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Good day,

Today, the Colorado River Storage Project [notified](#) Southwest Power Pool of its intent to evaluate full regional transmission organization membership. SPP and WAPA will issue a press release on this development shortly.

CRSP joins [Loveland Area Projects and Upper Great Plains-West](#) as well as other Front Range utilities in the initiative to explore the expansion of the SPP RTO into the Western Interconnection.

Participating in SPP's exploratory effort to expand the RTO is consistent with our commitment to consider alternative ways of doing business that will retain and increase the value of WAPA to customers now and in the future. It also builds on a successful legacy of working with markets in the West to leverage efficiencies and manage ongoing reliability, which includes the recent transitions into energy imbalance management arrangements for UGP's, Rocky Mountain's and Sierra Nevada's balancing and sub-balancing authorities.

Each of WAPA's projects is unique and one size does not fit all in terms of market options for the regions. Our business decisions are customized based on the best outcome and benefits to each region. We are at the beginning stages of this initiative, and no commitments or decisions about CRSP's or any region's future have been made.

Additional customer discussions and technical studies are expected to follow. Any decision to move forward with final negotiations for SPP RTO membership for CRSP or any WAPA region will be consistent with our statutory requirements and involve the appropriate public processes.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact your regional representative.

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