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A Touchstone Energy Cooperative



Electricity and the Economy

A Co-op's Perspective

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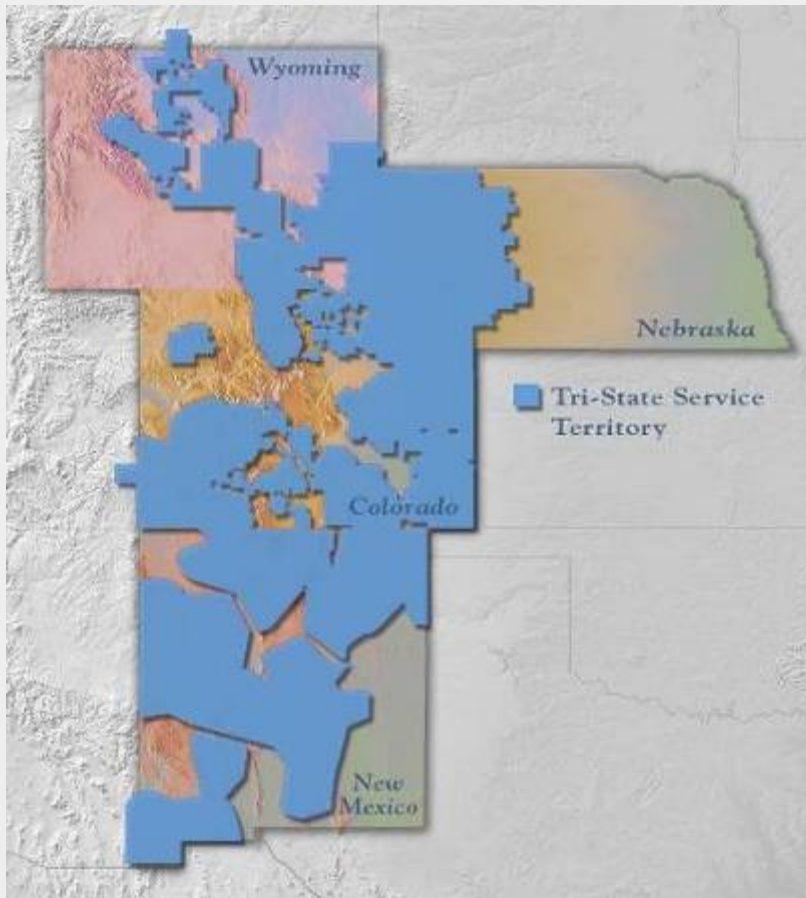
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RENEWABLE ENERGY



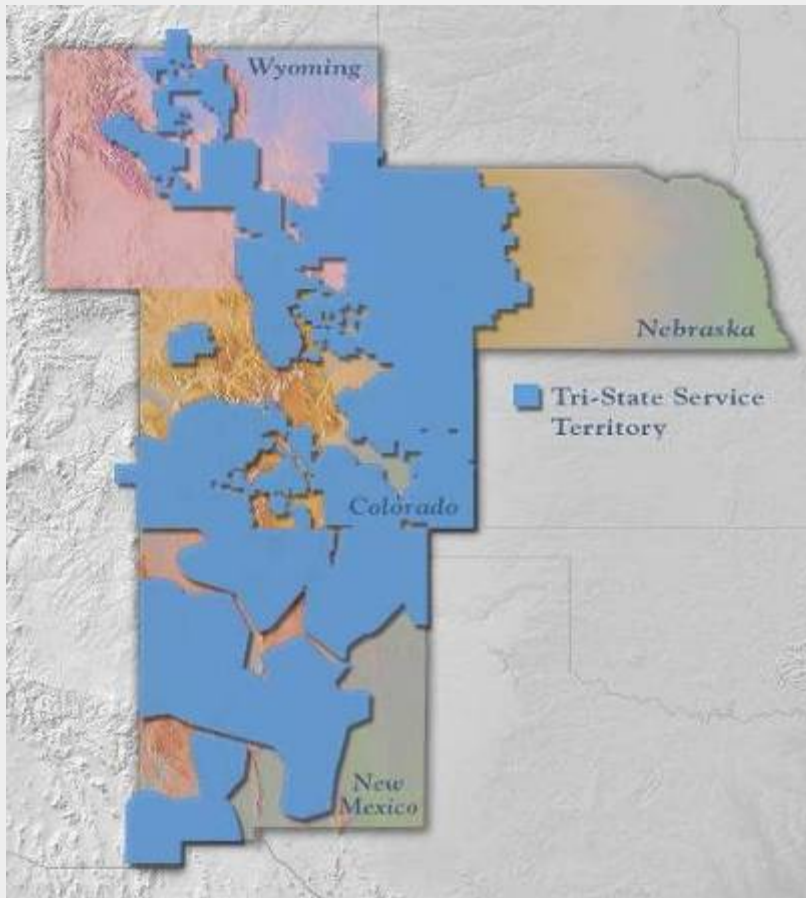
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- Consumer-owned, not-for-profit wholesale power supplier to 44 member co-ops
- Member systems serve approximately 1.5 million customers
- 200,000 square miles of service territory
- 5,200 miles of transmission
- Own all or part of 12 generation plants in 4 states

