

(SASP administrators and subgrantees) approximately one hour to complete a semi-annual progress report. The semi-annual progress report is divided into sections that pertain to the different types of activities in which grantees may engage. A SASP subgrantee will only be required to complete the sections of the form that pertain to its own specific activities.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total annual hour burden to complete the data collection forms is 1,212 hours, that is 606 subgrantees completing a form twice a year with an estimated completion time for the form being one hour.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., Room 2E-508, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: August 8, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

Notice is hereby given that on July 20, 2012, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Carmeuse Lime, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 12 C 5689, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

The complaint filed by the United States in this action asserts claims under Section 113(b) of the Clean Air Act, as amended ("CAA"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(b), for injunctive relief and the assessment of civil penalties for defendant's violations of emissions limits and reporting requirements for opacity and fugitive dust that are set forth in: Defendant's Title V Operating Permit, issued pursuant to Title V of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. 7661 *et seq.*; Defendant's Approval to Construct Permit, issued pursuant to CAA regulations for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality ("PSD"), codified at 40 CFR 52.21; the New Source Performance Standards for Lime Manufacturing Plants ("Lime NSPS"), promulgated pursuant to Section 111 of the CAA and codified at 40 CFR part 60, Subpart HH, §§ 60.340-60.344; the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Lime Manufacturing Plants ("Lime

NESHAP"), promulgated pursuant to Section 112(d) of the CAA and codified at 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart AAAAA, §§ 63.7080-63.7143; and standards set forth in the Illinois State Implementation Plan ("SIP") adopted by the State of Illinois and approved by EPA pursuant to Section 110 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7410.

The proposed Consent Decree will resolve all claims asserted in the complaint. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, Carmeuse Lime will pay a cash civil penalty in the amount of \$350,000. Carmeuse will also perform a supplemental environmental project that will involve remediating lead paint hazards in surrounding low income residential properties. The Consent Decree sets forth a detailed and enforceable operational plan to prevent recurrence of lime dust emissions when the facility resumes operations. Stipulated penalties apply for any future violations.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and either emailed to pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov or mailed to P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Carmeuse Lime, Inc.* D.J. Ref. number 90-5-2-1-08599/1.

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html. A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611 or by faxing or emailing a request to "Consent Decree Copy" (EESCDCopy.ENRD@usdoj.gov), fax number (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-5271. If requesting a copy of the Consent Decree from the Consent Decree Library by mail, please enclose a check in the amount of \$87.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury or, if requesting by email or fax, forward a check in that amount to the Consent Decree Library at the address given above. In requesting a copy exclusive of exhibits and defendants' signatures, please enclose a check in the amount of \$17.50 (25 cents

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on August 8, 2012, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Northern States Power Co.*, Civil Action 3:12-cv-00565, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin.

In this action, the United States and the State of Wisconsin brought claims against Northern States Power Co. ("Defendant") for response costs, injunctive relief, and natural resource damages associated with the release and threatened release of hazardous substances from facilities at and near the Ashland/Northern States Power Lakefront Superfund Site in northwestern Wisconsin (hereinafter the "Site"), pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* ("CERCLA"). The proposed Consent Decree requires Defendant to perform the on-land portion of the Site cleanup at a cost of approximately \$40 million and transfer approximately 1400 acres of land to be set aside for conservation in order to benefit the natural resources affected by the hazardous substances at the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comment relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and either emailed to pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov or mailed to P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Northern States Power Company*, Case No. 3:12-cv-00565(W.D. Wis.), D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-2-08879.

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site: http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html. A copy of the

Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611 or by faxing or emailing a request to Environment and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Enforcement Section, fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-5271, email EESDCopy.ENRD@usdoj.gov. If requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$138.50 for a copy of the complete Consent Decree (25 cents per page reproduction cost) or \$14.50 for a copy exclusive of exhibits and defendants' signatures, payable to the U.S. Treasury or, if by email or fax, forward a check in that amount to the Consent Decree Library at the stated address.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

***United States v. SG Interests I, Ltd., et al.*; Public Comments and Response on the Proposed Final Judgment**

Pursuant to the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. 16(b)-(h), the United States hereby publishes below the United States' Response to Public Comments on the proposed Final Judgment in *United States v. SG Interests I, Ltd. et al.*, Civil Action No. 12-cv-000395-RPM-MEH, which was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado on August 3, 2012, together with copies of the 76 comments received by the United States.

