

4.5.2 Optional Discussion

Request and Meeting Process Information:

The Optional Discussion purpose is to discuss how proposed business practice language may significantly affect terms and conditions. The discussion meeting is similar to a Category B business practice meeting; however the requestor will lead the discussion. BPA will open the posted redline version of the subject business practice during the discussion. The requestor may provide BPA with additional materials for presentation that demonstrate how the proposed language may significantly affect terms and conditions.

1. An Eligible Customer or Interested Entity may submit an Optional Discussion request during a comment period for a proposed business practice to techforum@bpa.gov. The BPA Tech Forum will confirm receipt of the request.
2. The request should include the following information:
 - Name of the business practice out for comment.
 - Section(s) and verbiage of concern to the requestor.
 - How the proposed language significantly affects terms and conditions including any supporting FERC precedent if available.
 - A proposed meeting date.
3. The requestor's assigned Transmission Account Executive (AE) will respond to the requestor within 5 business days following Tech Forum confirmation of receipt.
4. BPA will work with the requestor over the next 10 business days to finalize the meeting date.
 - The meeting should occur within 20 business days from Tech Forum confirmation of receipt.
 - The meeting date should allow time for 5 business days advance meeting notice.
 - If the requestor does not work with BPA to secure a meeting date within a reasonable time, BPA will move forward with the business practice process.
5. To allow for a full discussion, the requestor may provide materials to BPA 6 business days in advance of the meeting and BPA will post those materials 5 business days prior to the meeting as practicable.
6. BPA Tech Forum will announce the discussion meeting with 5 business days advance notice. The notice will include:
 - A 5 business day comment period following the meeting that is specific to the discussion;
 - Updated timeline information for the proposed subject business practice; and
 - A link to any requestor provided materials.Any changes to the subject business practice timeline will be communicated through Tech Forum.
7. BPA will host the meeting and the requestor will lead the discussion.
8. BPA will respond to written stakeholder comments submitted during the 5 business day comment period and make a final decision on the terms and conditions discussion in accordance with the BPA Business Practice Process.

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