Welcome to the August issue of the WAPA and markets newsletter. We remain committed to our market activities currently underway and have recently announced a new initiative, all of which are described in more detail below.

**SPP RTO-WEST BRATTLE STUDY ANALYSIS COMPLETED**

The expanded Brattle Study for the Southwest Power Pool Regional Transmission Organization-West initiative is complete. The public presentation is currently being developed. If the study results, as well as other factors, support moving forward with a recommendation to pursue final negotiations to expand our participation in the SPP RTO, WAPA will initiate a public process in the Federal Register this fall.

The Colorado River Storage Project Management Center completed its 10-week presentation series on various topics as part of its evaluation of the SPP RTO-West. CRSP MC staff held weekly meetings in May and June with customers on various areas of interest and responded to customer questions. These presentations have been compiled, along with more in-depth white papers, and are available on WAPA's website as a resource to help customers evaluate CRSP's potential participation in the SPP RTO expansion.

Stay apprised on the latest news regarding this effort at the SPP RTO membership effort webpage located on The Source.

**NEXT DSW CUSTOMER MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 21**

Desert Southwest expects to hold its next customer meeting on the transition into the California Independent System Operator Western Energy Imbalance Market Sept. 21. At this meeting, employees will provide updates on the multiple implementation tracks defined by CAISO, review the updated Business Practice Manual, explain the changes between current-day and EIM operations and cover generation settlement plans and other topics. More information will be shared soon.

DSW has started connectivity testing with CAISO, which is the first step in market testing and parallel operations that will ramp up over the coming months. Additionally, the pseudo ties for Hoover customers are expected to be finalized in late fall for most customers.

Responses to customer and others’ comments on the Open Access Transmission Tariff Attachment T are expected to be available on the Open Access Same-Time Information System in the next couple of weeks with the final redline draft scheduled to be posted around the end of September.

More information on DSW’s effort is available on the DSW energy imbalance market activities webpage.
WAPA JOINS WESTERN MARKETS EXPLORATORY GROUP

The new activity is WAPA’s recent announcement to join the Western Markets Exploratory Group. WAPA, along with 24 other utilities, will focus on collaboratively developing long-term solutions that will improve market efficiencies in the West. Our participation is expected to add value to our ongoing evaluations of multiple market-related efforts, encourage a comprehensive analysis of all the opportunities before us and support other utilities and customers in the Western Interconnection as they make long-term decisions for their future.

WAPA CONTINUES REVIEWING DAY-AHEAD MARKET PROPOSALS

The CAISO and SPP day-ahead market proposals continue to gain momentum as interest grows across the West.

CAISO released a revised Extended Day-Ahead Market proposal Aug. 16, which is currently being reviewed by multiple subject matter experts across WAPA. WAPA submitted comments on the separate EDAM governance proposal Aug. 15.

WAPA employees also attended the in-person SPP Markets+ design meeting in Portland, Oregon, Aug. 9-10. The objective of that meeting was to review critical design points, including governance, transmission, greenhouse gas tracking and resource adequacy. SPP is expected to update the Markets+ white papers and release them sometime this fall.

For more information on both day-ahead market designs, visit the SPP Markets+ and the CAISO EDAM webpages.