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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 224 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1715o)

provides that debentures issued under the Act with respect to an insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4) of the Act) will bear interest at the rate in effect on the date the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. This provision is implemented in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 203.405, 203.479, 207.259(e)(6), and 220.830. These regulatory provisions state that the applicable rates of interest will be published twice each year as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Section 224 further provides that the interest rate on these debentures will be set from time to time by the Secretary of HUD, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, in an amount not in excess of the annual interest rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield of all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of maturities of 15 or more years.

The Secretary of the Treasury (1) has determined, in accordance with the provisions of section 224, that the statutory maximum interest rate for the period beginning January 1, 2011, is 3⁷/₈ percent; and (2) has approved the establishment of the debenture interest rate by the Secretary of HUD at 3⁷/₈ percent for the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2011. This interest rate will be the rate borne by debentures issued with respect to any insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4)) with insurance commitment or endorsement date (as applicable) within the first 6 months of 2011.

For convenience of reference, HUD is publishing the following chart of debenture interest rates applicable to mortgages committed or endorsed since January 1, 1980:

Effective interest rate	On or after	Prior to
9 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1980	July 1, 1980.
9 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 1980	Jan. 1, 1981.
11 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1981	July 1, 1981.
12 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 1981	Jan. 1, 1982.
12 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1982	Jan. 1, 1983.
10 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1983	July 1, 1983.
10 ³ / ₈	July 1, 1983	Jan. 1, 1984.
11 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1984	July 1, 1984.
13 ³ / ₈	July 1, 1984	Jan. 1, 1985.
11 ⁵ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1985	July 1, 1985.
11 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1985	Jan. 1, 1986.
10 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1986	July 1, 1986.
8 ¹ / ₄	July 1, 1986	Jan. 1, 1987.
8	Jan. 1, 1987	July 1, 1987.
9	July 1, 1987	Jan. 1, 1988.
9 ¹ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1988	July 1, 1988.
9 ³ / ₈	July 1, 1988	Jan. 1, 1989.
9 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1989	July 1, 1989.
9	July 1, 1989	Jan. 1, 1990.
8 ¹ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1990	July 1, 1990.
9	July 1, 1990	Jan. 1, 1991.
8 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1991	July 1, 1991.
8 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 1991	Jan. 1, 1992.
8	Jan. 1, 1992	July 1, 1992.
8	July 1, 1992	Jan. 1, 1993.
7 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1993	July 1, 1993.
7	July 1, 1993	Jan. 1, 1994.
6 ⁵ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1994	July 1, 1994.
7 ³ / ₄	July 1, 1994	Jan. 1, 1995.
8 ³ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1995	July 1, 1995.
7 ¹ / ₄	July 1, 1995	Jan. 1, 1996.
6 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1996	July 1, 1996.
7 ¹ / ₄	July 1, 1996	Jan. 1, 1997.
6 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1997	July 1, 1997.
7 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1997	Jan. 1, 1998.
6 ⁵ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1998	July 1, 1998.
6 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1998	Jan. 1, 1999.
5 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1999	July 1, 1999.
6 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1999	Jan. 1, 2000.
6 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 2000	July 1, 2000.
6 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 2000	Jan. 1, 2001.
6	Jan. 1, 2001	July 1, 2001.
5 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 2001	Jan. 1, 2002.
5 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 2002	July 1, 2002.
5 ³ / ₄	July 1, 2002	Jan. 1, 2003.
5	Jan. 1, 2003	July 1, 2003.
4 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 2003	Jan. 1, 2004.
5 ¹ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2004	July 1, 2004.
5 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 2004	Jan. 1, 2005.
4 ⁷ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2005	July 1, 2005.
4 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 2005	Jan. 1, 2006.
4 ⁷ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2006	July 1, 2006.
5 ³ / ₈	July 1, 2006	Jan. 1, 2007.
4 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 2007	July 1, 2007.
5	July 1, 2007	Jan. 1, 2008.
4 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 2008	July 1, 2008.
4 ⁵ / ₈	July 1, 2008	Jan. 1, 2009.
4 ¹ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2009	July 1, 2009.
4 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 2009	Jan. 1, 2010.
4 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 2010	July 1, 2010.
4 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 2010	Jan. 1, 2011.
3 ⁷ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2011	July 1, 2011.

Section 215 of Division G, Title II of Public Law 108-199, enacted January 23, 2004 (HUD's 2004 Appropriations Act) amended section 224 of the Act, to change the debenture interest rate for purposes of calculating certain insurance claim payments made in cash.

Therefore, for all claims paid in cash on mortgages insured under section 203 or 234 of the National Housing Act and endorsed for insurance after January 23, 2004, the debenture interest rate will be the monthly average yield, for the month in which the default on the mortgage occurred, on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years, as found in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H-15. The Federal Housing Administration has codified this provision in HUD regulations at 24 CFR 203.405(b) and 24 CFR 203.479(b).

