



**Department of Energy**  
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Dear Customers and Stakeholders,

On behalf of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), I would like to thank those of you who submitted comments during our April 28 to June 12 *Federal Register* notice public comment period on WAPA's recommendation for the [Colorado River Storage Project](#) (CRSP) and [Rocky Mountain](#) region (RM) to pursue final negotiations regarding membership in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) and for the [Upper Great Plains](#) region (UGP) to expand its participation in the Western Interconnection.

WAPA is committed to carefully considering all written comments received as we evaluate whether SPP RTO membership in the Western Interconnection will provide long-term value amid a rapidly changing electric industry.

WAPA received many comments from customers and other stakeholders indicating a need for additional information and discussion related to CRSP's participation in the SPP RTO. WAPA believes addressing these comments thoroughly before making a final decision is necessary.

As such, WAPA will conduct an additional narrowly focused public information webinar with a question and answer session on June 27 to address CRSP's participation in the SPP RTO. WAPA is also reopening its comment period through July 11 to receive additional comments on materials presented in the webinar related to CRSP's participation in the SPP RTO.

All comments received to date are posted on WAPA's website at <https://www.wapa.gov/About/keytopics/Pages/southwest-power-pool-membership.aspx>, along with supporting material previously provided. WAPA will post Information, including the presentation, for the June 27 public webinar on the same website prior to the webinar.

Thank you for your continued interest in WAPA's market activities. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure we are well-positioned for the continued success of our mission to safely provide reliable, cost-based hydropower and transmission to our customers and the communities we serve. If you have questions, please contact [Chrystal Dean](#), Vice President of Enterprise Portfolio Management, or [Rebecca Johnson](#), Transmission and Power Markets Advisor.

Sincerely,

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Tracey A. LeBeau  
Administrator & CEO