• 11 Entities, primarily in CO and WY
• Announced plans to join SPP
• Targeting go-live in 2019

- Basin Electric Power Cooperative
- Black Hills Energy
- Black Hills Power
- Black Hills Colorado Electric
- Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power
- Colorado Springs Utilities
- Platte River Power Authority
- Public Service Company of Colorado
- Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
- Western Area Power Admin.
- Loveland Area Projects-RMR
- Colorado River Storage Project
High-level takeaways

- The parties are targeting a go-live date of 10/1/19
- The intention is for SPP to operate a single market, optimizing across the DC ties. Other than accommodating the ties, the market design will remain virtually unchanged.
- SPP will operate separate East and West Balancing Authorities and will be the Reliability Coordinator for the entire footprint.
High-level takeaways (continued)

- SPP will have separate East and West transmission planning regions, but coordinate the modeling assumptions.
- Mountain West has requested several changes that would result in different treatment for the West, primarily in the areas of regional cost sharing of transmission upgrades, cost-shift mitigation, and specific governance issues.
Point of Caution

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Items to Consider for NWE

• How should this be considered in the Plan?
  – What is the likelihood of NWE joining at some point?
  – Timing
  – Alternatives
  – Impediments