Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) serves South Dakota by marketing and transmitting wholesale electricity in a 15-state region of the central and western U.S. Its service area includes a 17,272-circuit-mile transmission system with 57 hydroelectric powerplants. WAPA sells power to preference customers who in turn provide retail electric service to more than 40 million Americans. 

**Power plants and FY20 net generation (GWh):**
- Big Bend: 1,346
- Fort Randall: 2,134
- Gavins Point: 707
- Oahe: 3,402

**Types of customers:**
- Municipalities: 33
- State agencies: 10
- Native American tribes: 8
- Cooperatives: 4
- Investor-owned utilities: 3
- Public utility districts: 2
- Federal agencies: 1

**Projects:**

**Loveland Area Projects**
The Loveland Area Projects include the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project and the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program—Western Division for marketing and rate-setting purposes.

**Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program—Eastern Division**
Seven mainstem dams and powerplants on the Missouri River produce hydroelectric power for the Eastern Division of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program.

**Salt Lake City Area/Integrated Projects**
Power generated at the Colorado River Storage Project and from the Collbran and Rio Grande projects was combined into the Salt Lake City Area/Integrated Projects in 1987.

**WAPA wholesale rates vs. South Dakota retail rates**

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**South Dakota total average retail rates all sectors**

Source: Energy Information Administration

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