



Department of Energy
Western Area Power Administration

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Dear Loveland Area Projects and Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects customers:

Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) has been exploring participation of the Loveland Area Projects (LAP) and Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) in a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) through discussions with other interconnected transmission owners in the region, known collectively as the Mountain West Transmission Group (Mountain West).

Mountain West participants have reached consensus to further investigate and pursue in-depth discussions with the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) regarding each participant's potential membership in SPP, including participation in SPP's Integrated Marketplace. In the event these discussions with SPP are unsuccessful, the participants may pursue similar discussions with either Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. or PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. or both.

Please note, these discussions with SPP are preliminary and no decisions regarding membership have been made at this time. WAPA has a number of significant issues to discuss with SPP and the other Mountain West participants. To keep our customers informed of our progress, updated information will be posted on <https://www.wapa.gov/About/the-source/Pages/the-source.aspx> and customer informational meetings will be held as needed. If WAPA develops a recommendation to pursue membership in SPP, WAPA will issue a Federal Register notice, hold informational forums, and seek public comments.

If there are questions or concerns on this matter, please contact the designated project representative. LAP customers should contact Dave Neumayer at (970) 461-7322 or neumayer@wapa.gov. CRSP customers should contact Parker Wicks at (801) 524-5265 or pwicks@wapa.gov; or Steve Johnson at (970) 252-3000 or johnsons@wapa.gov.

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