

Alternative 2: (No Action) The application would be rejected or denied. The Federal coal reserves would be bypassed.

Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted to the BLM in response to this solicitation of public comments. Data so marked shall be treated in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information. A copy of the comments submitted by the public on the EA, FONSI, FMV, and MER, except those portions identified as proprietary by the author and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, will be available for public inspection at the BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Comments on the EA, FMV, and MER should address, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

1. The quality and quantity of the coal resources;
2. The method of mining to be employed to obtain MER of the coal, including specifications of the seams to be mined, timing and rate of production, restriction to mining, and the inclusion of the tracts in an existing mining operation;
3. The FMV appraisal including, but not limited to, the evaluation of the tract as an incremental unit of an existing mine, quality and quantity of the coal resource, selling price of the coal, mining and reclamation costs, net present value discount factors, depreciation and other tax accounting factors, value of the surface estate, the mining method or methods, and any comparable sales data on similar coal lands. The values given above may or may not change as a result of comments received from the public and changes in

market conditions between now and when final economic evaluations are completed.

Written comments on the EA, MER, and FMV should be sent to Jennifer Maiolo at the above address prior to close of business on September 16, 2011. Substantive comments, whether written or oral, will receive equal consideration prior to any lease offering. 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.

The foregoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR 3422 and 3425.

Dated: February 11, 2011.

Helen M. Hankins,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Natural Resources Revenue
[Docket No. ONRR-2011-0018]

Notice of Proposed Audit Delegation Renewals for the States of Oklahoma and Montana

AGENCY: Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of States' proposals for audit delegation renewals.

SUMMARY: The States of Oklahoma and Montana (States) are requesting that the

Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) renew current delegations of audit and investigation authority. This notice gives members of the public an opportunity to review and comment on the States' proposals.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before *July 28, 2011*.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this notice to ONRR by any of the following methods:

- Electronically go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled "Enter Keyword or ID," enter ONRR-2011-0018, and then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments. The ONRR will post all comments.
- Mail comments to Armand Southall, Regulatory Specialist, ONRR, P.O. Box 25165, MS 61013C, Denver, Colorado 80225. Please reference the Docket No. ONRR-2011-0018 in your comments.
- Hand-carry comments or use an overnight courier service. Our courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, West 6th Ave. and Kipling St., Denver, Colorado 80225. Please reference the Docket No. ONRR-2011-0018 in your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on technical issues, contact Heidi Badaracco, State and Indian Coordination, Financial and Program Management, ONRR, telephone (303) 231-3434. For comments or questions on procedural issues, contact Armand Southall, Regulatory Specialist, ONRR, telephone (303) 231-3221. You may obtain a paper copy of the proposals by contacting Mr. Southall by phone or at the address listed above for mailing comments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following officials are the States' contacts for these proposals:

| State | Department | Contact information |
|----------------|---|--|
| Montana | Montana Department of Revenue, Business, & Income Taxes | Van Charlton, 125 North Roberts, Helena, MT 59601-4558, vcharlton@mt.gov , 406-444-3584. |
| Oklahoma | Oklahoma State Auditor & Inspector's Office | Mark Hudson, Director, Minerals Management Division, 2401 NW. 23rd Street, Suite 39, Oklahoma City, OK 73107. |

The ONRR received the States' proposals January through March 2010. Under 30 CFR 1227.101(b)(1) (2010), the States request that ONRR delegate the royalty management functions of conducting audits and investigations. The States request delegation of these functions for producing Federal oil and gas leases within the States' boundaries,

as applicable, and for other producing solid mineral or geothermal Federal leases within the States. The States do not request delegation of royalty and production reporting functions.

The States of Oklahoma and Montana request 100-percent funding of the delegated functions for a 3-year period beginning October 1, 2011, with the

opportunity to extend for an additional 3-year period. These States have current audit delegation agreements with ONRR, as shown in the table below. Therefore, ONRR has determined that a formal hearing for comments will not be held under 30 CFR 1227.105.

| State | Agreement No. | Term |
|----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Oklahoma | 0206CA25938 | 10/1/2005—09—30—2011 |
| Montana | 0206CA25939 | 10/1/2005—09—30—2011 |

Dated: June 23, 2011.
Gregory J. Gould,
Director for Office of Natural Resources Revenue.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Natural Resources Revenue
[Docket No. ONRR-2011-0014]

