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To Regional Customers and Other Stakeholders:

The Bonneville Power Administration and Alcoa have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on a framework for negotiating a possible Regional Dialogue power sales contract to provide service to Alcoa from FY 2012 through FY 2028.

BPA will hold a public workshop Oct. 20 to provide clarification on the MOU and framework as well as to offer an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide input. The documents are also posted on BPA's Web site at

<http://www.bpa.gov/power/pl/regionaldialogue/implementation/documents/>.

BPA understands that stakeholders have widely differing views on service to direct-service industries such as Alcoa. Some parties believe BPA no longer has the authority to provide power to the DSIs. Others believe that, since the aluminum companies have been BPA customers since their initial construction, they deserve to receive power for their full plant capability at a price commensurate with other long-time BPA customers. A panel discussion in the workshop will contemplate these and other viewpoints along a continuum of opinions.

BPA wants to hear from workshop participants where on this continuum their views fall and why they hold those views. We also want to know what modifications, if any, participants would like to see made to the framework.

While BPA is seeking feedback with these questions, public comments for the record on this issue should be submitted via BPA's public comment Web site at Comment@BPA.gov or by calling (800) 622-4519. BPA is accepting written comments through Nov. 10, 2008.

A draft agenda for the workshop is attached. The workshop will be held in the Rates Hearing Room, 911 N.E. 11th Ave., in Portland, Ore., from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

If you have additional questions about this meeting, please call me at (503) 230-4003 or Heidi Helwig of the Public Affairs Office at (503) 230-3458.

Sincerely,

Mark Miller
Customer Account Executive

Agenda

DSI Workshop
October 20, 2008
1:30-4:30 p.m.
BPA Rates Hearing Room

1:30 – 1:35 p.m.	Introductions
1:35 – 1:55 p.m.	Overview of Framework
1:55 – 2:20 p.m.	Clarifying Questions/Answers
2:20 – 2:25 p.m.	Break
2:25 – 3:10 p.m.	Panel Review (15 min per panel)
3:10 – 4:30 p.m.	Open Discussion
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn