

## Monthly Board Report – 1/14/26



### **Agribusiness and Water Council/NWRA**

- NWRA Submitted WOTUS Comment Letter
- Corps Issues Final Nationwide Permits
- Family Farm Alliance Testifies 100<sup>th</sup> Time Before Congress
- Most of AZ Republican Delegation Request USDA to Restart Sterile Fly Facility in Douglas to Combat New World Screwworm
- \$3M Grant Establishes Arizona Hub for Agriculture Innovation
- ADEQ Holding Yuma PM<sub>10</sub> Draft AgBMP Rule Amendments Meeting
- Army Corps to Offer Streamlined Water Permits for Data Centers
- US Farm Agency Lost 20,000 Staff In First Five Months of Administration

### **American Public Power Association**

- FMPA Acquires Third Florida-Based Power Plant
- APPA Files Comments on Proposed WOTUS Rule
- APPA Sends Support Letter on H.R. 4669, the Fixing Emergency Management for Americans Act.
- APPA Offers Analysis of FERC Order on PJM Co-Located Loads
- APPA Testifies at House Grid Security Hearing
- Public Power Testifies before HNR on Federal Wildfire Policy

### **Arizona**

- Riverview Dairy Agrees to Use Less Water, Pays \$11M to Help Local Wells
- Gallego, Kelly (Senate) & Crane (House) Kelly Re-introduce Bill to Ratify and Fund Yavapai-Apache Nation Water Rights Settlement
- SRP Releases Water from Horseshoe Dam after Heavy Rains
- Workplace Heat Safety Task Force Delivers Final Recommendations

## **Bureau of Reclamation/Dept. of Interior**

- Admin Suggests Switching Out Negotiators on Post-2026 at CRWUA
- Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects Taking Applications
- BLM to Accelerate Geothermal Lease Sales on Federal Land
- DOI Launches U.S. Wildland Fire Service

## **California**

- Pasadena City Council Approves Optimized Strategic Plan to Achieve Carbon-Free Electricity by the End of 2030
- City of Palo Alto Utilities Undergrounding Utilities for Wildfire Mitigation
- Glendale Water & Power's Power Supply Is Now Coal-Free
- IID Board Sets Guardrails to Protect Ratepayers as Interest Grows in Large Industrial Energy Loads
- SMUD Cancels Solar Energy PPA, Cites Project Uncertainties
- SMUD CEO Paul Lau Announces Retirement
- Governor Proclaims State Of Emergency In Multiple SOCAL Counties Due To Storms

## **Colorado River Energy Distributors Association**

- Four Corners Region Could see a \$5B Pumped Hydro Project

## **Department of Energy**

- DOE Orders Colorado Power Plant Unit to Remain Operational
- Orders Continued Operation of Coal-Fired Power Plant Units in Indiana
- WA Coal Plant Unit Ordered To Stay Operating Until March 2026
- Government Drops \$800 Million On 2 Nuclear Technology Projects
- DOE Names Eric Mahroum New Director of the Office of Indian Energy
- DOE Gives 3 Companies Billions for Nuclear Fuel Enrichment

## **Environmental Protection Agency**

- EPA Finalizes Steam Effluent Limitations Guidelines Deadline Extension Rule
- Agency Moves Forward With Plans for Reworking 2015 Ozone NAAQS
- EPA Plans to Curb States' Clean Water Act Permitting Power

## **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission/NERC/NRC**

- FERC Issues 2025 Assessment of Demand Response and Advanced Metering

## **Financial Focus**

- 2025 Saw \$34B in New Investments & 28K New Jobs in Arizona (ACA)
- AZ Ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in the Nation, Expanding 56K Jobs in Last Year
- KPPC Advanced Chemicals Inc. Broke Ground on New \$120M Semiconductor Ultrapure Chemical Manufacturing Campus in Casa Grande

## **Industry Update**

- NY Gov. Unveils Nuclear Agreement Between NYPA & Ontario Power
- Administration Pauses Leases for All Large-Scale Offshore Wind Projects Under Construction
- Alphabet to Buy Data Center and Energy Infrastructure Company for \$4.75B
- Duke Submits Early Site Permit Application for Potential New Nuclear Development in North Carolina
- Toyota Says EVs Could Rival Nuclear Energy As A Power Source
- USS Nimitz Reactors Could Power Future Land-Based AI Data Center
- Storage Boom Strengthens Demand Outlook For Beaten-Down Lithium
- EPB and Vanderbilt University Launch Innovation Institute to Accelerate Quantum Science and Technology Breakthroughs
- Meta Platforms Unveils Series of Nuclear Power Agreements

