

Biography



MARK A. GABRIEL
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer
Western Area Power Administration

Mark A. Gabriel was selected as the Administrator and CEO of Western Area Power Administration in April 2013. Western, one of four Power Marketing Administrations in the U.S. Department of Energy, markets and delivers Federal hydropower to nearly 700 wholesale customers across the 15 western United States.

As Administrator and CEO, Gabriel is responsible for managing the non-profit federal agency, which delivers power from 57 hydroelectric powerplants operated by the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the International Boundary and Water. Gabriel has more than two decades of leadership experience in the electric utility industry and before this position served as Chief Executive Officer and President of Power Pundits LLC in Conifer, Colorado, a management consulting firm specializing in the energy.

Previously, Gabriel was the Senior Vice President for Black and Veatch Management Consulting, developing industry solutions in the areas of electricity, water, oil and gas and cyber security. Before joining Black and Veatch, Gabriel oversaw the expansion of Halcrow, a 158-year-old British firm, into its North American energy practice. He has also served as Senior Vice President for Energy with R.W. Beck, a national engineering-based consulting firm, the Chief Executive Officer of Positive Energy Directions, and the Electric Power Research Institute's Acting President for EPRI Traditional as well as Client Relations and Global Marketing Officer, among other industry positions. While at EPRI, Gabriel led a nationwide collaborative effort which became known as the Electricity Sector Framework for the Future. He is a well-known speaker and author. His book, *Visions for a Sustainable Energy Future*, won the 2009 Indie Excellence Book Award for Environmental Writing.

Gabriel holds a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Political Science from Fordham University in New York, New York. He completed the coursework for a Masters of Science in Administration and Management from St. Michael's College in Burlington, Vermont.