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The lessee met the requirements for reinstatement of the lease per Sec. 31(e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188(e)). We are proposing to reinstate the lease, effective the date of termination subject to:

- The original terms and conditions of the lease;
- The increased rental of \$10 per acre;
- The increased royalty of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate; and
- The \$166 cost of publishing this Notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lourdes B. Ortiz, BLM, New Mexico State Office, (505) 438-7586.

Dated: October 26, 2005.

**Lourdes B. Ortiz,**

*Land Law Examiner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease TXNM 100507

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of Section 371(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the lessee, Chief Oil and Gas LLC, timely filed a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease TXNM 100507 in Wise County, TX. The lessee paid the required rental accruing from the date of termination, March 1, 2002.

No leases were issued that affect these lands. The lessee agrees to the new lease terms for rentals and royalties of \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate. The lessee paid the \$500 administration fee for the reinstatement of the lease and \$166 cost for publishing this Notice.

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- The increased rental of \$10 per acre;
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UTU 80808]

#### Public Land Order No. 7649; Withdrawal of Public Land for the Moab Mill Site Remediation Project; Utah

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public Land Order.

**SUMMARY:** This order withdraws approximately 2,300 acres of public land from location and entry under the United States mining and mineral leasing laws, for a period of 5 years, and reserves the land for use by the Department of Energy to conduct site characterization studies to determine a suitable location for disposal of uranium mill site tailings in connection with the Moab Mill Site Remediation Project. *Effective Date:* November 15, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary von Koch, BLM Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood Avenue, Moab, Utah 84532, 435-259-2128.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The land has been and remains open to geothermal leasing and mineral material disposal.

#### Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the land described below is hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws, 30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (2000), and from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, 30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.* and 30 U.S.C. 351 *et seq.* (2000), and reserved for use by the Department of Energy to protect the Moab Mill Site Remediation Project.

## Salt Lake Meridian

T. 21 S., R. 19 E.,

Secs. 22 and 23, the land lying South of the Bookcliffs;

Sec. 24, lots 1, 2 and 3, the land in lot 4 lying North of the railroad right-of-way, the land in the W $\frac{1}{2}$  lying South of the Bookcliffs, and the land in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$  lying North of the railroad right-of-way;

Sec. 25, the land in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  lying North of the railroad right-of-way;

Sec. 26, the land in the N $\frac{1}{2}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  lying North of the railroad right-of-way;

Sec. 27, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , the land in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  lying North of the railroad right-of-way.

The area described contains approximately 2,300 acres in Grand County.

2. This withdrawal will expire 5 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (2000), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: October 28, 2005.

**Rebecca W. Watson,**

*Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service (MMS)

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Scientific Committee (SC)

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of vacancies and request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The MMS is seeking interested and qualified individuals to serve on its OCS SC during the period of March 31, 2006, through March 30, 2008. The initial 2-year term may be renewable for up to an additional 4 years. The OCS SC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act to advise the Director of the MMS on the appropriateness, feasibility, and scientific value of the OCS Environmental Studies Program (ESP) and environmental aspects of the offshore energy and marine minerals programs. The ESP, which was authorized by the OCS Lands Act as amended (Section 20), is administered by the MMS and covers a wide range of field and laboratory studies in biology, chemistry, and physical oceanography, as well as studies of the social and economic impacts of OCS energy and

marine minerals development. Currently, the work is conducted through award of competitive contracts and interagency and cooperative agreements. The OCS SC reviews the relevance of the information being produced by the ESP and may recommend changes in its scope, direction, and emphasis.

The OCS SC comprises distinguished scientists in appropriate disciplines of the biological, physical, chemical, and socioeconomic sciences. Vacancies which need to be filled exist in the social and biological science disciplines. The selection is based on maintaining disciplinary expertise in all areas of research, as well as geographic balance. Demonstrated knowledge of the scientific issues related to OCS oil and gas development is essential. Selection is made by the Department of the Interior on the basis of these factors; appointments to the Committee are made by the Secretary of the Interior.

