

By itself, this long-term policy is not enough. It is only one step. Creating certainty will require subsequent development of new power contracts and rates. The schedule for these additional steps is described next.

#### *B. Schedule for Long-Term Issue Resolution*

BPA and the region have a strategic interest in resolving a number of key long-term issues. BPA is strongly inclined toward 20-year contracts, assuming parties can reach agreement on reasonable terms. This interest centers on providing BPA customers certainty over load service obligations and enabling customers and the market to respond with the necessary electric industry infrastructure investments. Other key strategic interests include general market stability, BPA risk management, and long-term assurance of funding to repay the United States Treasury. BPA's interest in resolving these long-term issues is shared by most BPA customers and by the Council.

To become effective, almost all the decisions must be captured in new long-term contracts and rates. There is a range of opinions within the region on the commitments and decisions can be made in contracts versus those that can be made in rates. BPA's view is that customers, BPA, and other stakeholders must work together to develop a logically linked set of new contracts and rates and that neither by itself will be sufficient to accomplish the long-term goals. This split between contracts and rates must be discussed and decided.

BPA intends seriously to explore the proposal and establishment of a long-term tiered rates methodology to accompany new 20-year contracts during the next phase of the Regional Dialogue. BPA also believes there is a need to develop regional resource adequacy metrics/standards to provide clarity regarding what constitutes generation sufficiency to meet the load serving obligation defined by the long-term Regional Dialogue contracts. These resource adequacy metrics/standards will also provide assurance that needed electrical infrastructure will be developed by Northwest load serving entities to allow the Northwest Power Act mandate of an adequate, economical, and reliable Northwest power system to be met even with BPA in a reduced power acquisition role.

**Schedule:** The following schedule is ambitious, but BPA agrees with the perspective of the Council and many customers that the region has a core interest in the earliest practical completion of this process.

#### SCHEDULE FOR ACHIEVING LONG-TERM CONTRACTS AND RATES

Milestone	Date
BPA Administrator Issues Long-Term Regional Dialogue Proposal for Public Review and Comment.	July 2005.
BPA Administrator Signs Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy and Record of Decision.	Jan. 2006.
New Contracts Offered .....	Dec. 2006.
Contract Signature Deadline ....	April 2007.
Complete Establishment of Long-Term Rate Methodology to Accompany New Contracts.	Oct. 2008.
Earliest Contract Effective Date	Oct. 2008.

**Challenges to Achieving Our Goal:** Achieving this schedule will be challenging. Challenges that both customers and the agency will have to manage include:

1. Ability of BPA, customers, and other interests to find a solution to provide long-term benefits to residential and small-farm consumers of IOUs.
2. Ability to structure long-term contracts to protect taxpayer and ratepayer interests.
3. Finding mutually acceptable solutions to very contentious issues will be difficult, especially while other decision processes are running in parallel.
4. Developing regional resource adequacy metrics/standards to provide clarity and mechanisms to assure the development of needed electrical infrastructure.
5. Ability of customers and other interested parties to invest the necessary time, especially in view of the concurrent activity on BPA's FY 2007 power rate case and a variety of other issues.
6. Ensuring BPA and customers can administer new 20-year contracts for several years concurrent with contracts of customers who choose to retain their existing Subscription contracts through FY 2011. This could also result in two sets of rates through FY 2011 (one for Subscription contract holders and one from Regional Dialogue contract holders).
7. Willingness of customers to sign new 20-year contracts before the supporting rate case concludes.

#### **V. Environmental Analysis**

BPA has reviewed the final policy for environmental considerations under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in a NEPA ROD prepared separately from the Administrator's ROD. BPA has reviewed each of the individual policy issues, as well as the

potential implications of these issues taken together. For some issues, there are no environmental effects resulting from implementation of the policy for that issue, and NEPA, thus, is not implicated. For other issues, the policy is merely a continuation of the status quo, and NEPA, thus, is not triggered.

For the remaining issues, any environmental effects resulting from the policy have already been addressed in the Business Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement, DOE/EIS-0183, June 1995 (Business Plan EIS), and the policy would not result in significantly different environmental effects from those described in this EIS.

Furthermore, the policy is adequately covered within the scope of the Market-Driven Alternative identified and evaluated in the Business Plan EIS and adopted by BPA in the August 15, 1995, Business Plan ROD.

Evaluating all of the individual policy issues together, the final policy still does not represent a significant departure from BPA's adopted Market-Driven Alternative and would not result in significantly different environmental effects from those described in the Business Plan EIS.

BPA therefore has appropriately decided to tier the NEPA ROD for the final policy to the Business Plan ROD, as provided for in the Business Plan EIS and Business Plan ROD. Copies of the NEPA ROD for the final policy are available on BPA's Web site at <http://www.bpa.gov/power/regionaldialogue> or by contacting BPA's Public Information Center at (800) 622-4520.

Issued in Portland, Oregon on February 4, 2005.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

##### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

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##### **Avista Corporation, Avista Energy, Inc., Spokane Energy, LLC, and Avista Turbine Power, Inc.; Notice of Amendment of Filing**

February 7, 2005.

Take notice that on February 4, 2005, Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities, Avista Energy, Inc., Spokane Energy, LLC, and Avista Turbine Power, Inc. filed an amendment their generation market power analysis filed

September 27, 2004, as amended on December 7, 2004.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant and all the parties in this proceeding.

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*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on February 14, 2005.

**Linda Mitry,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER05-236-003]

#### Northeast Energy Associates, a Limited Partnership; Notice of Supplemental Filing

February 7, 2005.

Take notice that on February 3, 2005 Northeast Energy Associates, a Limited Partnership, (NEA) submitted a supplement to its application for market-based rate authority filed on

November 18, 2004, as supplemental on November 30, 2004 and January 14, 2005, to correct certain exhibits.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant and all parties to this proceeding.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ORD-2004-0023, FRL-7872-5]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Health Effects of Microbial Pathogens in Recreational Waters; National Epidemiological and Environmental Assessment of Recreational (NEEAR) Water Study, EPA ICR Number 2081.02, OMB Control Number 2080.0086

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. This ICR is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2005. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 15, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number ORD-2004-0023, to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information Docket, Mail Code 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Auby, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Information Collection, Office of Environmental Information, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-1672; fax number: (202) 566-1753; e-mail address: [auby.susan@epa.gov](mailto:auby.susan@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number ORD-2004-0023, which is available for public viewing at the Office of Research and Development Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the