

alternative, except that the Service would also acquire lands to protect threatened or endangered, rare and uncommon species and communities. Under the fifth alternative (Private Lands Work, Education and Land Protection) the Service would establish a more traditional national fish and wildlife refuge. All issues and concerns identified by the public during scoping were considered and the most significant analyzed in detail. The potential effects of each alternative on agriculture and forestry, biological resources, local economies, environmental education, public use and access, and water use and quality are also described. Copies of the DEIS have been sent to all federal and state agencies, organizations and individuals who requested copies, as well as all libraries within the watershed. A summary of the DEIS has been sent to all other organizations and individuals on the project mailing list. A limited number of copies of both documents are available upon request from the project office in Turners Falls, Massachusetts. No final decision will be made until such time as the public has had the opportunity to review and comment on the DEIS. It is estimated that a Final Environmental Impact Statement will be available by September, 1995.

**Cathy Short,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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**Minerals Management Service**

**Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) in the Royalty Management Program**

May 16, 1995.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and training.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is making Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) technology available to minerals royalty payors on a voluntary basis. Implementation of EDI is also intended to help achieve the objectives of the Vice President's National Performance Review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** General EDI Information—Contact Mr. Ron Hatton, Systems Management Division, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P. O. Box 25165 MS-3140, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165, telephone numbers 1-800-619-4593 or (303) 275-7050, FAX number (303) 275-7099. EDI Orientation Training Information—Contact Ms.

Barbara Matthews, Systems Management Division, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P. O. Box 25165 MS-3140, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165, telephone numbers 1-800-619-4593 or (303) 275-7036, FAX number (303) 275-7099. EDI Technical Training Information—Contact Mr. Tim Allard, Systems Management Division, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P. O. Box 25165 MS-3140, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165, telephone numbers 1-800-619-4593 or (303) 275-7007, FAX number (303) 275-7099.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MMS is publishing this Notice in response to a **Federal Register** notice, "Offshore Minerals Management and Royalty Management Electronic Data Interchange Projects" (55 FR 38166, September 17, 1990), and the Executive Order No. 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards" (September 14, 1993).

MMS defines EDI as "the intercompany electronic transmission of business transactions in a standard format." EDI allows royalty payors to use electronic technologies to submit records required under the regulations in Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). MMS will perform most EDI activity in Denver, Colorado. However, the MMS Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) offices also have a limited EDI capacity for well test data.

MMS will provide approved customers with choices in both sources of service and the means of delivery. Sources of service include Electronic Data Interchange, E-Mail, Magnetic Tape, various Diskette formats and public electronic carriers. Security procedures to protect confidential or proprietary information are provided for in the Electronic Commerce Agreement (ECA).

EDI technology benefits both royalty payors and MMS because it allows for paperless reporting, automated receipt, fewer data errors, and cost savings. Because EDI mutually benefits royalty payors and MMS, MMS' objective is to use EDI wherever feasible as a means of conducting business. All industries MMS regulates may voluntarily participate in the electronic data submission. In some instances, records required by Title 30 of the CFR may need to be retained in paper form and their associated conventional methods of signing may need to be preserved. MMS will specify in future rulemakings which records must be maintained in paper form. Information packets

regarding EDI are available by contacting Mr. Ron Hatton at MMS.

**Orientation and Training**

MMS is offering orientation and technical training at no cost to companies and interested parties that intend to implement EDI with the Minerals Management Service/Royalty Management Program (MMS/RMP). MMS will conduct orientation sessions on request and discuss MMS EDI activities, capabilities and implementation planning and schedules. MMS will conduct a technical training session in Lakewood, Colorado, on June 21, 1995. The technical training session is primarily for technical specialists responsible for EDI and will target the translation of data from the company's application system to reports required by MMS. The training will discuss EDI implementation with MMS/RMP and will be oriented to technical considerations which are essential for successful implementation. The specific transaction sets and reports to be discussed at the technical training session are:

1. Royalty Regulatory Reports, Data Transaction Set 185 for Form MMS-2014;
  2. Product Transfer and Resale Report, Data Transaction Set 867 for Forms MMS-3160 and OGOR; and
  3. Payment Order/Remittance Advice, Data Transaction Set 820 for electronic payment of royalties, rents, bonuses, penalties, interest, and assessments.
- If you are interested in this training session, please reply to Mr. Tim Allard no later than May 31, 1995, using one of the following methods:
1. Call directly at (303) 275-7007;
  2. Call the Electronic Commerce Information number 1-800-619-4593;
  3. FAX your training request to (303) 275-7099;
  4. Respond by E-Mail using Internet address: Timothy—C.—Allard@SMTP.MMS.GOV
  5. Respond by E-Mail using X.400 address: /C=US/A=ATTMAIL/P=GOV+MMS/S=Allard/G=Timothy/I=C.

Participants will receive confirmation two weeks in advance of the training and instructions as to exact location and times.

MMS/RMP is also considering conducting similar technical training sessions outside of the Denver area if there is sufficient interest. If you are interested in this training, but are unable to attend the session scheduled in Lakewood, please contact Mr. Tim Allard at MMS to request alternative dates and locations. Future training

dates and locations will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 16, 1995.