Section 221(g)(4) of the Act provides that debentures issued pursuant to that paragraph (with respect to the assignment of an insured mortgage to the Secretary) will bear interest at the "going Federal rate" in effect at the time the debentures are issued. The term "going Federal rate" is defined to mean the interest rate that the Secretary of the Treasury determines, pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield on all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of 8- to 12-year maturities, for the 6-month periods of January through June and July through December of each year. Section 221(g)(4) is implemented in the HUD regulations at 24 CFR 221.255 and 24 CFR 221.790.

The Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the interest rate to be borne by debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4) during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2011, is 2¹/₂ percent.

The subject matter of this notice falls within the categorical exemption from HUD's environmental clearance procedures set forth in 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6). For that reason, no environmental finding has been prepared for this notice.

(Authority: Sections 211, 221, 224, National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1715b, 1715l, 1715o; Section 7(d), Department of HUD Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).)

Dated: January 12, 2011.

David H. Stevens,

Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Establishment of the Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Establishment of the Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, the Department of the Interior is announcing the establishment of the Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee (Committee). The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice on matters and actions relating to offshore energy safety, including, but not limited to drilling and workplace safety, well intervention and containment, and oil spill response. The Committee will also facilitate collaborative research and development, training and execution in these and other areas relating to offshore energy safety.

The Department of the Interior is seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as Committee members.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by February 23, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations to: Lindsay Dubin, Special Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, 1849 C Street, NW., Mailstop 5438, Washington, DC 20240; Lindsay.Dubin@boemre.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Offshore Energy Safety Advisory Committee is being established in connection with the responsibilities of the Department of the Interior under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* The Secretary of the Interior certifies that the formation of the Committee is necessary and is in the public interest.

The Committee will conduct its operations in accordance with the provisions of the FACA. It will report to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), or the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). BOEMRE will provide administrative and logistical support to the Committee.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice on matters and actions relating to offshore energy safety, including, but not limited to drilling and workplace safety, well intervention and containment, and oil spill response, and to facilitate collaborative research and development, training and execution in these and other areas relating to offshore energy safety.

Members of the Committee will include representatives from the offshore energy industry; the academic community; non-governmental organizations; and the Federal Government, including BOEMRE, the Department of Energy, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the United States Coast Guard.

The Committee will meet approximately five times annually, and at such times as designated by the DFO. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint members to the Committee, with input and recommendations from the above-referenced Federal agencies, the offshore energy industry, the academic community and other stakeholders.

Certification Statement: I hereby certify that the establishment of the Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee is necessary and is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*

Dated: January 19, 2011.

Ken Salazar,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement

Notice on Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sales

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: List of restricted joint bidders.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement by the joint bidding provisions of 30 CFR 256.41, each entity within one of the following groups shall be restricted from bidding with any entity in any other of the following groups at Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease sales to be held during the bidding period November 1, 2010, through April 30, 2011. The List of Restricted Joint Bidders published in the **Federal Register** on May 3, 2010, covered the period May 1, 2010, through October 31, 2010.

Group I	Exxon Mobil Corporation. ExxonMobil Exploration Company.
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Group II	Shell Oil Company. Shell Offshore Inc. SWEPI LP. Shell Frontier Oil & Gas Inc. Shell Onshore Ventures Inc. SOI Finance Inc. Shell Rocky Mountain Production LLC. Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc. East Resources Management, LLC.
Group III	BP America Production Company. BP Exploration & Production Inc. BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.
Group IV	Chevron Corporation. Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Chevron Midcontinent, LP. Unocal Corporation. Union Oil Company of California. Pure Partners, LP.
Group V	ConocoPhillips Company. ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. Phillips Pt. Arguello Production Company. Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP. Burlington Resources Offshore Inc. The Louisiana Land and Exploration Company. Inxeco Oil Company.
Group VI	Eni Petroleum Co. Inc. Eni Petroleum US LLC. Eni Oil US LLC. Eni Marketing Inc. Eni BB Petroleum Inc. Eni US Operating Co. Inc. Eni BB Pipeline LLC. Petrobras America Inc. Petroleo Brasileiro S.A.
Group VII	StatoilHydro ASA.
Group VIII	Statoil Gulf of Mexico LLC. StatoilHydro USA E&P, Inc. StatoilHydro Gulf Properties Inc.
Group IX	Total E&P, Inc.

Dated: January 3, 2011.

Michael R. Bromwich,

Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Lake Wales Ridge National Wildlife Refuge, Highlands and Polk Counties, FL; Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Finding of No Significant Impact for Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.