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ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: EEC Project Manager, BLM Ely District Office, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408, or sent by e-mail to EEC_DEIS@blm.gov.

Copies of the EEC DEIS are available in the Ely District Office and may also be reviewed or downloaded at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office. In addition, the Draft EIS and associated documents will be available for review at the following locations: University of Nevada-Reno, Getchell Library, Government Publication Dept., Reno, Nevada; Washoe County Library, 301 South Center Street, Reno, Nevada; White Pine County Library, 950 Campton Street, Ely, Nevada; Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada.

A limited number of copies of the document will be available at the following BLM offices: Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada; Elko District Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada; Southern Nevada District Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines, Las Vegas, Nevada; Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada; Bureau of Land Management, 18th and C Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Incardine, 801-524-3833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Ely Energy Center is a 1,500 megawatt (MW) coal-fired power plant that would be located north of McGill, Nevada, at one of two alternative sites. The primary purposes of the EEC and related transmission interconnections is to provide company-generated, base-load electricity for Sierra Pacific Power Company and Nevada Power customers and to connect their electric systems in northern and southern Nevada, allowing the power generated by the EEC to be transported throughout the state. Sierra Pacific Power Company applied for rights-of-way (ROWs) in accordance with Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761) and the regulations under 43 CFR 2800, with the BLM for the following features: A coal-fired power plant site, transmission lines and substations, a well field and water line, rail line, and access roads. The BLM action is to consider issuing ROWs for the construction of the power plant and for the construction and operation of the ancillary facilities. Also, as provided for in Decision LR 21 of the Ely Resource Management Plan,

the BLM would dispose of the power plant site to Sierra Pacific Power Company.

The BLM issued the *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Coal-Fired Electric Power Plant; Nevada*, in the **Federal Register** on January 26, 2007, with a 60-day public scoping period. Five public scoping meetings were held in February 2006. Issues identified from scoping comments include air quality impacts, emissions of greenhouse gases and impacts from water drawdown resulting from operation of the plant. Issues identified in scoping comments have been addressed in the Draft EIS.

There are three alternatives analyzed in the Draft EIS: The Proposed Action; Alternative 1, which relocates the plant to a site further to the north; and No Action.

The EEC would consist of two coal-fired 750-MW (nominal) supercritical steam turbine units using hybrid cooling systems with an expected commercial life of 50 years or longer. Water for cooling and other purposes would be obtained from a well field in the Steptoe Valley Hydrographic Basin and brought by pipeline to the plant site. Coal would be transported from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming via rail along the existing Northern Nevada Railroad or a new line running south from the Shafter, Nevada, siding for up to 100 miles (less for the northern site) of the Union Pacific east-west line. Two new 500-kV electric power transmission lines, each up to 270 miles in length, would provide a north-south interconnection to supply demand centers for Nevada consumers and tie into the EEC. The specific facilities would include the two new 500-kV power lines, expansion of the existing 500-kV Harry Allen Switching Station, and either one new 500-kV switching station at the EEC and expansion of the 500/345 kV Robinson Summit switching station, or one new 500/345-kV switching station at the EEC site.

Public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and e-mail addresses of respondents will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:30 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 public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 43 CFR 2800.

John F. Ruhs,

Ely District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-933-1430-01; DK-G08-0001; IDI-04790, IDI-15482]

Public Land Order No. 7722; Revocation of Secretarial Order dated October 29, 1908, and Partial Revocation of Public Land Order No. 1703; Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes in its entirety a Secretarial Order insofar as it affects 135.20 acres of National Forest System land within the Kaniksu National Forest withdrawn from surface entry and mining and reserved for use of the Forest Service for the Ethel Ranger Station. This order partially revokes Public Land Order No. 1703 insofar as it affects a 0.64 acre parcel of National Forest System land reserved for use by the United States Army Corps of Engineers for flood control purposes in connection with the Albeni Falls Project. This order also opens 80.64 acres of the lands to surface entry. The remaining lands will remain closed to surface entry and mining due to an overlapping withdrawal.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 2, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Simmons, BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, 208-373-3867.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The revocation is needed to facilitate a Forest Service land conveyance pursuant to the United States Forest Service's Small Tracts Act (16 U.S.C. 1185 (2000)).

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Secretarial Order dated October 29, 1908, which withdrew National Forest System lands for the Ethel Ranger Station, is hereby revoked in its entirety as to the following described lands:

Boise Meridian

Kaniksu National Forest

T. 54 N., R. 1 W.,
Sec. 10, lot 2, S½NE¼.

The area described contains 135.20 acres in Bonner County.

