Representatives from Western Area Power Authority (WAPA) presented to students on March 10, 2020.

Representatives Brent Osiek (Power Marketing Manager) and Clayton Palmer (Environmental Specialist) made a presentation to students of the Large River Management Class taught by Jack Schmidt and David Rosenberg on March 10, 2020. The gave the basics of WAPA's mission and goals, a primer on electrical grid systems, and details about seven major hydroelectric dams under their operation.

The mission of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) is to market and deliver clean, renewable, reliable, cost-based federal hydroelectric power and related services. As one of the four power marketing administrations within the U.S. Department of Energy, WAPA's role is to market wholesale hydropower generated at 56 hydroelectric federal dams operated by the Bureau of Reclamation United States Army Corps of Engineers and the International Boundary and Water Commission. WAPA delivers this power through a more than 17,000-circuit-mile high-voltage power transmission system to more than 700 preference power customers across the West. Those customers, in turn, provide retail electric service to more than 40 million consumers.

WAPA's service territory spans 15 central and western states, including Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.