

Regional Dialogue Technical Group
Draft Meeting Norms
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Meeting Ground Rules:

- To encourage full and open discussion of all issues related to the topics covered in the Concept Paper, all participants understand and agree that any positions or proposals made in the discussion are made in the aid of settlement of pending litigation, and that such positions and proposals will not be used or referred to by any Technical Group participant in pending or future litigation.

- To ensure that all interests are actively engaged and involved all participants will:
 - come prepared to discuss issues, based on material sent out in advance.
 - actively participate by sharing all ideas, concerns and suggestions during the meetings.
 - remain open-minded and try to see the whole picture.
 - focus on one issue or task at a time.
 - be collaborative and respectful.

How to Conduct Business:

- Any participant can submit an issue paper on a topic to be discussed. BPA will post it to the Regional Dialogue website and distribute it with other materials for the meeting.
- Participants will spend the suggested number of days on each issue. If progress is made or close to being made, we continue. If not, we move on.
- Summaries of progress including minority reports will be completed after each issue is addressed.
- Reporting responsibilities of summaries/decisions to the Principals Management Group will rotate. Those creating them will share minority reports.
- Materials for discussion will be shared at least two days in advance – Materials should be sent to Nita Burbank at nburbank@bpa.gov for posting to the Web site.
- Agendas will be set with the understanding that they can be changed when needed.
- A phone bridge will be available
- Notes will be kept to high-level summaries

Order and duration for issue resolution:

Service to publics – 3 days
New Publics – 1 day
Public Exchange – 2 days
New long-term contracts – 1 day
Conservation and Renewables – 1 day
IOUs – 2 days
DSIs- 1 day
Cost Control – 2 days
Dispute Resolution – 1 day
Resource Adequacy – 1 day