

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING

February 12, 2026

9:30 AM

The ARPA Operating Committee met at the Otero College Student Center at 9:30 AM on February 12, 2026. Committee members in attendance included Chris Arguello (La Junta), Houssin Hourieh (Lamar), Randy Holland (Holly), and Heath Piper (Springfield). Joe La Salle (La Junta), Linda Vigil and Paul Cordova (Trinidad) and ARPA staff members Rigel, Ritter and Morris were also in attendance.

Call to order: Chairman Hourieh called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM.

Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved as received.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting on October 16, 2025. The minutes of the meeting held on October 16 were approved as presented.

Operating Committee Member Reports. a. General Operations. The Committee received pages from the December (2025) Operating Report showing each member's year-to-date kwh sales, demand, energy, and cost. Rick provided a brief report with some key updates. The report included: average revenue compared to 2024; energy sales and coincidental peak demands, with comparisons to both last year and the budget, and the avoided cost rate for December 2025 and 2024. The members each reported on their operations.

Safety One-Schedule Training Demonstration on Self-Rescue Equipment. Rick updated the Committee on his communication with the Safety One representatives. Safety One will be providing training on the self-rescue kits at no charge. Staff will propose several dates in June to hold this training in conjunction with the bucket truck and pole-top rescue training sessions.

Discussion on TextPower (ARCOS) Use. The contract with ARCOS comes up for renewal on June 1. The members were asked if they do not intend to use the service to let staff know before May 1, as it will influence the renewal process.

Update on Proposed Solar Installations. a. General Update. Rick provided an update on the solar installations. He also reported that Sandhill's representatives will attend the February 26 meeting by ZOOM to provide an update. **b. Discussion on Distribution System Infrastructure Improvements.** Staff is following up with Western United to obtain a delivery date for the GOAB switches.

Update on Grid Resiliency Grant Opportunities. ARPA terminated its contract with The Ferguson Group. The DOE has not issued a Federal Register Notice (FRN) or Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the GRIP program.

Use of Guzman Funds for 2026 (\$10,000). The Operating Committee members are asked to consider potential uses for the Guzman funds in 2026.

Review of Annual Resource Adequacy Report. HB23-1309 requires LSE (Load Serving Entities) to submit a “Resource Adequacy” report to governing bodies on an annual basis. The Committee members received a copy of ARPA’s Resource Adequacy report for 2026. The ARPA Board will consider approval of the Resource Adequacy report at its February 26 meeting. Upon approval of the Report, ARPA members will be asked to submit letters to the Energy Office designating ARPA as their reporting entity.

Miscellaneous. *Lineworkers Appreciation Day.* It was announced at the recent CAMU meeting that there is a Lineworkers Appreciation Day that will be held at the Colorado Capital building on either April 16 or April 17. Staff will let the members know as soon as the dates are finalized. All lineworkers are invited to attend. *Energy Outreach Colorado.* Rick shared with the Committee some programs offered through Energy Outreach Colorado such as the bill payment assistance.

a. Report on CSU Purchasing Option. The Members were reminded of the option to purchase materials from CSU such as cable, rubber goods, etc. If there is any interest staff will contact CSU.

b. Legislative Report. *Residential Solar Consumer Protection Legislation.* Rick briefed the Committee on some new legislation applicable to solar companies that will take effect on July 1, 2026.

c. Additional Training Options – Discussion. There was no discussion.

d. Meet and Greet for General Manager Candidate. A Meet and Greet work session with a candidate for ARPA’s next general manager will be held prior to the ARPA Board meeting on February 26 from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM. The Operating Committee members were encouraged to attend.

Next Meeting Date. The next meeting date, May 14, 2026.

Adjourn. The meeting concluded at 11:19 AM.


Submitted by Houssin Hourieh, Chairman