

## **Southwestern Power Resources Association (SPRA):**

Since 1957, rural electric cooperatives and public power systems in the southwestern region have been joined together as members of the SPRA. Federal hydropower is a cost-effective, environmentally friendly power source for nearly **2,499,367 Texans.** A significant number of the citizens of Texas are able to take advantage of this clean energy.

- What began as the Committee on Power for the Southwest, SPRA continues as a voluntary, not-for-profit organization of consumer-owned electric systems located in Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
- These systems are customers of the Southwestern Power Administration (SWPA), headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which markets hydroelectric power generated at 24 multi-purpose Corps of Engineers water projects in this region.
- SWPA also operates 1,380 miles of high-voltage transmission line, 25 substations, and 46 communications sites and markets 2,052.5 MW of capacity and an estimated annual energy of 5,570,000 MWh.
- The power marketed by SWPA is generated at 24 Corps projects in the region, including four in Texas: Denison, Robert D. Willis, Sam Rayburn, and Whitney.
- For almost 60 years, SPRA has fiercely protected the rights and interests
  of federal hydropower customers to Congress, the Administration, federal
  and state agencies including DOE, the Corps, US Fish and Wildlife
  Service, and state fish and game agencies.
- SPRA works in collaboration with SWPA and state and national trade associations such as APPA, NRECA, Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., the Texas Public Power Association, and many others.

SWPA power is distributed in the state by the following consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric systems:

- Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.
- Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative
- Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative
- Sam Rayburn Dam Electric Cooperative
- Sam Rayburn G&T, Inc.
- Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency
- Tex-La Electric Cooperative of Texas

The total federal hydropower allocated to Texas is 159,350 kW.

Please contact my office with any questions regarding federal hydropower:

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