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Good afternoon,

Before we announce this publicly today, I wanted to let everyone know that we have selected new reliability coordinator providers for our balancing authorities and transmission operators.

WAPA's Western Area Upper Great Plains - West, Western Area Colorado Missouri and Western Area Lower Colorado Balancing Authorities and the associated transmission operators will start receiving reliability coordinator services from Southwest Power Pool in late 2019. Sierra Nevada, as a transmission operator within the Balancing Area of Northern California, will receive reliability coordinator services from the California Independent System Operator following BANC's schedule, which is also expected to begin in late 2019.

This decision is contingent on both SPP and CAISO becoming certified to provide reliability coordinator services in the Western Interconnection. The [decision document](#) providing the background to this decision is available at WAPA's website.

As you likely know, we have been evaluating options for reliability coordinators since the beginning of 2018. The North American Electric Reliability Corporation requires all balancing authorities and transmission operators to have a reliability coordinator. Our current provider, Peak RC, will cease operations by the end of 2019, which meant we needed to find a new provider to continue to provide these services. We needed to select new providers this month to ensure a reliable and orderly transition to SPP with neighboring entities.

I want to emphasize that this decision only applies to the reliability coordinator, which is required by NERC. This is a separate and distinct topic from organized markets and the Mountain West Transmission Group effort. We continue to work with our neighboring utilities and you to determine the best path forward as markets unfold across the West.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact myself or your regional manager. Together, we will all create a strong and enduring future in the energy frontier.

Sincerely,  
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