

# Biography

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION



## **JODY SUNDSTED**

Senior Vice President and Regional Manager  
Upper Great Plains  
Western Area Power Administration

Jody Sundsted was appointed senior vice president and Upper Great Plains regional manager for Western Area Power Administration in January 2018.

As the UGP regional manager located in Billings, Montana, Sundsted leads more than 340 employees across Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota in serving customers with cost-based federal hydropower. UGP markets more than 2,600 megawatts of firm federal hydropower in a six-state area across almost 8,000 miles of WAPA-owned transmission

line to 339 customers. This power is generated at Yellowtail Powerplant on the Bighorn River in Montana and the seven Missouri River main stem dams in Montana and the Dakotas.

Sundsted began his federal career in 1985, joining WAPA as a general engineer. Before becoming the regional manager, Sundsted served as the vice president of UGP Power Marketing from 2008. In this role, he was instrumental in UGP's effort to join Southwestern Power Pool's regional transmission organization on Oct. 1, 2015, which has resulted in an annual cost savings to customers exceeding \$11.5 million. Previously, Sundsted was UGP's financial manager, and held positions in Contracts and Rates divisions of the Power Marketing office.

A native of Montana, Sundsted holds a bachelor's degree in industrial and management engineering from Montana State University.