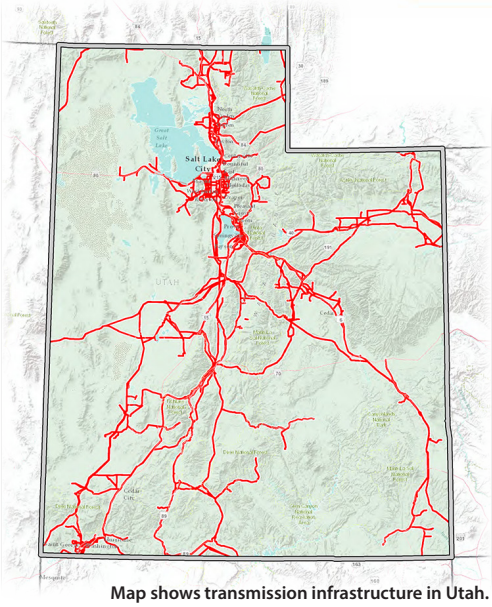
FACT Sheet

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION

WAPA serves Utah

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.



Map shows transmission infrastructure in Utah.

Powerplants and FY21 net generation (GWh):

Deer Creek: 19
Flaming Gorge: 312
Olmsted: 11

Types of customers:

Municipalities: 11
Native American tribes: 3
Federal agencies: 3
Irrigation districts: 2
State agencies: 2
Cooperatives: 1
Investor-owned utilities: 1
Power marketers: 1

Projects:

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.

Provo River Project

Provo River Project power is marketed by WAPA to Utah Municipal Power Agency, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems and Heber Light and Power.

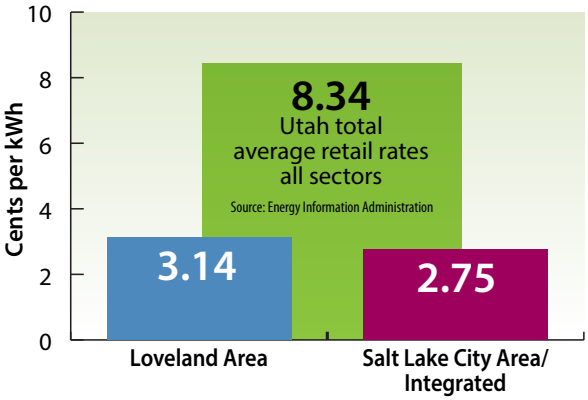
Loveland Area Projects

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

Olmsted Project

Since 2018, WAPA has marketed Olmsted Project power. Customers purchase all power generation from the project and make annual payments.

WAPA wholesale rates vs. Utah retail rates



11 federal employees (non-craft)

2 craft employees

132 miles of transmission line

5 substations

5 transformers

4 communication sites

3 hydroelectric powerplants

1,857 GWh sold

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