

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Minerals Management Service****30 CFR Chapter II****Meeting of the Federal Gas Valuation Negotiated Rulemaking Committee**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of the Interior (Department) has established a Federal Gas Valuation Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (Committee) to develop specific recommendations with respect to Federal gas valuation pursuant to its responsibilities imposed by the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982, 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* (FOGRMA). The Department has determined that the establishment of this Committee is in the public interest and will assist the Agency in performing its duties under FOGRMA.

DATES: The Committee will meet next on December 19-20, 1994, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Denver Federal Center, building 67, 6th Avenue and Kipling Streets, Lakewood, Colorado, 80225, telephone (303) 275-7200.

Written statements may be submitted to Ms. Deborah Gibbs Tschudy, Chief, Valuation and Standards Division, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS-3150, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Deborah Gibbs Tschudy, Chief, Valuation and Standards Division, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS-3150, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 275-7200, fax number (303) 275-7227.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The location and dates of future meetings will be published in the *Federal Register*.

The meetings will be open to the public without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meeting, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the Committee for its consideration.

Written statements should be submitted to the address listed above. Minutes of Committee meetings will be available for public inspection and copying 10 days following each meeting at the same address. In addition, the

materials received to date during the input sessions are available for inspection and copying at the same address.

Dated: November 22, 1994.

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POSTAL SERVICE**39 CFR Part 111****System Certification Program (SCP)**

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of proposed program.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) published a notice of the general requirements for Stage II of the System Certification Program (SCP) in the *Federal Register* on April 6, 1992 (57 FR 11593-11595). After further consideration, the Postal Service is withdrawing that proposal and is publishing for public notice and comment this proposal for a revised SCP. Although the new proposal retains the general purposes and much of the content of the original proposal, this new proposal includes three major changes: (1) Elimination of distinct stages of certification; (2) extension of the basic principles of the former Stage II program to a full-plant concept; and (3) establishment of a system of points and administrative sanctions to evaluate a certified mailing system and to promote maintenance of a high level of quality in certified systems. In addition, with this notice the Postal Service is soliciting recommendations for prioritizing initial applications to the SCP should more applications be received than can be reasonably processed.

The SCP is a quality assurance program designed to evaluate the ability of mailers to prepare high-quality mailings consistently and to enhance the ability of the Postal Service to verify and accept these mailings efficiently. Participation is voluntary and is open to all mailers whose systems meet the established program requirements, regardless of the method(s) of postage payment used. The program is designed to evaluate the quality and accuracy of a mailer's overall mailing operation, including the design of mailpieces; the quality of address information; presort and mail makeup; control of loading and dispatch of mailings; postage calculation; and postage payment. Evaluation procedures include analysis

of mailer hardware and software systems that are used to presort mailings and to calculate postage payment, as well as other systems mailers employ in the production and release of mailings and related documentation (e.g., addressing systems, mailpiece design techniques, and production and distribution schedules). An integral element of the proposed requirements for certification is the Presort Accuracy Validation and Evaluation (PAVE) program (published in the *Federal Register* on August 24, 1994 (59 FR 43600-43602).

Once the Postal Service is assured that a mailer's overall mailing system is capable of producing properly prepared mailings, maintaining the integrity of individual mailings until deposited at the appropriate entry point, and accurately calculating postage, the Postal Service plans to certify the mailer's operation. This certification will entail a written agreement between the Postal Service and the mailer to ensure that the overall mailing system is properly maintained. The Postal Service then plans to provide simplified acceptance procedures for all mailings produced from the mailer's system, expediting the induction of mailings into Postal Service mail processing and transportation systems.

After finalizing this program, the Postal Service intends to publish step-by-step procedures for the SCP in a customer requirements publication (Publication 421-A, *A Mailer's Guide to the System Certification Program*), which will be made available to customers upon request. Those wanting to review a draft of this publication as part of their review of this proposal may obtain a copy of Publication 421-A by writing to the address listed below or by contacting the individuals listed for further information.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed or delivered to the Manager, Business Mail Acceptance, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, room 8430, Washington, DC 20260-6808. Copies of all written comments will be available for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Hurst, (202) 268-5232, or Robert H. Carlson, (612) 681-2206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed features of the SCP are discussed below. For those familiar with the original (1992) proposal, the differences between the current and original proposals are noted.