

# WAPA and MARKETS

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**W**elcome to the August issue of the *WAPA and markets* newsletter. There have been a few developments since last month. We will begin with an update on the Open Access Transmission Tariff revisions posted to the [Open Access Same-Time Information System](#) Sept. 1. As explained on OASIS, WAPA now plans to file OATT Revision 20-01 with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission around Oct. 1 and OATT Revision 20-02 around Nov. 2.

[OATT Revision 20-01](#) addresses Sierra Nevada's move into the California Independent System Operator's Western Energy Imbalance Market. [OATT Revision 20-02](#) covers the Colorado River Storage Project's and Rocky Mountain's participation in the Southwest Power Pool Western Energy Imbalance Service market.

All information on these revisions, including the notices of intent and ways to engage, is available on WAPA's [OASIS](#).



## SN IMPLEMENTATION DATE MOVED TO MARCH 25

The big development this month is that the timeline for SN to join the CAISO EIM has been accelerated by a week. The new go-live is now scheduled for March 25 to permit CAISO to stagger the entry of several new EIM members. By rolling in new members gradually, transitions should be smoother and troubleshooting more efficient if necessary.

The test and training plans have been developed and scheduled for the next several months until parallel operations begin Feb. 1. The current focus is on completing the connectivity testing, ensuring WAPA and vendors are able to access CAISO sites and applications to perform their functions.

The settlement quality meter data plans have been substantially completed and will undergo review internally and with CAISO to prepare for CAISO's meter review in mid-October. SN is moving its meter data system of record from an internal custom application to a vendor because of the added complexity of EIM, the new EIM based vendor systems that are being introduced and the requirement for five-minute data. Moving to a vendor allows SN to take advantage of the vendor's existing and ongoing developments to meet CAISO market requirements instead of trying to retrofit and maintain our existing custom application.



On July 31, the *Federal Register* notice for the proposed rate adjustment was published, starting a 90-day comment period that ends Oct. 29. SN hosted public information and comment forums Aug. 17 that involved thoughtful discussions between staff, customers and stakeholders. The questions and responses from the forums are currently being prepared for posting. Further comments are requested by Oct. 29. For more information on the rates process, visit the [SN Rates and Repayment Services webpage](#).

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



## STUDIES CONTINUE FOR DSW, NEIGHBORING UTILITIES

Desert Southwest's status remains fundamentally unchanged since the last newsletter. As a reminder, third-party contractors E3 and Utilicast are continuing their analysis of the data for a benefits study and gap analysis, respectively. Both contractors anticipate being able to share some preliminary results in the fall.

The benefits study will complete a production cost analysis of the entire interconnected Western U.S. grid in five-minute increments. The gap analysis will identify changes that need to be made to prepare existing business systems, processes, infrastructure and software for market participation. The analysis will also assess market participation costs.

DSW does not expect substantive changes or updates for their effort until the contractors have completed their assessments.



More information on DSW's effort is available on the [DSW energy imbalance market activities webpage](#). You can also read the [May 26 update on these studies published by DSW and its fellow study participants](#).



## WEIS EFFORT AT WAPA REMAINS ON TRACK

On July 31, FERC rejected the SPP WEIS tariff. FERC identified five specific items that needed to be modified and provided constructive direction to SPP on how to address the issues prior to re-filing the tariff. SPP has committed to working with stakeholders to quickly address the items FERC identified.

WAPA continues to focus on meeting its goals for the WEIS implementation. It is rare for a new market tariff to go through the first time. Any new market is going to encounter stakeholder protests and FERC modifications. We continue to work with SPP and our partners to move this effort toward implementation.

WAPA continues to work through comments and changes for the Western Area Colorado Missouri Balancing Authority Services Agreement following the July 8 meeting. Once the outstanding issues are resolved, WAPA will send out a revised BA Services Agreement to customers and stakeholders and will hold an additional meeting to go over the changes. Further information on the meeting will be sent soon.

Since the last newsletter, WAPA has awarded contracts to two vendors to provide software support for participating in WEIS: MCG and OATi. MCG will extend the support it currently provides to Upper Great Plains' east-side participation in the SPP's Fully Integrated Market to the region's facilities that will participate in the WEIS market. WAPA and MCG conducted initial application delivery, configuration and training Aug. 4. OATi will support the CRSP's and RM's participation in WEIS. WAPA and OATi held a kick-off meeting Aug. 19 to discuss overarching project goals and objectives. We will work closely with them on training and configuration over the next two months.

Finally, the second phase of market trials began Aug. 1 for structured and unstructured scenario testing. This round of trials tests applications, communication and results of different market parameters and outcomes, which will ensure the people, tools and processes are ready for parallel operations at the end of November.

For more information on the WEIS transition, visit the [WEIS activities webpage](#).



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