WAPA and Tribal Partnerships

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In the West

- Balancing distributed and broad system
- 4 regions
- 1 Management Center
- 15-state footprint
- Top 10 largest transmission utility in country
Three lines of business

**Federal Hydropower**
- Market 10,503 MW of power from 57 dams
- Buy and sell power to provide firm electric service

**Transmission System & Service**
- 17,000+ miles of transmission lines
- Operate 3 balancing areas
- 15-state operating region

**Transmission Infrastructure Program**
- Independent $3.25 B borrowing authority
- Projects must facilitate renewables
- Projects must have a nexus in WAPA’s footprint
Strategic Roadmap 2024

Mission
Market and deliver clean, renewable, reliable, cost-based Federal hydroelectric power and related services
Core values

Listen to understand, speak with purpose

Seek. Share. Partner.

Be curious, learn more, do better. Repeat.

Respect self, others and environment.

Do what is right. Do what is safe.

Serve like your lights depend on it.
Our role in providing energy

- Market clean hydropower
- Transmit it to customers
- Control parts of the energy grid
- Manage interties
- Provide open access to transmission
- Ancillary services
What we manage

- $4.3 billion in assets
- 114,863 structures
- 17,231 miles of transmission line
- 322 substations
- 291 transformers
- 661 buildings
- 487 communication sites
Customer focused

• Nearly 700 customers
  – Cities and towns
  – Rural electric cooperatives
  – Irrigation districts
  – Public power districts
  – Federal and state agencies
  – Native American tribes

• Customers, in turn, serve 40 million Americans in the West
Our budget

• Three sources
  • Appropriations
  • Alternative financing
  • Offsetting Collections

• Several power systems are financed by a revolving fund

• Appropriations are repaid, with interest, by customers through rates, unless exempted by law
Transmission Infrastructure Program

- Manages $3.25 billion revolving fund program
- Projects by law must:
  - Deliver and facilitate delivery of new renewable generation
  - Have one terminus on WAPA in WAPA’s Service Area
  - Be in the public interest
  - Not adversely impact system reliability, operations or other statutory obligations
  - Show a reasonable expectation that proceeds from the project will be adequate to repay its cost
Tribal Customers/Partners

- Preference Customers
- Tribal Government-Owned Utilities
  - Have physical transmission infrastructure to receive high voltage power
  - Inter-tribe crediting arrangements
- Hoover Dam reallocation led to 23 new Native American tribe customers
- If a Tribe does not have appropriate transmission facilities, they can enter into contractual arrangements with utilities to receive benefit crediting
Other partnerships

• Technical Assistance for pre-feasibility analysis on proposed interconnection requests
• Transmission partner for renewable energy projects on tribal land
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