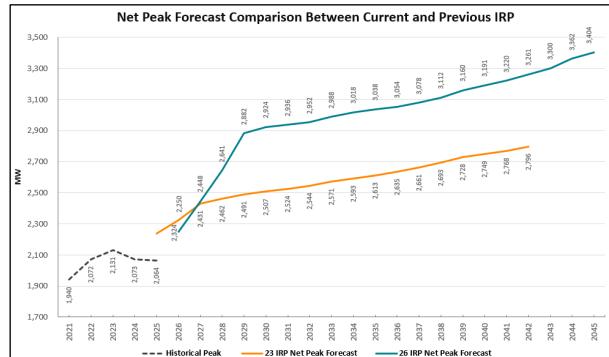


# Forecasts used in PNM's IRP

## Load Forecast

### What is PNM's load?

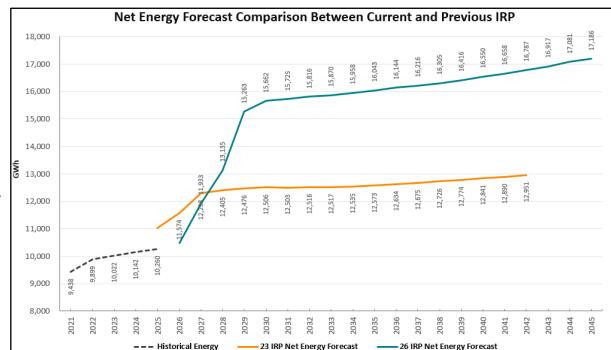


### Demand (kW or MW) *maximum power needed*

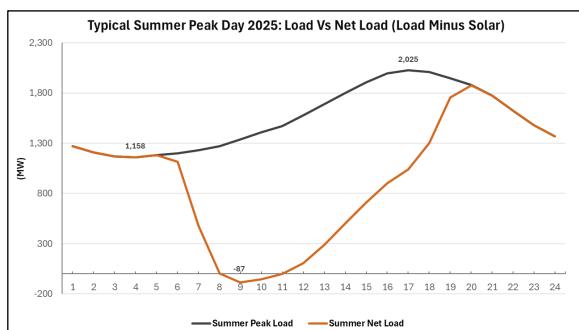
- Highest demands occur in summer months
- Forecast Summer Peak is typically used to determine reserve margin

### Energy (kWh or MWh or GWh) *electricity consumed over time*

- Typically drives the type of generation
- Highest energy uses occurs in summer months

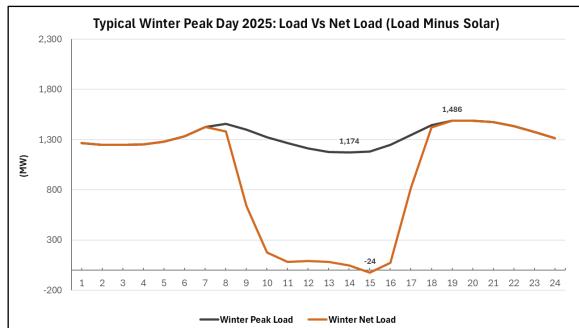


## How does PNM's forecast differ by season?



### Summer Peak:

- Summer peak drives the need for capacity and reserves
- Can be extreme
- Solar generation on the system requires PNM to respond to intermittent weather patterns



### Winter Peak:

- Secondary importance; but still essential
- Solar generation on the system impacts less during winter months

## What impacts the load forecast?

- PV forecast - separate forecast that lowers system IRP forecast for both demand and energy
- EE forecast - separate forecast, serves to reduce the load/energy requirements (various treatment options within IRP)
- EV/TOU – forecast of customer usage
- Economic Development/Growth - increases the load/energy requirements
- DR - programs that can reduce peak capacity requirements
- Amount of Weather History Considered

## Major impacts to 2026 IRP load forecast

### Economic Development Requests:

- 2021<sup>1</sup> (1,746 MW) – 15% Data Center, 51% Manufacturing, 34% Other
- 2022 (2,497 MW) – 18% Data Center, 49% Manufacturing, 33% Other
- 2023 (2,308 MW) – 27% Data Center, 38% Manufacturing, 35% Other
- 2024 (4,166 MW) – 39% Data Center, 34% Manufacturing, 27% Other
- 2025 (5,321 MW) – 47% Data Center, 30% Manufacturing, 24% Other

<sup>1</sup>2021 figures are based on a 7-month average due to limited data.

### Projects by Phase, December 2025:

- Phases 1-3 (1,615 MW) – 88% Data Center, 8% Manufacturing, 4% Other
- Phase 4 (4 MW) – 0% Data Center, 0% Manufacturing, 100% Other
- Phase 5-6 (1,792 MW) – 98% Data Center, 1% Manufacturing, 1% Other

### Typical Project Timeframes:

- T/D Construction Scenarios at Economic Development Certified Sites
  - Average Timeline to Serve a 5 MW Load – 17 months
  - Average Timeline to Serve 10 MW Load – 20 months
  - Average Timeline to Serve a 50 MW Load – 26 months
- Generation Resource Acquisition – Up to 60 months
- Typical Economic Development Project Timeline to Energization – 6-18 months<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup>Based on responses to Area Development's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Corporate & 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Consultants Surveys (2025).

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## Market Based Forecasts

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### Fuel Price Forecasts

- Projection of fuel prices for coal, uranium, natural gas or hydrogen for thermal generators
- Used in modeling to estimate the fuel cost of fossil fired resources

### Wholesale Electric Price Forecast

- Estimate of future wholesale electricity prices
- Used in modeling to optimize the overall cost of the portfolio by allowing market purchases or sales of excess generation