

wells each in the Salt Wells Geothermal Drilling EA, EA-NV-030-07-05 of February 2007, and in the Salt Wells Geothermal Drilling Program EA, DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2009-0006-EA of April 2009. The Sierra fifty-foot-wide ROW proposal covers approximately 287 acres and includes construction of a new substation, 22 miles of single-circuit 230 kV transmission line, four 230 kV switching stations, and two 60 kV transmission lines connecting the proposed new substation to the existing Fallon substation.

The EIS will analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the three proposed projects, alternatives, and a no action alternative. The EIS will also identify specific mitigation. The EIS will address issues brought forth through scoping and will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary team of specialists. This EIS is also intended to cover the impacts of operation of the plants and facilities, and thus should be able to support issuance of the site license required under 43 CFR subpart 3273 as well as remaining drilling approvals under 43 CFR subpart 3261, and the utilization plans and facility construction permits under 43 CFR subpart 3272. Key issues likely to be considered in analyzing each proposal and alternatives include: Water resources (including surface and ground water quality, floodplains, wetlands and riparian areas); geology and minerals; air quality; soils; vegetation; wildlife and wildlife habitat (especially related to migratory shorebirds utilizing Carson Lake to the west of the project area); special-status species; range resources; land use and access; recreation; aesthetics (noise and visual; especially in areas of high cultural sensitivity such as the Grimes Point Archeological Site to the north and the Pony Express Trail to the south of the project area); social and economic values; cultural resources; Native American religious concerns (consultation with the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe has been ongoing to avoid cultural sites that have been identified by the tribe); hazardous materials; and noxious weeds. Native American tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy. Evaluation of cumulative impacts will

take into consideration the recently-constructed Enel North America geothermal power plant adjacent to the project area to the south.

Federal, state, and local agencies and other entities that may be affected by the decisions to be made on the proposed projects are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request, or be requested by the BLM, to participate as a cooperating agency. Written comments may be provided to the BLM at public scoping meetings or may be submitted to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 CFR 3200 and 43 CFR 2800).

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Minerals Management Service**

[Docket No. MM-2008-MRM-0018]

**Major Portion Prices and Due Date for Additional Royalty Payments on Indian Gas Production in Designated Areas Not Associated With an Index Zone**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of major portion prices for calendar year 2007.

**SUMMARY:** Final regulations for valuing gas produced from Indian leases, published August 10, 1999, require MMS to determine major portion prices and notify industry by publishing the prices in the **Federal Register**. The regulations also require MMS to publish

a due date for industry to pay additional royalty based on the major portion prices. This notice provides the major portion prices for the 12 months of 2007.

**DATES:** The due date to pay additional royalties based on the major portion prices is November 10, 2009.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 10, 1999, MMS published a final rule titled "Amendments to Gas Valuation Regulations for Indian Leases," (64 FR 43506) with the effective date January 1, 2000. The gas regulations apply to all gas production from Indian (tribal or allotted) oil and gas leases, except leases on the Osage Indian Reservation.

The rule requires that MMS publish major portion prices for each designated area not associated with an index zone for each production month beginning January 2000, along with a due date for additional royalty payments. See 30 CFR 206.174(a)(4)(ii) (2008). If additional royalties are due based on a published major portion price, the lessee must submit an amended Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, to MMS by the due date. If additional royalties are not paid by the due date, late payment interest, under 30 CFR 218.54, will accrue from the due date until payment is made and an amended Form MMS-2014 is received. The table below lists the major portion prices for all designated areas not associated with an index zone. The due date is 60 days after the publication date of this notice.

**GAS MAJOR PORTION PRICES (\$/MMBTU) FOR DESIGNATED AREAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AN INDEX ZONE**

MMS-designated areas	Jan 2007	Feb 2007	Mar 2007	Apr 2007
Blackfeet Reservation .....	5.96	5.86	6.39	6.11
Fort Belknap .....	6.01	6.42	6.24	6.17
Fort Berthold .....	5.93	7.35	6.16	6.66
Fort Peck Reservation .....	6.64	8.92	9.47	9.19
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation .....	5.87	6.84	6.77	6.20
Rocky Boys Reservation .....	4.87	5.38	5.30	5.22
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation* .....	3.98	6.29	6.33	3.72

## GAS MAJOR PORTION PRICES (\$/MMBTU) FOR DESIGNATED AREAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AN INDEX ZONE—Continued

MMS-designated areas	Jan 2007	Feb 2007	Mar 2007	Apr 2007
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation .....	3.39	5.83	5.76	2.80
MMS-designated areas	May 2007	Jun 2007	Jul 2007	Aug 2007
Blackfeet Reservation .....	6.44	6.23	5.81	4.74
Fort Belknap .....	6.22	6.28	5.97	5.96
Fort Berthold .....	6.81	6.47	5.51	5.48
Fort Peck Reservation .....	7.28	7.12	6.48	7.12
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation .....	6.69	6.81	6.03	5.49
Rocky Boys Reservation .....	5.35	4.92	4.12	3.76
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation .....	4.32	2.63	2.89	2.62
MMS-designated Areas	Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007
Blackfeet Reservation .....	4.48	4.99	5.70	6.30
Fort Belknap .....	5.83	5.84	6.00	6.27
Fort Berthold .....	5.94	6.64	7.07	6.75
Fort Peck Reservation .....	6.74	7.69	8.80	9.85
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation .....	4.88	5.59	6.18	6.79
Rocky Boys Reservation .....	3.89	4.90	5.22	5.13
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation .....	1.87	1.17	3.43	5.59

\*As stated in the **Federal Register** notice published March 8, 2007, effective May 1, 2007 (72 FR 10552), MMS will value the Indian allotted leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation based on the Central Rocky Mountain index zone price.

For information on how to report additional royalties due to major portion prices, please refer to our Dear Payor letter dated December 1, 1999, on the MMS Web site at <http://www.mrm.mms.gov/ReportingServices/PDFDocs/991201.pdf>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Austin Administrative Site: Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting, Lander County, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior proposes to extend a withdrawal established by Public Land Order (PLO) No. 6760 for an additional 20 years. PLO No. 6760 withdrew 30 acres of National Forest System land from location under the mining laws to protect the Austin Administrative Site in Lander County, Nevada. The lands will remain open to the mineral leasing laws. This notice gives an opportunity to comment on the proposed action and to request a public meeting.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by December 10, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests may be mailed to the Field Manager, BLM Tonopah Field Office, Attn: NVN-50818, P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89049.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacqueline M. Gratton, 775-861-6532.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Forest Service filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requesting the extension of PLO No. 6760 which was published in the **Federal Register** in 1989 (54 FR 53612). The withdrawal will expire on December 28, 2009, unless extended.

The purpose of the proposed extension is to continue the protection of the Federal investment in the Austin Administrative Site. There are no suitable alternative sites as the land described contains permanent Federal facilities. Structures and improvements on the site include the Austin Ranger District offices, family housing for permanent and temporary employees, trailer sites with utilities, visitor and employee vehicle parking areas, a warehouse and horse corrals. The use of a right-of-way, interagency, or cooperative agreement would not provide adequate protection of the Federal investment.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, and records relating to the application will be available for public review at the Tonopah Field Office, 1553 S. Main Street in Tonopah, Nevada, during

regular business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from the public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

This application will be processed in accordance with regulations set forth in 43 CFR Part 2300. On determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and local newspapers at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-1)

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