

proposed settlement in *Ramah Navajo Chapter v. Babbitt*, No. CIV 90-0957 LH/WWD." All objections must state the objector's full name, address, and the name and number of this case, and must state in detail the factual basis and legal grounds for the objection. If you wish, you may retain your own counsel, at your expense, to represent you in connection with your objection to the settlement. If you wish to appear at the hearing to approve the settlement and application for fees and expenses, you must also file a written statement of intention to appear with the clerk of court with copies to counsel no later than twenty days prior to the date scheduled for the hearing. All timely written objections will be considered by the Court with or without appearance by the objector at the hearing.

IX. Examination of Papers

You may inspect the proposed Partial Settlement Agreement and the other papers in the record during regular business hours at the office of the Clerk of the Court, U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico, 5th and Gold, SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The settlement agreement with appendices, application for attorney's fees and costs, and other papers in connection with this settlement will be posted on a website for this case: <http://www.RNCclassaction.santa-fe.net>.

X. Additional Information

Please, except as otherwise expressly provided in this notice, do not contact the Court concerning this notice or the lawsuit. If you have any questions, contact either your own attorney or Lead Counsel for the Plaintiffs. If you wish to obtain copies of the Partial Settlement Agreement or the application for attorney's fees and costs you may write or call Class Counsel.

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Dated the 5th day of October 1998.

Approved as to form by John W. Zavitz, Assistant U. S. Attorney, Defendant's

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Announcement of Minerals Management Service Meeting on Natural Gas Royalty-in-Kind Pilot Program in the Federal Gulf of Mexico Region

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) will hold a public meeting with lessees, operators, and payors on royalty-in-kind (RIK) gas produced from a number of Federal leases in the 8(g) zone offshore Texas in MMS's Gulf of Mexico Region (GOMR). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the operational issues involved in implementing sales of Federal gas production to be taken as royalty-in-kind.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 10, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Central time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at MMS's Houston Compliance Division Office, in Room 104, at 4141 N. Sam Houston Parkway, Houston, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bonn J. Macy, Minerals Management Service, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4230, Washington, D.C. 20240; telephone number (202) 208-3827; fax (202) 208-3918; e-mail Bonn.Macy@mms.gov.

COMMENTS: Written comments on the meetings or the topics for discussion listed below should be addressed to Mr. Bonn J. Macy at the address given in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject of this Notice is the continuation of MMS's planning process for the Texas 8(g) gas RIK pilot in MMS's GOMR. This is one of three RIK pilot programs MMS is developing based on the recommendations in our 1997 RIK Feasibility Study. The 8(g) zone is a 3-mile wide band of Federal waters that lies directly adjacent to the State's jurisdiction. In the case of Texas, the band begins at 10.35 miles and extends out 3 miles. The objective of the Texas 8(g) GOMR pilot program for Federal gas is, as with all three pilots, to test the effectiveness of RIK for collecting Federal oil and gas royalties. Operators of affected Federal leases and associated

communication/unit agreements have been directed to deliver royalty volumes in-kind to the Federal Government beginning December 1, 1998. For all other leases or agreements, payors will continue paying royalties based on current requirements.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting are:

1. Overall framework and phases of the Texas 8(g) GOMR pilot.
2. Intent of the pilot.
3. Point of delivery for Federal RIK gas volumes and transportation arrangements.
4. Operator responsibilities:
 - Reporting;
 - Imbalance procedures;
 - Communication with purchaser or agent;
 - Verification of royalty volumes; and
 - Project termination and next phase of the pilot.
5. Federal Government or its agent/purchaser's responsibilities:
 - 100% take of all royalty volumes delivered;
 - Communication with operator;
 - Imbalance procedures; and
 - Reporting.
6. Question and Answer Period.

The operators and payors of affected properties have been notified by MMS of this meeting. If you are the operator or lessee of an affected property, you are urged to attend or send representative(s) to the November 10, 1998, meeting to discuss these issues at the location provided under **ADDRESSES** in this Notice.

Dated: October 23, 1998.

Walter D. Cruickshank,
Associate Director for Policy and
Management Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Zion National Park, Utah; Order Adjusting the Boundary of Zion National Park to Include and Exclude Certain Lands

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authority contained in Public Law 104-333, November 12, 1996, (110 Stat. 4105), and as certain lands authorized to be acquired and conveyed by exchange by the Secretary of the Interior have now been so exchanged, the boundaries of Zion National Park are being revised accordingly.