

## Issue of the Week: PRPA Integrated Resource Plan

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### What is the issue?

Every 3 to 5 years, Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) adopts an integrated resource plan (IRP) as a critical tool for ensuring an adequate supply of reliable, fiscally responsible and environmentally responsible electricity to meet the future needs of its four owner communities (Fort Collins, Loveland Longmont and Estes Park).

### Why is it important to business?

Cost effective generation and reliable distribution of energy is an essential factor in the economic viability of Fort Collins, our region, and the quality of life of our community.

### How does it affect business?

Service decisions, operations, and strategies pursued by the local municipal utility are largely influenced by PRPA, as the sole source of electric power generation and distribution. PRPA also establishes the base rate for electricity, to which additional charges are layered by the municipal utility for local initiatives and services. As well, reliable electric service is often listed as a high priority within the business community.

**Business's Role:** The process for developing the 2025 IRP is scheduled to begin in 2024. The business community will be called upon to provide input to PRPA. With very loud voices encouraging a faster transition to renewable energy sources, the business community will need to assert a higher priority for system reliability and implementation of proven, cost-effective technologies within the plan.

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