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Dear Mr. Rew,

Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) understands the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) is investigating transitioning the SPP Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) into the Western Interconnection. SPP has invited WAPA to participate in the investigation of that potential expansion.

WAPA historically has recognized the benefits of RTO participation. After careful study and thorough and active stakeholder process, WAPA's Upper Great Plains region (UGP) joined the SPP RTO in 2015. WAPA's Loveland Area Projects (LAP) and Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP), along with the other Mountain West participants, reached consensus to investigate membership in the SPP RTO. In addition, most recently, WAPA's LAP, CRSP, and also UGP located in the Western Interconnection (UGP-West) are working with SPP and other participants to implement and commence SPP's Energy Imbalance Service Market (SPP WEIS Market).

Recognizing this prior history, study, and stakeholder process, WAPA's LAP and UGP-West commit to considering participation in the SPP RTO along with other participants, and WAPA will devote the necessary resources to this effort. WAPA's CRSP and the Desert Southwest region (DSW) continue to evaluate ongoing initiatives and look forward to further coordination with customers to develop a shared future path. Notably, WAPA is awaiting final results of its energy imbalance studies for the Desert Southwest and will continue its work alongside customers on the prospect of combining rates and creating a unified rate structure with CRSP.

Any decision by WAPA to move forward with final negotiations for SPP RTO Membership will be consistent with WAPA's statutory requirements and involve the appropriate public processes seeking customer and interested party comment.

We look forward to further conversations on this topic. Please reach out to Dave Neumayer for LAP at (970) 461-7322 and neumayer@wapa.gov, Lori Frisk for UGP at (665) 882-7580 and frisk@wapa.gov, Adam Arellano for CRSP at (970) 252-3005 and Arellano@wapa.gov, and Jim Kendrick for DSW at (602) 605-2555 and kendrick@wapa.gov .

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