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BANC Congratulates WAPA on Moving Forward with Participation in EDAM

Today, Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) announced that WAPA's Sierra Nevada region (SN), will be joining the Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC) members from the City of Redding, the City of Roseville, Modesto Irrigation District (MID) and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) to participate in the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM).

"BANC wants to congratulate WAPA on its decision to have SN join with BANC to participate in EDAM," said BANC General Manager Jim Shetler. "We have concluded that participation in EDAM provides the best benefit for BANC and its WEIM participants while leveraging the investment we have made, and preserving the benefits we see, in WEIM. This decision is also consistent with BANC's position that evolutionary development of markets in the West provides the most long-term durability. BANC looks forward to collaborating with WAPA-SN and our members as we move forward with EDAM implementation." Based upon this latest participant approval, BANC is looking to join EDAM by the Spring of 2027.

EDAM will develop an approach to extend participation in the day-ahead market to the Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) entities in a framework similar to the existing WEIM approach for the real-time market, rather than requiring full integration into the California ISO balancing area. EDAM will improve market efficiency by integrating renewable resources using day-ahead unit commitment and scheduling across a larger area.

Visit CAISO's EDAM Stakeholder Initiative for more information.

About BANC

BANC is the third largest balancing authority in California and the 16th largest within the Western Electricity Coordinating Council. BANC is a joint powers agency whose members include the Modesto Irrigation District, Redding Electric Utility, Roseville Electric, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, the City of Shasta Lake, and the Trinity Public Utilities District. BANC began operations in May 2011. BANC's footprint currently extends from the Oregon border to Modesto and from Sacramento to the Sierra and includes the Western Area Power Administration's transmission grid and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamations' generation resources in California. BANC includes the California-Oregon Transmission Project (COTP), as well as the systems of its members. For more information, visit thebanc.org.

About WAPA

Western Area Power Administration annually markets and transmits more than 25,000 gigawatt-hours of clean, renewable power from 57 federal hydroelectric powerplants owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation, Army Corps of Engineers and International Boundary and Water Commission in 15 western and central states. It is part of the Department of Energy. Follow us on X: @WesternAreaPowr or visit the website at wapa.gov.

About SMUD

As the nation's sixth-largest, community-owned, not-for-profit electric service provider, SMUD has been providing low-cost, reliable electricity to Sacramento County for more than 75 years. SMUD is a recognized industry leader and award winner for its innovative energy efficiency programs, renewable power technologies and for its sustainable solutions for a healthier environment. Today, SMUD's power supply is on average about 50 percent carbon free and SMUD has a goal to reach zero carbon in its electricity production by 2030. SMUD's rates and customer bills are consistently among the lowest in California, and are today, on average, more than 50 percent lower than its neighboring investor-owned utility. For more information on SMUD's Zero Carbon Plan and its customer programs, visit smud.org.