

WAPA at a GLANCE – FY 2020

About WAPA

Western Area Power Administration is a federal organization under the Department of Energy that markets and delivers clean, renewable, reliable, cost-based federal hydroelectric power and related services across 15 central and western states.

WAPA's employees work around the clock to sell power and operate and maintain an integrated 17,000-plus circuit mile, high-voltage transmission system that provides wholesale energy to not-for-profit utilities who then provide electricity to more than 40 million people in the West.

WAPA also runs the Transmission Infrastructure Program, which develops and upgrades new and existing electrical infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of renewable generation.



Marketing profile (MWh)

Long-term energy sales	28,310,411
Other energy sales	4,707,067
Total	33,017,478

Financial profile (\$ in millions)

Sales of electric power	791.6
Total operating revenues	1,331.7
Total operating expenses	1,147.1
Purchased power and transmission expenses	315.8

Assets

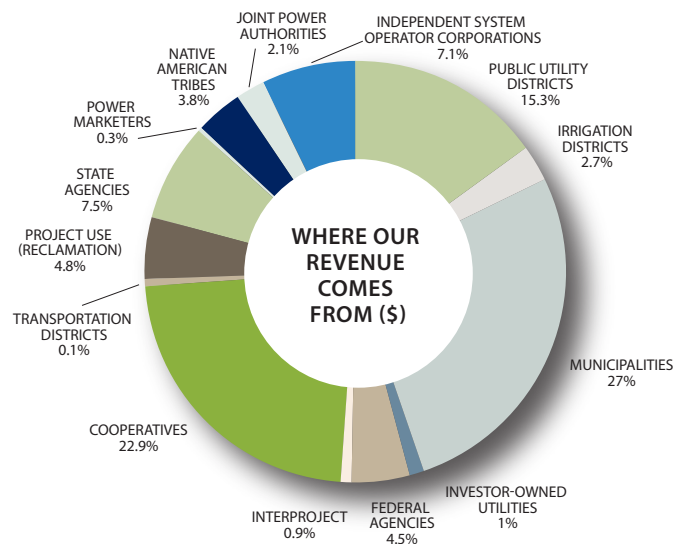
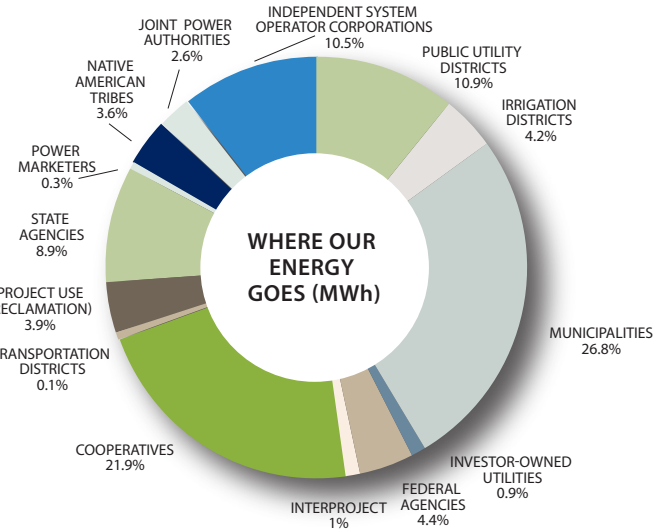
Powerplants	58
Installed capacity (MW)	10,576
Net generation (GWh)	29,258
Substations	325
Transmission line miles	17,271.80

Customers¹

Customers¹	696
Firm electric service (long-term)	612
Other (term, seasonal, nonfirm, peaking)	60
Project use	86
Interproject	8

¹ Total removes duplicate customers that are listed in more than one category and project.

Disclaimer: Information presented here may have been rounded, estimated or simplified for the sake of clarity. For current data or for topics not covered on this fact sheet, contact your regional WAPA office.



Long-term and other customers by state¹

Arizona	88
California	100
Colorado	50
Iowa	53
Kansas	16
Minnesota	68
Montana	26
Nebraska	80
Nevada	14
New Mexico	40
North Dakota	36
South Dakota	61
Texas	1
Utah	23
Wyoming	13
Other ²	3

Long-term and other customers by category¹

Municipalities	295
Native American tribes	115
Cooperatives	63
State agencies	51
Federal agencies	43
Irrigation districts	38
Investor-owned utilities	21
Power marketers	18
Public utility districts	14
Joint power authorities	7
Independent system operator corporations	5
Transportation districts	2

¹ Excluding project-use and interproject customers.

² States that fall outside WAPA's marketing area.

Functional responsibilities

WAPA's mission and vision

Mission - Market and deliver clean, renewable, reliable cost-based federal hydroelectric power and related services

Vision - Provide premier power marketing and transmission services to our customers, as well as contribute to enhancing America's energy security and sustaining our nation's economic vitality.

Construction – Engineers throughout WAPA are responsible for the construction of new and upgraded transmission lines and related facilities.

Design – WAPA's Design staff provides transmission system engineering services and expertise with an emphasis on substation, transmission line and building designs.

Maintenance – WAPA's Maintenance staff, which makes up more than one-half of WAPA's workforce, focuses on reliability and providing superior customer service in keeping the system in good operating condition.

Natural Resources – The Natural Resources Office is made up of Environment and Lands teams. The Environment team focuses on environmental planning and compliance, National Environmental Policy Act compliance, cultural resources and endangered species issues, and hazardous material transportation. The Lands team assists in the development, acquisition and management of land and land rights required for Western's transmission system.

Planning – WAPA's Planning staff conducts short-and long-term planning studies to assess the impacts to power flows on the transmission system in response to upgraded or new facilities that intend to interconnect to WAPA's grid. They also actively participate in regional planning groups to ensure WAPA's support and involvement in collaborative future planning.

Power Marketing – WAPA primarily markets wholesale federal power.

Power System Operations – WAPA's Power System Operations staff is responsible for the reliable operation of WAPA's transmission system and multiple balancing authorities.

Transmission Infrastructure Program – This WAPA program is responsible for developing transmission and related technology projects to deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, renewable energy. To accomplish this, Congress granted WAPA \$3.25 billion in borrowing authority through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Transmission Marketing – WAPA is also in the business of transmission marketing. After WAPA meets its capacity needs to deliver federal hydropower to its firm power customers, any additional available transmission capacity is sold on WAPA's Open-Access, Same-Time Information System.

WAPA works with many regulating entities within the electrical industry to meet industry standards and guidelines. These entities include:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – Although FERC does not have jurisdiction over WAPA for most purposes, WAPA is a transmitting utility subject to FERC jurisdiction under Section 211 of the Federal Power Act. Additionally, because WAPA is a major transmission system owner and provides wholesale electricity across the West, it voluntarily chooses to follow many FERC rules and has an Open Access Transmission Tariff on file with FERC.

North American Reliability Corporation (NERC) – WAPA is a member of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) and the Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO), two of NERC's eight reliability councils. As a transmission provider, WAPA is responsible for the reliable operation and maintenance of its transmission system by complying with all NERC Reliability Standards.