## **Markets**

- PJM Directed to Establish Transparent Rules to Facilitate Service of AI Data Centers, Other Large Loads Co-Located with Generating Facilities
- PJM Details Auction Procurement Results, Says Capacity of Resources Procured, Plus FRR resources, Short of PJM Reliability Requirement
- BPA Executes New Power Contracts w/ 130+ NW Public Utility Customers
- ISO-NE Files First Phase of Capacity Auction Reforms with FERC
- TVA Signs Record of Decision to Build Gas Units at Site in Memphis
- TVA New Gas Construction Tops 3,600 MW After Memphis Approval
- NE Power Coordinating Council Reliability Assessment Projects Sufficient Electricity Supply to Meet Winter Demand Across Region
- Colorado PUC Issues Order Approving Tri-State's Organized Wholesale Market Application in SPP
- New York State Energy Planning Board Approves State Energy Plan
- ISO-NE Proposes Capacity Market Overhaul With Shift To 'Prompt' Auction
- Kristine Raper Hired as SPP Western Regulatory Director

## **Meetings**

- January 6th – Lunch w/ ACES (IEDA Annual Meeting)
- January 8th – CREDA Leg Call, AMPUA, Drought Meeting, GRWG Call
- January 9th – E.C. Call, PMA Task Force, NWRA
- January 12th & 13th – Water, Power & Legislative Committee Meetings
- January 15-16 – Yuma Chuck Wagon Dinner & ABWC
- January 21st – Hoover E&OC, Legislative Roundup
- January 22nd – CREDA Leg Call, GRWG Call
- February 6th – IEDA Annual Meeting
- February 11th-12th – CREDA – St. George, UT
- February 22-25 – APPA Leg Rally, Board Meeting & Hill Visits

## **Oil & Natural Gas**

- Energy Transfer to Upsize Transwestern Pipeline's Desert Southwest Expansion Project

- Energy Transfer Drops Plans for Lake Charles LNG After Lengthy Battle
- Great Basin Secures 800 MMcf/d in Commitments for \$1.7B Northern Nevada Natural Gas Expansion
- Constitution Seeks FERC OK to Build Northeast Natural Gas Conduit
- U.S. LNG Strengthens Grip on Europe as Equinor Delays Project to Extend Hammerfest Exports
- Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate Gas Expansion Gets FERC Blessing
- Regulatory Overhaul Clouds Outlook for Mexico Gas Marketing in 2026
- Banks Lower '26 Gas Forecast Modestly, but Long-Term Price Confidence Holds
- Global Gas Prices Fizzle as More LNG Hits the Market, Demand Soften
- Data Centers 'Playing Second Fiddle' to LNG as Haynesville, Permian Ramp up Natural Gas Supply
- Natural Gas Futures Crushed by Mild Weather, Curve Signals More Pain
- Clearer Timeline Emerges for Next Wave of U.S. LNG Projects as Buildout Hits Overdrive
- U.S. Natural Gas Outpacing Oil Demand as Data Centers, LNG Seen Lifting '26 Outlook
- Mexico Power Plan Signals Steady Natural Gas Demand as Imports Creep Higher
- Permian Bottlenecks Tip MX's El Encino Gas Prices Into Negative Territory
- U.S. Exports to Mexico Hit Record in 2025 Despite Growth Slowdown
- Bakken Natural Gas Growth Spurs North Dakota Pipeline Expansions
- Strong Supply Checks February Natural Gas Prices
- Natural Gas Storage Projections Swell as January Heating Collapses
- EPA Aims to Limit States' Regulatory Role as Natural Gas-Hungry LNG Plants
- While Neighbors Race for Nat Gas, U.S. Oil Giants Hesitate on Venezuela
- U.S. LNG Flows Anchor Global Markets as Europe Competes, Asia Pulls Back
- US Natural Gas Exports to Mexico Poised to Surge in 2026
- Norwegian Gas Output Decline Widens Path for More U.S. LNG to Europe

## **Transmission/WAPA**

- Americans for a Clean Energy Grid Rolled Out New High-Capacity Transmission Permitting Tracker

## **Washington DC**

- House Passes Reliable Power Act, SPEED Act
- Senators Murkowski and King Introduce Legislation to Ease Regulatory Requirements for Hydropower Projects
- Trump Signs 5 CRA Resolutions Reversing Resource Management Plans that Locked Up Millions of Acres of Land and Minerals in AK, WY, ND, and MT
- E&C Committee Holds Hearing on “Dawn of the New Nuclear Era”
- The Reliable Power Act (H.R. 3616) passed on w/ Bipartisan Support
- Administration Pushes National AI Standard To Keep US Ahead Of China
- House Fails to Override Trump Vetoes
- Trump Quits Pivotal 1992 Climate Treaty
- Cotton Bill Would Let Data Centers Bypass Federal Power Rules
- GOP Unveils Energy-Heavy Framework for ‘Reconciliation 2.0’
- Congressional Lawmakers Release Bipartisan Permitting Reform Draft