

adjusted 1931 meanders of the left bank of the Cheyenne River, downstream, through sections 2 and 5, and the survey of portions of the meanders of the present left bank of the Cheyenne River, downstream, through sections 2 and 5, and certain division of accretion lines, in Township 8 North, Range 23 East, Black Hills Meridian, South Dakota, was accepted March 7, 2007.

We will place copies of the plat only, in 2 sheets, we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, in 2 sheets, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file this plat, in 2 sheets, until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions or appeals.

Dated: March 9, 2007.

**Michael T. Birtles,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-957-07-1910-BJ-5GKW]

#### Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Nebraska

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plats of survey, Nebraska.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is scheduled to file the plats of survey of the lands described below thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and is necessary for the management of these lands. The lands surveyed are:

The plats and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the Sixth Standard Parallel North, through Range 10 East, the east and west boundaries, the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of section lines, and the original 1867 meander line of the right

bank of the Missouri River, the corrective dependent resurvey of portions of the Sixth Standard Parallel North, through Range 10 East, the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section lines, and the survey of the subdivision of certain sections, Township 24 North, Range 10 East, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Nebraska, was accepted March 8, 2007.

Copies of the preceding described plat and field notes are available to the public at a cost of \$1.10 per page.

Dated: March 12, 2007.

**John P. Lee,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Support Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-957-07-1420-BJ]

#### Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plats of survey, Wyoming.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has filed the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the dates indicated.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, and are necessary for the management of resources. The lands surveyed are:

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the north boundary and a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 50 North, Range 79 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 748, was accepted and filed November 17, 2006.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of the east boundary, a portion of the north boundary and a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 51 North, Range 79 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 750, was accepted and filed November 17, 2006.

The plat that represents the entire record of the survey of a portion of the

boundary between the Grand Teton National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest, along the hydrographic divide as defined by Congressional Act, February 26, 1929, Public Law 70-817, within the unsurveyed portion of Township 42 North, Range 117 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 764, was accepted and filed January 31, 2007.

Copies of the preceding described plats and field notes are available to the public at a cost of \$1.10 per page.

Dated: March 13, 2007.

**John P. Lee,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Support Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of an information collection (1010-0006).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR part 256, "Leasing of Sulphur or Oil and Gas in the Outer Continental Shelf." This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by April 18, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, *Attention:* Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior via OMB *e-mail:* (*OIRA\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*); or by fax (202) 395-6566; identify with (1010-0006).

Submit a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior, MMS, via:

- MMS's Public Connect on-line commenting system, <https://ocscconnect.mms.gov>. Follow the instructions on the Web site for submitting comments.

- E-mail MMS at [rules.comments@mms.gov](mailto:rules.comments@mms.gov). Use Information Collection Number 1010-0006, in the subject line.

- Fax: 703-787-1093. Identify with Information Collection Number 1010-0006.

- Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team (RPT); 381 Elden Street, MS-4024; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference "Information Collection 1010-0006" in your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cheryl Blundon, Regulations and Standards Branch, (703) 787-1607. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the ICR, the forms, and the regulations that require the subject collection of information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 30 CFR Part 256, "Leasing of Sulphur or Oil and Gas in the Outer Continental Shelf."

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0006.

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. Also, the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA) prohibits certain lease bidding arrangements (42 U.S.C. 6213(c)).

The Independent Offices Appropriations Act of 1952 (IOAA), 31 U.S.C. 9701, authorizes Federal agencies to recover the full cost of services that provide special benefits. Under the Department of the Interior's (DOI) policy implementing the IOAA, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is required to charge the full cost for services that provide special benefits or privileges to

an identifiable non-Federal recipient above and beyond those that accrue to the public at large. Instruments of transfer of a lease or interest are subject to cost recovery, and MMS regulations specify the filing fee for these transfer applications.

These authorities and responsibilities are among those delegated to the MMS under which we issue regulations governing oil and gas and sulphur operations in the OCS. This information collection request (ICR) addresses the regulations at 30 CFR 256, Leasing of Sulphur or Oil and Gas in the OCS, and the associated supplementary Notices to Lessees (NTLs) and operators intended to provide clarification, description, or explanation of these regulations.

Responses are required to obtain or retain a benefit. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked. The individual responses to Calls for Information are the only information collected involving the protection of confidentiality. The MMS will protect specific individual replies from disclosure as proprietary information according to section 26 of the OCS Lands Act, the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), and § 256.10(d).

