

effect was established by a March 29, 2001, interim rule, which followed a July 10, 2000, proposed rule developed through negotiated rulemaking procedures. The Web site continues the discussion of possible changes to the Operating Fund Formula, initiated during the development of and continuing through the recent release of a study of the cost of operating public housing conducted by the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. HUD's Web site presents issues for consideration and solicits comments from the public on the substance and form of a revised Operating Fund Formula.

**DATES: Comment Due Date:** Comments on the information posted on HUD's Web site will be accepted until January 30, 2004. HUD will update and revise this information on a periodic basis to reflect the availability of data and the public comments received to date. Accordingly, interested parties should visit HUD's Web site periodically during the comment period, and are invited to submit new or revised comments based on the updated information.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the information posted on HUD's Web site, <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/divisions/ffmd/formulacomment.cfm>. Comments must be submitted to: [Opfund\\_Formula\\_Comments@hud.gov](mailto:Opfund_Formula_Comments@hud.gov) or Chris Kubacki, Public Housing Financial Management Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing—Real Estate Assessment Center, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1250 Maryland Ave., SW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20024-5000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Kubacki, Public Housing Financial Management Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing—Real Estate Assessment Center, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1250 Maryland Ave., SW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20024-5000; telephone (202) 708-4932 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) establishes an Operating Fund for the purpose of making assistance available to PHAs for the operation and management of public housing. Section 9 also requires that the amount of the assistance to be made available to a PHA

from that fund be determined using a formula developed through negotiated rulemaking procedures as provided in subchapter III of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code, commonly referred to as the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990.

Negotiated rulemaking for an Operating Fund Formula was initiated in March 1999, and consisted of 25 members representing PHAs, tenant organizations, community-based organizations, and the three national organizations representing PHAs—The Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA), the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA), and the National Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). The negotiated rulemaking committee concluded with a proposed rule, published on July 10, 2000 (65 FR 42488), which was followed by an interim rule published on March 29, 2001 (66 FR 17276). The March 29, 2001, interim rule established the Operating Fund Formula that is currently in effect.

In accordance with Congressional direction, HUD contracted with the Harvard University Graduate School of Design (Harvard GSD) to conduct a study on the costs incurred in operating well-run public housing. The Harvard GSD performed extensive research on the question of what the expense level of managing public housing should be. HUD invited the members of the negotiated rulemaking committee to be active participants in Harvard GSD's research for and development of the Cost Study. The Harvard GSD also conducted several public meetings to allow for an exchange of views with the public housing industry, beyond those industry members who were part of the Operating Fund Formula negotiated rulemaking committee. The Cost Study was completed and officially released in July 2003, and the release of the Cost Study has prompted further discussion about changes to, and the future of, the Operating Fund Formula. A copy of the Cost Study and related documents may be downloaded from the Harvard GSD Web site ([http://www.gsd.harvard.edu/research/research\\_centers/phocs/index.html](http://www.gsd.harvard.edu/research/research_centers/phocs/index.html)).

##### II. This Notice

HUD believes that a reinitiation of the dialogue with the industry and the public on changes to the Operating Fund Formula that commenced with the development of the Cost Study and continued through its release, would be beneficial to the Department and the industry in focusing on changes that should be considered to the Operating

Fund Formula. HUD is therefore making available on its Web site information and issues related to possible changes to the Operating Fund Formula (see HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/divisions/ffmd/formulacomment.cfm>).

HUD is specifically seeking comments on the information posted on its Web site. Interested parties may submit comments on this information either electronically or by mail to the addresses listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Comments on the information posted on HUD's Web site will be accepted until January 30, 2004.

It is HUD's goal in posting this information to initiate an ongoing dialogue with interested members of the public. Accordingly, HUD will update and revise the information posted on its Web site on a periodic basis to reflect the availability of data and the public comments received to date. Interested parties should visit HUD's Web site periodically during the comment period, and are invited to submit new or revised comments based on the updated information. As part of this ongoing dialogue with the public, public housing residents, PHAs, and other interested parties on issues concerning possible changes to the Operating Fund Formula, HUD may also sponsor one or more meetings to further discuss changes to the Operating Fund Formula.

Dated: December 2, 2003.

**Michael M. Liu,**

*Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Indian Gaming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of a 2003 amendment to a Tribal-State gaming Compact taking effect between the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and the State of Wisconsin.

