

scoping and development of this public notification process.

#### Possible Alternatives

The EIS will analyze the Proposed Action and No-Action Alternative as well as corridor capacity. Other alternatives may include different routes for portions of the proposed pipelines, fewer but larger pipelines in the corridor, and optional sites for pipeline facilities, as well as mitigating measures to minimize impacts.

#### Responsible Officials

The Responsible Officials are: Sally Wisely, the BLM Utah State Director (Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, Suite 301, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111; the Manti-LaSal National Forest Supervisor (Manti-LaSal National Forest, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah 84501); and Peter W. Karp, the Uinta National Forest Supervisor (Uinta National Forest, 88 West 100 North, Provo, Utah 84601). Additional information about the natural gas pipeline proposals is available from Paul McKee of the FERC's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 (refer to Docket No. CP00-68-000).

#### Decisions to be Made

The purpose of the EIS is to disclose to the public and permitting agencies the environmental impacts of constructing and operating the proposed projects. If one or more of the projects are approved, the participating agencies would take the following actions. The BLM, as the lead agency, would sign the necessary Record of Decision (ROD) for the issuance of right-of-way grants under the Mineral Leasing Act for the pipeline proposals. FERC, as a Cooperating Agency and the regulatory agency for the transmission of natural gas in interstate commerce, would issue the natural gas pipeline companies Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity under the Natural Gas Act. The Forest Service, as a cooperating agency, would sign the necessary Record(s) of Decision for the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan Amendments (may include standards and guidelines) on the Manti-LaSal and Uinta National Forests. The USFS ROD would also include the use and allocation of National Forest System Lands which may or may not expand the existing designated utility corridor(s) and/or identify other corridor(s).

#### Tentative Project Schedule

The tentative project schedule is as follows:

- Begin Public Comment Period—April 1999.
- Scoping Meetings—May and June 1999, May 10, 11, 2000.
- Scoping Comment Period Ends—May 17, 2000.
- File Draft EIS—October 1, 2000.
- File Final EIS—February 2001.
- Record of Decision—March, 2001.

#### Public Scoping Meetings

Nine public scoping meetings were held on the following dates and in the following locations: May 18, 1999, Green River, Utah, May 19, 1999, Moab, Utah, May 20, 1999, Price, Utah, May 25, 1999, Salt Lake City, Utah, May 26, 1999, Payson, Utah, May 27, 1999, Lehi, Utah, June 2, 1999, Dolores, Colorado, June 3, 1999, Durango, Colorado, and June 23, 1999, Price, Utah. Additional public scoping meetings will be held in West Valley City, Utah, on May 10, 2000, and at Nephi, Utah on May 11, 2000.

#### Public Input Requested

Comments concerning the Proposed Action and EIS should address environmental issues to be considered, feasible alternatives to examine, possible mitigation, and information relevant to or bearing on the Proposed Action.

**DATES:** An additional comment period for scoping of the EIS will commence with publication of this revised notice. Written comments must be submitted on or before May 19, 2000.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the BLM Utah State Office and will be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). They may be published as part of the EIS and other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review and disclosure under the FOIA, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to LaVerne Steah, EIS Team Leader, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, Suite 301, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 or at the website: QWK-EIS.ORG.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LaVerne Steah, (801) 539-4114 or e-mail: LaVerne Steah@blm.gov

Dated: April 10, 2000.

**Linda Colville,**

*Acting Utah State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget Review, Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are soliciting comments on an information collection titled Office of Indian Royalty Assistance Customer Satisfaction Survey, OMB 1010-0098, which expires on November 30, 2000. We are preparing an information collection request, which we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), for a 3-year extension of this information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 19, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The mailing address for written comments regarding this information collection is David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225. Courier address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. The Internet address is RMP.comments@mms.gov.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE** If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods and to the mailing addresses stated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include Attn: Office of Indian Royalty Assistance Customer Satisfaction Survey, OMB Control Number 1010-0098, and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact David S. Guzy directly (303) 231-3432.

We will post public comments after the comment period closes on the Internet at <http://www.rmp.mms.gov>. You may arrange to view paper copies of the comments by contacting David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications

Staff, telephone (303) 231-3432, FAX (303) 231-3385. Our practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review on the Internet and during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, email

*Dennis.C.Jones@mms.gov*. A copy of the information collection is available to you without charge upon request.

*Title:* Office of Indian Royalty Assistance Customer Satisfaction Survey, OMB Control Number 1010-0098.

*Abstract:* Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act 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.

The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian Lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is responsible for managing the production of minerals from Federal and Indian Lands and the OCS; for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals; and for

distributing the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. The Secretary also has an Indian trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. MMS performs the royalty management functions and assists the Secretary in carrying out his Indian trust responsibility.

Executive Order 12862 requires Federal agencies to develop and implement customer service standards. As part of these standards, the Office of Indian Royalty Assistance (OIRA) pledges to "work continuously to streamline and improve our services." When individual Indian mineral owners request assistance from OIRA offices, we include a postage-paid Customer Satisfaction Survey card when responding to the owner's request. This survey card asks Indian mineral owners several questions regarding the quality of service that our offices are providing to them.

The information collected from these Customer Satisfaction Survey cards helps us determine the effectiveness of our office and guides us in developing and implementing new procedures to improve our service.

We receive approximately 300 completed survey cards annually. Based on this response rate and the 2 minutes required to complete the survey card, we estimate the annual reporting and recordkeeping "hour" burden is 10 hours; there is no "non-hour" burden.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* 300 individual Indian mineral owners.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* 10 hours.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour" Burden:* 0 hours.

Dated: April 12, 2000.

**R. Dale Fazio,**

*Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Minerals Management Service**

**Environmental Assessment Prepared for Proposed Western Gulf Sale 177 on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the environmental assessment on proposed western Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 177.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed annual Lease Sale 177 for the Western Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf.

In this EA, MMS has reexamined the potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives based on any new information regarding potential impacts and issues that were not available at the time the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Lease Sales 171, 174, 177, and 180 was prepared.

In summary, no new significant impacts were identified for proposed Lease Sale 177 that were not already assessed in the FEIS for Lease Sales 171, 174, 177, and 180. As a result, MMS determined that a supplemental EIS is not required and prepared a Finding of No New Significant Impact.

If you wish to comment, you may mail or hand-carry written comments to the Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, Regional Director (MS-5410), Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking 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. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Public Information Unit, Information Services Section at number below. You may obtain single copies of the EA from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, LA 70123-2394 or by calling 1-800-200-GULF.