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In reply refer to: P-6

Dear Customers, Constituents, Tribes and Other Regional Stakeholders:

On February 27, 2004, I sent you a letter updating the status of BPA's Regional Dialogue process and promising a BPA proposal on 2007-2011 issues by the end of June. The proposal is now posted for your review on the Regional Dialogue website at:

[www.bpa.gov/power/regionaldialogue](http://www.bpa.gov/power/regionaldialogue).

As you know, BPA's current firm power rates expire at the end of FY 2006, but most of BPA's regional power sales contracts continue through FY 2011. As stated in my earlier letter, BPA believes our first priority must be to address 2007-2011 issues that most urgently need to be resolved. These 2007-2011 issues are the main focus of the proposal. But we also propose in this document to limit BPA's future sales at the lowest cost-based rate to approximately the existing Federal system. We also propose a decision process and schedule to address long-term post-2011 issues.

A copy of the proposal is enclosed. During the public comment period on this proposal, BPA is seeking comment on the 2007-2011 issues, as well as the process and schedule for resolving the long-term issues. Information is also enclosed regarding the dates and times for public meetings, which will be held during the comment period, as well as on the options available for submitting comments. The comment period is open through September 22, 2004.

The Power Business Line Account Executives and Constituent Account Executives are available throughout this Regional Dialogue public process to respond to your questions or schedule individual discussions if you would like to do so.

Many parties within the region, including customers, constituents, and Tribes, have already invested considerable time and effort in discussing Regional Dialogue issues both with BPA and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council. I am pleased with both the strong interest and active participation of so many people and am optimistic the momentum will continue through the summer as you review the proposal and participate in public meetings. Determining the right mix of actions necessary to protect and enhance the benefits of the Federal Columbia River Power System is a crucial undertaking. I ask for your continued involvement in this important process and look forward to receiving feedback from you on BPA's proposal.

In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact your Power Business Line Account Executive, Constituent Account Executive, Helen Goodwin, Regional Dialogue Project Manager or myself.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:  
BPA's Regional Dialogue Policy Proposal  
Schedule of Public Meetings