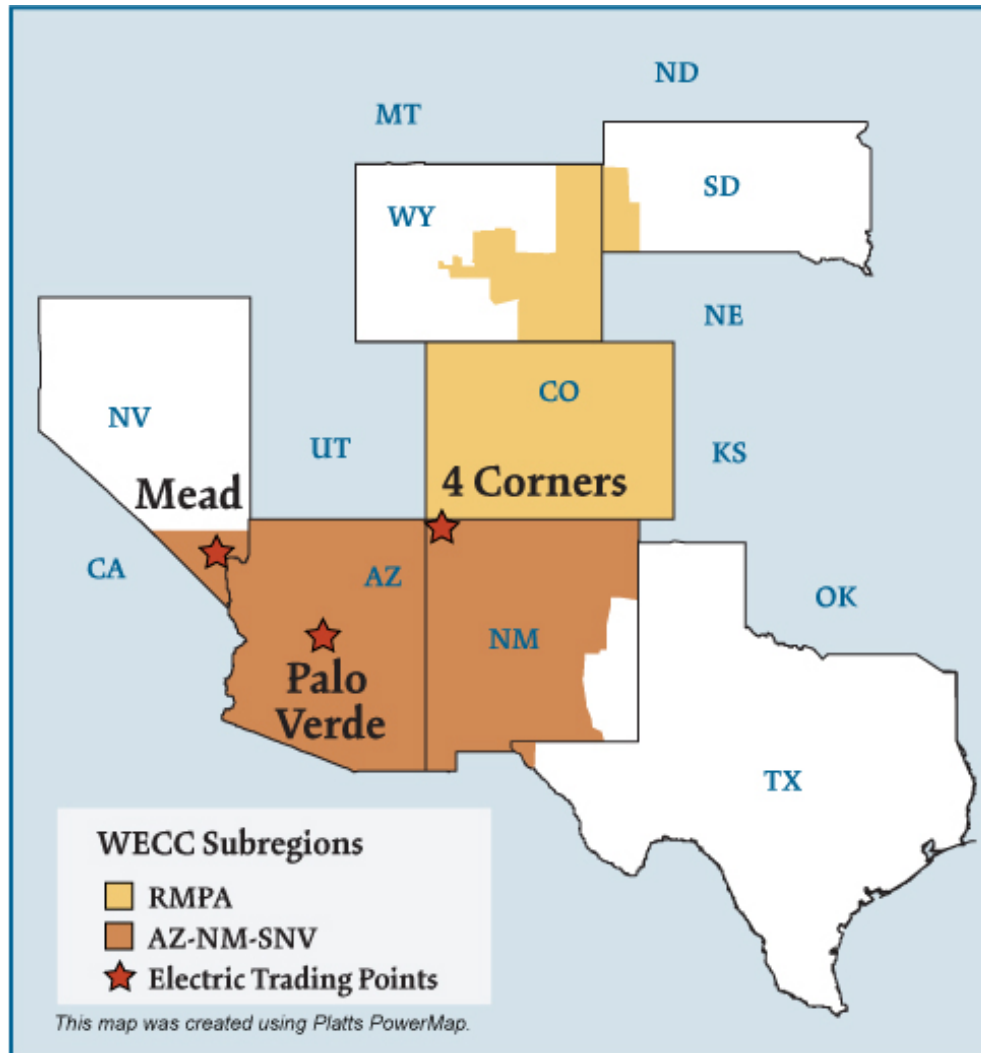


Southwest Electric Regions



Overview

Geography

States covered: All or most of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and parts of Nevada, Wyoming and South Dakota.

Reliability region: Rocky Mountain Power Area (RMPA) and Arizona/New Mexico/Southern Nevada Power Area (AZNMSNV) sub-regions of the Western Electric Coordinating Council (WECC)

Balancing authorities: See list on page 5.

Hubs: Four Corners, Mead, Palo Verde

RTO/ISO

None

Generation/Supply

Marginal fuel type: Natural gas

Generating capacity: 45,459 MW (2005)

Capacity reserve: 8,940 MW (2005)

Reserve margin: 24% (2005)

The region has a surplus of generating capacity, with much of the generation in Arizona and the Four Corners area. Transmission capacity to the California market is often fully utilized in the high load periods of the summer. In 2005, the regional reserve margin decreased from 2004 as demand growth outpaced supply additions.

Demand

Peak demand: 36,519 MW (2005)

Peak demand growth: 3.5% (2004–2005)

Prices

Annual Average of Daily Bilateral Day Ahead On-Peak Prices

Platts "Palo Verde" Index

2004: \$50.09/MWh

2005: \$67.39/MWh

2006: \$57.59/MWh

2007: \$61.74/MWh

Interconnections/Seams

Generation suppliers export excess power to the rest of the West and particularly to California.

Balancing Authorities in the Southwest Electric Market

WECC Subregion and Balancing Authority

NERC Acronym

AZNMSNV

Arizona Public Service Company
DECA, LLC - Arlington Valley
El Paso Electric Company
Gila River Maricopa Arizona
Harquahala L.L.C.
Imperial Irrigation District
Nevada Power Company
Public Service Company of New Mexico
Salt River Project
Tucson Electric Power Company
Western Area Power Administration - Lower Colorado

AZPS
DEAA
EPE
GRMA
HGMA
IID
NEVP
PNM
SRP
TEPC
WALC

RMPA

Public Service Company of Colorado
Western Area Power Administration - Colorado-Missouri

PSCO
WACM