Pursuant to the Court's June 5, 2012 order, comments were published electronically and are available to be viewed and downloaded at the Antitrust Division's Web site, at: <http://www.justice.gov/atr/cases/ssgunnison.html>. A copy of the United States' Response to Comments is also available at the same location.

Copies of the comments and the response are available for inspection at the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 450 Fifth Street NW., Suite 1010, Washington, DC 20530 (telephone: 202-514-2481), and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse, 901 19th Street, Room

A105, Denver, CO 30294-3589. Copies of any of these materials may also be obtained upon request and payment of a copying fee.

Patricia A. Brink,

Director of Civil Enforcement.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Senior Judge Richard P. Matsch

Civil Action No. 12-cv-00395-RPM-MEH

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Plaintiff, v. SG INTERESTS I, LTD., SG INTERESTS VII, LTD., and GUNNISON ENERGY CORPORATION, Defendants.

RESPONSE OF PLAINTIFF UNITED STATES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED FINAL JUDGMENT

Pursuant to the requirements of the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. § 16(b)-(h) ("Tunney Act"), the United States files the public comments concerning the proposed Final Judgment in this case and its response to those comments. After careful consideration, the United States continues to believe that the relief sought in the proposed Final Judgment will provide an effective and appropriate remedy for the antitrust violation alleged in the Complaint. The United States will move the Court for entry of the proposed Final Judgment after it has posted all public comments and this response on the Antitrust Division Web site and published in the **Federal Register** this response and the Web site address at which the public comments may be viewed and downloaded, as set forth in the Court's order of June 5, 2012.

On February 15, 2012, the United States filed a civil antitrust complaint against Defendant Gunnison Energy Corporation ("GEC") and Defendants SG Interests I, Ltd. and SG Interests VII, Ltd. ("SGI") seeking damages and other relief to remedy the effects of an anticompetitive agreement between SGI and GEC that eliminated competitive bidding between the companies for four leases of federal land in the Ragged Mountain Area ("RMA") of Western Colorado. As alleged in the Complaint, this agreement significantly reduced competition for these leases, and as a result, the United States received substantially less revenue from the sale of the leases than it would have had SGI and GEC competed against each other at the auctions.

Simultaneously with the filing of the Complaint, the United States filed a proposed Final Judgment and a

Stipulation signed by the United States and Defendants consenting to the entry of the proposed Final Judgment after compliance with the requirements of the Tunney Act. Pursuant to those requirements, the United States filed a Competitive Impact Statement ("CIS") in this Court on February 15, 2012; published the proposed Final Judgment and CIS in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 2012, see *United States v. SG Interests I LTD., et al.*, Proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement, 77 Fed. Reg. 10775 (Feb. 23, 2012); and caused to be published summaries of the terms of the proposed Final Judgment and CIS, together with directions for the submission of written comments relating to the proposed Final Judgment, in *The Washington Times* for seven days (March 1 and March 2, and March 5 through March 9, 2012) and in *The Denver Post* for seven days (March 1 through March 7, 2012). The 60-day period for public comments ended on May 7, 2012. The United States received seventy-six comments, as described below, which are attached hereto.

I. THE INVESTIGATION AND PROPOSED FINAL JUDGMENT

A. The Investigation

The proposed Final Judgment is the culmination of an investigation into two agreements executed by SGI and GEC pursuant to which they jointly bid for and acquired twenty-two leases of federal lands in the RMA. As part of its investigation, the United States issued Civil Investigative Demands to both firms; reviewed the documents and other materials produced in response to these Demands; and interviewed market participants.

After carefully analyzing the investigatory materials and evaluating the competitive effects of these two agreements in light of all relevant circumstances, the United States concluded that Defendants' Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), executed in February 2005 and amended in May 2005, was an unlawful restraint of trade in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1. Accordingly, the United States filed the Complaint in this action challenging Defendants' joint acquisition of four leases pursuant to this agreement.

In contrast, the United States concluded that Defendants' subsequent noncompete agreement was ancillary to a broader joint development and production collaboration established by Defendants in the summer of 2005. On this basis, the United States determined not to challenge Defendants' joint