

preliminary or planned drilling activities; to monitor progress and activities in the OCS; to acquire G&G data and information collected under a Federal permit offshore; and to determine eligibility for reimbursement from the Government for certain costs. The information is necessary to determine if the applicants for permits or filers of notices meet the qualifications specified by the OCS Lands Act. MMS uses information collected to understand the G&G characteristics of oil-and-gas bearing physiographic regions of the OCS. It aids the Secretary in obtaining a proper balance among the potentials for environmental damage, the discovery of oil and gas, and adverse impacts on affected coastal states. Information from permittees is necessary to determine the propriety and amount of reimbursement.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR parts 250, 251, and 252. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory or required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency: The frequency of reporting is on occasion, annually, or as specified in permits.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Primarily, approximately 200 Federal OCS permittees or notice filers.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 10,604 hours, which averages 53 hours per respondent. There are no recordkeeping burdens.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: We have identified no cost burdens for this collection.

Comments: We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments and our consultations with a representative sample of respondents, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB. In calculating the burden, we assumed that respondents perform many of the requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

(1) We specifically solicit your comments on the following questions:

(a) Is the proposed collection of information necessary for us to properly

perform our functions, and will it be useful?

(b) Are the estimates of the burden hours of the proposed collection reasonable?

(c) Do you have any suggestions that would enhance the quality, clarity, or usefulness of the information to be collected?

(d) Is there a way to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology?

(2) In addition, the PRA requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting "non-hour cost" burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. We need to know if you have costs associated with the collection of this information for either total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. Your estimates should consider the costs to generate, maintain, and disclose or provide the information. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information; monitoring, sampling, drilling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (i) before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

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Dated: November 4, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Boundary Revision, Beaumont Unit, Big Thicket National Preserve

DATES: The effective date of this Order shall be November 12, 1999.

SUMMARY: Section 1 of the Act of October 11, 1974, Pub. L. 93-439, 88 Stat. 1254, codified as amended at 16 U.S.C. 698 (1994), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, after advising the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, in writing, of his intention to do so and of the reasons therefor, to accept title to any lands or interests in lands located outside the boundaries of the preserve which any private person, organization, or public or private corporation may offer to donate to the United States, if he finds that such lands would make a significant contribution to the purposes for which the preserve was created.

Notice is hereby given that, effective on the date of publication of this notice, the boundary of the Beaumont Unit of Big Thicket National Preserve is being revised pursuant to the above-cited act to include those lands owned by Citgo Pipeline Co., comprised of 26.20 acres of land, depicted as Tract No. 189-38 on land acquisition status map, segment 189, having drawing number 175-30,009, dated May 27, 1999, prepared by Land Resources Program Center, Intermountain Region of the National Park Service.

This map is on file and available for inspection in the office of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Land Resources Program Center, Intermountain Region, and the office of the Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve.

Dated: September 9, 1999.

John H. King,

Acting Regional Director, Intermountain, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of an Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Homestead National Monument of America General Management Plan, Gage County, Nebraska

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy