

**W**APA continues to make progress on its three energy imbalance management efforts, including posting an advance notice of potential revisions to its Open Access Transmission Tariff on March 18. These revisions are necessary to reflect WAPA's participation in energy imbalance markets or services. WAPA anticipates notifying and distributing further information about the potential revisions within the next couple of months. All information related to the upcoming revisions will be posted on the [Open Access Same-Time Information System](#).

There will be two concurrent revision processes:

1. OATT Revision 20-01 for Sierra Nevada's participation in the California Independent System Operator EIM.
2. OATT Revision 20-02 for the Colorado River Storage Project and Rocky Mountain's participation in the Southwest Power Pool Western EIS.

Because Upper Great Plains is already under the SPP tariff, UGP and SPP will work through a separate process to update the SPP tariff for UGP-West's participation in WEIS.

## SN FINALIZING MODELS, MAKES SOFTWARE DECISION

Sierra Nevada staff continues to develop generation, load and transmission models that describe how the region intends to operate in the EIM. Once the final details of the load model are determined, SN will submit five years of load data to CAISO, enabling CAISO to create accurate load forecasts. SN held an education session with customers April 9 to share design decisions, what SN is still working on and answers to remaining questions.

SN has decided to transition to an off-the-shelf solution for a metering data system of record, pending a final proof of concept. This decision should reduce development time and overall project cost. SN is also working on updating Merchant, Settlements and Operations software and processes to participate in CAISO's EIM.

Finally, the region anticipates beginning the public rates process in May.

More information on SN's transition is available at the [SN energy imbalance market activities webpage](#).



## DSW CONTINUES MARKET STUDIES

Desert Southwest is entering a waiting phase as the two consulting contractors, E3 and Utilitcast, both armed with loads of data, begin their analysis for the benefits study and gap analysis study, respectively. E3 is expected to produce a base-case study soon.

DSW will continue to share updates with customers as part of other meetings, such as rates and 10-year capital plan meetings.

More information on DSW's effort is available on the [DSW energy imbalance market activities webpage](#).



## WEIS TRANSITION EFFORTS ACHIEVE MAJOR MILESTONE FOR RM, CRSP AND UGP

A number of notable events have occurred in the WEIS effort, including the approval of the SPP Market Protocols by the Western Markets Executive Committee April 3. WAPA and other market participants were waiting on this milestone to complete a number of next steps for the move into the WEIS. Having successfully completed its work, the WEIS Protocol Review Task Force, which led the development of the protocols, has been disbanded.

SPP also formed the new Western Markets Working Group last month. The group is responsible for developing and recommending protocol and tariff changes in collaboration with other committees, working groups and task forces involved in the implementation of the SPP WEIS.

The Western Area Colorado Missouri Balancing Authority continues to proactively work with customers on the WEIS move. On March 19, Rocky Mountain held a WACM customer meeting to discuss the data requirements for WACM's WEIS participation, the rates process for the WACM BA, how the WEIS and WACM BA will handle jointly owned units, the BA Services

Agreement and technical requirements. The WACM BA staff will continue to schedule meetings with individual customers, as needed, on these crucial topics.

The second draft of the BA Services Agreement was sent to WACM customers April 9 with a follow-up webinar April 14 to go over the revisions and nearly 400 comments received on the first draft.

The top three thematic questions on the first draft were:

- Does my entity need to sign this?
- How does this agreement align with/impact existing agreements?
- Can the exhibits be better aligned?

Comments on the second draft BA Services Agreement are due by May 4. WACM staff appreciate the high levels of customer engagement in this process.

### Why a BA Services Agreement?

The BA Services Agreement is intended to create a standardized agreement for all BA customers, identify how ancillary services are provided and permit changes to be implemented across the BA efficiently.

## MAY MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES FOR WEIS

A list of engagement opportunities for the WEIS transition is available on the [WEIS activities webpage](#).

Important dates for May include:

- April/May: Data request discussions continue
- May 4: Deadline to submit comments on second draft of BA Services Agreement
- May 14: Third draft of BA Services Agreement sent out
- May 27: BA Services Agreement meeting #3



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