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Mountain West announces next step to potential SPP membership

The Mountain West Transmission Group announced today that it has completed initial discussions with the Southwest Power Pool's management team, concerning membership in SPP's regional transmission organization. Through these discussions, Mountain West has determined that membership in SPP would provide opportunities to reduce customer costs, and maximize the use of resources and the grid. Mountain West intends to commence negotiations with SPP through a public stakeholder process next month, to begin with meetings on Oct. 13, in Denver, and Oct. 16, in Little Rock.

WAPA has been exploring participation of its Loveland Area Projects (LAP) and Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) in an RTO through discussions with the Mountain West participants. While not a decision to join SPP, this is a step toward potential membership and will initiate SPP's public stakeholder process. Concurrently, WAPA will hold a public process for collecting comments from customers and interested parties. WAPA will publish a *Federal Register* Notice to initiate the process. The comments received will help inform a decision about whether RTO membership and market participation will provide long-term value to WAPA's CRSP and LAP customers amid a rapidly changing industry.

The Mountain West initiative means shared success for WAPA and its customers. As the only federal participant in Mountain West, WAPA continues to facilitate the development of mutually beneficial partnerships, in alignment with WAPA's mission and Strategic Roadmap 2024.

More information

- Read the [Mountain West news release](#)
- Get background information about the initiative on the [Mountain West webpage](#)

If you have questions or would like additional information, please reach out to [Dave Neumayer](#) or [Parker Wicks](#).

Best Regards,
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