



Post-2028 Residential Exchange Program 2026 ASCM Development

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Phase 2 Public Engagement Process

Phase 2 focuses the post-2028 REP Public Engagement Process on development of three foundational components to prepare for a traditional implementation of the REP post-expiration of the 2012 REP Settlement agreements. The 2012 Settlement expires September 30, 2028.

1. Residential Purchase and Sale Agreements (RPSA)
2. Average System Cost Methodology (ASCM)
3. 7(b)(2) Legal Interpretation and Implementation Methodology

PHASE 2 – TRADITIONAL REP PREPARATION

RPSA Template Development and
ROD Publication
(September 2025 – February 2026)

ASCM Consultation Process and
ROD Publication
(October 2025 – April 2026)

7(b)(2) L/I and I/M Process and
ROD Publication
(June 2026 – April 2027)

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Average System Cost Methodology

Background

- The ASCM is the methodology that lays out how to calculate a utility's average system cost. The ASC is then used to determine REP benefits.
- Current ASCM is the 2008 ASCM. Calculates the ASC used in REP benefit distribution under 2012 REP Settlement.
- Moving into the Post-2028 REP, the ASCM is being revised for implementation starting with the BP-29 Rate Case.

Public Engagement

- Staff held three public workshops on the ASCM— one in November, and two in December, then released a preliminary draft for informal comment on December 10.
- Informal comments were due January 21, 2026.
- The full draft of the ASCM will be posted for formal comments on February 20, 2026.
- Formal comments will be due by April 2, 2026.

Key ASCM Updates

Key new provisions of the proposed ASCM

- Removal of Transmission costs except for “Like-for-Like”
- NLSL treatment change
- Midpoint average calculation
- Addition of Energy Storage Plant (i.e. batteries)
- Treatment of Account 925, Injuries and Damages

Reorganization of the layout

- Dividing the ASCM into Part I (FERC Regs) and Part II (Rules of Procedure)
- Part II now includes the Confidentiality Rules and Agreement

Phase II Schedule – ASCM

Date	ASCM
Jan 21, Wed	Informal comments due , Preliminary draft
Jan 27, Tues	Workshop , Preliminary comments
Feb 3, Tue	Post , Incremental draft
Feb 10, Tues	Informal comments due , Incremental draft
Feb 13, Fri	Workshop , Incremental draft comments
Feb 20, Fri	Post , Full draft for formal comment
Apr 2, Thurs	Formal comments due , Full
May 22, Fri (est.)	ROD publication

Communication and Resources

- ❖ Written comments and questions may be sent to rep2028@bpa.gov.
- ❖ Details regarding Post-2028 REP Phase 2 workshops can be found on [BPA's event calendar](#).
- ❖ For REP background, post-2028 public workshop materials, public notices, and additional REP resources, go to the [Post-2028 REP webpage](#).
- ❖ To receive pertinent notifications related to this process sign up for [Tech Forum](#).

Thank you!
Post 2028 REP Team