#### Ethics Responsibilities of Members

No Council or subcommittee member shall participate in any matter specifically concerning a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement or related litigation in which the member has a direct interest.

Under applicable ethic laws, appointments carry with it the status of "special government employee." This means that Committee members will be subject to many of the same standards of conduct that apply to Federal employees in general, including the avoidance of conflict of interest and the filing of confidential financial disclosure forms.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and resume within 30 days to: Ms. Phyllis Clark, Offshore Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4041, Herndon, Virginia 20170. She may be reached by telephone at (703) 787-1716.

**Authority:** Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix I, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-63, Revised.

Dated: October 17, 2005.

**Thomas A. Readinger,**

*Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

[FES-05-27]

#### Flaming Gorge Dam, Colorado River Storage Project, UT

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the operation of Flaming Gorge Dam final environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the federal agency responsible for operation of Flaming Gorge Dam, in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, and Western Area Power Administration, has prepared and made available to the public a final environmental impact statement (EIS) pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) 4332.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the EIS are available from Mr. Peter Crookston, Flaming Gorge EIS Manager, PRO-774, Bureau of Reclamation, Provo Area Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606-7317; telephone (801) 379-1152; faxogram (801) 379-1159; e-mail: [fgeis@uc.usbr.gov](mailto:fgeis@uc.usbr.gov). The EIS is also available on Reclamation's Web site at <http://www.usbr.gov/uc/> (click on Environmental Documents and then click on Operation of Flaming Gorge Dam Environmental Impact Statement).

Copies of the EIS are available for public review and inspection at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Room 6107, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1102
- Bureau of Reclamation, Provo Area Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606-7317
- Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Attention: Russell George, Executive Director, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 718, Denver, Colorado 80203
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Attention: Eric Bergman, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 521, Denver, Colorado 80203
- Utah State Clearinghouse, Attention: Carolyn Wright, Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 3710, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

- Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, 122 West 25th Street, Herschler Building 4th Floor—West, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

#### Libraries

- Salt Lake City Public Library, 210 East 400 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
- Rock Springs Library, 400 C Street, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901
- Sweetwater County Library, 300 North 1st East Street, Green River, Wyoming 82935
- Daggett County Library, 85 North 1st Street West, Manila, Utah 84046
- Ute Indian Tribe Library, P.O. Box 190, Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026
- Green River City Library, 85 South Long, Green River, Utah 84525
- Mesa County Public Library, 530 Grand Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501
- Uintah County Library, 155 East Main Street, Vernal, Utah 84078
- Duchesne County Library, 70 West Lagoon Street, Roosevelt, Utah 84066
- Grand County Library, 25 South 100 East, Moab, Utah 84532

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Peter Crookston, Flaming Gorge EIS Manager, PRO-774, Bureau of Reclamation, Provo Area Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606-7317; telephone (801) 379-1152; faxogram (801) 379-1159; e-mail: [fgeis@uc.usbr.gov](mailto:fgeis@uc.usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Operation of Flaming Gorge Dam Final Environmental Impact Statement describes the potential effects of modifying the operation of Flaming Gorge Dam to assist in the recovery of four endangered fish, and their critical habitat, downstream from the dam. The purpose of the proposed action is to operate Flaming Gorge Dam to protect and assist in recovery of the populations and designated critical habitat of four endangered fishes, while maintaining all authorized purposes of the Flaming Gorge Unit of the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP), particularly those related to the development of water resources in accordance with the Colorado River Compact.

The EIS describes and analyzes the potential effects of two alternatives. Under the No Action Alternative, operations under the conditions imposed by the 1992 Biological Opinion would continue. Under the Action Alternative, operations would be in accordance with the flow and temperature regimes described in the *Flow and Temperature Recommendations for Endangered Fish in the Green River Downstream of*