



Department of Energy
Western Area Power Administration

Dear Customers and Other Interested Parties:

On October 12, 2017, Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) published the attached *Federal Register* notice (Notice), Volume 82, No. 196, Page No. 47505, entitled “Recommendation for the Western Area Power Administration Loveland Area Projects and Colorado River Storage Project to Pursue Final Negotiations Regarding Membership in a Regional Transmission Organization.” In a June 26, 2017, letter, WAPA informed customers it would proceed with the publication of the Notice, host informational forums, and provide a public comment period if WAPA was able to resolve several key issues with other Mountain West Transmission Group participants.

WAPA is seeking public comment from its customers, Native American tribes, stakeholders, and the public on the substance of WAPA’s recommendation to pursue final negotiations regarding Loveland Area Projects (LAP) and Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) membership in the Southwest Power Pool, a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO). Any decision to pursue implementation of the recommendation will be posted to WAPA’s Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) and CRSP Management Center websites at:

<https://www.wapa.gov/regions/rm>

<https://www.wapa.gov/regions/crsp>

WAPA will host a forum that includes a detailed explanation of the recommendation for LAP and provides customers, other interested parties and the public an opportunity to comment. You are invited to join us:

November 9, 2017
1 p.m. to no later than 5 p.m., MST
Embassy Suites Loveland Hotel & Conference Center
4705 Clydesdale Parkway
Loveland, CO 80538

If you plan to attend the LAP forum, please e-mail langenberger@wapa.gov with your name (or names of attendees), organization, and contact information.

WAPA will host a forum that includes a detailed explanation of the recommendation for CRSP and provides customers, other interested parties and the public an opportunity to comment. You are invited to join us:

November 9, 2017
10 a.m. to no later than 2 p.m., MST
Western Area Power Administration
Desert Southwest Region Office
615 S. 43rd Ave.
Phoenix, Arizona 85009

November 14, 2017
10 a.m. to no later than 2 p.m., MST
Western Area Power Administration
Salt Lake City Office
299 South Main Street, Suite 200
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

If you plan to attend one of the CRSP forums, please e-mail pwicks@wapa.gov with your name (or names of attendees), organization, contact information, and the meeting you plan to attend. An RSVP is required to meet WAPA's security requirements for participants. If you are a foreign national, email pwicks@wapa.gov right away to start the approval process under DOE regulations regarding access to a government facility.

A decision to pursue the recommendation outlined in the Notice will be informed by comments received. The 45-day public comment period closes November 27, 2017.

For more information, related documents and guidance for submitting a comment, please refer to the WAPA RMR and WAPA CRSP Management Center websites referenced above.

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