

Proposed BP-26E Settlement Schedule

BPA staff is moving forward with initiating the formal hearing process to propose adoption of the rate schedule revisions and is obtaining the necessary approvals to publish the Federal Register Notice (FRN) for the proceedings. BPA staff currently expects the FRN to be published by April 10. The timing of publication of the FRN could change depending on when the FRN is approved and processed by the Office of the Federal Register.

Based on the limited scope and proposed settlement for the BP-26E proceeding, BPA staff plans to use an expedited procedural schedule for the hearing process. The proposed procedural schedule is below. It assumes the FRN is published no later than April 10. If the FRN is published after April 10, the procedural schedule would change. BPA plans to include this procedural schedule in the FRN, and the FRN will direct the hearing officer to use this schedule unless a party files an objection to the proposed settlement by the deadline. If there is an objection to the proposed settlement, the hearing officer would adopt an alternative procedural schedule for completing the proceeding on an expedited basis. Please let us know as soon as possible if there are any concerns about the expedited procedural schedule.

Assuming the process follows the procedural schedule below, BPA staff would expect to file the proposed rate schedule revisions with FERC around the beginning of May, with an effective date of the first day of the month following FERC's interim approval.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Procedural Schedule

Initial Proposal released	<i>Federal Register Notice</i> Publication Date
Deadline for Petitions to Intervene	April 13, 2026
Prehearing Conference	April 13, 2026
Deadline for Notices of Objection to Proposed Settlement	April 14, 2026
Close of Participant Comments	April 14, 2026
Final Record of Decision	April 30, 2026