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- Capital assets = \$4.2 billion
- Annual revenues = \$1.2 billion
- Full-time employees = 1,200

SUPPLY RESOURCES

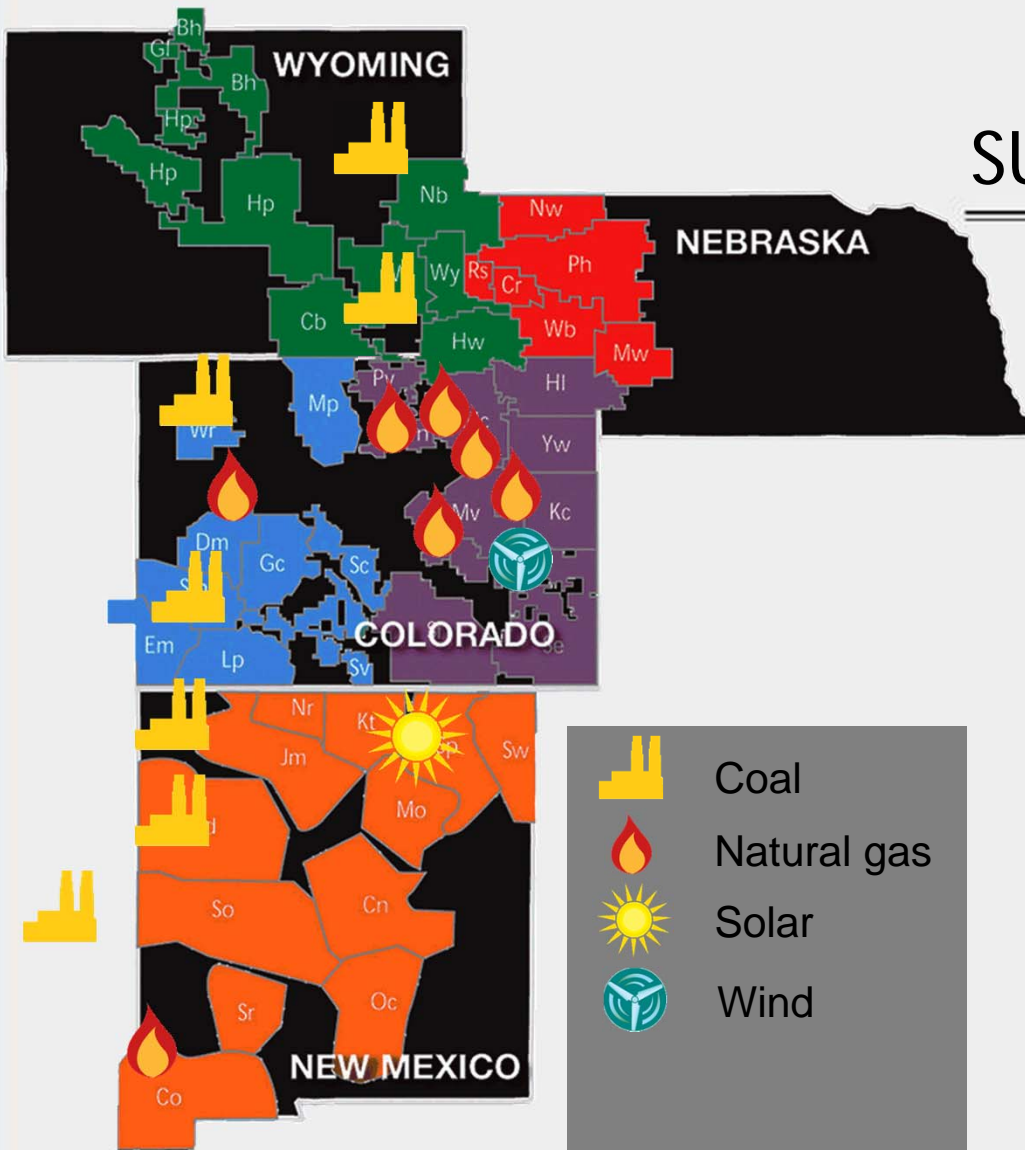
Base load coal resources -
1,867 MW

Intermediate and peaking
load natural gas resources
- 757 MW

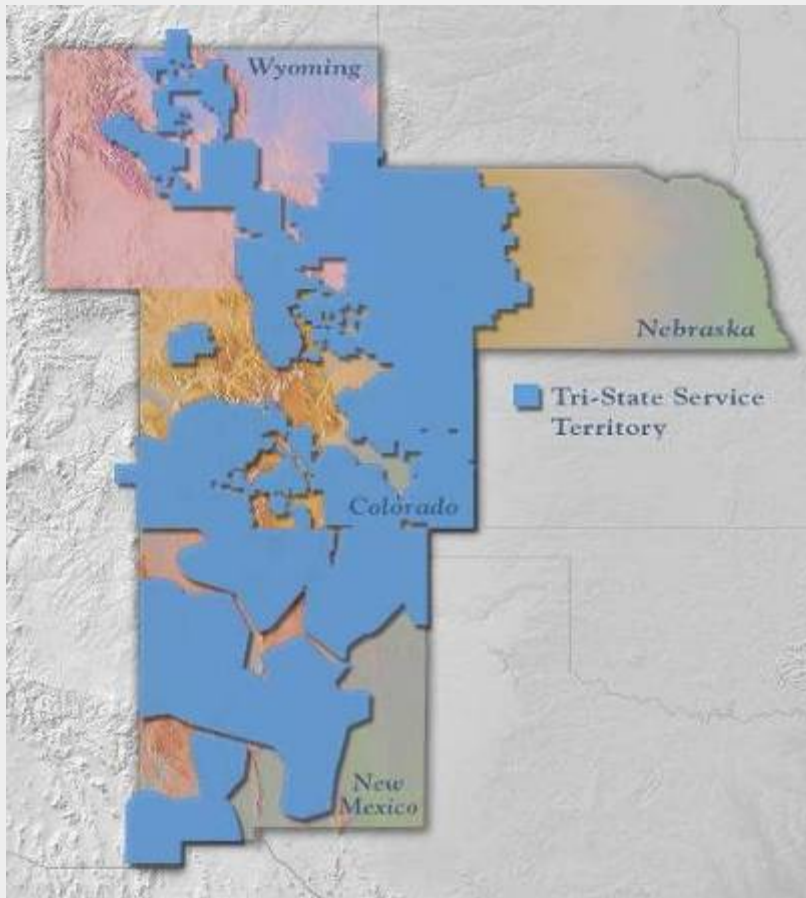
Renewable energy - 845 MW

Contracts, non-resource
specific - 467 MW

Total - 3,936 MW

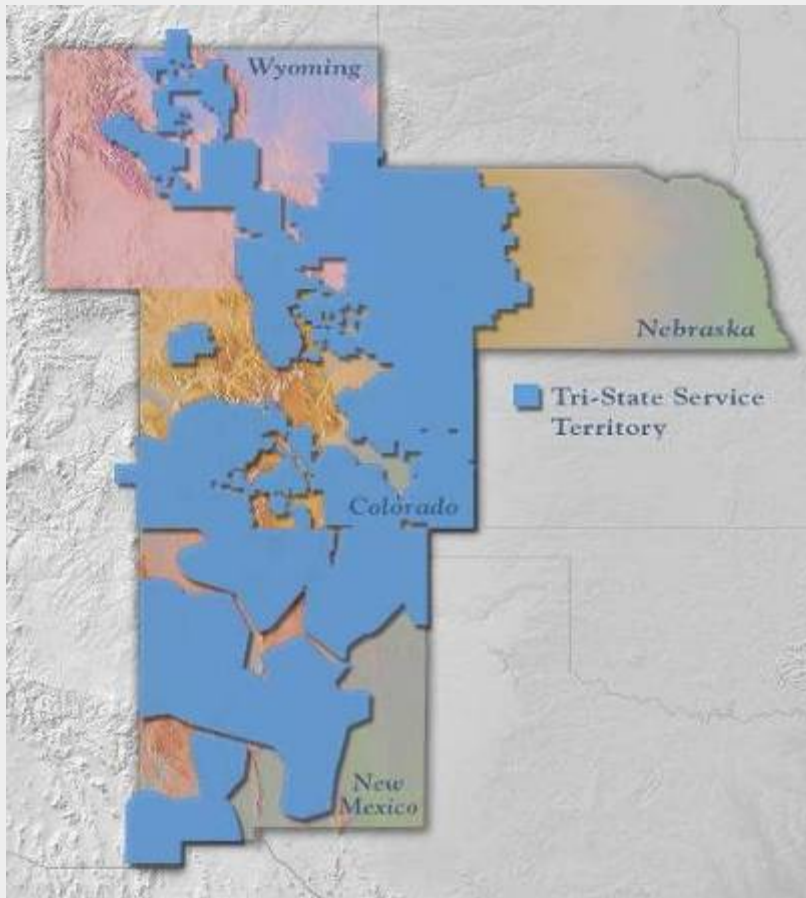


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- Affordability
