



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 **794,828 Louisianans**. Nearly **20%** of the citizens of Louisiana 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.
- 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 NRECA, APPA, ALEC, many others.

The following are SPRA members and consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric systems that distribute SWPA power in the state:

- **Beauregard Electric Cooperative**
- **Claiborne Electric Cooperative**
- **Concordia Electric Cooperative**
- **Dixie Electric Membership Cooperative**
- **Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative**
- **Lafayette Utilities System**
- **Louisiana Energy and Power Authority**
- **City of Minden**
- **City of Natchitoches**
- **Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative**
- **City of Ruston**
- **South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association**
- **Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Cooperative**
- **Vinton Public Power Authority**
- **Washington-St. Tammany Electric Cooperative**

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