

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 500-1]

### Mountain Energy, Inc.; Order of Suspension of Trading

July 29, 1998.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that questions have been raised about the adequacy and accuracy of publicly disseminated information concerning Mountain Energy, Inc., concerning among other things, Mountain Energy's ownership of certain properties and the valuation of the mineral assets on those properties.

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of the above-listed company.

Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to Section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the securities of the above-listed company is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. EDT on July 29, 1998, through 11:59 p.m. EDT on August 11, 1998.

By the Commission.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Testing Modifications to the Disability Determination Procedures; Federal Processing Center Testing

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of the continuation of testing involving modifications to the disability determination procedures.

**SUMMARY:** SSA is announcing the continuation of testing that it has been conducting under the current rules at 20 CFR 404.906, 404.943, 404.966, 416.1406, 416.1443, and 416.1466. Those rules authorize the testing of several modifications to the disability determination procedures that we normally follow in adjudicating claims for disability insurance benefits under title II of the Social Security Act (the Act) and claims for supplemental security income (SSI) payments based on disability under title XVI of the Act. This notice announces the continuation of testing in a federal processing center.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harry Pippin, Disability Models Team Leader, Office of Disability, Disability Process Redesign Staff, Social Security

Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235, 410-965-9203.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Current regulations at 20 CFR 404.906, 404.943, 404.966, 416.1406, 416.1443, and 416.1466 authorize us to test different modifications to the disability determination procedures. We have described the use of four features of the testing modifications to the disability determination procedures as the full process model. Those modifications are: the use of a single decisionmaker who may make the disability determination without requiring the signature of a medical consultant; the conducting of a predecisional interview in which a claimant, for whom SSA does not have sufficient information to make a fully favorable determination or for whom the evidence would require an initial determination denying the claim, can present additional information to the decisionmaker before an initial determination is made; the elimination of the reconsideration step in the administrative review process; and the use of an adjudication officer who will conduct prehearing procedures and, if appropriate, will issue a decision wholly favorable to the claimant. We incorporated an additional modification to the integrated model on September 23, 1997 (62 CFR 49598). This fifth modification is the elimination of the step in the appeals process that permits a claimant to request review by the Appeals Council of an administrative law judge decision.

On April 4, 1997, we published in the **Federal Register** a notice that testing of the full process model would take place at the Social Security Administration's Western Program Service Center in Richmond, California. Selection of cases for that testing was to begin on or about April 28, 1997, and was to continue for approximately one year with cases processed for an additional six months. We stated that we might choose to extend the duration of the test to obtain additional data, and that we would publish another notice in the **Federal Register** if we decided to extend the duration.

We are now announcing that testing in the Western Program Service Center, 2121 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, California, 94802 will be extended for one additional year to obtain further data. As we announced on April 4, 1997, the test in Richmond involves claims by individuals who wish to file by telephone. These cases will be referred to the Western Program Service Center by teleservice centers that service residents of Arizona. We will continue

to select cases for approximately one year, and may continue to have cases processed for an additional six months. We may add other Federal sites later. If we add other **Federal Register** identifying the added sites.

This test will combine the five process modifications mentioned above, plus two features designed to maximize the resources of a Federal processing center: having a two-person team complete the application interview by telephone; and effectuating, in the processing center, the payment of benefits to claimants who are found disabled. The adjudication officers under this model will process cases as they are doing in those states in which that feature is being tested separately. (Refer to 20 CFR 404.943 and 416.1443.) The single decisionmakers will process cases as single decisionmakers are doing in those States in which that feature is being tested separately (see 20 CFR 404.906(b)(2) and 416.1406(b)(2)), except that the single decisionmakers in this model also will assist in the claims interview and will offer a predecisional interview to a claimant for whom a fully favorable determination cannot be made based on the initial information obtained. If a claimant is dissatisfied with the initial determination, he or she may appeal directly to an administrative law judge. The adjudication officer will be the claimant's primary point of contact before a hearing is held with an administrative law judge. Claims authorizers will participate in the telephone claims interview and will effectuate payment to claimants who are found disabled.

Dated: July 13, 1998.

**Susan M. Daniels,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the

information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on March 10, 1998 [63 FR 11704].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 31, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Crouse, Office of Budget and Finance, Federal Highway Administration, (202) 366-2826, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

*Title:* Voucher for Federal-Aid Reimbursements.

*OMB Number:* 2125-0507.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* State Departments of Transportation/State Highway Agencies.

*Abstract:* The forms FHWA PR-20, Voucher for Work Performed Under Provisions of the Federal-Aid and Federal Highway Acts, as amended, and FHWA-1447, Final Voucher for Payment under 23 U.S.C. 117 are used to collect Federal-aid project financial data relative to the expenditure of State funds. The FHWA's Federal-aid Highway Program is a reimbursable program which requires the expenditures of State funds and the reimbursement of same.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 5,910.

*Number of Respondents:* 54.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 24, 1998.

**Vanester M. Williams,**

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collections was published on April 6, 1998 [63 FR 16854].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 31, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Robinson, NHTSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at (202) 366-9456.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)**

*Title:* 49 CFR Part 575-104; Uniform Tire Quality Grading Standards.

*OMB Control Number:* 2127-0519.

*Type Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Abstract:* 49 U.S.C. 30123(e) states: "the Secretary shall prescribe a uniform quality grading system for motor vehicles ties to help consumers make an informed choice when purchasing tires." Additionally, it states that there shall be cooperation between the NHTSA, the industry, and the Federal Trade Commission to the maximum extent practicable in efforts to eliminate deceptive and confusing tire nonenclature and marketing practices. With this mandate, the agency established 49 CFR 575.104—Uniform Tire Quality Grading Standards. To carry out this mandate, NHTSA

established a grading system for tires based on three different characteristics—treadwear, traction, and temperature resistance.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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**Vanester M. Williams,**

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists those forms, reports, and recordkeeping requirements imposed upon the public which were transmitted by the Department of Transportation to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its approval in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35). Section 3507 of Title 44 of the United States Code, requires that agencies prepare a notice for publication in the **Federal Register**, listing information collection request submitted to OMB for approval or renewal under that Act. OMB reviews and approves agency submissions in accordance with criteria set forth in that Act. In carrying out its responsibilities, OMB also considers public comments on the proposed forms and the reporting and recordkeeping requirements. OMB