**SUMMARY:** Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has deemed approved the 2003 Amendment to the

Stockbridge-Munsee Community and the State of Wisconsin gaming Compact of 1992, as amended in 1998. By the terms of IGRA, the Amendment is considered approved, but only to the extent that the Amendment is consistent with the provisions of IGRA. The Amendment authorizes the Tribe to pay the State between two and a quarter and five percent of net revenues from all class III gaming. The payment to the State is reduced if the scope of non-Indian gaming is expanded within the State or if a federally recognized tribe opens a class III gaming facility within seventy miles of the tribes on reservation gaming facility. In addition the Amendment authorizes, *inter alia*, all banking, percentage and pari-mutuel card games, all forms of live poker, craps, all banking and non-banking dice games, roulette and other wheel games, keno, wheel of fortune, baccarat-chemin de fer, pari-mutuel wagering on horse, harness and dog racing events, Caribbean stud poker, let-it-ride, and pai-gow poker.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 9, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: December 2, 2003.

**Aurene M. Martin,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Adjustment of the Amount of an Administrative Costs Assessment

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of adjustment of the amount of an administrative costs assessment (43 CFR 426.20[e]).

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation, we, our, or us) is increasing the amount of the administrative costs assessment set forth in the Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations (Regulations), 43 CFR part 426. Section 426.20(e) of the Regulations requires us to periodically review the amount of the administrative costs we incur as a result of certain Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA) forms and excess land problems and, if needed, adjust the amount of the assessment to reflect new cost data. Based on our latest review of the

associated costs, the current \$260 administrative costs assessment is being increased to \$290.

**DATES:** The increase in the amount of the administrative costs assessment to \$290 becomes effective on January 1, 2004. See the last paragraph in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for more details regarding application of the new amount of the assessment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Program and Policy Services, Attention: D-5200, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* Section 426.20 of the Regulations provides that we will assess districts administrative costs if: (1) A district delivers Reclamation irrigation water to land that was ineligible because a landholder did not submit certification or reporting forms to the district prior to receipt of the water; (2) a district does not provide us with corrected landholder certification or reporting forms within 60 calendar days of our request for corrections; or (3) a district delivers Reclamation irrigation water to ineligible excess land. Section 426.20(e) sets the amount of the administrative fee at \$260. The amount is based on the additional costs we incur to perform activities to address the problems described in the first sentence of this paragraph. Section 426.20(e) further provides that we will review the associated costs at least once every 5 years and adjust the assessment amount, if needed, to reflect new cost data.

*Review Periods:* The regulatory provisions for the administrative costs assessment became effective on March 27, 1995. In 2000, we reviewed the cost data for 1995-1999 and determined that the amount of the assessment should remain at \$260. In July 2003, we reviewed the cost data for 2000-2002 and determined that the amount of the assessment needs to be increased by \$30, to \$290. In 2006, we will review the cost data for 2003-2005 and determine if the amount of the administrative costs assessment needs to be adjusted again.

*Application of the New Administrative Costs Assessment:* The new amount of the administrative costs assessment becomes effective on January 1, 2004. However, application will be based on the date Reclamation actually finds and documents the forms or excess land problem in question. More specifically, if after January 1, 2004, we find a forms or excess land problem described in 43 CFR 426.20, the amount of the administrative costs assessment will be \$290. This will be

the case even if the problem occurred prior to January 1, 2004. For problems we find prior to January 1, 2004, the amount of the administrative costs assessment will remain at \$260.

Dated: October 31, 2003.

**Roseann Gonzales,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Program and Policy Services.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-325]

### The Economic Effects of Significant U.S. Import Restraints: Fourth Update

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Cancellation of public hearing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 3, 2003.

**SUMMARY:** On November 28, 2003, the Commission received notice that the only scheduled witnesses for the hearing scheduled for December 9, 2003, in this matter have elected to have their written submission serve as a substitute for their oral statement. Therefore, the public hearing in connection with this investigation, scheduled to be held beginning at 9:30 am on December 9, 2003, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC, is canceled. Notice of institution of this investigation and the scheduling of the hearing was published in the **Federal Register** of August 21, 2003 (68 FR 50553). To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted at the earliest practical date and should be received not later than COB January 10, 2004. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means, except to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the Commission's Rules (19CFR201.8) (*see Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, ftp://ftp.usitc.gov/pub/reports/electronic\_filing\_handbook.pdf*). **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Soamieli Andriamananjara, Project Leader (202-205-3252) or Marinos Tsigas, Deputy Project Leader (202-708-3654), Office of Economics, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. For information