



Nevada Transmission Discussion

Wyoming Energy Authority 101

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About Us

The Wyoming Energy Authority supports the growth of a secure and prosperous future for Wyoming's energy and natural resources. Our mission is to advocate for, facilitate and advance Wyoming's energy economy.

We do this through a variety of ways:

- We promote and support the development of commercial energy projects.
- We preserve existing markets while identifying and pursuing new areas for market development.
- We promote Wyoming's energy resources and provide education, data and resources with the benefits of Wyoming's energy assets.
- We leverage financial opportunities to develop efforts conducive to the sustainability of the energy sector in Wyoming.
- We leverage Wyoming's diverse energy resources for the benefit of Wyoming citizens while preserving environmental stewardship.
- We support the transition of innovative technologies and practices into the Wyoming energy sector.
- We navigate the Wyoming energy sector through emerging opportunities and help frame best practices for other communities and states.
- We develop and promote public policies and regulations to ensure the sustainable use of Wyoming's energy resources.

WHO WE ARE

Our Team

The Wyoming Energy Authority team are advocates, partners, environmental stewards, and innovators working to keep Wyoming at the front and center of the energy economy of tomorrow.



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WYOMING ENERGY AUTHORITY

The Wyoming Energy Authority (WEA) was created by the Wyoming Legislature and became operational on July 1, 2020, to serve as a unified, "one-stop-shop" for energy strategy and business development.

Brief Timeline

Wyoming Pipeline Authority was created in 1979. facilitate the development of energy transmission infrastructure. It was designed to encourage natural gas pipeline capacity expansion, playing a key role in projects like the Kern River Transmission system in 1993.

Wyoming Infrastructure Authority was created in 2004. It was created as an instrumentality of the state to diversify and grow Wyoming's economy by facilitating electric transmission infrastructure and energy development.

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WEA's Statutory Authority

The WEA was created in part to:

“Diversify and expand the Wyoming economy through improvements in the State's Electric and Energy Transmission Infrastructure.”

“Engage with stakeholders... on potential market opportunities, energy projects, and technology development that will increase the value of Wyoming energy.”

The WEA is authorized to:

“Work in consultation and coordination with entities” and “do any and all things necessary for the development, regulation, and accomplishment of the purposes of the Authority.”



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**Streamlined Government—
One Stop Shop**

WEA serves as a central convener—connecting state agencies, utilities, developers, communities, and regulators to reduce silos and present a coherent, statewide energy strategy.

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**Infrastructure to Enhance
Wyoming’s Energy Economy**

Wyoming is the number one electricity exporter in the west and number one electricity producer per capita. The WEA works to proactively attract and support energy-intensive industries by helping align generation, transmission, fuels, and policy so projects can actually get built in Wyoming.

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Advocate

As markets, federal policy, and technology evolve, WEA helps Wyoming leverage its existing strengths while exploring new opportunities so the state isn’t reacting late or defensively.

Kern River Pipeline

What it is: The *Kern River Pipeline* is a ~1,700-mile interstate natural gas pipeline that transports Wyoming gas through Utah and Nevada to California, serving utilities, power plants, and industry in the western U.S. since 1992.

Purpose: It links abundant Rocky Mountain gas supply to high-demand markets (e.g., Southern California and Las Vegas), helping balance regional energy needs and market access.

Wyoming Pipeline Authority role: The Wyoming Pipeline Authority (created in 1987) helped **facilitate and advocate** for construction of Kern River out of Wyoming by supporting planning, coordination, and visibility for the project, recognizing it would expand market access and improve the state's gas pricing and export capacity.



Hughes Transmission Project

What it is: A 130-mile, 230-kV line developed by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, supported by a 2005 WIA bond placement with the Wyoming State Treasurer.

Purpose: It links the Hughes substation near Rozet, Wyoming to Carr Draw, Wyoming (and ultimately support regional grid capacity with Dry Fork Power Generation Station coming online)

Wyoming Infrastructure Authority role: In September 2005, WIA did a private placement of bonds to the Wyoming State Treasurer, amounting to \$34.5 million. The proceeds financed three-quarters of the cost of the project, WIA, then the WEA, received about \$600,000 in proceeds through a loan fee structured into the agreement.



What's Next for Us?

Ultimately, we view the transmission authority “arm” of the WEA as a tool in the toolbox.

Resurrect the Bonding Program

- Actual mechanics, liability, and metrics
- Unlocking barriers for economic development

Advocacy

- Regional markets
- Federal issues
- Commenting at Public Service Commission proceedings

Convener

- Interim topic on large loads and third party generation
- Annual summit





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