



# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** IEDA Board  
**RE:** Power Committee Report  
**DATE:** February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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## SPP/WAPA-220 Rate Case

WAPA issued a FRN regarding the need to change the transmission rate for those lines that will go into the SPP RTO, assuming FERC accepts the tariff. FERC recently accepted the tariff, so this looks like a done deal.

The problem is that WAPA-CRSP is talking about including the SPP RTO implementation costs into the Annual Transmission Revenue Requirements. Their plan would be to also include the benefits. However, IEDA feels that this violates the cost causation principle that is fundamental to the power industry.

The FRN alludes to modifying the WAPA-206 rates, which is the P-T-P rate that the allocator would utilize. This seems to be a breach of protocol by hinting at modifying a rate without a formal process.

One of the biggest issues is that CRSP has failed to analyze our concerns, despite repeated requests. Therefore, some IEDA members do not wish to be entangled in this process in any fashion.

Comments are due by March 31, and draft comments have been drafted by IEDA. It includes separation, based on cost causation principles, and a reduction of the rate window from five to two years. This will allow WAPA (and the customers) to see how this new normal would work and make better informed decisions than what we are asked to make now.

## **Help Hoover Dam 2.0**

The Arizona Public Power group, along with CRCNV, are looking to make another run at the Help Hoover Dam Act. We have consulted with BOR regarding if Appropriations Report Language would be sufficient for them to utilize the funds. The response from Deputy Commissioner Palumbo was yes. By going this route, we can avoid the scoring issue. Ciscomani, Amodei and Lee all are on House Appropriations, and signed on as sponsors of the bill.

## **Hoover Issues**

During the E&OC meeting, a disturbing issue was presented. If the water level at Lake Mead gets below 1035', it is feared that multiple non-wide head turbines would experience cavitation. This would effectively prevent their usage and reduce the capacity from over 1000 MW to roughly 385 MW.

IRA Bucket 3 money has been released. I forwarded the notice to Len Schilling at the dam. They are going to see if they qualify for this for the Waste Site remediation. The money is to be spent on ecosystem restoration (which it would be), but due to drought impacts (not sure if it qualifies). Some have suggested going after this funding for turbine replacements due to the issue above, but that would likely be an even greater stretch.

## **Energy Dominance**

Energy is part of Trump's plan to Make America Great Again. Executive Orders include a national energy emergency, opening up ANWR and reducing regulations on Oil & Gas.

Energy was a focus of the Republicans last Congress, but couldn't get much traction due to numbers. They have already introduced energy bills from last year. Given Trump's emphasis, it looks like a year for multiple energy bills to move.

## **Other Things to Watch**

- Wildfires
- Permitting Reform
- Data Center Load Growth