



Western
Area Power
Administration

Upper Great Plains Region (WAPA-UGP or UGP) Transmission & Ancillary Services Formula Rates (Rate Order No. WAPA-218)



Public Comment Forum

February 19, 2025

Virtual Meeting

9:15 AM to no later than 10:00 AM MST

Moderated by:

Evan Bekkedahl – Attorney-Advisor

Introductions

- Evan Bekkedahl – Attorney-Advisor
- Lloyd Linke – UGP Regional Manager
- Steve Sanders – UGP Strategic Advisor
- Gayle Nansel– UGP Operations Manager
- Linda Cady-Hoffman – UGP Rates Manager
- Sara Baker – Project Manager (Transmission Tariff Coordinator)



Purpose of Meeting

- As described in the *Federal Register* Notice (FRN) published December 30, 2024 (89 FR 10646):
 - Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) [Rate Order No. WAPA-218](#), Upper Great Plains (UGP) region of the WAPA proposes new formula rates for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program--Eastern Division (P-SMBP--ED) transmission and ancillary services for UGP's costs to be recovered under the Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) Open Access Transmission Tariff (Tariff).
- WAPA will accept oral and written comments at this Public Comment Forum.

<http://www.oasis.oati.com/WAPA/WAPAdocs/FRN-Proposed-UGP-Trans-Anc-Service-Rates-2024-1230.pdf>



Comment Forum

- If you have a comment, **please use the raise your hand** function and the Moderator will call on you
- Please start by **stating your name and the name of the organization that you represent.**
- As a courtesy to the court reporter, please also **spell your name.**



Comment Forum Opening

- The Moderator will accept oral or written comments at this time.



Consultation and Comment Virtual Forum Has Ended

- WAPA will accept additional written comments any time during the consultation and comment period, **which closes March 31, 2025.**



Comment Addresses

Please send written comments by email to UGPTRates@wapa.gov or to the address below:

Rates Manager
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**Comments must be received by
March 31, 2025**



Public Process Overview

- Federal Register Notice published December 30, 2024
- Public Information Meetings, February 19, 2025
- Public Comment Forums, February 19, 2025
- 90-day Comment Period
- **Comment Period Closes – March 31, 2025**
- June-July 2025, WAPA will publish a final FRN of Transmission and Ancillary Services Formula Rates
- New formula Rates in effect April 1, 2026 or later as determined by Administrator
- FERC final approval of formula rates TBD
- Around October 2025, SPP plans to file updated Attachment H for WAPA-UGP to FERC



More Information

Western-UGP OASIS Home Page (See “Rate Order No. WAPA-218” page in “Rates” Folder)

<http://www.oasis.oati.com/wapa/index.html>

SPP Member Related Posting Page

<http://opsportal.spp.org/OASIS/Directory/Member%20Related%20Postings>

UGP Rates Information

<https://www.wapa.gov/regions/UGP/rates/Pages/rates.aspx>

The direct link to the “Rate Order No. WAPA-218” page, where all the information related to this rate process can be accessed is:

<https://www.oasis.oati.com/woa/docs/WAPA/WAPAdocs/Rate-Order-No-WAPA-218.htm>



Questions

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