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To Parties Interested in the ASC Methodology:

During the 2008 ASC Methodology consultation proceeding, certain parties requested that BPA develop comprehensive rules regarding the treatment of confidential information in ASC reviews. In response to these comments, BPA has developed "Draft Rules Governing the Disclosure of Confidential Information in BPA's Average System Cost Review Proceedings" (ASC Confidentiality Rules) [attached]. These rules are needed to ensure that sensitive information disclosed during ASC Review Proceedings will not be used inappropriately by any party. The enclosed procedures safeguard confidential material in ASC filings while also allowing intervenors meaningful access to the underlying data. These procedures, once adopted, will apply to the FY 2009 and FY 2010-11 ASC review processes.

BPA is requesting comments on the attached ASC Confidentiality Rules. Interested parties should submit comments on these procedures by October 9, 2008. Comments should be directed to BPA's public comment website, available at <a href="http://www.bpa.gov/applications/publiccomments/OpenCommentListing.aspx">http://www.bpa.gov/applications/publiccomments/OpenCommentListing.aspx</a>.

Thank you.

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