Fresh beginnings, same WAPA

Missouri River Energy Services annual meeting
Aug. 12, 2021 | Virtual meeting

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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
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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.
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.
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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