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Good morning,

You may have seen [today's notice](#) in the Federal Register about changes to the Transmission Infrastructure Program (TIP). I want to provide you additional information about these changes and assure you that TIP will continue operating as a financially separate program within WAPA.

This notice announces an internal process change that impacts the loan determination and administration portions of TIP, including the underwriting, financing, loan monitoring and servicing. In 2013 WAPA partnered with the Department of Energy's Loan Program Office (LPO) to administer the financing phase for participating TIP projects. Today's notice announces that WAPA has contracted with external parties to perform these services.

TIP will use contractors to support this process with TIP Federal employees providing oversight. This strategy provides flexibility to scale resource requirements with program activities while avoiding the need to create a larger, fixed staff. Consistent with the program's principles, loan applicants remain solely responsible for paying all costs associated with a loan application in addition to loan repayment.

There have been no other changes to the program. TIP's operations, resources, personnel and funds remain separate from the rest of the WAPA organization.

DOE has highlighted TIP in recent months as an existing program positioned to provide financing to modernize grid infrastructure. TIP aligns well with the Administration's infrastructure and clean energy priorities, and WAPA expects to see increased interest in the program.

If you have any questions about TIP or its operations, feel free to contact me at your convenience or visit the TIP website.

Thank you.

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