

# Fresh beginnings, same WAPA

Colorado River Energy Distributors Association Board meeting

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Interim Administrator and CEO

# Vision while interim administrator

- Committed to mission & safety
- Markets remain priority to stay on pace
- Collaborative with customers and new Administration
- Pausing Strategic Roadmap refresh
- Moving on leadership vacancies
- Readiness for weather or other external events
- Remain vigilant and on track with COVID-19 response and planning

# Tracking changes in D.C.

- Active discussions during Biden transition and continuing with new DOE, DOI leadership.
- Congressional oversight and appropriations leadership: introductory briefings with members and staff underway.
- All GOV focus on infrastructure: in development.
- Keystone XL permit rescinded.
- Pause on Bulk Power System Executive order.
- Wildfire Resilient Power Grid Act of 2020.

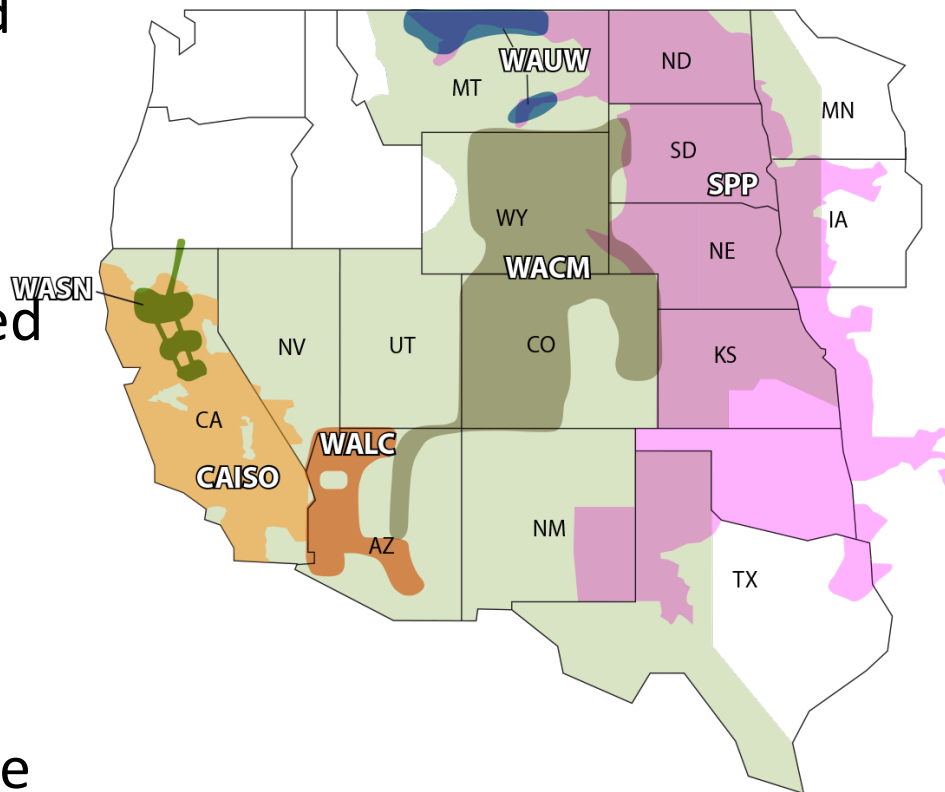
# New DOE Secretary



Jennifer M. Granholm

# Markets update

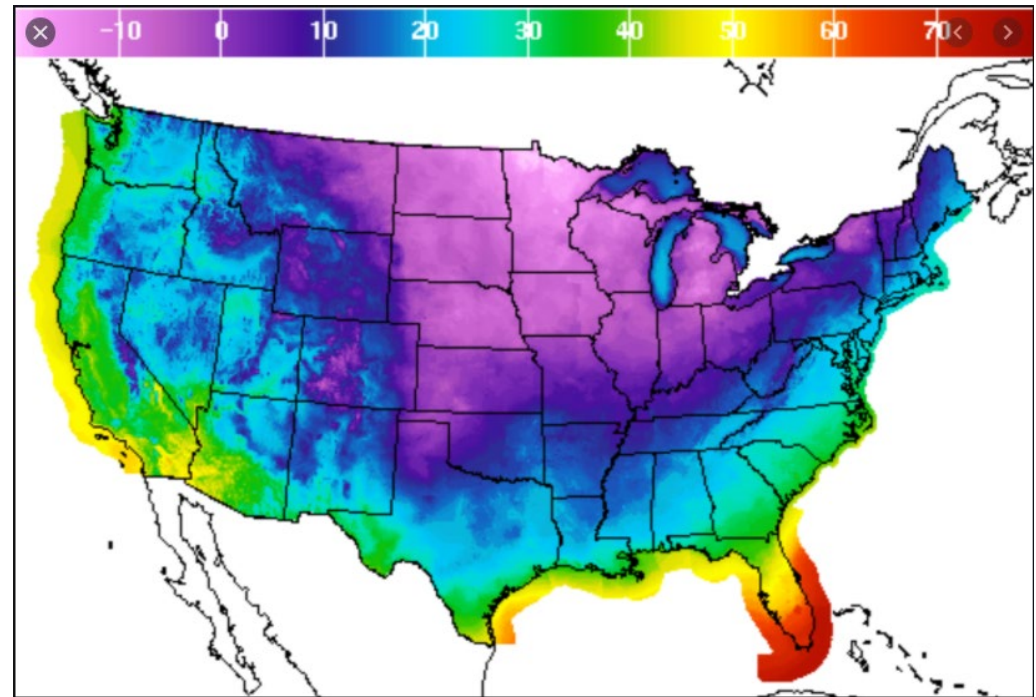
- WEIS transition completed Feb. 1.
- SN EIM go-live completed March 25.
- DSW study results expected this spring.
  - Public process begins
- CAISO EIM governance review
- Continuing discussions on SPP RTO expansion into the West.