2. Public Land Order No. 1703, which withdrew National Forest System lands from surface entry and mining and reserved them for use of the United States Army Corps of Engineers for flood control purposes in connection with the Albeni Falls Project, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described lands:

Boise Meridian

T. 54 N., R. 1 W.,

Sec. 10, lot 2, that portion commencing in the center of Section 10 at a found 2½ inches and 30 inches long aluminum pipe with a standard ¾ inch aluminum cap set by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and being buried 10 inches below the surface of road 278, to which a tamarack marked "C¼ S10 BT" and having a diameter of 15 inches bears north 64° ¾' east and a distance of 41.6 feet, also to which a lodgepole pine marked "C¼ S10 B 10" and have a diameter of 17 inches bears south 44° west and a distance of 33.7 feet; thence south 89° 48' west, a distance of 649.8 feet (9.83 chains) along the east-west centerline of said Section 10 to the northeast corner of government lot 5 and a found 2½ inches and 30 inches long aluminum pipe with a standard ¾ inch aluminum cap set by BLM, said corner of government lot 5 also being the POINT OF BEGINNING and the southwest corner of subject property; thence north a distance of 65.0 feet to the northwest corner of subject property and a set ¾ inch and 24 inches long rebar with a ¾ inch aluminum cap; thence north 89° 48' east, a distance of 431.8 feet to the northeast corner of subject property and a set ¾ inch and 24 inches long rebar with a ¾ inch aluminum cap; thence south a distance of 65.0 feet to the southeast corner of subject property and a set ¾ inch and 24 inches long rebar with a ¾ inch aluminum cap, said southeast corner being located on said east-west centerline of said Section 10; thence south 89° 48' west, a distance of 431.8 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of subject property.

The area described contains 0.64 acres, more or less in Bonner County.

3. At 9 a.m. on February 2, 2009, the lands described as the S½NE¼, of sec. 10, T. 54 N., R. 1 W., Boise Meridian, and the lands described in Paragraph 2 above and aggregating 80.64 acres, shall be opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System lands, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law.

Dated: December 12, 2008.

C. Stephen Allred,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-930; CACA 7670 and CACA 7672]

Public Land Order No. 7723; Partial Revocation of Lighthouse Withdrawals Created by Two Executive Orders and Transfer of Administrative Jurisdiction; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes the withdrawals created by two Executive Orders insofar as they affect approximately 700 acres of public lands reserved for lighthouse purposes. This order also transfers administrative jurisdiction of the lands to the National Park Service to be managed as part of the Channel Islands National Park. The United States Coast Guard has determined the reservations are no longer needed.

DATES: January 2, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Duane Marti, BLM California State Office (CA-930), 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834, Sacramento, California 95825-1886; 916-978-4675.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public lands comprise Anacapa Island, which consists of three islets, and Cat Rock; all of which are located in the Pacific Ocean, approximately 14 miles west of the coast of California. The Act of Congress dated March 5, 1980 (16 U.S.C. 410ff and 410ff-1 (2000)), established the Channel Islands National Park and authorized the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction of Federal property located within the park boundary to the National Park Service. The lands have been and will continue to be closed to all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including mining and mineral leasing.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. The withdrawals created by Executive Orders dated September 11,

1854 and January 26, 1867, which withdrew public lands from surface entry and mining and reserved them for lighthouse purposes, are hereby revoked insofar as they affect the following lands:

San Bernardino Meridian

Unsurveyed T. 2 S., Rgs. 24 and 25 W.

All of that part of the Anacapa Island Lighthouse Reservation, a group of three islets known as Anacapa Island, including the following described parcels of land:

Parcel 1 All of the land comprising the east islet of the group lying eastward of West Longitude 119° 23' 38" (North American Datum 1927) comprising 106.88 acres, more or less;

Parcel 2 All of the land comprising the middle islet lying between West Longitude 119° 23' 21" and 119° 23' 30" and south of Latitude 34° 00' 14" North comprising 7.68 acres, more or less;

Parcel 3 All of the land comprising the west islet, lying westward of West Longitude 119° 26' 10" comprising 46.72 acres, more or less; and

Parcel 4 The entire area of Cat Rock, which lies off the southern extremity of the west islet comprising 0.5 acre more or less; and all the remaining lands originally withdrawn for lighthouse purposes and incorporated into the Channel Islands National Monument by Presidential Proclamation No. 2281, containing 538.22 acres, more or less.

The areas described aggregate approximately 700 acres in Ventura County.

2. Subject to valid existing rights, the administrative jurisdiction of the public lands described above in Paragraph 1 is hereby transferred to the National Park Service, pursuant to Section 202 of the Act of Congress dated March 5, 1980, (16 U.S.C. 410ff-1 (2000)).

3. The public lands described above in paragraph 1 are located within the exterior boundary of the Channel Islands National Park, and shall be administered as part of that park in accordance with applicable Federal laws and regulations.

Dated: December 16, 2008.

C. Stephen Allred,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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