



**Department of Energy**  
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Mr. Bruce Rew  
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Dear Mr. Rew:

On October 14, 2020, Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) Upper Great Plains West region (UGP-West) and Loveland Area Projects (LAP) accepted SPP's invitation to investigate transitioning into the SPP Regional Transmission Organization (SPP RTO) in the Western Interconnection. WAPA's Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) has been following the RTO discussions and believes the time is right to devote the necessary resources to this effort.

Now, after successful implementation of the Western Energy Imbalance Service (WEIS) Market and after preliminary consideration of SPP RTO participation, CRSP commits to evaluating the SPP RTO along with UGP-West, LAP, and other participants.

Any decision by WAPA to move forward with final negotiations for SPP RTO membership will be consistent with WAPA's statutory requirements and involve the appropriate public processes seeking customer and interested party comment.

We look forward to further conversations on this topic. Please contact Adam Arellano, VP and Power Marketing Manager for CRSP at (970)252-3020 or [arellano@wapa.gov](mailto:arellano@wapa.gov) with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Rodney Bailey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "B".

Rodney Bailey  
Acting Senior VP and  
CRSP Manager