The MMS uses the information required by 30 CFR part 256 to determine if applicants are qualified to hold leases in the OCS. Specifically, MMS uses the information to:

- Verify the qualifications of a bidder on an OCS lease sale. Once the required information is filed with MMS, a qualification number is assigned to the bidder so that duplicate information is not required on subsequent filings.

- Develop the semiannual List of Restricted Joint Bidders. This identifies parties ineligible to bid jointly with each other on OCS lease sales, under limitations established by the EPCA.

- Ensure the qualification of assignees and track operators on leaseholds. Once a lease is awarded, the transfer of a lessee's interest to another qualified party must be approved by an MMS regional director, regional supervisor, or regional manager (Pacific Region only). Also, a lessee may designate an operator to act on the lessee's behalf. This designation must be approved by MMS before the designated operator may begin operations.

- Document that a leasehold or geographical subdivision has been surrendered by the record title holder.

The MMS will use this information to update the corporate database which is used to determine what leases are available for a lease sale and the ownership of all OCS leases. Non-proprietary information is also publicly available from the MMS corporate database via the Internet.

The MMS uses the information required by subpart J, Assignments, Transfers and Extensions, to track the ownership of leases as to record title, operating rights, and pipeline right-of-ways.

The MMS also uses various forms relating to this subpart—forms to process bonds per subpart I, Bonding, the transfer of interest in leases per subpart J, Assignments, Transfers and Extensions, and the filing of relinquishments per subpart K, Termination of Leases. The forms allow lessees to submit the required information in a standardized format that helps MMS process the data in a more timely and efficient manner. The forms are:

- MMS-150, Assignment of Record Title Interest in Federal OCS Oil and Gas Lease,
- MMS-151, Assignment of Operating Rights Interest in Federal OCS Oil and Gas Lease,
- MMS-152, Relinquishment of Federal OCS Oil and Gas Lease.
- MMS-2028, OCS Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Bond,
- MMS-2028A, OCS Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Supplemental Plugging and Abandonment Bond,

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* Approximately 256 respondents (Federal oil and gas or sulphur lessees).

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* The estimated annual "hour" burden for this information collection is a total of 17,058 hours. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

Citation 30 CFR Part 256	Reporting requirement	Fees		
		Hour burden	Average No. of annual responses	Annual burden hours
Subparts A, C, E, H, L, M .....	None .....	Not applicable		0
Subparts G, H, I, J: 37; 53; 68; 70; 71; 72; 73.	Request approval for various operations or submit plans or applications.	Burden included with other approved collections in 30 CFR Part 250 (1010-0114, 1010-0141, 1010-0142, 1010-0149, 1010-0151)		0
Subpart B: All sections .....	Submit suggestions and relevant information in response to request for comments on proposed 5-year leasing program, including information from States/local governments.	4 .....	1 response ...	4
Subpart D: All sections .....	Submit response to Call for Information and Nominations on areas for leasing of minerals in specified areas in accordance with an approved leasing program, including information from States/local governments.	4 .....	1 response ...	4
Subpart F: 31 .....	States or local governments submit comments/recommendations on size, timing or location of proposed lease sale.	4 .....	10 responses	40
Subpart G: 35; 46(d), (e) .....	Establish a Company File for qualification; submit updated information, submit qualifications for lessee/bidder, request exception.	2 .....	104 responses.	208
41; 43; 46(g) .....	Submit qualification of bidders for joint bids and statement or report of production/appeal.	2 .....	100 responses.	200
44; 46 .....	Submit bids and required information .....	5 .....	2,000 bids ....	10,000
47(c) .....	File agreement to accept joint lease on tie bids .....	3 1/2 .....	2 agreements	7
47(e)(1), (e)(3) .....	Request for reconsideration of bid rejection .....	Exempt as defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(9)		0
47(f), (i); 50 .....	Execute lease (includes submission of evidence of authorized agent and request for dating of leases).	1 .....	852 leases ...	852
Subpart I: 52(f)(2), (g)(2) .....	Submit authority for Regional Director to sell Treasury or alternate type of securities.	2 .....	10 submissions.	20
53(a), 53(b); 54 .....	OCS Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Bond (Form MMS-2028).	1/4 .....	124 responses.	31
53(c), (d), (f); 54(d), 54(e) .....	Demonstrate financial worth/ability to carry out present and future financial obligations, request approval of another form of security, or request reduction in amount of supplemental bond required.	3 1/2 .....	165 submissions.	1 578
54 .....	OCS Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Supplemental Plugging & Abandonment Bond (Form MMS-2028A).	1/4 .....	136 responses.	34
55 .....	Notify MMS of any lapse in previous bond/action filed alleging lessee, surety, or guarantor is insolvent or bankrupt.	1 .....	3 notices .....	3
56 .....	Provide plan/instructions to fund lease-specific abandonment account and related information; request approval to withdraw funds.	12 .....	1 submission	12
57 .....	Provide third-party guarantee, indemnity agreement, financial information, related notices, reports, and annual update; notify MMS if guarantor becomes unqualified.	19 .....	45 submissions.	855
57(d)(3); 58 .....	Notice of and request approval to terminate period of liability, cancel bond, or other security.	1/2 .....	378 requests	189
59(c)(2) .....	Provide information to demonstrate lease will be brought into compliance.	16 .....	5 responses	80
Subpart J: 62; 63; 64; 65; 67 ...	File application and required information for assignment or transfer for approval (Forms MMS-150 and MMS-151).	2 forms @ 30 min ea = 1 hr.	3,000 applications.	3,000
		3,000 Title/Rights (Transfer) fee @ \$170 = \$510,000		
63; 64(a)(8) .....	Submit non-required documents, for record purposes, which respondents want MMS to file with the lease document.	Accepted on behalf of lessees as a service, MMS does not require nor need the filings		0
		3,725 filing fees @ \$25 ea = \$93,125		
64(a)(7) .....	File required instruments creating or transferring working interests, etc., for record purposes.	1 .....	700 filings .....	700
Subpart K: 76 .....	File written request for relinquishment (Form MMS-152) .....	1/2 .....	240 relinquishments.	120
77(c) .....	Comment on lease cancellation (MMS expects 1 in 10 years)	1 .....	1 .....	1
<b>Total Reporting</b> .....		7,878 Responses		17,058 Hours
		\$603,125 Fees		

