



## **Voice your support for Tri-State's Organized Wholesale Market (OWM) Application to ensure reliable, affordable power**

We all know how reliable power is critical to our rural way of life. Following years of collaboration with other regional utilities, transmission providers, and stakeholders, Tri-State plans to expand its participation in the Southwest Power Pool Regional Transmission Organization (SPP RTO) in the west. To support this effort, Tri-state has filed an OWM Application with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission seeking a CoPUC finding that Tri-State's expanded participation in SPP RTO is in the public interest and SPP RTO meets the Colorado statutory definition of an OWM.

You can easily share your support through the Colorado Public Utilities Commission website in a few simple steps:

**Click here:** [Colorado Public Utilities Commission](#)

**Select** "Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association" and click **Next**

**Select** "25A-0266E - Application for a public interest determination for entry into the Southwest Power Pool Regional Transmission Organization in the Western Interconnection." and click **Next**

**Enter** the information requested in the relevant fields

**Enter** your supportive comment (the sample comment below may be pasted into the text box) and select **Submit**

Below is an example of sample comments. It's important to be positive and respectful of the Commission's role and processes.

*Colorado Public Utilities Commission  
Eric Blank, Commission Chairman  
Megan Gilman, Commissioner  
Tom Plant, Commissioner*

*I am writing in support of Tri-State's expanded participation in the Southwest Power Pool Regional Transmission Organization (SPP RTO). SPP RTO is a FERC-approved Organized Wholesale Market (OWM) and presents a valuable opportunity to promote overall system reliability, resilience and efficiency while returning economic benefits to the membership. Tri-State's service territory in the Eastern Interconnect is already in SPP RTO and over the last five years Tri-State has made proactive efforts towards expanded RTO participation in the Western Interconnect. Tri-State's expanded participation in SPP RTO will enable the most efficient dispatch of resources, improve integration of new resources, and optimize the regional transmission system to reliably, affordably and responsibly serve growing loads in the West.*

*Tri-State and its members are working together to build a responsible electric system for the future that maintains reliability and enhances resilience at competitive rates for*

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*its membership. Tri-State's expanded participation in SPP RTO is estimated to generate approximately \$20 million per year in net benefits for Tri-State and its members, supporting downward rate pressure. SPP RTO will also assist Tri-State in meeting Colorado greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction requirements more cost-effectively and has meaningful GHG tracking and reporting in place. Finally, SPP is implementing multiple processes to enhance how new resources can interconnect and integrate to the grid more efficiently.*

*I respectfully ask that you swiftly determine that the SPP RTO is a statutory OWM and that Tri-State's decision to expand its participation in SPP RTO is in the public interest to ensure a reliable, affordable and responsible system.*

*Thank you,  
[Name]*