

Welcome to the July issue of the *WAPA and Markets* newsletter. As WAPA continues to explore energy market developments, studies and dialogues, this newsletter aims to provide updates about WAPA's involvement in the many market initiatives currently underway in the Western Interconnection.



SPP FILES RTO WEST TARIFF REVISIONS WITH FERC

On June 4, the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) filed revisions to the SPP Tariff, Bylaws and Membership Agreement with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to enable expansion of the Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) into the Western Interconnection, and WAPA provided testimony to support inclusion of the WAPA-specific provisions.

FERC received 39 filings for intervention from various entities in response to the SPP Tariff revisions. Only one filing protested the tariff revisions. Others provided comments and highlighted areas of key interest to their organizations. SPP requested an order from FERC by Oct. 1, and WAPA will continue to track the progress closely.

Key topics in the interventions submitted to FERC include seams between multiple markets, resource adequacy, interconnection of new generation and greenhouse gas (GHG) tracking. Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, one of WAPA's largest customers and one of the largest RTO West participants, is also working with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission and other stakeholders on the Colo-

rado requirements for Tri-State's application and entry into the RTO. Go-live for the SPP RTO in the Western Interconnection is targeted for April 2026.

In parallel with the tariff activities, WAPA's Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) and its Southern Division customers are moving forward with the implementation of the Glen Canyon Allocator method. This is a technical solution as part of RTO implementation in which CRSP retains a portion of its transmission system from Glen Canyon to Pinnacle Peak to deliver a specific amount of Glen Canyon hydropower associated with CRSP Southern Division customers in WAPA's Western Area Lower Colorado Balancing Authority. The CRSP Glen Canyon Allocator steering team will continue to meet regularly to discuss next steps.

For additional information on WAPA's overall SPP RTO activities, visit [WAPA's SPP RTO membership exploration webpages](#).



DAY-AHEAD MARKETS CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD

Entities continue to consider their options for day-ahead market participation. Some will choose the California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) Extended Day Ahead Market (EDAM). Others will choose SPP's Markets+, and some may maintain "status quo" imbalance-only market participation.

CAISO filed the EDAM Tariff with FERC in August 2023. FERC approved the majority of the EDAM Tariff in December 2023 and residual compliance items in April 2024. To-date, PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric have made formal commitments via signed implementation agreements; the Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC), NV Energy and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power have provided preliminary commitments to participate; and Idaho Power has indicated a "leaning" towards EDAM.

After several months of discussions, WAPA's Sierra Nevada (SN) region recently reached consensus with CAISO and BANC on potential solutions to address SN's concerns regarding transmission revenue recovery, SN's power marketing plan execution under EDAM, transmission loss account-

ing and resource adequacy. SN has signed a memorandum of understanding with CAISO to document the outcomes of their discussions, and the region has held two customer meetings with additional meetings scheduled for July 31 and Aug. 22, 2024.

EDAM go-live is targeted for April 2026 with a core group of participants. Other entities may join in later onboarding tranches.

SPP filed the Markets+ Tariff with FERC in March 2024 and requested a response from FERC by July 31. FERC's response is pending as of the date of this newsletter. While not directly engaged, WAPA continues to monitor this initiative closely, and SPP stakeholder groups are meeting regularly on detailed implementation items including resource adequacy, transmission congestion, settlements and GHG tracking. Go-live is targeted for the second quarter of 2027.

More information is available on the [CAISO EDAM webpages](#) and the [SPP Markets+ webpages](#).



WEST-WIDE GOVERNANCE PATHWAYS INITIATIVE

WAPA continues to participate on the West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative (WWGPI) Launch Committee during this next phase (Phase 2) of the initiative's work. In addition to engagement on the launch committee, WAPA is also participating on three of the five working groups associated with Phase 2 development of the Pathways "step-two straw proposal." WAPA's goal for engaging in these workgroups is to support the continued discussion and development around improved market efficiency in the West, recognizing the significance and importance of collaboration

across the Western Interconnection. We look forward to the continued conversations as WAPA continues to deliver on our commitment to our customers to engage in and monitor the development of market activities in the West and ensure the value of our federal hydropower is maintained.

For more information, see the [Pathways initiative webpages](#).



Thank you for reading the *WAPA and Markets* newsletter. For more information, call your regional representative or visit the [WAPA and Markets](#) webpage on [The Source](#).



Consistent with the *Power Forward 2030* strategic direction, WAPA will continue to work closely with customers, generating agencies and others to identify the best path forward that protects the value of hydropower and transmission services, as well as power system assets, for the benefit of preference customers and the nation.



**Western Area
Power Administration**