

# WAPA and MARKETS

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**W**elcome to the final issue of *WAPA and markets* for 2021. Since our last newsletter, new market offerings and initiatives have been introduced in the West, including the **Southwest Power Pool's Markets+** and the **California Independent System Operator's Extended Day-Ahead Market**.

WAPA's regions are participating with a broad group of stakeholders across the West to evaluate and shape the development of SPP's Markets+ and CAISO's EDAM. It's important to ensure that as potential markets develop, we fully understand how each could impact our regions, customers and operations as well as any market-to-market interactions between the various footprints.

WAPA remains focused on fulfilling commitments in its current undertakings. Check out the latest news below.

## DSW BEGINS IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS FOR CAISO WESTERN EIM

Desert Southwest employees, in coordination with CAISO and the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, have started the nearly two-year process to join the CASIO Western Energy Imbalance Market in April 2023. The region has convened a team of experts and selected a project manager to lead the transition.

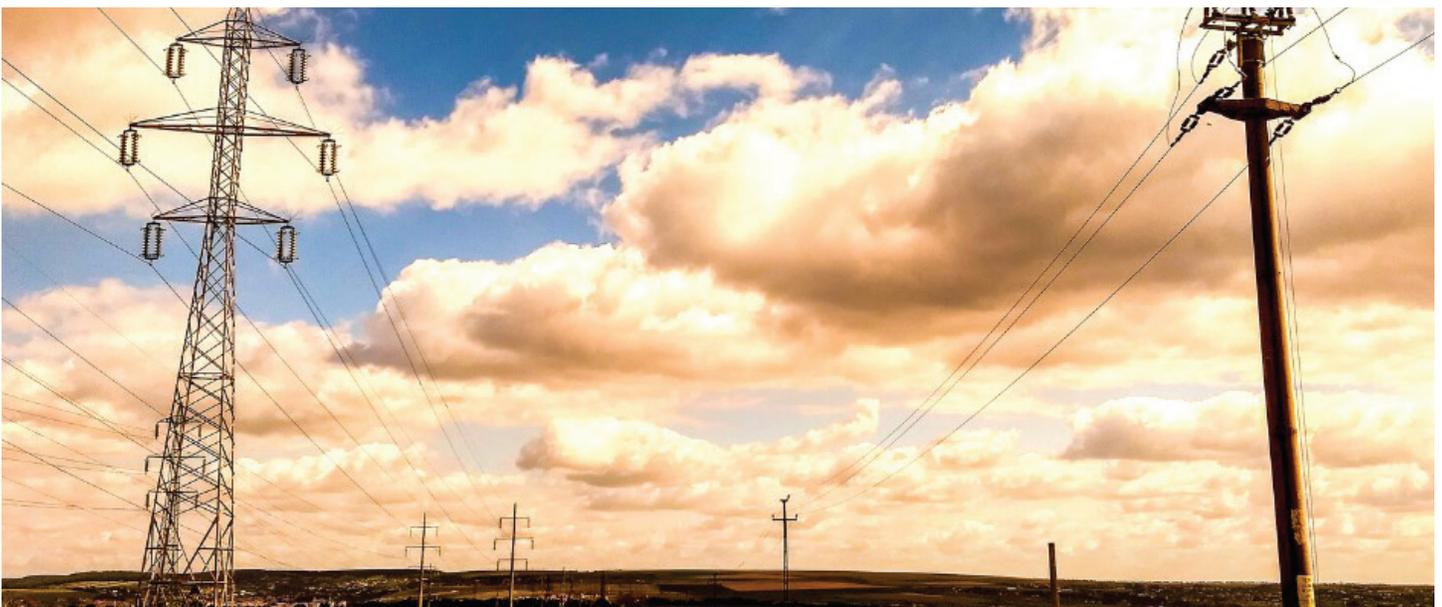
DSW provided CAISO a full network model in response to their early deadline and continues to work on the generation and inertia models. The region has also initiated a process to update its Open Access Transmission Tariff.

In addition to modifying its OATT, DSW is evaluating the rate impacts of market participation, which will be included in

a public rate process next year. Customer engagement and collaboration on the implementation project will begin early next year, which will include identifying major milestones and timelines.

Finally, DSW is working with neighboring utilities already in EIM to identify available transmission capacity and manage market energy transfers between participants.

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



## WAPA, OTHER SPP RTO-WEST PARTICIPANTS COMMISSION EXPANDED BRATTLE MARKET STUDY

WAPA's Upper Great Plains-West region, Colorado River Storage Project and Rocky Mountain region, along with the other prospective SPP Regional Transmission Organization-West participants, are in the process of updating and expanding the SPP RTO-West market study commissioned by SPP and performed by Brattle Consulting in late 2020.

The new study will include Colorado Springs Utilities, which joined the RTO-West initiative in May 2021, and will evaluate additional hydrology sensitivities from the Bureau of Reclamation's updated projections. Entities participating in the expanded study include WAPA, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Basin Electric Power Cooperative and CSU.

We expect to receive study results in early 2022 and will

consider those results before initiating a public process in a *Federal Register* notice. We believe it is crucial to fully understand what RTO membership may mean for our different regions and customers before we decide our path. Our target implementation date, assuming continued progress on the initiative, is fall 2024.

Stay apprised on the latest news regarding this effort at the [SPP RTO membership effort webpage](#) located on The Source.

**Thank you for reading the *WAPA and Markets* newsletter. For more information, call your regional representative or visit the [WAPA and markets webpage](#) on The Source.**

