

Regional Dialogue SLICE Product Review Team
Proposed Scope and Charter
Revised DRAFT

Purpose/Objective:

Develop a set of overarching principles to guide decisions on a Slice product/contract post-2011.

Per those principles, attempt to reach alignment on the preferred alternative(s) to inform and provide guidance for the Administrator's decisions on the future of the Slice product that will be captured in BPA's January 2006 Regional Dialogue policy proposal and subsequent Record of Decision.

Work to ensure that a Slice product/ preferred alternative(s), which reduces BPA's surplus sales risk and facilitates new resource development, would be available to customer's post-2011.

Key Questions to Answer:

1. What changes, if any, should be made to the originating principles based on results of draft study and customer comments?
2. What new overarching principles should be considered or added based on the draft report and customer comments?
3. What potential issues/areas of change/improvements to the existing Slice product/contract are warranted after a thorough vetting of the identified concerns and benefits and what is the sub-principle/concept to resolve that issue/area of change?
4. With shorter rate periods in the future, how could Slice be put on a more common rate basis with non-Slice products, such as eliminating the annual Slice audits and True-ups post-2011.
5. What amount of Slice should be offered for the preferred alternative(s) and under what restrictions, if any?
6. What alternative product(s), if any, should be considered in lieu of a Slice product?

Methodology:

1. Review and revise principles that guided development of original Slice product.
2. Reach common understanding of key terms and concepts. (de-optimization, operational flexibility, etc.)
3. Assess/examine the concerns with and benefits of the current Slice product as described in BPA's May 2005 Draft Slice Report and customer comments and any additional issues proposed by the team.
4. Suggest/propose alternatives for resolving significant concerns and improvements, including proposals for inclusion in a future Slice contract if time permits.
5. Based on the above, identify the amounts of Slice (i.e., none, minimum, maximum, unlimited) for the preferred alternative(s) that should be offered.

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Forum Membership:

Attendance

- Participation will be open to all interested parties.
- Participation may depend on the type (operations/financial/administrative) issue and purpose of discussion/task.
- A “technical” work group and a “principal” group will be formed. Participants from interested parties should be identified to act as lead representatives during the meetings.
- The technical group will do the analysis and most of the “heavy lifting”.
- The Principal’s group will provide direction to the technical staff, act as liaison to and/or be a subgroup of the Regional Dialogue executive management/policy group.

BPA Participation

Position Title	Participant	Role
Slice Product Manager	John Hairston	Review Team Lead
Slice Team	Ted Barham	Team Member
Slice Team	Carie Lee	Team Member
Account Executive	Ed Brost	Team Member
Account Executive	Theresa Rockwood	Team Member
Account Executive	Larry Kitchen	Team Member
Operations	Kieran Connolly	Team Member
Finance	Kelly Kintz	Team Member
Legal	Tom Miller	Team Member
Transmission	Kasi Beale	Team Member
PBL Rates & Finance Management	Michelle Manary	Team Member

”Principal” Participation

Position Title	Participant	Role
VP, Requirements Mktg - BPA	Mark Gendron	Principals
VP, Generations Supply - BPA	Steve Oliver	Principals
Utility Mgr–Okanogan PUD	Chuck Berrie	Principals
Utility Mgr – Seattle City Light	Jorge Carrasco	Principals
Utility Mgr– PNGC	Pat Reiten	Principals
Utility Mgr– Snohomish PUD	Steve Marshall	Principals
NRU Manager	John Saven	Principals
Utility Mgr– Non-Slice	TBD	Principals

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Customer Technical Team Participation

Position Title	Participant	Role
NRU	Geoff Carr	Technical Team
PPC	TBD	Technical Team
Non-Slice	TBD	Technical Team
Slice – CIG members	various	Technical Team
Slice – Finance & OS members	various	Technical Team
Slice – legal	Terry Mundorf	Technical Team

Schedule and Logistics:

Proposed meetings and sequence are identified below. All meetings (1-6) will be open, publicly noticed and a part of the Regional Dialogue process that has yet to be finalized. Key to success is to get Customer and BPA principal's buy-in to the plan and principles upfront (Session 3) and to the proposed conclusions (Session 6).

Task	Schedule	Technical	Principals
Draft Plan	July 14-31	BPA Lead	1 on 1 Discussions
Finalize Plan/Set Meetings	August 1-31	1	
Develop Principles	September 1-9	2	3
Analytical Work Sessions	September 12-Oct 31	4 (a-?)	-
Conclusions	November 1-12	5	-
Share Conclusions	November 13-19	-	6

Specific Proposed Meeting Dates:

Meeting Purpose	Date/Room/Time	Goal	Attendee
Kick Off	September 15 – Rates Hearing Time: 1:00-4:00	Deliver Scope/Assignments	Technical Team
Principal Check-In	September 22 – Rates Hearing Time: 1:00-4:00	Share Charter Executive Principals	Technical Team, Principals Team
General Technical	September 28 Rates Hearing Time: TBD	Technical Check-In	Technical Team (all)
Finance	September 29 – Room 122 Time: TBD	Focus on Finance	Technical Team, Finance Team
Operations	October 12 and/ or 13 – Rates Hearing Time: TBD	Focus on Operations	Technical Team, Operations Team

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Meeting Purpose	Date/Room/Time	Goal	Attendee
Contracts	October 20 – Rates Hearing Time: TBD	Focus on Contracts	Technical Team, Contract Team
2 nd Principals Meeting	November 9 or 10 – Rates Hearing Room Time: TBD	Get provisional agreement on alternatives	Technical Team, Principals Team
Technical (all)	November 9 or 10 – Rates Hearing Room Time: TBD	Review results	Technical Team (all)
Closeout	November 17 – Rates Hearing Time: TBD	Finalize recommendations	Technical Team (all)

Work Product:

The goal of this group will be to draft a summary work product that could form the basis for the Slice component of the Administrator’s January 2006 Regional Dialogue Policy Proposal. The work product would describe the degree of alignment and open issues related to the various alternatives.