



Next Phase for the Regional Dialogue
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BPA and the Northwest Power Planning Council recently ended a jointly-sponsored solicitation of proposals and/or comments from the public regarding potential changes to BPA's power supply role after 2006. At this time, BPA and the Council will now proceed on their separate paths. The Council will formulate its recommendations to the region and BPA, which will be based on the record and their own internal analysis. BPA will also consider the public record created by this public process, as well as the Council's recommendations, and will prepare a draft proposal to the region.

As BPA formulates its proposal over the next few months, BPA will continue its dialogue with the region by conducting formal and informal meetings and/or workshops with interested customers, stakeholders, or other persons. BPA will hold noticed public workshops to discuss certain topics and to share ideas as BPA develops its proposal. BPA anticipates regular meetings beginning in November that will continue at least into December. Notices about scheduled workshops, as well as summary notes, will be posted to the web at www.bpa.gov/power/regionaldialogue. BPA is also willing to meet with any interested person if requested to discuss issues and or aspects of proposals being considered by the agency

BPA expects to issue its draft proposal for formal public review and comment in early 2003, with a final decision by mid-2003.