

# WAPA at a GLANCE – FY 2022

## 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	24,915,281
Other energy sales	1,453,010
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,368,291</b>

## Financial profile (\$ in millions)

Sales of electric power	926.1
Total operating revenues	1,666.5
Total operating expenses	1,657.8
Purchased power and transmission expenses	782.2

## Assets

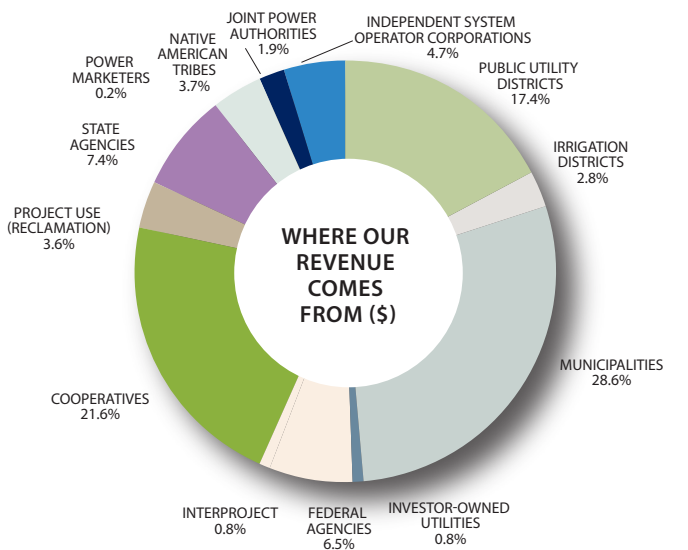
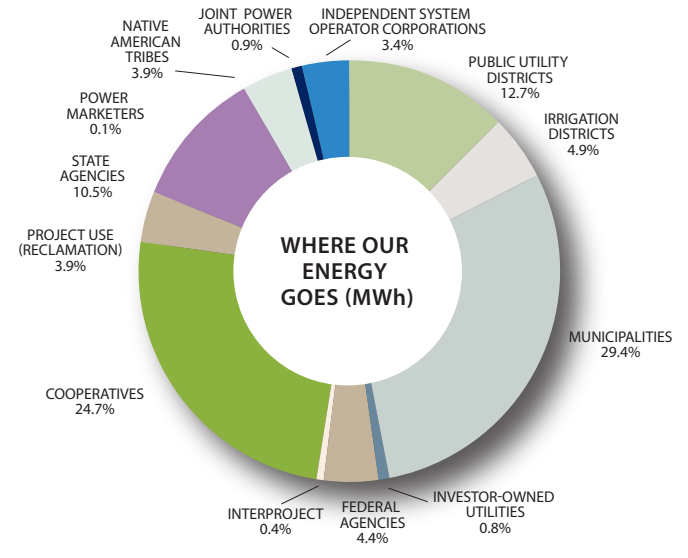
Powerplants	57
Installed capacity (MW)	10,035
Net generation (GWh)	19,907
Substations	326
Transmission line miles	17,293.07

## Customers<sup>1</sup>

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Firm electric service (long-term)	613
Other (term, seasonal, nonfirm, peaking)	44
Project use	6
Interproject	6

<sup>1</sup> 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 state<sup>1</sup>

Arizona	81
California	101
Colorado	48
Iowa	53
Kansas	16
Minnesota	68
Montana	23
Nebraska	78
Nevada	13
New Mexico	38
North Dakota	37
South Dakota	62
Texas	1
Utah	23
Wyoming	13
Other <sup>2</sup>	2

## Long-term and other customers by category<sup>1</sup>

Municipalities	294
Native American tribes	116
Cooperatives	60
State agencies	49
Federal agencies	41
Irrigation districts	39
Investor-owned utilities	17
Power marketers	16
Public utility districts	13
Joint power authorities	6
Independent system operator corporations	4
Transportation districts	2

<sup>1</sup> Excluding project-use and interproject customers.

<sup>2</sup> States that fall outside WAPA's marketing area.

# Functional responsibilities

## WAPA's mission and vision

**Mission** - Safely provide reliable, cost-based hydropower and transmission to our customers and the communities we serve.

**Vision** - Empowering communities, securing a resilient energy future.

**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 WAPA'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.

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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 Electric 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.

