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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1320-00]

Powder River Regional Coal Team Activities: Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Interior,
Wyoming.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Powder River Regional Coal Team (RCT) announces that it has scheduled a public meeting for October 27, 1999, to review current and proposed activities in the Powder River Coal Region and to review pending coal lease applications (LBA).

DATES: The RCT meeting will begin at 9 a.m., M.D.T., on Wednesday, October 27, 1999. The meeting is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 2009 S. Douglas Highway, Gillette, WY 82718, 307-686-3000. Attendees are responsible for making their own reservations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mel Schlagel, Wyoming State Office, BLM, P.O. Box 1828 (922), Cheyenne, WY 82003, 307-775-6257.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss the North Jacobs Ranch LBA. The Jacobs Ranch Coal Company (Kennecott Energy Company), filed an LBA (WYW146744), on October 2, 1998, for an estimated 519 million tons and 4,821 acres. In accordance with the *Powder River Operational Guidelines (1991)*, the initial public notification of North Jacobs Ranch pending LBA was made at the February 23, 1999, RCT meeting in Billings, MT. At this meeting, the RCT approved processing for the North Jacobs Ranch LBA. This LBA has several conflicts between oil and gas development and coal mining. The RCT left open the possibility of another RCT meeting in the fall of 1999, to further address existing conflicts. Coal and oil and gas conflicts need further consideration by the RCT, and are the primary topic of discussion for this RCT meeting. Processing time frames between the North Jacobs Ranch LBA and the Belle Ayr LBA also need to be discussed by the RCT.

Two possible coal exchanges also need to be discussed by the RCT. The Belco exchange involves exchanging coal near Buffalo, WY, for Federal coal just north of the Buckskin Mine in Campbell County. The Pittsburg & Midway exchange proposal is to exchange Federal coal near Sheridan, WY, for private lands located throughout WY. The RCT may generate recommendation(s) for any or all of these topics. No new LBA's have been filed since the February 23, 1999, RCT meeting.

Any party interested in providing comments or data related to the above pending applications may either do so in writing to the State Director (925), Wyoming State Office, BLM, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003, no later than October 15, 1999, or by addressing the RCT with his/her concerns at the meeting on October 27, 1999.

The draft agenda for the meeting follows:

1. Introduction of RCT Members and guests.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 23, 1999, RCT meeting held in Billings MT.
3. Regional Coal Activity Status:
 - a. Activity Since Last RCT Meeting.
 - b. Status of pending LBAs previously reviewed by RCT.
 - c. Belco Coal Lease Exchange.
4. Industry Presentations:
 - Jacobs Ranch Coal Company
 - Belle Ayr Coal Company
 - Pittsburg & Midway Exchange
7. RCT Activity Planning Recommendations—Review and recommendation(s) on pending Lease Application(s).
8. Discussion of the next meeting.
9. Adjourn.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-910-0777-26-241A]

State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory
Council Meeting notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. The one-day business meeting will be held on October 22, 1999, in Tempe, Arizona. The RAC

meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Arizona Historical Society museum located at 1300 North College Avenue, Tempe, Arizona. The agenda items to be covered at the meeting include welcome of RAC members, review of the August 20, 1999, meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on legislation, regulations and statewide planning efforts; RAC Orientation; Election of Chair/Vice Chair; Updates on Secretarial Initiatives, regarding Proposed Arizona National Monument and Empire Cienega National Conservation Area proposed legislation, and Barry Goldwater Range; Update on Permit Renewals, Biological Opinions, and Appeals; Clean Water Action Plan/Watersheds/Abandon Mines Presentation; Update Proposed Field Office Rangeland Resource Teams; Reports from BLM Field Office Managers; Working Group Assignments of new members; Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation and Public Relations, Wild Horse and Burro Working Groups; Reports from RAC members; and Discussion of future meetings. A public comment period will be provided at 11:30 a.m. on October 21, 1999, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2003, (602) 417-9215.

Signature:

Gary D. Bauer,

Acting Arizona State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice of Availability and Sale of Federal Royalty Oil to Small Refiners

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice explains how small refiners may apply to participate in the sale of Federal royalty oil and the procedures under which subsequent contracts will be awarded.

DATES: Completed applications to participate in the sale must be received by the close of business (4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time) on October 15, 1999. Bid proposals, signed contracts, and surety instruments must be received by the close of business

(4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time) on October 27, 1999. Documents received after these dates and times will be rejected. The sale will be held on October 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain an application to participate in the sale (Form MMS-4070, Application for the Purchase of Royalty Oil) directly from our web site <http://www.rmp.mms.gov/library/leglroom/notices/Notices.htm>. You may also request an application by writing to one of the addresses below or by calling Mr. Robert Prael at (303) 231-3217 or by sending an e-mail message to Robert.Prael@mms.gov.

