



## **Mike Wech**

Acting Administrator

Southwestern Power Administration



Mike Wech (pronounced “way”) has been Acting Administrator of Southwestern Power Administration since August 2017.

Wech brings over three decades of experience to the position, including both hands-on and supervisory skills in maintenance, engineering, dispatch, operations, training, and regulatory compliance.

Wech has been at Southwestern Power Administration since 2003 where he has served in multiple roles including, Deputy Administrator over the offices of Power Delivery, Corporate Compliance, and Corporate Operations; Vice President of Operations; System Operations Supervisor; Regulatory Compliance Officer; Manager for Operations Training; Operations Trainer; and Power System Dispatcher.

Wech came to Southwestern from Western Area Power Administration where he served in Power System Operations from 1997 to 2003. Prior to his federal service, he worked at Nebraska Public Power District from 1989 to 1997, in Power System Maintenance and System Operations.

Wech began his electric utility career in 1984 interning with electrical contractors during the summers while pursuing his bachelor of science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nebraska. Wech is also an American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) member and a NERC Certified System Operator.

Wech resides in [REDACTED] with his wife Lori.