**Donald T. Sant,**

*Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.*

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## Bureau of Reclamation

### Quarterly Status Report of Water Service and Repayment Contract Negotiations

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

**AGENCY:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of proposed contractual actions that are modified, completed, discontinued, or new since the last publication of this notice on February 1, 1995. The February 1, 1995, notice should be used as a reference point to identify changes. The number in parenthesis corresponds to the number in the February 1, 1995, notice. This notice is one means in which the public is informed about contractual actions for capital recovery and management of project resources and facilities. Additional Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) announcements of individual contract actions may be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers of general circulation in the areas determined by Reclamation to be affected by the proposed action. Announcements may be in the form of news releases, legal notices, official letters, memorandums, or other forms of written material. Meetings, workshops, and/or hearings may also be used, as appropriate, to provide local publicity. The public participation procedures do not apply to proposed contracts for sale of surplus or interim irrigation water for a term of 1 year or less. Either of the contracting parties may invite the public to observe any contract proceedings. All public participation procedures will be coordinated with those involved in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act.

**ADDRESSES:** The identity of the approving officer and other information pertaining to a specific contract proposal may be obtained by calling or writing the appropriate regional office at the address and telephone number given for each region in the supplementary information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alonzo Knapp, Manager, Reclamation Law, Contracts, and Repayment Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 25007,

Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; telephone 303-236-1061 extension 224. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 226 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1273) and 43 CFR 426.20 of the rules and regulations published in 52 FR 11954, Apr. 13, 1987, Reclamation will publish notice of proposed or amendatory contract actions for any contract for the delivery of project water for authorized uses in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area at least 60 days prior to contract execution. Pursuant to the "Final Revised Public Participation Procedures" for water resource-related contract negotiations, published in 47 FR 7763, Feb. 22, 1982, a tabulation is provided of all proposed contractual actions in each of the five Reclamation regions. Each proposed action is, or is expected to be, in some stage of the contract negotiation process in 1995. When contract negotiations are completed, and prior to execution, each proposed contract form must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior or, pursuant to delegated or redelegated authority, the Commissioner of Reclamation or one of the regional directors. In some instances, congressional review and approval of a report, water rate, or other terms and conditions of the contract may be involved.

Public participation in and receipt of comments on contract proposals will be facilitated by adherence to the following procedures:

1. Only persons authorized to act on behalf of the contracting entities may negotiate the terms and conditions of a specific contract proposal.
2. Advance notice of meetings or hearings will be furnished to those parties that have made a timely written request for such notice to the appropriate regional or project office of Reclamation.
3. Written correspondence regarding proposed contracts may be made available to the general public pursuant to the terms and procedures of the Freedom of Information Act (80 Stat. 383), as amended.
4. Written comments on a proposed contract or contract action must be submitted to the appropriate regional officials at the locations and within the time limits set forth in the advance public notices.
5. All written comments received and testimony presented at any public hearings will be reviewed and summarized by the appropriate regional office for use by the contract approving authority.
6. Copies of specific proposed contracts may be obtained from the

appropriate regional director or his designated public contact as they become available for review and comments.

7. In the event modifications are made in the form of a proposed contract, the appropriate regional director shall determine whether republication of the notice and/or extension of the comment period is necessary.

Factors considered in making such a determination shall include, but are not limited to: (i) The significance of the modification, and (ii) the degree of public interest which has been expressed over the course of the negotiations. As a minimum, the regional director shall furnish revised contracts to all parties who request the contract in response to the initial public notice.

### Acronym Definitions Used Herein

(BCP)—Boulder Canyon Project  
 (CAP)—Central Arizona Project  
 (CUP)—Central Utah Project  
 (CVP)—Central Valley Project  
 (CRSP)—Colorado River Storage Project  
 (D&MC)—Drainage and Minor Construction  
 (FR)—Federal Register  
 (IDD)—Irrigation and Drainage District  
 (ID)—Irrigation District  
 (M&I)—Municipal and Industrial  
 (O&M)—Operation and Maintenance  
 (P-SMBP)—Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program  
 (R&B)—Rehabilitation and Betterment  
 (SRPA)—Small Reclamation Projects Act  
 (WCUA)—Water Conservation and Utilization Act  
 (WD)—Water District

The following contract actions are either new, modified, discontinued, or completed in the Bureau of Reclamation since the February 1, 1995, **Federal Register** notice.

*Pacific Northwest Region:* Bureau of Reclamation, 1150 North Curtis Road, Boise, Idaho 83706-1234, telephone 208-378-5346.

1. Contract Actions Modified.  
 (18) Hermiston, Stanfield, Westland, and West Extension Irrigation Districts, Umatilla Project, Oregon: Temporary contracts to provide water service for 1995 to lands lying outside of their boundaries.

2. New Contract Actions.  
 (19) Stanfield and Westland Irrigation Districts, Umatilla Project, Oregon: Repayment contract for reimbursable cost of dam safety repairs to McKay Dam.

(20) Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course, Tualatin Project, Oregon: Water service contract for provision of approximately 340 acre-feet of water for M&I use.