

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



Strategic Roadmap 2024



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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