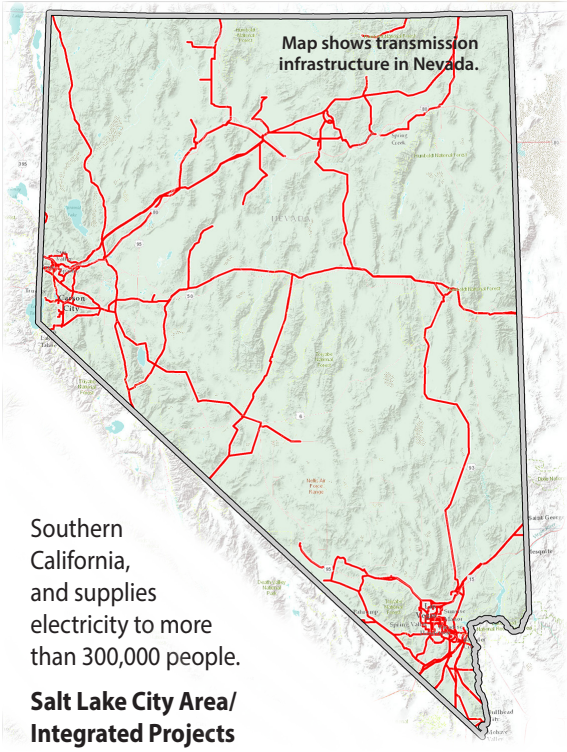
FACTSheet

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION

WAPA serves Nevada

Western Area Power Administration is one of four power marketing administrations within the Department of Energy that markets and transmits wholesale electricity. Its service area encompasses a 15-state region of the central and western U.S. where its 17,280-circuit-mile transmission system carries electricity from 57 hydroelectric powerplants. WAPA sells power to preference customers who in turn provide retail electric service to more than 40 million Americans.



Powerplants and FY21 net generation (GWh):

Hoover: 3,617

Types of customers:

Native American tribes: 5

State agencies: 3

Joint power authorities: 2

Federal agencies: 2

Municipalities: 1

Power marketers: 1

Projects:

Boulder Canyon Project

WAPA's Desert Southwest region markets and transmits Boulder Canyon Project power. Power from BCP is marketed as long-term contingent capacity with associated firm energy.

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.

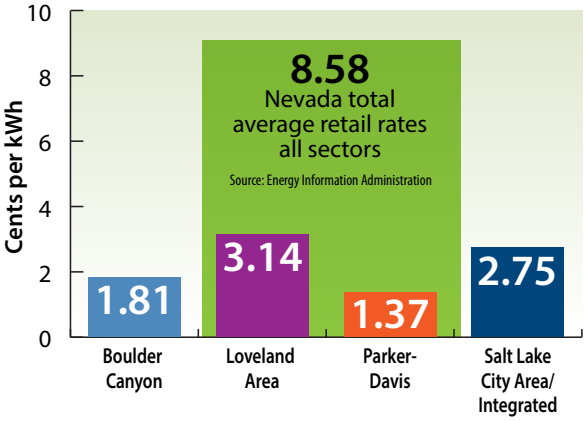
Parker-Davis Project

The Parker-Davis Project is currently marketed to 35 customers in southern Nevada, Arizona and Southern California, and supplies electricity to more than 300,000 people.

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. Nevada retail rates



2 federal employees (non-craft)

15 craft employees

190 miles of transmission line

6 substations

6 transformers

5 communication sites

1 hydroelectric powerplants

1,296 GWh sold

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