Completed applications, bid proposals, signed contracts, and surety instruments must be addressed as follows:

Regular U.S. mail. Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Attention: Robert F. Prael, MS 3131, P.O. Box 5760, Denver, Colorado 80217-5760.

Overnight mail or courier. Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Room A-212, Document Processing Section, Attention: Robert F. Prael, Building 85, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

For confidentiality, please place your bid proposal in an envelope marked as "confidential, to be opened only by Robert Prael" and enclose this envelope inside the envelope containing the signed contract and surety instrument.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert F. Prael, Chief, Royalty-in-Kind Section, at (303) 231-3217, FAX (303) 231-3219, or e-mail Robert.Prael@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Interior has determined that sufficient need exists among small refining companies to justify taking royalty oil in kind and offering this oil for sale to eligible refiners. This determination of need is based on the following facts:

Small refiners who purchase crude oil in the Pacific and Gulf of Mexico regions have expressed concerns about the lack of stable access to the marketplace and the premium prices they frequently must pay to obtain desired feed stock.

Small refiners continue to play a prominent role in providing military jet fuel to the U.S. Department of Defense. This supply of military jet fuel and the diversity in suppliers and locations combine to make the small refiner oil program an important contributor to National security.

The U.S. Small Business Administration encourages program

continuance in the interest of maintaining a competitive marketplace.

Small refiners also provide valuable resources for several States and local governments.

Accordingly, the Secretary has elected to take royalty oil in kind from certain Federal leases in the Gulf of Mexico and Pacific regions and offer such oil for sale to eligible small refiners.

Improvements to the Small Refiner Program

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is making several improvements in the small refiner program effective with this sale. These improvements are summarized below:

1. Refiners will be reporting and paying based on their delivered volumes. In the past, MMS billed refiners based on volumes reported by operators. This volume, in many cases, had no relationship to the volume delivered to the refiners. The difference between deliveries and billings frequently created cash flow problems for refiners. By allowing refiners to pay only for what they receive, we will eliminate this problem.

2. Pricing will be established in the contract. This will eliminate problems created when we billed for retroactive price adjustments and refiners had no means to recover the additional cost through their end users.

3. We will monitor imbalances between the royalty barrels the Government is entitled to receive and the barrels actually received by the refiners. Deliveries by operators will be based on the royalty entitlement of 2 months prior, thereby keeping imbalances to a minimum (that is, Month 1 royalty entitlement will be delivered to the refiner in Month 3). If overdeliveries occur, we will issue a credit or refund to the operator. If underdeliveries occur, we will work with the operator and have either an additional delivery made or payment made in value. Penalties may also be assessed. We will charge or pay interest when operators under- or overdeliver royalty oil. We will charge or pay interest when refiners under- or overpay for royalty oil.

4. Administrative fees have been canceled. Because this sale will be a competitive bid sale, there is no need for an administrative fee.

5. Deliveries of royalty oil will occur at market centers such as St. James, etc.

Eligibility Requirements

For purposes of this sale, "eligible refiners" are those refiners who meet the criteria for small refiners as defined in the U.S. Small Business

Administration regulations at 13 CFR part 121 (that is, no more than 75,000 barrels per day refinery capacity and 1,500 employees).

We will not accept an application from a refiner who is not in operation during the 60-day period before the date of the sale, unless the refiner certifies that operations will begin by the first month in which oil becomes available under a royalty oil contract. Certification could be in the form of a notarized statement referencing a current permit to operate from the State or local environmental control agency. We will confirm the operating status of the applicant's refinery with the U.S. Department of Energy and/or the U.S. Small Business Administration as appropriate. We will terminate the royalty oil contract if operations do not begin by the first month in which oil becomes available.

In addition, we will disallow multiple applications from two or more refiners who are affiliated through common ownership or control. Such refiners will be limited to one allotment in the allocation of royalty oil.

An otherwise eligible refiner will not be permitted to participate in the sale if, at the time of the sale, that refiner is in arrears on payments owed to MMS.

Application Procedures

Applications must be filed on Form MMS-4070, Application for the Purchase of Royalty Oil. The application must be complete and timely filed. We will reject any improperly completed or late application and any application from a refiner who does not meet the eligibility criteria established in this Notice.

Applicants are advised that the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982, as amended, 30 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.*, provides civil and criminal penalties for false or inaccurate reporting. Applicants are also cautioned to provide adequate detail on each item in the application to preclude rejection of the application from further consideration. Any questions concerning the application should be directed to the contact listed in the "For Further Information Contact" section.

