

# Fresh beginnings, same WAPA

Missouri River Energy Services annual meeting

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Interim Administrator and CEO

# About me

- Born in South Dakota
- Private sector thru 2011
- Appointee - Obama Administration at Department of Energy HQ
- Joined WAPA in 2014 - TIP manager
- WAPA's CAO
- Senior VP & DSW Regional Manager



# Vision while interim administrator

- Committed to mission & safety.
- Markets remain priority to stay on pace.
- Address drought and purchase power and wheeling risks.
- 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 continuing with Administration, Congress, DOE & DOI leadership.
- Focus on infrastructure
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act contains \$500 million for PPW.
- No mention of selling PMAs or moving to market-based rates.



*Capitol Hill  
Photo courtesy of NPS*

# Drought

- Extreme drought affecting multiple projects across WAPA.
- Pick-Sloan in better shape.
- Internal meeting held Aug. 10 to discuss PPW, rates & contract challenges due to adverse conditions.



*Lake Powell  
Photo courtesy of AP*

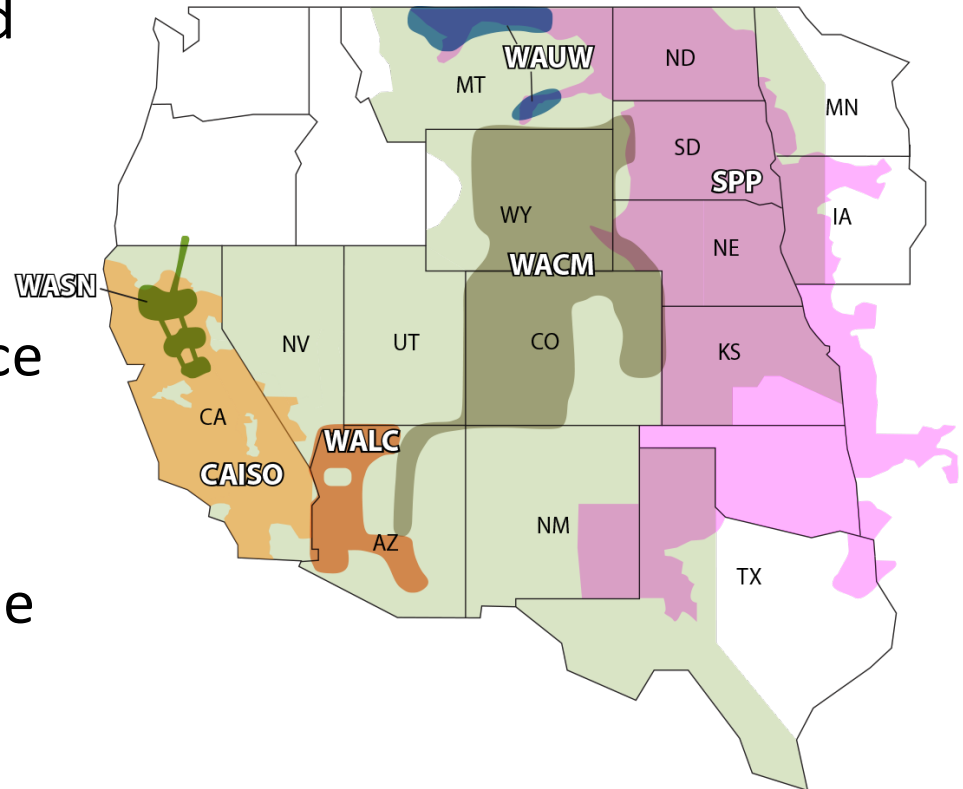
# Purchase Power and Wheeling

- Source of funds to purchase power when hydropower cannot meet contractual power commitments.
- Use varies each year based on multiple factors.
- Receipts can be used for reserves up to amount specified by Congress in budget process.
- Constrained due to budget process decisions, high PPW costs and other reasons.
- Exploring short- and long-term alternatives.



# Markets update

- WEIS transition completed Feb. 1.
- SN EIM go-live completed March 25.
- DSW expected to announce next steps soon.
- Continuing discussions on SPP RTO expansion into the West.



BA boundaries are approximate and for illustrative purposes only.

# Coronavirus response

- Responding to surge in delta variant.
- Mask mandate in federal facilities.
- Mission-essential travel only.
- Evaluating re-entry and post-pandemic workplace.





# Leadership updates

- Lloyd Linke is Senior VP and UGP Regional Manager as of July 18.
- New Senior VP and RM Regional Manager Bart Barnhart started Aug. 1.
- Chief Strategy Officer position closes Aug. 11.
- TIP Manager position closes Aug. 13.

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