



**Department of Energy**  
Western Area Power Administration

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Dear Customers and Other Interested Parties:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 45-day comment period or attended an information forum as part of Western Area Power Administration's Mountain West outreach process. Although the regulatory requirements WAPA follows for public processes, such as those that apply to ratemaking, do not apply, WAPA engaged in this effort for customer outreach and to obtain stakeholder input.

The staff reviewed and responded to input received regarding the recommendation for WAPA's Loveland Area Projects (LAP) and Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) to pursue negotiations regarding membership in the Southwest Power Pool regional transmission organization. Stakeholders submitted 15 letters that encompassed more than 100 questions and comments. The comments received and WAPA responses are available on the [Mountain West Public Process website](#).

The comments submitted, as well as analysis of near- and long-term reliability and economic benefits for customers will help inform WAPA's decision about whether or not to proceed to final negotiations with the SPP for LAP and CRSP membership. The decision is expected in early 2018. Visit the website for more information and to see the recommendation report and presentation given at the forums.

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