We will provide an information package to each eligible refiner who files a timely application. This package will contain:

1. Sale arrangements and procedures;
2. Lease locations and approximate quantity and quality of royalty oil to be offered from each lease;
3. A statement on the contract award processes, surety requirements, and imbalance procedures;

4. A copy of the Federal royalty oil contract; and
5. A copy of the regulations governing royalty-in-kind sales.

Sale Information

Approximately 20,000 barrels of royalty oil per day from selected Federal leases in the Pacific region and 80,000 barrels per day in the Gulf of Mexico region will be offered for sale to qualified applicants. We will have a separate offering for each region at the sale.

Royalty oil will be sold based on a competitive bidding process. The bid proposal will be based on formulas representing spot market prices with premiums added or deductions subtracted. Royalty oil will be sold in lease bundles representing groups of leases, oil types, and Facility Measurement Points. Refiners will be required to select the entire bundle.

The highest bidder will be notified by phone or e-mail and provided a list of properties from which to choose. After the highest bidder selects his/her properties, the list of remaining properties will be provided to the next highest bidder. This process is continued until all the oil is selected or the minimum bid threshold is met.

In the event that an applicant who has participated in the allocation process does not execute his/her contract, or in the event substantial quantities of royalty oil sold in this eligible lease sale are subsequently turned back to MMS, we may reallocate such oil. However, only those refiners who hold ongoing contracts from this sale will be allowed to participate in any reallocation, and then only if they continue to meet eligibility requirements as set forth in this Notice and 30 CFR part 208 (1999). Questions concerning these allocation and reallocation procedures should be directed to the contact listed in the "For Further Information Contact" section.

Surety Requirements

Applicants for royalty oil will be required to provide a surety instrument with their bid package. This surety instrument must be an MMS-specified surety such as a bond, irrevocable letter of credit, etc. The amount of the surety instrument must equal the value of 30 days of production that the refiner is bidding on. Once the contract is awarded, the surety must be increased to an amount equal to the estimated value of royalty oil that could be taken by the purchaser in a 99-day period. The increased surety must be received by December 17, 1999. All sureties must be in a form acceptable to MMS and must include any MMS-specified

requirements to adequately protect the Government's interests. Sureties for unsuccessful bidders will be immediately returned to the financial institution. Upon termination of deliveries under the contract, we will reduce the amount of the surety in amounts proportionate to payments made by the refiner to fulfill payment obligations.

If the refiner provides a bond or a certificate of deposit as the surety, the bond or certificate of deposit must be effective for the entire term of the contract plus a 6-month reconciliation period. If the refiner furnishes a letter of credit as the surety, the letter of credit must be effective for a 1-year period beginning the first day the royalty oil contract is effective, with a clause providing for automatic renewal for a new 6-month period. The purchaser or surety company may elect not to renew the letter of credit at any monthly anniversary date but must notify MMS of the intent not to renew at least 30 days before the anniversary date. We may grant the purchaser 45 days to obtain a new surety. If no replacement surety is provided, we will terminate the contract effective at least 6 months before the expiration date of the letter of credit.

Financial institutions that furnish bonds must be listed in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Circular 570. Those institutions that propose to furnish letters of credit and certificates of deposit must be chartered in the United States and must be acceptable to MMS.

Contract Terms

The royalty oil contracts will be effective January 1, 2000, and will have a 1-year term with an automatic evergreen clause subject to a 90-day termination notice.

Successful applicants who are awarded royalty oil contracts must process that royalty oil, or oil obtained in exchange for the royalty oil, in their refineries and may not resell it. If a refiner exchanges royalty oil for other crude oil to process in his/her refinery, the refiner must provide full information to us, including a copy of the exchange agreement within 30 days of the exchange agreement's effective date.

Authority

This sale is conducted under the provisions of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1331, *et seq.*, and regulations at 30 CFR part 208.

Dated: September 15, 1999.

R. Dale Fazio,

Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before September 11, 1999. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, NC400, Washington, DC 20240. Written comments should be submitted by October 6, 1999.

Carol D. Shull,

Keeper of the National Register.

AMERICAN SAMOA

Tutuila Island, Eastern District

Breakers Point Naval Guns, Breakers Point, Lauli'i vicinity, 99001231

Eastern District

Lau'agae Ridge Quarry, Tula-Onenoa Rd., Tula vicinity, 99001227

FLORIDA

Dade County

Stiltsville, 1.5 mi. SW of southern tip of Key Biscayne, Key Biscayne vicinity, 99001226

IOWA

Black Hawk County

Wasson, Dr. Jesse, Building, 201 Main St., La Porte St., 99001239

Fayette County

First Baptist Church of West Union, Main And Vine Sts., West Union, 99001240

Story County

Bandshell Park Historic District, Bounded by Duff Ave., E. 5th St., E. 6th St., and Carroll Ave., Ames, 99001238

NEVADA

Mineral County

Sixth Street School, Sixth and C Sts., Hawthorne, 99001241

OHIO

Cuyahoga County

Fuller—Bramley House, 7489 Brecksville Rd., Independence, 99001242