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Welcome to the December issue of the *WAPA and markets* newsletter. This issue is shorter than normal, reflecting that many initiatives are in quieter stages. WAPA and markets will return in February 2023.



SEVERAL WAPA REGIONS EVALUATING NEXT STEPS IN SPP RTO INITIATIVE

Upper Great Plains, Rocky Mountain and Colorado River Storage Project staff are continuing to hold discussions with customers, engage with Southwest Power Pool and collaborate with other potential initiative participants to determine next steps for the SPP Regional Transmission Organization expansion initiative. If WAPA decides to recommend pursuing final negotiations to

expand our participation in the SPP RTO, we will initiate a public process in the *Federal Register*.

Stay apprised on the latest news regarding this effort at the [SPP RTO membership effort webpage](#) located on [The Source](#).



DSW CONDUCTS EIM TESTING

Desert Southwest participated in connectivity and day-in-the-life testing in November. This month, the team will conduct market simulation testing as the next step in preparing for the region's transition into the California Independent System Operator Western Energy Imbalance Market. On Nov. 3, DSW filed its revisions to WAPA's Open Access Transmission Tariff with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

After market simulation testing, all that remains for the transition is parallel operations beginning next year and the minor rate adjustment for energy imbalance market participation. DSW anticipates joining the CAISO Western EIM in April 2023 as scheduled.

More information on DSW's effort is available on the [DSW energy imbalance market activities webpage](#).

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WAPA PROVIDES DATA TO WMEG PRODUCTION COST BENEFITS STUDY

The Western Markets Exploratory Group and Utilicast have contracted with E3 to perform a production cost benefit study that evaluates day-ahead markets services. WAPA and other participants have been hard at work collating and submitting data for the study models. The group expects to complete the study in the first quarter of 2023.



FINAL DAY-AHEAD MARKET PROPOSALS RELEASED

Both SPP and CAISO have released their final draft day-ahead market proposals for Markets+ and Extended Day-Ahead Market, respectively. WAPA and other stakeholders have reviewed and provided input on multiple iterations of the proposals and various market components, most recently in November.

WAPA is currently reviewing the final proposals for both day-ahead markets.

For more information on both day-ahead market designs, visit the [SPP Markets+](#) and the [CAISO EDAM](#) webpages.



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