Update to Indian Index Zone Price Points

AGENCY: Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR, formerly Minerals Management Service's (MMS) Minerals Revenue Management) is announcing an update to Indian index zone price points that will remove certain natural gas index prices from the Indian Index Zone calculation. These changes will impact Oklahoma-Zone 1, Oklahoma-Zone 2, and the Central Rocky Mountain Zone. The ONRR State and Indian Outreach Program held three Indian Tribal Consultation meetings seeking input and comments on several changes that could affect the valuation of mineral production on Indian lands, including this **Federal Register** Notice. The meetings took place in

Albuquerque, NM on May 19; Denver, CO on May 26; and Oklahoma City, OK on June 9, 2011. The ONRR did not receive any negative comments from the various Indian Tribes on this **Federal Register** Notice.

DATES: Effective August 1, 2011.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on technical issues, contact Jason Boroos, Economic and Market Analysis, ONRR, telephone (303) 231-3048; e-mail Jason.Boroos@onrr.gov. For other questions, contact Armand Southall, Project Management Office-Regulations, ONRR, telephone (303) 231-3221, or e-mail Armand.Southall@onrr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ONRR (formerly MMS) published a final rule, regarding amendments to gas valuation regulations for Indian leases, in the **Federal Register** on August 10, 1999 (64 FR 43506). The ONRR also published additional information in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 1999 (64 FR 66771) and March 8, 2007 (72 FR 10522), which listed the Index Zones Eligible for the Index-Based Valuation Method and the acceptable publications and indices. The ONRR has recently completed an analysis to examine the designated indices contained in each Index Zone from the standpoint of market liquidity, transparency, and value and has concluded three index zones need to be revised pursuant to

section 1206.172 (d)(6) of title 30 of the Code of Federal Register. This document lists those revisions.

The ONRR analyzed the trading volume and number of deals from January 2005 through August 2010 for indices in all the Index Zones. As a result, ONRR determined that two indices, CenterPoint West in Oklahoma-Zones 1 and 2, and Questar in the Central Rocky Mountain Zone were very thinly traded and unrepresentative of the market. Beginning with production on the first day of the second month following the publication date, ONRR will no longer use these indices in the Index Zone calculation. Additionally, we have removed Northern NG TX, OK, KS, CenterPointWest (Platts), Enogex, and Northern Natural Mid 10-13, which are no longer published by either the Platts or Natural Gas Intelligence. Lessees must value gas production for Oklahoma-Zone 1, Oklahoma-Zone 2, and the Central Rocky Mountain Zone on the index-based valuation formula at § 1206.172(d) using the updated list of ONRR approved publications and indices for the affected Index Zones to determine the Index Zone price; or lessees may obtain the index-based values from the ONRR Web site at: <http://onrr.gov/SIC/allzones.htm>.

The approved publications and index pricing points for the Index Zones are shown in the following table:

APPROVED PUBLICATIONS AND INDEX PRICING POINTS

| Index zone | ONRR approved publications | | Index-pricing points |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| | Platts Inside FERC | NGI bidweek survey | |
| Oklahoma-Zone 1 | X | ..... | ANR Pipeline Co. for Oklahoma. |
| | X | ..... | Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America for Mid-continent. |
| | X | ..... | Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co. for Texas, Oklahoma (mainline). |
| | X | ..... | Southern Star Natural Gas Pipeline Inc. for Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas (formerly Williams Gas Pipelines Central Inc. Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas). |
|  | ..... | X | ANR SW. |
|  | ..... | X | NGPL Midcontinent. |
|  | ..... | X | Panhandle Eastern. |
| Oklahoma-Zone 2 ..... | ..... | X | Southern Star. |
| | X | ..... | ANR Pipeline Co. for Oklahoma. |
| | X | ..... | Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America for Mid-continent. |
| | X | ..... | Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co. for Texas, Oklahoma (mainline). |
| | X | ..... | Southern Star Natural Gas Pipeline Inc. for Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas. |
|  | ..... | X | ANR SW. |
|  | ..... | X | NGPL Midcontinent. |
| Oklahoma-Zone 3 ..... | ..... | X | Panhandle Eastern. |
|  | ..... | X | Southern Star. |
| | X | ..... | Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America Texok. |