- Reliability
- Economic sustainability

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- Initiatives
 - Improving existing fleet
 - Future generation planning
 - Transmission development
 - Renewable energy
 - Energy efficiency
 - Managing regulatory risk
 - GHG
 - Utility MACT
 - Coal ash



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CHALLENGES

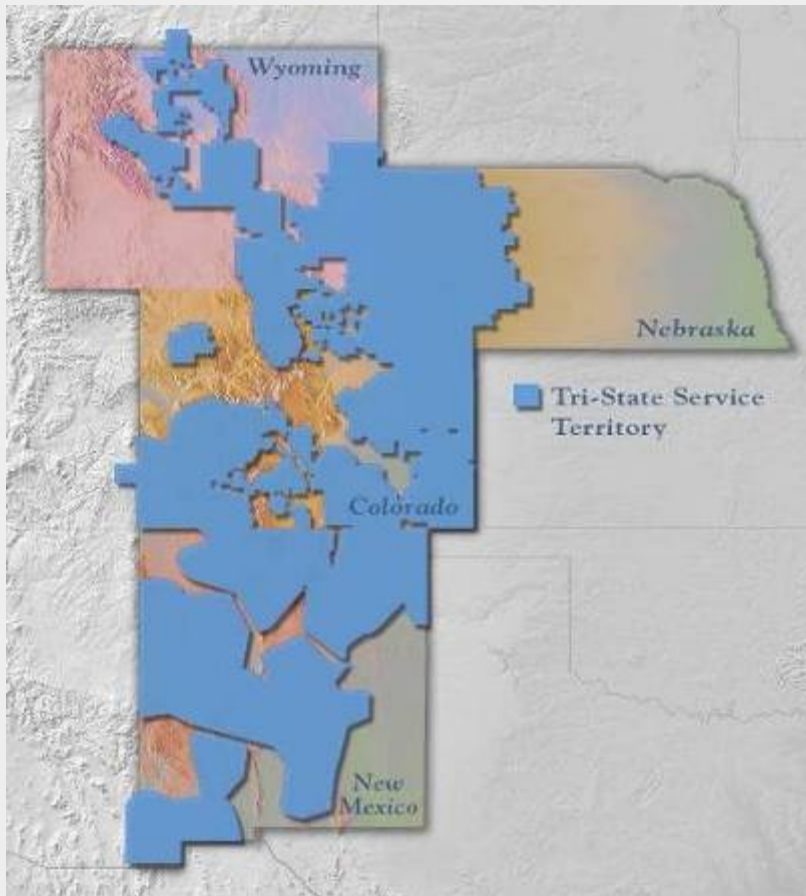
- Maintaining balanced portfolio
- Transmission siting
- Tightening environmental regs
- Complex public processes
- Keeping electricity affordable



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- Since Tri-State's board members, system managers and employees live in rural America, they understand the value of, and relationship to, affordable electricity and economic sustainability.



Affordability Campaign

- Board committed resources for five years to emphasize importance of affordable electricity
- Several facets
 - Advertising
 - Education
 - Developing and leveraging new relationships and partners



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