

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until May 10, 1995 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**Margaret J. McDaniel,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Gulf Rim  
Adjudication.*

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[CO-933-95-1320-01; COC 56447]

### Notice of Coal Lease Offering by Sealed Bid; COC 56447

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of competitive coal lease  
sale.

**SUMMARY:** Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, Lakewood, Colorado, hereby gives notice that certain coal resources in the lands hereinafter described in Gunnison County, Colorado, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).

**DATES:** The lease sale will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, May 15, 1995. Sealed bids must be submitted no later than 10 a.m., Monday, May 15, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** The lease sale will be held in the Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, First Floor, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Karen Purvis at (303) 239-3795.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder submitting the highest offer, provided that the high bid meets the fair market value determination of the coal resource. The minimum bid for this tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid less than \$100 per acre or fraction thereof will be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value.

Sealed bids received after the time specified above will not be considered.

In the event identical high sealed bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking sealed bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the Sale Official's announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received.

Fair market value will be determined by the authorized officer after the sale.

**Coal Offered:** The coal resource to be offered is limited to coal recoverable by underground mining methods in the B and D/E coal seams on the Box Canyon Tract in the following lands:

#### Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 13 S., R. 90 W., 6th P.M.

Sec. 10, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 11, lots 9 to 12, inclusive, and  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 14, lots 1 to 16, inclusive;

Sec. 15, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and  
E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 22, lots 1 to 16, inclusive;

Sec. 23, lots 1 to 16, inclusive;

Sec. 26, lots 1 to 16, inclusive.

The land described contains 2,769.67 acres, more or less.

Total recoverable reserves are estimated to be 37 million tons. The B and D/E seams underground minable coal is ranked as high volatile C bituminous coal. The estimated coal quality for the B seam on an as-received basis is as follows:

Btu	12,975 Btu/lb.
Moisture (percent) .....	5.66
Sulfur Content (percent) .....	0.57
Ash Content (percent) .....	7.66

The estimated coal quality for the D/E seam on an as-received basis is as follows:

Btu	12,162 Btu/lb.
Moisture (percent) .....	6.45
Sulfur Content (percent) .....	0.57
Ash Content (percent) .....	9.31

**Rental and Royalty:** The lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3.00 per acre or fraction thereof and a royalty payable to the United States of 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.

**Notice of Availability:** Bidding instructions for the offered tract are included in the Detailed Statement of Coal Lease Sale. Copies of the statement and the proposed coal lease are

available upon request in person or by mail from the Colorado State Office at the address given above. The case file is available for inspection in the Public Room, Colorado State Office, during normal business hours at the address given above.

Dated: March 30, 1995.

**Karen A. Purvis,**

*Solid Minerals Team Resource Services.*

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### INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 152X)]

#### Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Caswell County, NC

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 3.1-mile rail line extending between milepost FD-196.9 and milepost FD-200.00 at Blanch, in Caswell County, NC.

NS has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on this line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line is pending either with the Commission or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on May 10, 1995, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Commission will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised