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 William B. Schultz,
Deputy Commissioner for Policy
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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

24 CFR Chapter I

[Docket No. FR-4170-N-07]

Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Negotiated Rulemaking Committee; Meetings

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant
 Secretary for Public and Indian
 Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Negotiated
 Rulemaking Committee Meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces three
 series of negotiated rulemaking
 meetings sponsored by HUD to develop
 the regulations necessary to carry out
 the Native American Housing
 Assistance and Self-Determination Act
 of 1996 (NAHASDA) (Pub. L. 104-330,
 approved October 26, 1996).

DATES: The meetings will be held on:

1. March 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, and
 27, 1997.
2. April 8, 9, 10, and 11, 1997.
3. April 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, and
 May 1, 1997.

The meetings will begin at
 approximately 9:00 am and end at
 approximately 5:00 pm on each day,
 local time.

ADDRESS: The meetings will be held at
 the Cheyenne Mountain Conference
 Resort, 325 Broadmoor Valley Road,
 Colorado Springs, CO 8096; telephone
 (719) 576-4600 or 1-800-588-6532; fax
 (719) 576-4711 (With the exception of
 the "800" telephone number, these are
 not toll-free numbers).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Dominic Nessi, Deputy Assistant
 Secretary for Native American
 Programs, Department of Housing and
 Urban Development, 1999 Broadway,
 Suite 3390, Denver, CO; telephone (303)
 675-1600 (voice) or 1-800-877-8339
 (TTY for speech or hearing impaired
 individuals) (With the exception of the
 "800" number, these are not toll-free
 numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
 Secretary of HUD has established the
 Native American Housing Assistance &
 Self-Determination Negotiated
 Rulemaking Committee (Committee) to
 negotiate and develop a proposed rule
 implementing NAHASDA. HUD will

hold three series of meetings during
 March and April 1997 in Colorado
 Springs, Colorado to discuss the
 regulatory implementation of
 NAHASDA. The meetings will be held
 on the following dates:

1. March 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, and
 27, 1997.
2. April 8, 9, 10, and 11, 1997.
3. April 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, and
 May 1, 1997.

The agenda planned for the meetings
 includes: (1) the development of
 regulatory language by workgroups; (2)
 discussion and approval of the draft
 regulatory language by the full
 Committee; and (3) other agenda items
 which may be agreed upon by the
 Committee.

The meetings will be open to the
 public without advance 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 in the **FOR FURTHER
 INFORMATION** section of this notice.
 Summaries of Committee meetings will
 be available for public inspection and
 copying at the same address.

The location and dates of any future
 meetings will be published in the
 Federal Register. HUD will make every
 effort to publish such notice at least 15
 calendar days prior to each meeting.

Dated: March 3, 1997.
 Kevin Emanuel Marchman,
*Acting Assistant Secretary for Public and
 Indian Housing.*
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

30 CFR Parts 202 and 206

RIN 1010-AB57

Amendments to Gas Valuation Regulations for Indian Leases

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service,
 Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting and reopening
 of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management
 Service (MMS) is reopening the public
 comment period for a proposed rule
 published in the Federal Register on
 September 23, 1996, 61 FR 49894,
 amending its regulations governing the
 valuation for royalty purposes of natural
 gas produced from Indian leases.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on
 or before April 4, 1997. The committee
 meeting will be on March 26, 1997.

ADDRESSES: MMS will hold a meeting of
 the Indian Gas Valuation Negotiated
 rulemaking committee on March 26,
 1997, in the conference room at: Golden
 Hill Office Complex, 12600 West Colfax
 Avenue, Suite B200, Golden, Colorado.

Written comments, suggestions, or
 objections regarding this proposed
 amendment should be sent to the
 following addresses. For comments sent
 via the U.S. Postal Service use: Minerals
 Management Service, Royalty
 Management Program, Rules and
 Publications Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS
 3101, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165.

For comments via courier or overnight
 delivery service use: Minerals
 Management Service, Royalty
 Management Program, Rules and
 Publications Staff, MS 3101, Building
 85, Denver Federal Center, Room A-
 212, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and
 Publications Staff, phone (303) 231-
 3432, FAX (303) 231-3194, e-Mail
 David_Guzy@smtp.mms.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and
 Procedures Staff, at (303) 231-3432.

I. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 23, 1996, MMS
 published a notice of proposed
 rulemaking in the Federal Register (61
 FR 49894) to amend the valuation
 regulations for gas production from
 Indian leases. The framework for the
 proposed rule was the product of an
 Indian Gas Valuation Negotiated
 Rulemaking Committee. The proposed
 rulemaking provided for a 60-day
 comment period, which ended
 November 22, 1996, and was extended
 to December 3, 1996, by a Federal
 Register Notice (61 FR 59849, November
 25, 1996). during the public comment
 period MMS received 13 written
 comments: 7 responses from industry, 4
 from industry trade groups or
 associations, 1 from an Indian tribe, and
 1 from an Indian agency. A public
 hearing was held in Oklahoma City,
 Oklahoma, on October 23, 1996.

II. Comments on Proposed Rule

MMS proposed to revise the current
 regulations regarding the valuation of
 gas production from Indian leases to
 accomplish the following:

- To ensure that Indian mineral
 lessors receive the maximum revenues
 from mineral resources on their land
 consistent with the Secretary of the