<sup>1</sup> (Rounded).

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"*

**Burden:** There are two non-hour costs associated with this information collection. The estimated non-hour cost burden is \$603,125. Sections 256.62 and 256.64(a) require respondents to pay filing fees when submitting a request for assignment or transfer, and to file documents for record purposes. The application filing fees are required to recover the Federal Government's processing costs. We have not identified any other "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

**Public Disclosure Statement:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

**Comments:** Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency " \* \* \* to provide notice \* \* \* and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information \* \* \*" Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, on August 16, 2006, we published a **Federal Register** notice (71 FR 47243) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 256.0 and the PRA statement on the MMS forms display the OMB control number, specifies that the public may comment at anytime on the collection of information required in the 30 CFR part 256 regulations and forms, and provides the address to which they should send comments. We have received one comment in response to those efforts, but it was not germane to the paperwork burden of the information collection.

If you wish to comment in response to this notice, you may send your comments to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by April 18, 2007.

**Public Comment Procedures:** The MMS's practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review. If you wish your name and/or address to be withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. The MMS will honor the request to the extent allowable by the law; however, anonymous comments will not be considered. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by the law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure "would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy." Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer:** Arlene Bajusz, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: November 30, 2006.

**E.P. Danenberger,**  
Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Beaufort Sea Alaska, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 202

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

**ACTION:** Final Notice of Sale OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sale 202, Beaufort Sea.

**SUMMARY:** The MMS will hold OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sale 202 on April 18, 2007, in accordance with provisions of the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, as amended), the implementing regulations (30 CFR part 256), and the OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2002-2007.

**DATES:** Lease Sale 202 is scheduled to be held on April 18, 2007, at the Wilda Marston Theatre, Z. J. Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, Alaska. Public reading will begin at 9 a.m. All times referred to in this document are local Anchorage, Alaska times, unless otherwise specified.

**ADDRESSES:** A package containing the Final Notice of Sale (NOS) and several supporting and essential documents referenced herein are available from:

Alaska OCS Region, Information Resource Center, Minerals Management Service, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5823, Telephone: (907) 334-5200 or 1-800-764-2627.

These documents are also available on the MMS Alaska OCS Region's Web site at <http://www.mms.gov/alaska>.

**Bid Submission Deadline:** Bidders will be required to submit bids to the MMS at the Alaska OCS Region Office, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, by 10 a.m. on the day before the sale, Tuesday, April 17, 2007. If bids are mailed, the envelope containing all of the sealed bids must be marked as follows:

**Attention:** Mr. Fred King, Contains Sealed Bids for Sale 202.

If bids are received later than the time and date specified above, they will be returned unopened to the bidders. Bidders may not modify or withdraw their bids unless the Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region receives a written modification or written withdrawal request prior to 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2007. Should an unexpected event such as an earthquake or travel restrictions be significantly disruptive to bid submission, the Alaska OCS Region