

Summary of Key Rate Case Steps

Step	Description
Initial Proposal*	Written Testimony & Studies BPA Staff files their Initial Proposal including supporting studies and testimony.
Direct Cases*	Written Testimony Parties to the case file their direct cases. These may be in response to issues raised by BPA staff, but can also include other issues the parties would like to address in the case.
Rebuttal Cases*	Written Testimony BPA Staff and Parties respond to issues raised in Parties' Direct Cases.
Cross-Examination	Live Hearing Parties cross examine testimony panels - scope can include written testimony as well as data responses.
Initial Briefs	Written Filing Parties summarize their cases for consideration prior to the Record of Decision.
Oral Argument	Live Hearing Parties argue a summary of their case before the Administrator and BPA front office.
Draft Record of Decision	Written Filing The BPA Administrator submits a draft record of decision to the parties.
Briefs on Exceptions	Written Filing Parties submit arguments against findings in the Draft Record of Decision.
Final Record of Decision and Studies	Written Filing The BPA Administrator submits a final record of decision to the parties. Supporting studies are also filed supporting the development of rates.

*After filing of written testimony there is an opportunity for in person Clarification (held off the record), Discovery (done through written data requests), and filing of Motions to Strike.

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