



BUSINESS OPERATIONS - March 2026

ARPA Welcomed its Newest Board Member from Springfield:

Aaron Close attended his first Board meeting since being appointed to the ARPA Board of Directors by the Springfield Board of Trustees. Welcome Aaron!

ARPA Prepares for Implementation of an Electric Market in the West:

The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) is scheduled to launch its Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) in the West on April 1, 2026. This is an expansion of SPP RTO East which has been in operation for several years. The purpose of the implementation of an

electric market is to provide more efficient scheduling of power resources and more effective management of transmission assets. The implementation of the market is anticipated to reduce overall cost for the delivery of power into the transmission grid.

This transition into an RTO has an immediate impact on where power is delivered to ARPA. The Authority is in the process of making changes to where certain power resources are delivered to ARPA. These changes to ARPA's Points of Receipt will eliminate any cost shift that could impact ARPA's transmission costs.

CRSP Allocations and Water Levels: As everyone is aware, this winter's snowpack is considerably below average, and in fact is near or at all-time lows. The low water levels on the Colorado River basin are impacting the hydro-electric generation from the Western Area Power Administration. Deliveries from the Glen Canyon dam hydro plant have dropped below 50% of the allocated amount and further declines are anticipated unless there is a significant improvement in the snowpack in the river basins. Fortunately for ARPA, we have the resources to provide any shortfall that may occur from the hydro facilities.

ARPA Board Holds its Annual Election of Officers: The ARPA Board of Directors held its annual election of officers at its meeting on February 26. The Board elected Lorenz Sutherland (La Junta), President; Jay Brooke (Lamar), Vice President; Gary Cranson (La Junta), Treasurer; and ARPA staff member, Arvenia Morris, Secretary.

Full Steam Ahead for Solar Powered Electricity! The ARPA Board received an update on the construction of four solar fields that will be located at its member cities. Clay Creek Energy LLC, reported that they continue to move forward with engineering and anticipate breaking ground on all four sites within the next few months. Their goal is to have all four sites in operation by December 31, 2026. Once the solar fields are on-line and in full production, they are expected to generate as much as 12% of ARPA's total energy needs. Combined with ARPA's wind turbines, ARPA and its members will be self-supplying approximately 20% of ARPA's energy. The Solar Energy Facilities will be installed in Trinidad (1.8 MW), La Junta (4.8 MW), Lamar (4.8 MW) and Las Animas (1.8 MW).

Summary of January 2026 Financial and Operating Statements: During the month of January, revenue from power sales were 5% less than budget and total cost of goods sold were under budget (5.9%). Net Revenue for the month was \$306,710, which was \$7,834 less than budget. Member Energy sales were 3.7% less than budget and 8.6% less than January 2025. Wind generation was 7% of the power supply resources in January.

Next ARPA Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the ARPA Board of Directors is Thursday, May 28, 2026. The meeting will be held in La Junta at Otero College Student Center, 2001 San Juan. The meeting notice and agenda will be posted on ARPA's website (arpapower.org) under [Board Meetings](#) and will also be posted in a designated location in each of the member cities at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

ARPA Board Meetings Are Open to the Public