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Mark A. Gabriel is Administrator and CEO of the Western Area Power Administration, one of four power marketing administrations under the Department of Energy. As such, he reports directly to the Assistant Secretary of the DOE's Office of Electricity. Gabriel manages the nonprofit federal organization, which markets and delivers low-cost federal hydropower from 57 hydroelectric plants to wholesale customers. He also serves as one of 30 CEOs on the Electricity Subsector Coordination Council for the North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

WAPA's footprint spans 1.3 million square miles across 15 states, serving nearly 700 customers, including rural electric cooperatives, municipal entities, more than 90 Native American tribes and a host of irrigation districts and public power entities. Of those customers, 42 are federal agencies who vary in mission, size and scope from DOE laboratories to NASA to more than 40 Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine installations under 24 contracts. WAPA's customers, in turn, provide federal hydropower to more than 40 million Americans every year. To fulfill the essential parts of its federal mission, WAPA's more than 1,400 employees manage 17,231 circuit-miles of transmission, 322 substations and 114,000 structures.

Gabriel brings a wealth of electric utility industry experience. Career highlights include executive roles at Black & Veatch Management Consulting and the Electric Power Research Institute, where he served as acting President for EPRI Traditional and Client Relations and as the Global Marketing Officer. While at EPRI, he led the nationwide collaborative effort titled *The Electricity Sector Framework for the Future*.

He also served as CEO and President of the energy management consulting firm Power Pundits LLC, Senior Vice President for Energy for the national engineering consulting firm R.W. Beck, and CEO of Positive Energy Directions.

Gabriel is a popular speaker and award-winning author. His book, *Visions for a Sustainable Energy Future*, won the 2009 Indie Excellence Award for environmental writing. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Fordham University in New York and completed the coursework for a master's degree in administration and management from Saint Michael's College in Vermont.