BA boundaries are approximate and for illustrative purposes only.

# Winter Storm Uri

- SPP directed load shedding Feb. 16
- Rolling outages for 21 customers, lasting average of 55 minutes & as long as 2 hours
- Corps & WAPA delivered extra 27,150 MWh of hydropower to SPP Feb. 15-18.



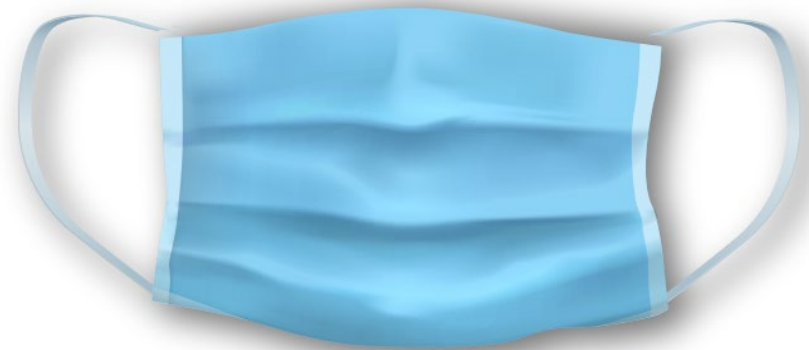
Source: NOAA, Feb. 17

# In Texas

- Generation went offline due to cold because not winterized – wind last to fail.
- ERCOT prevented catastrophic cascading outages.
- Deregulated, independent market didn't possess adequate contingency plans for energy emergencies.

# Coronavirus response

- Stabilizing conditions, but not out of woods yet.
- New variants.
- Mask mandate on federal property.
- Vaccine discussions.
- Evaluating re-entry and post-COVID workplace



got mask?

Face it: masks are a must  
when less than six feet apart.

This is a WAPA requirement during the pandemic.



# Personnel updates

- Posted vacancies for UGP and RM Regional Managers.
  - Acting Senior VP and UGP Regional Manager Dave Neumayer
  - Acting Senior VP and RM Regional Manager Tim Vigil
- Acting Senior VP and DSW Regional Manager Jack Murray
- Acting Senior VP and CRSP Manager Rodney Bailey

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