BPA Power Function Review
Scoresheet: Decisions that Could Decrease BPA Power Rates

As of March 14, 2005

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Potential Decisions	FY 2007-09 Cost Impact[1]	Comments / Tradeoffs
Conservation		
◆ Credit conservation done by utilities "on their own nickel" against BPA's target, reducing BPA's spending	E.g., they do 10 aMW, then we need only 46 aMW @ $1.4M/aMW Savings = $14M/yr	For partial requirements customers, would need to be careful to count MWs achieved in excess of "their share" of Council target.
◆ Reduce BPA target for "naturally occurring" conservation.	$5M/year capital and $1M/year interest savings $2.7M (over 3 years) (if expense savings vs. capital)	$2.7M is based on 4 aMW naturally occurring conservation and assuming $1.3/aMW cost to BPA. If assuming this reduction occurs in the capitalized Bilateral Contracts program. BPA is now proposing to make this adjustment in its post 2007 Conservation Proposal.
◆ Don't require load decrement on rate discount program, making utilities more willing to implement conservation at lower cost to BPA	0	No savings since there is no decrement in the current C&RD and customers say a decrement would reduce their participation in C&RD below levels we now assume.
◆ Count aMW of conservation achieved by IOUs through the rate credit program toward BPA's target.	0	The argument for this action is that though this conservation would not be occurring "in the load BPA serves," it would be regional conservation accomplished through BPA spending. This treatment is required to enable BPA to meet the Council target without an additional budget increase.

[1] Average annual 2007-9 revenue requirement impact. For capital cost reductions, includes only the debt service effect.

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Renewables		
◆ Remove Geothermal project from projected costs, because BPA is likely to succeed in contract arbitration, and geothermal resource is not proven.	$11 M/yr	Removing geothermal project would free up additional spending under the $21M cap, which could offset these savings.
◆ No further renewables spending, beyond what is already contractually committed	$11 M to $12 M/yr	Inconsistent with recent Regional Dialogue policy discussion. This policy direction would be contingent on successful termination of Geothermal project. Against $4.00 gas, projected headroom in 2009 above and beyond Geothermal project savings ($11M) is only $1M.
BPA Internal Costs		
◆ Include forecast of savings from process improvement efforts (Enterprise Process Improvement Project), early retirement offer, staffing strategy, and grade reduction initiative.	$20 M	$20 M is purely a placeholder, assuming about a 17% reduction in internal operating cost budgets based on the cumulative impact of all initiatives in both Corporate and PBL. **Risks & Trade-offs:** Now being assessed as part of the BPA process review.
◆ Reduce monetary awards budget to FY 2004 actuals level of $150,000 in PBL.	$1.8 M/yr	Less incentive for staff and managers to perform well, or "go the extra mile". Savings are less if reduction in FTE is achieved (see above)
◆ Reduce monetary awards budget to FY 2004 actuals level of $300,000 in Corporate.	$3.6 M/yr	Less incentive for staff and managers to perform well, or "go the extra mile". Savings are less if reduction in FTE is achieved (see above)
◆ Eliminate uncommitted technological innovation budget	$3 M/yr	May add to risk of keeping up business systems; may not fit DOE or agency mandates.
CGS		
◆ Forecast EN borrowing to pay for capital items in FY 2007 - 09 period	TBD	See Debt Management section
◆ Forecast EN borrowing to pay for fuel in FY 2007 - 09 period	TBD	See Debt Management section
◆ License extension of CGS	TBD	

