

should the representative be unable to attend. Because committee membership should reflect the diversity of tribal interests, representatives of tribal and tribally operated schools should nominate representatives and alternates who will:

- Have knowledge of school facilities and their repair, renovation, and construction (this may include knowledge and skills of construction project management, school facilities operation and management, construction cost estimation, education program space needs, budgeting and appropriation, engineering);

- Have relevant experience as past or present superintendents, principals, facility managers, teachers, or school board members or possess direct experience with school construction projects;

- Be able to coordinate, to the extent possible, with other tribes and schools who may not be represented on the committee;

- Be able to represent the tribe(s) with the authority to embody tribal views, communicate with tribal constituents, and have a clear means to reach agreement on behalf of the tribe(s);

- Be able to negotiate effectively on behalf of the tribe(s) represented;

- Be able to commit the time and effort required to attend and prepare for meetings; and

- Be able to collaborate among diverse parties in a consensus-seeking process.

In addition, in order for tribes and schools with too few students to be represented under the proportional membership computation, the Secretary invites nominations from the following parties who would be affected by the final products of the committee may include report(s) and/or proposed regulations:

- Tribes served by BIE-funded schools not represented by the tribes allocated seats according to share of student enrollment, (please refer to the Final Convening Report prepared by CBI, p.38 at [http://ecr.gov/pdf/BIA\\_FinalConvRpt200803.pdf](http://ecr.gov/pdf/BIA_FinalConvRpt200803.pdf));

- Tribes who will help to increase the geographic diversity of representation on the committee;

- Representatives who will help to increase the diversity of types of schools represented (e.g., off-reservation boarding schools, dorms, and schools serving multiple tribes);

- Representatives who might be nominated by multiple tribes or regional tribal associations and have ability to coordinate and represent a coalition or group of like-minded tribes and schools; and

- Representatives of regional or national Indian education organizations. Nominees of these interests, like the proportionate-share nominees, must meet the criteria of this section.

## VII. Submitting Nominations

The Secretary will consider only nominations for tribal committee representatives nominated through the process identified in this **Federal Register** notice. Nominations received in any other manner or for Federal representatives will not be considered. Only the Secretary may appoint Federal employees to the committee.

Nominations must include the following information about each tribal committee member nominee:

(1) The nominee's name, tribal affiliation, job title, major job duties, employer, business address, business telephone and fax numbers (and business e-mail address, if applicable);

(2) The tribal interest(s) to be represented by the nominee (see section V of this notice) and whether the nominee will represent other interest(s) related to this rulemaking, as the tribe may designate;

(3) A resume reflecting the nominee's qualifications and experience in Indian education (including being a parent of a student attending a BIE-funded school) and experience in any phase of school facility construction (including master planning, project planning, design, construction, and facility management), to adequately represent the interest(s) identified in (2) above; and

(4) A brief description of how they will represent tribal views, communicate with tribal constituents, and have a clear means to reach agreement on behalf of the tribe(s) they are representing. Additionally, a statement whether the nominee is only representing one tribe's views or whether the expectation is that the nominee represents a group of tribes.

To be considered, nominations must be received by the close of business on the date listed in the **DATES** section, at the location indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section. Nominations and comments received will be available for inspection at the address listed above from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Dated: October 14, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[F-14912-B; AK-964-1410-KC-P]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Northway Natives, Incorporated. The lands are in the vicinity of Northway, Alaska, and are located in:

#### Copper River Meridian, Alaska

T. 14 N., R. 20 E.,

Secs. 3, 10, 14, and 15;

Secs. 23, 24, and 25.

Containing approximately 4,480 acres.

T. 16 N., R. 17 E.,

Sec. 4, excluding Veteran Native

Allotment Application F-93244-A;

Secs. 5 and 9;

Sec. 15.

Containing approximately 2,276 acres.

Aggregating approximately 6,756 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until November 21, 2008 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

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.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a

week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

**Jason Robinson,**

*Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication I.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CACA-47658, CA-670-5101 ER B204]

#### Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment for the Proposed Sunrise Powerlink Project

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), together with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (FEIR/ EIS) and Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment for the Sunrise Powerlink Project proposed by San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E).

