

Public Service Company of Colorado 2025 Near-Term Procurement RFP

Overview of Holy Cross Energy

Founded in 1939, Holy Cross Energy (HCE) is a not-for-profit rural electric co-op that provides safe, reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy and services that improve the quality of life for HCE members in western Colorado. HCE was built by a group of farmers and ranchers in an effort to bring electric services to rural areas. It belongs to the diverse communities and member-owners that it serves.

Introduction

After Public Service's resource portfolio from the 2025 Near-Term Procurement RFP (NTP RFP) is approved by the Commission, Holy Cross Energy may select resources from the bids submitted to this RFP to replace some or all of its 60 MW Comanche 3 capacity entitlement. In 2012, HCE took an 8% ownership stake in Public Service Company of Colorado's (PSCo) newly built 750 MW Comanche 3 supercritical coal-fired power plant. HCE is looking for replacement capacity and energy for when the unit retires, and will evaluate contracting for resources that come online ahead of the Comanche 3 retirement date in accordance with the target commercial operation dates outlined in the NTP RFP.

Resources Sought by Holy Cross Energy

HCE seeks to acquire up to 60 MW (accredited) of resources consistent with one of the following categories:

- Renewable energy or hybrid project capacity
- Winter only renewable energy or hybrid project capacity (specifically for the months of November through February), on a unit contingent or structured product basis
- Firm dispatchable generation (e.g., energy storage) capacity that will be evaluated based on operational capabilities and contributions to resource adequacy.

All resources that HCE evaluates must be directly interconnected to the PSCo transmission system. HCE will only consider proposals for Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and will not consider ownership.

RFP Communication

The primary point of contact for all communications for the NTP RFP and potential bidders is the PSCo RFP Project Manager. They may be contacted at PSCo2025NTP@XcelEnergy.com.