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To: Parties Interested in the Slice Product Review

BPA is planning to kick off a Slice Product Review as part of the Long-Term Regional Dialogue. This review is part of the larger 90-day Regional Dialogue workshop process designed to create alignment among regional parties.

The Slice review will begin with a review of the product, originating principles and concerns identified in the Slice report. The goal of the process is to gain broad alignment on preferred alternative(s) to inform BPA's early 2006 Regional Dialogue policy proposal. A final decision on the Slice product will be made in spring 2006 with the release of the Long-Term Regional Dialogue policy and record of decision.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2005, from 1 - 4 p.m. in the BPA Rates Hearing Room (Room 223), located at 911 NE 11th Ave, Portland, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting will be to review and discuss a proposed Slice Review group charter, identify key issues to be addressed in relation to the Slice portion of Regional Dialogue, and assign technical working groups to analyze and develop proposals concerning key questions.

This process will also include a Slice principals group to review the products of the technical groups from a policy perspective. The first meeting including both technical staff and principals is currently scheduled for September 22, 2005, from 1 - 4 p.m. in the BPA Rates Hearing Room. Additional information on that meeting will be available soon.

To participate in either meeting by phone, please contact Trisha Hunter at (503) 230-3639.

Additional information on the Slice Product Review will be available on the web site at www.bpa.gov/power/regionaldialogue. In the meantime, if you have questions or need more information about this process, call toll free 1-800-622-4519 or contact John Hairston, Slice manager at (503) 230-5262.

Sincerely,

/s/

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