

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

States' Decisions on Participating in Accounting and Auditing Relief for Federal Oil and Gas Marginal Properties

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of states' decisions to participate or not participate in accounting and auditing relief for Federal oil and gas marginal properties located in their state for calendar year 2007.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) published final regulations on September 13, 2004 (69 FR 55076), codified at 30 CFR 204.200–215, to provide accounting and auditing relief for marginal Federal oil and gas properties. The rule requires MMS to publish in the **Federal Register** the decisions of the States concerned to allow or not to allow one or both forms of relief in their State. As required in the rule, MMS provided states receiving a portion of the Federal royalties with a list of qualifying marginal Federal oil and gas properties located in their State so that each affected State could decide whether to participate in one or both relief options. This notice provides the decisions by the States concerned to allow one or both types of relief.

DATES: Effective January 1, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The rule implemented certain provisions of Section 7 of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 and provides two options for relief: (1) Notification-based relief for annual reporting, and (2) other requested relief, as proposed by industry and approved by MMS and the State concerned. The rule requires that MMS publish by December 1 of each year, a list of the States and their decisions regarding marginal property relief.

To qualify for the first option of relief (notification-based relief) for calendar year 2007, properties must have produced less than 1,000 barrels-of-oil-equivalent (BOE) per year for the base period (July 1, 2005–June 30, 2006). Annual reporting relief will begin on

January 1, 2007, with the annual report and payment due February 29, 2008 (unless an estimated payment is on file, which will move the due date to March 31, 2008). To qualify for the second option of relief (other requested relief), properties must have produced less than 15 BOE per well per day for the base period.

The following table shows the States that have marginal properties, where a portion of the royalties are shared between the state and MMS, and the States' decisions to allow one or both forms of relief.

State	Notification-based relief (less than 1,000 boe per year)	Request-based relief (less than 15 boe per well per day)
Alabama	No	No.
Arkansas	Yes	Yes.
California	No	No.
Colorado	No	No.
Kansas	No	No.
Louisiana	Yes	Yes.
Michigan	Yes	No.
Mississippi	No	Yes.
Montana	Yes	No.
Nebraska	Yes	Yes.
Nevada	No	No.
New Mexico	No	No.
North Dakota	No	No.
Oklahoma	No	No.
South Dakota	Yes	Yes.
Utah	No	No.
Wyoming	Yes	No.

Federal oil and gas properties located in all other States, where a portion of the royalties are not shared with the State, are eligible for relief if they qualify as marginal under this rule.

For information on how to obtain relief, please refer to the rule, which can be viewed on the MMS Web site at http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/AC30.htm.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for Telecommunication Site

AGENCY: National Park Service, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: (Authority: 47 U.S.C. 332 (Telecommunications Act of 1996); 16 U.S.C. 5; other applicable authorities and Director's order 53) Glen Canyon National Recreation Area has received an application from Commnet Four Corners, LLC, to install and operate a wireless (cellular) telephone system. The location of the proposed telecommunication site is at the Lake Powell Resort near Page, Arizona. Commnet "brokers" cellular time with major cellular providers enabling most callers to connect and be billed based on their existing calling plans. Both voice and data services will eventually be available.

DATES: Comments on this proposal can be mailed to the address shown below and must be received within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Our practice is to make comments, including names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish us to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.