

reexamine the potential environmental effects of the proposed lease sale and its alternatives (excluding the unleased blocks near biologically sensitive topographic features, use of a nomination and tract selection leasing system, and no action) based on any new information regarding potential impacts and issues that were not available at the time the Multisale EIS was prepared.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dennis Chew, Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Mail Stop 5410, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. You may also contact Mr. Chew by telephone at (504) 736-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In April 2007, the MMS published a Multisale EIS that addressed 11 proposed Federal actions that would offer for lease areas on the GOM OCS that may contain economically recoverable oil and gas resources. Federal regulations allow for several related or similar proposals to be analyzed in one EIS (40 CFR 1502.4). Since each proposed lease sale and its projected activities are very similar each year for each planning area, a single EIS was prepared for the 11 Western Planning Area (WPA) and Central Planning Area (CPA) lease sales scheduled in the proposed OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2007-2012 (5-Year Program). The Multisale EIS addressed WPA Lease Sale 204 in 2007, Sale 207 in 2008, Sale 210 in 2009, Sale 215 in 2010, and Sale 218 in 2011; and CPA Lease Sale 205 in 2007, Sale 206 in 2008, Sale 208 in 2009, Sale 213 in 2010, Sale 216 in 2011, and Sale 222 in 2012. Although the Multisale EIS addresses 11 proposed lease sales, at the completion of the EIS process, Records of Decision were published in July and August 2007 for only proposed WPA Lease Sale 204 and proposed CPA Lease Sale 205, respectively. Prior to each of the nine subsequent proposed lease sales, including Lease Sale 207, an additional NEPA review (an EA) will be conducted to address any new information relevant to that proposed lease sale. After completion of the EA, the MMS will determine whether to prepare a Finding of No New Significant Impact (FONSI) or a Supplemental EIS. The MMS prepares a Consistency Determination (CD) to determine whether the lease sale is consistent with each affected state's federally-approved coastal zone management program. Finally, the MMS will solicit comments via the Proposed Notice of Sale (PNOS) from the governors of the affected states on the size, timing, and location of the lease sale. The tentative schedule for the

prelease decision process for Lease Sale 207 is as follows: EA/FONSI or Supplemental EIS decision, March 2008; CD's sent to affected states, March 2008; PNOS sent to governors of the affected states, March 2008; Final Notice of Sale published in the **Federal Register**, July 2008; and Lease Sale 207, August 2008.

Public Comments: Interested parties are requested to send within 30 days of this Notice's publication, comments regarding any new information or issues that should be addressed in the EA. Comments may be submitted in one of the following two ways:

1. In written form enclosed in an envelope labeled "Comments on WPA Lease Sale 207 EA" and mailed (or hand-carried) to the Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment (Mail Stop 5410), Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394.

2. Electronically to the MMS e-mail address: <http://www.environment@mms.gov>.

To obtain single copies of the Multisale EIS, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (Mail Stop 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 (1-800-200-GULF). You may also view the Multisale EIS or check the list of libraries that have copies of the Multisale EIS on the MMS Web site at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### National Capital Region; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the impacts associated with the exchange of lands owned by Georgetown University and the National Park Service and the impacts associated with the construction of a proposed boathouse for Georgetown University.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) announces its intention to

prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and to conduct scoping to analyze the impacts associated with a land exchange between Georgetown University (University) and the NPS and the impacts associated with the construction of a proposed boathouse for the University on a site within the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park (C&O Canal NHP). In 1995 the NPS conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) on a proposed land exchange of the site owned by the University within the boundaries of the C&O Canal NHP). In 1995 the NPS conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) on a proposed land exchange of the site owned by the University within the boundaries of the C&O Canal NHP and a site located within the non-motorized boathouse zone established by the Georgetown Waterfront Park Plan. This EA resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The three primary land use goals evaluated were:

- (1) Precluding development of a boathouse on the University's largely undisturbed inholding in the park with existing significant natural and cultural resources;
- (2) Extinguishing nearly a mile of private access over the Capital Crescent Trail; and

- (3) Placing the boathouse on property within the boathouse zone in furtherance of the recreational mandate of C&O Canal NHP Act and Georgetown Waterfront Park Plan.

In 1997, the NPS signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office that contained a provision that the proposed University Boathouse would not have a footprint greater than 15,000 square feet. Since the University subsequently proposed an 18,600 square foot boathouse, an amendment to the MOA was required. As part of that process, the NPS conducted public meetings in June and July 2004 to determine whether to revise the MOA. As a result of those meetings and additional written comments, the NPS determined that an EA should be undertaken for the construction of the proposed boathouse. NPS released an EA on the proposed boathouse for public comment from April 25 through June 15, 2006, and held a public open house on the EA. Approximately 2,500 comments were received.

