

**W**elcome to the September issue of the *WAPA and markets* newsletter designed to share information on WAPA's activities around energy imbalance management. As a reminder from last month, WAPA plans to file Open Access Transmission Tariff [Revision 20-01](#) at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission within the next week. This revision addresses Sierra Nevada's move into the California Independent System Operator's Western Energy Imbalance

Market. [OATT Revision 20-02](#) was expected to be filed around Nov. 2 to cover the Colorado River Storage Project's and Rocky Mountain's participation in the Southwest Power Pool Western Energy Imbalance Service market. However, that time frame may need to slip depending on when SPP files the revised WEIS tariff.

All information on these revisions, including the notices of intent and ways to engage, is available on WAPA's [Open Access Same-Time Information System](#).

## SN CONTINUES TESTING, RATE ADJUSTMENT

SN remains on track to transition into the CAISO EIM by the end of March. WAPA connectivity testing with the CAISO is complete while connectivity testing with both the vendor and Bureau of Reclamation is expected to be completed by the end of the month. Modeling for the new meter system is also expected to be done at the end of September with vendor software testing and training scheduled to be completed soon after.

The settlement quality meter data plans have been reviewed internally and submitted to the CAISO for CAISO's meter review in mid-October.

The rate adjustment process is ongoing. The questions and answers from the Aug. 17 public information and comment forums are available on the [Rate Case 2021: Rate Order No. WAPA-194](#). Further comments for the proposed rate adjustment are requested by Oct. 29. For more information on the rates process, visit the [rate order 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.

E3's benefits study will complete a production cost analysis of the entire interconnected Western U.S. grid in five-minute increments over a representative year. Utilicast's gap analysis will identify the changes needed to prepare existing business systems, processes, infrastructure and software for market participation. This analysis will also assess market participation costs.

DSW does not expect substantive changes or updates on its market efforts until E3 and UtiliCast 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.



## REVISED WEIS TARIFF HEADED TO FERC, MORE ENGAGEMENT UNDERWAY

Good news on the WEIS front. WAPA remains on track to meet its deadlines for WEIS implementation. On Sept. 22, the SPP Board approved the revised WEIS tariff that addressed changes requested by FERC. SPP anticipates submitting the revised tariff to FERC by the end of September.

WAPA also continues to work on the Western Area Colorado Missouri Balancing Authority Services Agreement and business practices to accommodate and document the changes requested by customers and as result of the modified WEIS tariff. A BA customer meeting is scheduled for Sept. 30 from 2-4 p.m. MDT to discuss the latest revisions.

The first drafts of multiple [Business Practices](#) were posted on OASIS for customer review and comment Sept. 1, including:

- General Requirements and Background Business Practices
- Registration Requirements Business Practices
- Balancing Authority Operations Business Practices
- Settlements & Reporting Business Practices

These new business practices are posted on both the Colorado River Colorado Missouri Transmission and Loveland Area Projects Transmission OASIS sites. Go to the "Business Practices" folder then select the "New Proposed BP for the WACM Balancing Authority" sub-folder. A fillable comment form is also available. We request customers submit a separate comment form for each business practice by Oct. 1 to Joymay Chipman and Parker Wicks.

Finally, market trials continue to prepare staff and technology for the cutover to WEIS in February. Employees are proactively coordinating and addressing technical testing model issues with the software vendor and SPP, which will occur through November. Deployment testing is expected to begin in October.

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



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