

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Energy Policy Act of 2005, Section 1813, Draft Report to Congress**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Publication of Draft Report to Congress.

SUMMARY: Section 1813 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–58) requires the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy (Departments) to jointly conduct a study of issues related to energy rights-of-way (ROWs) on tribal lands. The Act further directs the Departments to submit a report to Congress on the findings of the study. The Draft Report to Congress is available for review on the Section 1813 Web site (<http://1813.anl.gov>).

DATES: Comments and suggestions on the Draft Report to Congress will be accepted through February 5, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods: Mail, personal, or messenger delivery: Attention: Section 1813 ROW Study, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Room 20—South Interior Building, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20245. E-mail: IEED@bia.edu (please include the phrase “Section 1813 Comments” in the subject line).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darryl Francois (DOI Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development) at (202) 219–0740, or Rollic Wilson (DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability) at (202) 586–3946. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339, to contact the above individuals during business hours. FIRS is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Public Comment Procedures**

Commenting on the Draft Report to Congress written comments or suggestions should: be specific and substantive; explain the reasoning behind your comments and suggestions; and where possible, reference the specific section or paragraph you are addressing. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed under **ADDRESSES:** Mail, personal, or messenger delivery during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may

request confidentiality, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Those wishing to withhold their name or address (except for the city or town) must state this prominently at the beginning of their comment.

Submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

II. Background

Section 1813 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–58) requires the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy (Departments) to jointly conduct a study of issues regarding grants, expansions, and renewals of energy rights-of-way (ROWs) on tribal lands. Section 1813 also requires the Departments to consult with Indian tribes, the energy industry, appropriate governmental entities, and affected businesses and consumers in the course of the study. The Act further directs the Departments to submit a report to Congress on the findings of the study, including: (1) An analysis of historic rates of compensation paid for energy ROWs on tribal land; (2) recommendations for appropriate standards and procedures for determining fair and appropriate compensation to Indian tribes for grants, expansions, and renewals of energy ROWs on tribal land; (3) an assessment of the tribal self determination and sovereignty interests implicated by applications for the grant, expansion, or renewal of energy ROWs on tribal land; and (4) an analysis of relevant national energy transportation policies relating to grants, expansions, and renewals of energy ROWs on tribal land.

The Departments held a number of public meetings to seek input and feedback from Indian tribes, the energy industry, appropriate governmental entities, and affected businesses and consumers. In addition, the Departments held a number of government-to-government consultations with Indian tribes. On August 9, 2006, the Departments released a first draft of the Report to Congress and accepted comments on that draft report. This revised Draft Report to Congress reflects the Departments' considered response to the substantial number of comments received.

The Draft Report to Congress is available for review on the Section 1813 Web site (<http://1813.anl.gov>).

Dated: December 19, 2006.

Abraham E. Haspel,

Assistant Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Conveyance of Mineral Interests in California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of segregation.

SUMMARY: An application has been filed for the conveyance of the Federally owned mineral interest in the tract of land described in this notice. Publication of this notice temporarily segregates the mineral interests in the public lands covered by the application from appropriation under the mining and mineral leasing laws while the application is being processed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Gary, Bureau of Land Management, California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, (916) 978–4677.

Comments: Your comments are invited. Please submit all comments in writing to Kathy Gary at the address listed above. Comments, including names, street addresses, and other contact information of respondents, will be available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to request that the BLM consider withholding your name, street address, and other contact information, e.g., Internet address, FAX or phone number, from public review of disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. The BLM will honor requests for confidentiality on a case-by-case basis to the extent allowed by law. The BLM will make available for public inspection, in their entirety, all submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tract of land referred to above in this notice consists of 160 acres of land, situated in Los Angeles County, and is described as follows:

San Bernardino Meridian, California
T.4 N., R.14 W.,

Sec. 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Under certain conditions, Section 209(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 authorizes the sale and conveyance of the Federally owned mineral interests in land when the non-mineral, or so-called "surface" interest in the land is not Federally owned. The objective is to allow consolidation of the surface and mineral interests when either one of the following conditions exist: (1) There are known mineral values in the land; or (2) where continued Federal ownership of the mineral interests interferes with or precludes appropriate non-mineral development and such development is a more beneficial use of the land than mineral development.

An application was filed for the sale and conveyance of the Federally owned mineral interest in the above-described tract of land. Publication of this notice segregates, subject to valid existing rights, the Federally owned mineral interests in the public lands referenced above in this notice from appropriation under the general mining and mineral leasing laws, while the application is being processed to determine if either one of the two specified conditions exists and, if so, to otherwise comply with the procedural requirements of 43 CFR Part 2720. The segregative effect shall terminate: (i) Upon issuance of a patent or other document of conveyance as to such mineral interests; (ii) upon final rejection of the application; or (iii) two years from the date of filing the application, whichever occurs first. (Authority: 43 CFR 2720.1-1(b)).

Dated: May 22, 2006.

Howard Stark,
Chief, Branch of Lands Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Change in Discount Rate for Water Resources Planning

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Change.

SUMMARY: The Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 and the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 require an annual determination of a discount rate for Federal water

resources planning. The discount rate for Federal water resources planning for fiscal year 2007 is 4.875 percent. Discounting is to be used to convert future monetary values to present values.

DATES: This discount rate is to be used for the period October 1, 2006, through and including September 30, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl J. Stock, Economist, Contract Services Office, Denver, Colorado 80225; telephone: 303-445-2929.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the interest rate to be used by Federal agencies in the formulation and evaluation of plans for water and related land resources is 4.875 percent for fiscal year 2007.

This rate has been computed in accordance with Section 80(a), Pub. L. 93-251 (88 Stat. 34) and 18 CFR 704.39, which: (1) Specify that the rate shall be based upon the average yield during the preceding fiscal year on interest-bearing marketable securities of the United States which, at the time the computation is made, have terms of 15 years or more remaining to maturity (average yield is rounded to nearest one-eighth percent); and (2) provide that the rate shall not be raised or lowered more than one-quarter of 1 percent for any year. The Treasury Department calculated the specified average to be 4.9351 percent. This average value is then rounded to the nearest one-eighth of a point, resulting in 4.875 percent. Since this is within the permissible one-quarter of 1 percent change from the fiscal year 2006 rate of 5.125 percent, the rate changes to 4.875. Therefore, the change is limited to a one-quarter percent decrease.

The rate of 4.875 percent shall be used by all Federal agencies in the formulation and evaluation of water and related land resources plans for the purpose of discounting future benefits and computing costs or otherwise converting benefits and costs to a common-time basis.

Dated: October 23, 2006.

Roseann Gonzales,
Director, Office of Program and Policy Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

Notice is hereby given that, on November 9, 2006, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers ("IEEE") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, five new standards have been initiated and five existing standards are being revised. More detail regarding these changes can be found at <http://standards.ieee.org/standardswire/sba/11-02-06.html>.

On September 17, 2004, IEEE filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 3, 2004 (69 FR 64105).

The last notification was filed with the Department on November 3, 2006. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 29, 2006 (71 FR 69146).

Patricia A. Brink,
Deputy Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Tree Care Industry Association, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on November 27, 2006, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Tree Care Industry Association, Inc. ("TCIA") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development