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BCC: Customers and Stakeholders

Good morning WAPA customers and stakeholders,

Since 2020, WAPA has conducted a thorough analysis and has held numerous customer and stakeholder meetings to evaluate exploring/expanding membership in the Southwest Power Pool Regional Transmission Organization in the Western Interconnection. This work resulted in a *Federal Register* notice that WAPA published in April 2023, which opened a formal public process to consider whether the Colorado River Storage Project, Rocky Mountain region, and Upper Great Plains region should pursue final negotiations to join or expand their membership in the SPP RTO.

As included in the Decision Letter ([pdf](#)), WAPA's Administrator and CEO has authorized staff to move forward with the recommendation to pursue final negotiations for membership and expanded participation in the SPP RTO. This decision is based on the Recommendation Report ([pdf](#)) that informed the FRN ([pdf](#)), the unique marketing and transmission footprints of CRSP, RM, and UGP and comments received during the FRN comment period.

Additionally, based on comments received, WAPA will develop implementation details for the CRSP pseudo-tie with customers, SPP, and the RTO-West participants to address CRSP customers' concerns about the potential implications of RTO membership for entities outside the footprint.

Thank you for your continued interest in WAPA's market activities. To stay informed of the latest developments, please visit [WAPA's SPP RTO website](#). We look forward to continuing our dialogue regarding this and the various energy market developments across the West.

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