



Regional Dialogue Principles and Interests

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BPA used these interests consistently as it developed the Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy.

- Lowest Tier 1 Costs and Tier 1 Rates
- Durability/Stability/Contract Enforceability
- Customer/Regional Support and Equity
- Certainty of Obligations for All Parties
- Promote Infrastructure Development Consistent with the Northwest Power Act
- Consistency with BPA Stewardship Obligations
- Legality
- Simplicity
- Advancement of National Objectives

Several of these interests have been refined during BPA's internal deliberations on how to meet customer requests during the Implementation phase of the Regional Dialogue:

1. *Promote infrastructure development Consistent with the Northwest Power Act*
 - Refinement: BPA seeks to encourage long-term infrastructure development for the purpose of meeting public utility customer's retail loads.
 - Refinement: BPA does not intend to provide incentives for resource development for purposes of marketing.
2. *Simplicity*
 - Refinement: When making choices/decisions, will seek to minimize complexity to reduce administrative burden and reduce contract risk.
3. *Lowest Tier 1 Costs and Tier 1 Rates*
 - Refinement: Work to ensure that any choices that could increase rates are understood and agreed to by all customers.
4. *Customer/Regional Support and Equity, Durability/Stability/Contract Enforceability*
 - Refinement: Avoid cost shifts among or between customers unless all parties agree.
 - Refinement: Clarity of obligations for resource acquisition for service to load.