**DATES:** The FEIR/EIS and Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment will be available for review until November 17, 2008 which is 30 calendar days from the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**, October 17, 2008 [73 FR 61859]. BLM planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2) state that any person who meets the conditions as described in the regulations may protest the BLM's Proposed RMP Amendment. A person who meets the conditions and files a protest must file the protest within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice in the **Federal Register**. Instructions for filing protests with the BLM are included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice and in the Executive Summary of the FEIR/EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the FEIR/EIS/ Proposed Plan Amendment will be available electronically at the following Web site: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/aspensunrise/sunrise.htm>.

Copies of the document will be available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Bureau of Land Management, California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825.
  - Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Field Office, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243.
  - Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.
  - Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs South Coast Field Office, 690 West Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, CA 92258-1260.
  - Bureau of Land Management, South Coast Project Office, c/o Cleveland National Forest, 10845 Rancho Bernardo Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92127-2107.
  - A list of public library repositories is also available on the project Web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/aspensunrise/sunrise.htm>.
- Electronic (on CD-ROM) or paper copies of the FEIR/EIS may be obtained by contacting the BLM, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA, (760) 337-4421; or the CPUC's consultants: Aspen Environmental Group, 235 Montgomery Street #935, San Francisco, CA 94104, reachable by phone or fax at (866) 711-3106 or by e-mail at [sunrise@aspeneq.com](mailto:sunrise@aspeneq.com).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information concerning the Final EIS/ Proposed Plan Amendment may be obtained from Lynda Kastoll, Project Manager for the BLM, at (760) 337-4421, or e-mail at [lkastoll@ca.blm.gov](mailto:lkastoll@ca.blm.gov). Information concerning the EIR process may be obtained from Billie Blanchard, Project Manager for the CPUC, at (415) 703-2068, or on the CPUC Internet Web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/aspensunrise/sunrise.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** SDG&E proposes to construct a new 91-mile, 500-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line from Imperial Valley Substation (in Imperial County, near the City of El Centro) to a new Central East Substation (in central San Diego County, southwest of the intersection of County Highways S22 and S2) and a new 59-mile 230-kV line that includes both overhead and underground segments from the new Central East Substation to SDG&E's existing Peñasquitos Substation (in the City of San Diego). Portions of the proposed 500-kV line transmission line would traverse approximately 35 miles of Federal lands managed by the BLM

within the California Desert Conservation Area in Imperial County, and approximately one mile in San Diego County. The remainder of the proposed project would cross lands owned by various entities including the State of California, local governments, and private parties.

The proposed transmission lines would utilize structures ranging in height from 120 to 170 feet, spaced approximately 700 to 1,600 feet apart, and would occupy rights-of-way of approximately 60 to 300 feet in width (subject to local conditions and restrictions).

Two public scoping periods followed the CPUC's publication of the Notice of Preparation of an EIR/EIS on September 15, 2006, and the BLM's publication of the Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2006. Consultation with agencies and tribal governments also continued after the formal scoping ended. In addition, notices regarding alternatives to be evaluated in the EIR/EIS were mailed to interested parties in March and May of 2007.

In January 2008, a Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/ EIS) was issued jointly by the CPUC and BLM. The DEIR/EIS provided information about the environmental setting and impacts of the Proposed Project and 27 alternatives, as well as connected actions and future foreseeable projects. The Environmental Protection Agency published a Notice of Availability for the DEIR/EIS/Plan Amendment on January 11, 2008, initiating a 90-day comment period. Copies of the document were sent to affected Tribes as well as Federal, State and local government agencies. The document was posted on the CPUC Web site and a link was provided on the BLM Web site. News releases were published in local newspapers announcing the availability of the document, and approximately 14,000 notices were mailed to known interested parties. In late January 2008, nine informational workshops were held throughout San Diego and Imperial counties. In February and May 2008, CPUC conducted seven public participation hearings to receive comments on the DEIR/EIS and any other issues of concern related to the SDG&E application.

In July 2008, a Recirculated DEIR/ Supplemental DEIS was issued by the CPUC and BLM that included three components: (1) New and revised analysis of the La Rumorosa Wind Project in Mexico and associated transmission/substation upgrades in the