Based on comments received on the 2006 EA, and pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), NPS has determined a EIS

that will evaluate both the proposed land exchange and the construction impacts of the proposed boathouse is the proper NEPA compliance document. For this reason, NPS announces its intent to prepare an EIS to analyze potential environmental impacts from the proposed action, the range of reasonable alternatives, and mitigation options.

This EIS will consider alternative actions. Those alternatives may include:

(1) Construction of a boathouse with a footprint of 18,682 square feet on the NPS-owned site within the C&O Canal NHP, which is described as Alternative C in the 2006 EA;

(2) Construction of a boathouse with a footprint of 15,000 square feet on the NPS-owned site within the C&O Canal NHP;

(3) Construction of a University Boathouse east of 34th Street on an NPS-owned site within the Georgetown Waterfront Park;

(4) Construction of a University Boathouse upon the site owned by the University; and

(5) A No Action alternative, which would not require this land exchange and would involve the continued use of the Thompson's Boat Center to house the University's rowing program.

Topics for analysis may include the constructability of the boathouse and/or by-right development on the University-owned site; natural, cultural and intangible resource values of the University-owned site; hydrology within the project area; possible impacts on wildlife; possible wetlands; balancing uses on the Capital Crescent Trail; and the cumulative impacts of the project in combination with the Washington Canoe Club, Potomac Boat Club, Jacks Boats, Dempsey's boathouse site, potential George Washington University boathouse and Thompson's Boat Center.

The EIS will be prepared in compliance with NEPA and applicable regulations, including NPS Director's Order 12 and Interior Department Manual at 516 DM.

**DATES:** The NPS will conduct an additional scoping meeting for this EIS on December 11, 2007, 6:30–9 p.m. at St. John's Church, 3240 O Street, NW., Washington, DC., which will be widely announced in newspapers of general circulation as well as through the extensive mailing list developed during the EA process. NPS invites interested agencies, organization, and members of the public to submit comments or suggestions to assist in identifying significant environmental issues and in determining the appropriate scope of

the EIS. Written comments on the scope of the EIS are invited.

The public scoping period will continue for at least 45 days from the date of publication of this notice. NPS will hold at least one public meeting during the public scoping period, which will be widely announced in newspapers of general circulation as well as through the extensive mailing list developed during the EA process.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and suggestions on the scope of the EIS should be addressed to: Kevin Brandt, Superintendent, C&O Canal NHP, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, Maryland 21742; or by electronic mail at [NCR\\_Georgetownboathouse@nps.gov](mailto:NCR_Georgetownboathouse@nps.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Brandt, Superintendent, C&O Canal NHP, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, Maryland 21742.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 1986 plan for the Georgetown Waterfront Park, which was established in 1984 by the National Capital Planning Commission as part of the Park System of the Nation's Capital, includes a non-motorized boathouse zone, as detailed below, in the proximity of Key Bridge where boathouses had been located historically. The University Boathouse was proposed for location within this boathouse zone which encompasses portions of the C&O Canal NHP as well as the Georgetown Waterfront Park.

To accommodate the growth of the historic sport of rowing on the Potomac River, the Georgetown Waterfront Plan, which was approved in 1986, established a non-motorized boathouse zone along the shoreline in Georgetown from 34th Street to approximately 1,250 feet above Key Bridge, at roughly the historic location of boathouses dating back to the 19th century. A total of five boathouses would be located in the boathouse zone, including the University (future, private), Washington Canoe Club (existing, private), Potomac Boat Club (existing, private), NPS boathouse for singles, doubles, canoes and kayaks (future, public), and George Washington University (future, private). Additionally, Thompson's Boat Center (NPS concessioner) would continue to provide space for scholastic and privately-owned shells.

In 1989 the University acquired a one-acre boathouse site with a one-mile long perpetual access easement over the Capital Crescent Trail. Because its collegiate rowing program is housed at Thompson's Boat Center which is inadequate for its purposes, the University evaluated building a University boathouse on the site and using its easement to access the site.

The NPS, concerned about the proposal of the University to build a boathouse outside the boathouse zone upon the sensitive site owned by the University, has been engaged in negotiations with the University since 1989.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337–TA–618]

### In the Matter of Certain Computer Systems, Printers and Scanners; Notice of Investigation

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on October 30, 2007, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of Acer Incorporated of Taiwan. Supplements to the complaint were filed on November 13, 2007 and November 16, 2007. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain computer systems, printers and scanners by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,214,761 and 5,581,122. The complaint, as supplemented, further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue an exclusion order and a cease and desist order.

**ADDRESSES:** The complaint and supplements, except for any confidential information contained therein, are available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202–205–2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons