the grid. Just can't afford to get started with panels.
- Coal is efficient, clean and knexpensive
- i belive cps has done good , great throughout the years and will keep on evaluate strengths that will build way into the future its up to you board of trustees , managment that as our city of san antonio tho all see the importance Challenges .and Rember buy you words cust remain king and cps become a grandmaster