

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale Reoffer.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the NARO North Tract described below in Campbell County, WY, will be reoffered 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 reoffer will be held at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 29, 2004. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Tuesday, December 28, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale reoffer will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107), of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, or Robert Janssen, Coal Coordinator, at 307-775-6258, and 307-775-6206, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale reoffer is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Powder River Coal Company of Gillette, WY. The NARO North Tract was previously offered on August 31, 2004, and the one bid received at that sale was rejected because it did not meet the BLM's estimate of fair market value. The coal resources to be reoffered consist of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located in southeastern Campbell County approximately 6 miles east of State Highway 59, 10 miles south of State Highway 450, and adjacent to the Piney Canyon and Antelope County Roads:

- T. 42 N., R. 70 W., 6th PM, Wyoming
 - Sec. 28: Lots 5-16;
 - Sec. 29: Lots 5-16;
 - Sec. 30: Lots 9-20;
 - T. 42 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M, Wyoming
 - Sec. 25: Lots 5-15;
 - Sec. 26: Lots 7-10;
 - Sec. 35: Lots 1, 2, 7-10, 15, 16.
- Containing 2,369.38 acres, more or less.

The tract is adjacent to Federal and State of Wyoming coal leases to the south held by the North Antelope Rochelle Mine. It is also adjacent to additional unleased Federal coal to the east, north, west, and southwest.

All of the acreage offered has been determined to be suitable for mining. Features such as the county roads and pipelines can be moved to permit coal recovery. Numerous oil and/or gas wells

have been drilled on the tract. The estimate of the bonus value of the coal lease will include consideration of the future production from these wells. An economic analysis of this future income stream will determine whether a well is bought out and plugged prior to mining or re-established after mining is completed. The surface estate of the tract is owned by the North Antelope Rochelle Mine and the United States.

The tract contains surface mineable coal reserves in the Wyodak seam currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mine. On the tract, the Wyodak seam is generally a single seam averaging about 77 feet thick. A small area in the northeast corner of the LBA has a split off the bottom of the main seam. This split starts at about 17 feet thick but thins rapidly to the east. The interburden increases to about 15 feet thick at the eastern edge of the LBA. The overburden depths range from about 290 to 365 feet thick on the LBA.

The tract contains an estimated 324,627,000 tons of mineable coal. This estimate of mineable reserves includes the main Wyodak seam and split mentioned above, but does not include any tonnage from localized seams or splits containing less than 5 feet of coal. It does not include the State of Wyoming coal, although these reserves are expected to be recovered by the NARO mine. The total mineable stripping ratio (BCY/Ton) of the coal is about 3.9:1. Potential bidders for the LBA should consider the recovery rate expected from thick seam and multiple seam mining.

The NARO North LBA coal is ranked as subbituminous C. The overall average quality on an as-received basis is 9090 BTU/lb with about 0.25% sulfur and 2.4% sodium in the ash. These quality averages place the coal reserves at the top of the range of coal quality currently being mined in the Wyoming portion of the Powder River Basin.

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid meets or exceeds BLM's estimate of the fair market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. The bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand delivered. The Cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 4 p.m., on Tuesday, December 28, 2004, will not be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value of the tract will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale. 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 of a royalty payment to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal produced by strip or auger mining methods and 8 percent of the value of the coal produced by underground mining methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Bidding instructions for the tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are available from the BLM Wyoming State Office at the addresses above. Case file documents, WYW150210, are available for inspection at the BLM Wyoming State Office.

Phillip C. Perlewitz,

Acting Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-200-0777-XZ-241A]

Notice of Meeting, Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Front Range Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 5, 2005 from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holy Cross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway 50, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Smith, (719) 269-8500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15 member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the Royal Gorge Field Office and San Luis Valley, Colorado. Planned agenda topics include: Manager updates on current land management issues; a presentation and discussion on Tamarisk control and local BLM weed control efforts and a briefing on power transmission and supply across public land. All meetings are open to the

public. The public is encouraged to make oral comments to the Council at 9:30 a.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Councils consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Summary minutes for the Council Meeting will be maintained in the Royal Gorge Field Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting. Meeting Minutes are also available at: http://www.blm.gov/rac/co/rrac/co_fr.htm.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

Linda McGlothlen,

Acting Royal Gorge Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Foreign Claims Settlement Commission

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Claims of U.S. Nationals Against Albania.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (FCSC) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 69, Number 156, on page 50215, on August 13, 2004, allowing for a 60 day comment period. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until December 30, 2004. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Written comments and

suggestions from the public concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Claims of U.S. Nationals Against Albania.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number FCSC 1-04, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. Others: Not-for-profit institutions. The information collected will be used as the basis for determining the entitlement of claimants to awards payable by the Department of the Treasury, out of the Albania Compensation Fund in claims of U.S. nationals against the Albanian government for expropriation of property.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 100 one-time annual respondents at 2 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 200 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Brenda E. Dyer, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and

Planning Staff, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: November 23, 2004.

Brenda E. Dyer,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

[Application No. D-11211, et al.]

Proposed Exemptions; J.C.O., Inc. Retirement Plan and Trust (the Plan)

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments or requests for a hearing on the pending exemptions, unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Proposed Exemption, within 45 days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** Notice. Comments and requests for a hearing should state: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request, and (2) the nature of the person's interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing.

ADDRESSES: All written comments and requests for a hearing (at least three copies) should be sent to the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA), Office of Exemption Determinations, Room N-5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Attention: Application No. _____, stated in each Notice of Proposed Exemption. Interested persons are also invited to submit comments and/or hearing requests to EBSA via e-mail or FAX. Any such comments or requests should be sent either by e-mail to: