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BPA Administrator, Your September 2005 "Issue Alert" page two states: The Short-Term Regional Dialogue ... produced a decision for the longer term about limiting sales of power at the lowest cost to approximately the output of the existing system. That Policy will be implemented in post-2011 wholesale power contracts. I took part in the Regional Dialogue and I was left with the impression that this well conceived (and admittedly late in implementing) policy would be implemented in the upcoming rate case. Am I misreading your "Issue Alert" or will BPA be further putting off this very important policy change? If the latter, what is the justification for the delaying of this policy change? Earlier in the "Issue Alert" it is stated that: In 2000, customers placed almost 3,000 megawatts of load on BPA beyond what the federal system could provide. As the West Coast energy crisis unfolded, BPA was forced into a very expensive power market to meet its obligation to serve regional loads. This led to a large rate increase. Although this suggests to the reader that the BPA administrators have shirked the responsibility of the decision to take on the 3,000 megawatts above what could be supplied, (and against the public comments that myself and others testified in 1999) the BPA has elsewhere admitted to their huge error. It seems that future media releases should clearly state the BPA's admission to this error. Further, it seems that the policy change set in the Regional Dialogue should be instituted at the next rate case. I may be reached by phone, email or mail and look forward to a speedy reply to this issue. Best Regards, Scott Levy

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