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♦ Forecast EN borrowing to pay for uranium tailings pilot project	TBD	This project will only partially offset the increase in market price of uranium. See Debt Management section
Hydro System (Corps and Bureau)		
♦ Reduction in funding for WECC/NERC compliance	$2.7 M/yr	Stretch out over additional years. Apply less conservative criteria to compliance standards. Accept higher level of risk to system operation.
♦ Reduce proposed level of funding for extraordinary maintenance	$ 8.0 M less expense **minus** $ M lost revenue = Net Impact +/-$ M	Impact of not funding maintenance will reduce revenues by $__M.
♦ Eliminate discretionary overtime	$1.0 M to $1.5 M less expense **minus** $ M lost revenue = Net Impact of +/-$ M	Impacts would be longer unit outages with $ M revenue impact.
♦ Pursue remote operation of projects	Initial Cost: $6.0 M (capital) Savings: $600K to $900K/year	Initial cost is hardware. Saving occur from reduction in operators. Not currently assumed in base forecast.
♦ Lower cost ways to manage the security requirements	TBD	
Debt Management		
♦ Debt finance CGS capital projects with final maturity of FY2018 ♦ Debt finance CGS fuel. ♦ Structure financing for uranium tailings pilot project to benefit the 07-09 rate period.	TBD	1. Could put additional upward pressure on rates due to the shape of existing debt and repayment methodology 2. Requires EN Board approval 3. Potential regional political issues 4. Pushes costs into future rate periods 5. Rate case issue
♦ Change Columbia River Fish Mitigation (CRFM) plant-in-service dates	TBD	1. BPA does not control the decision to change in-service dates 2. COE decision will need to be consistent with statutory authorization of projects.

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♦ Lengthen the recovery period for Conservation investments (currently Declining Amortization Period through FY 2011, based on contract duration. Potential to lengthen to max of average composite measure life for package of measures.)	TBD	1. Need to justify a change to outside auditors and in the rate case 2. Must demonstrate cost recovery of regulatory assets after FY 2011 3. Keeps regulatory assets and debt associated with them on the books longer 4. Accounting policy issue, reflected in rate case
♦ Utilize a revised interest rate forecast for initial proposal	TBD	1. Current forecast was completed June 2004 2. The outcome is uncertain as it depends on what a revised forecast would be 3. Rate case issue
♦ Flexible modeling of 3rd party debt and assume that we "call" (retire) some of the bonds prior to their scheduled maturities to ease the impact of critical years, for repayment modeling purposes	TBD	1. Freeing up debt service reserve funds early increased peak years of 2017 and 2018 2. This action could reduce the size of the full Debt Optimization program if we stay with principle of "no overall negative impact on rates" 3. Rate case issue
♦ Include interest income on cash balances in Bonneville Fund	Based on FY 2002 – 04, the additional credit may be in the $10M per year range.	This will be reflected in rate case
Transmission acquisition costs		
♦ Model the transmission expense associated with secondary energy at the minimum expense across the 3000 secondary energy scenarios rather than average of 3000 secondary energy scenarios.	~$45M	Would result in secondary revenue assumptions and transmission expense assumptions not being linked.
Fish and Wildlife		
♦ Fund only Lower Snake River Compensation Plan O&M costs.	TBD	Essential non-recurring maintenance needs for aging facilities would not be addressed.

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♦ The allocation of appropriate responsibility to other parties for mitigation where the impacts to fish and wildlife can be attributed to other sources beyond the federal hydrosystem		Pressure for additional spending, driven by increasing Bi-Op and Council Program requirements, is greater than targeted savings.
♦ The use of Program savings realized through managing overall spending to performance guidelines (i.e., 70% "on-the-ground vs. 55% currently.")		Pressure for additional spending, driven by increasing Bi-Op and Council Program requirements, is greater than targeted savings.

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Potential Decisions	FY 2007 - 09 Cost Impact[2]	Comments/ Tradeoff's
Conservation		
◆ Not planning to pay enough to capture new target.	$11M to $40M/year	Conservation targets not met, regional costs for energy will be higher and more volatile.
◆ Conservation Workgroup recommended 20% administrative costs be included in current cost estimates.	$7M/year	Without sufficient admin. costs, utilities don't run quality programs and we don't meet the new target.
◆ Conservation Workgroup recommended a 2% infrastructure budget.	$1.6M/year (minimum)	BPA has proposed 10% for admin. costs; new measures and technologies need to be evaluated because savings are less certain.
Renewables		
BPA Internal Costs		
CGS		
Hydro System (Corps and Bureau)		
Debt Management		
◆ Utilize a revised interest rate forecast for initial proposal	TBD	1. Current forecast was completed June 2004 2. The outcome is uncertain Rate case issue
◆ Plan for some level of revenue financing		Since BPA's ability to borrow from the U.S. Treasury is limited, adopting some level of revenue financing preserves that ability over time. Rate case issue.
Transmission acquisition costs		
Fish and Wildlife		

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