



FY09 & FY10-11 ASC Review Process: Oral Argument

February 25, 2009

Background:

The ASC Review process includes an opportunity for parties to request oral argument before the BPA Administrator (or his/her designee) to further explain parties' positions on issues relating to the establishment of ASCs. Pursuant to the 2008 ASC Methodology, BPA may grant or deny requests for oral argument at its discretion. Because there is no right to oral argument, oral argument should only be requested for issues with *significant* impact on ASC. In the event parties request oral argument and BPA grants such requests, BPA will be holding oral argument for FY09 and FY10-11 issues on the same day (see schedule below).

Schedule:

April 8, 2009	Deadline to request oral argument (FY09 and FY10-11)
April 10, 2009	Deadline for BPA to grant/deny oral argument
April 17, 2009	Oral argument

Process:

For parties wishing to request oral argument for the FY09/FY10-11 ASC Reviews, please email the ASCM mailbox at BPAAveragesystemcost@bpa.gov with the following information:

1. Name of requesting party
2. Identify the appropriate ASC Review Process (i.e., 2009 or 2010-2011)
3. Statement of specific issue(s) party wishes to address at oral argument
4. Estimated time needed for oral argument
5. Name of person(s) to speak at oral argument

If parties would not request oral argument but wish to present oral argument only in response to others' oral arguments, they should file a request for oral argument with the information above (as applicable) and note they only intend to respond to others' oral arguments. If BPA receives only requests to respond to others' oral arguments in any docket, BPA will not conduct oral argument.