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Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, California: Fitch New Issue Report

The 'AA-' rating reflects Los Angeles Department of Water & Power's (LADWP) very strong financial profile in the context of a large and diverse retail customer base, very strong revenue defensibility characteristics, increasing operating costs and a large capital plan. LADWP is in the process of redesigning its overall power supply portfolio to comply with state and local requirements to increase renewable energy resources and supply 100% carbon-free energy to retail customers by 2035. The rating analysis does not incorporate full potential costs related to the power supply conversion because the utility's strategic plan to reach the target and the total costs are not yet fully identified. Fitch expects a final plan in 2023, but additional costs in the capital improvement plan (CIP) are not expected to be materially incurred over the five-year CIP.

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