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To Customers and Interested Parties:

BPA's Power Subscription Strategy offers a product called "Slice of the System" (Slice). Purchasers of the Slice product will pay a percent of the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) generating costs in return for the same percent of capability of the FCRPS resources. During December 1998 and January 1999, BPA conducted a series of work sessions with interested parties to begin identifying outstanding issues associated with the Slice product. In March of this year, BPA held a public comment period to solicit comments on the product developed to date. That process resulted in a report entitled "Slice of the System Product Team Report."

This report has been posted to BPA's Slice web site listed below:

<http://www.bpa.gov/Power/slice>

If you prefer to have a copy of the report mailed to you, contact the BPA Public Information Office at 1-800-622-4520. You can also request a copy of the report through our E-mail address which is: slicecomments@bpa.gov

Next Steps:

BPA is holding a series of technical working sessions to deal with Slice implementation, set-up details, and contract development. Further refinements to the Slice product are being made as a result of feedback from these working sessions. If you wish to attend these meetings, the schedule is posted on BPA's Slice web site listed above.

By early fall we expect to identify any remaining issues associated with the Slice product. At that time, BPA may conduct a public meeting to discuss these issues, and you will have another opportunity to see how this product has evolved.

Sincerely,

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