It is with mixed emotions that I share that Senior Vice President and Colorado River Storage Project Manager Steve Johnson has accepted an exciting new opportunity at Southwest Power Pool as a principal operations specialist supporting SPP’s Western Interconnection reliability and market operations functions. Steve has done an incredible job navigating the complex and oftentimes controversial waters of the Salt Lake City Area/Integrated Projects, collaborating and partnering with the many diverse stakeholders of the Colorado and Green rivers, among others, to find mutually beneficial solutions for the rivers’ many uses.

Steve’s final day at WAPA is Aug. 14, and we will be scheduling a virtual event to commemorate his instrumental contributions to WAPA and wish him well on this next chapter of his career. Stay tuned for more information about this upcoming event.

I have appointed Tim Vigil as the new Senior Vice President and CRSP manager effective Aug. 16. Tim brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of WAPA and CRSP. Most recently he was the VP of power marketing for CRSP, a position he began in 2019.

Tim came to WAPA in 2001 after serving in the U.S. Navy. He started at WAPA in Rocky Mountain’s Power Contracts and Energy Services office. Between 2003 and 2019, Tim worked at the CRSP Energy Management and Marketing Office in various roles, including real-time marketer, real-time supervisor and EMMO manager. Tim holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the California State University-Northridge.

Tim will lead all power marketing and operations activities for CRSP Management Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the EMMO in Montrose, Colorado. CRSP MC’s 38 employees manage the sale, purchase, wheeling, interchange and transmission of energy for about 150 retail energy customers and other utilities in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

CRSP MC markets power from 11 hydroelectric powerplants and delivers it across more than 2,300 miles of transmission lines and 35 high-voltage transformers. On average, the powerplants produce about 5.7 billion kilowatt-hours of energy annually, which can provide 100 percent of electricity needs for an estimated 527,000 American households.

I have full confidence that Tim is the right person to be at the helm as we make progress along a number of critical initiatives facing CRSP, including the move to the Western Energy Imbalance Service, exploring a combined transmission line rate with Desert Southwest transmission projects, helping protect the environmental resources below Glen Canyon Dam and more.

Please join me in congratulating both Tim and Steve for these significant career achievements.

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