

provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869, *et seq.*) The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Lease or conveyance is consistent with current Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land use planning and would be in the public interest.

America's Buffalo Soldiers Re-Enactors Association proposes to use the lands for an educational facility.

#### **Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona**

T.2 N., R.4 W.

Sec. 1, lots 1 thru 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$

Containing approximately 320.22 acres.

The lease or conveyance would be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

3. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Hector Abrego at the Phoenix Field Office, 2015 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027; (623) 580-5674.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease, conveyance or classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Phoenix Field Office, 2015 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.

#### **Classification Comments**

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for an educational facility. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

#### **Application Comments**

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of

development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for an educational facility.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 2, 2000.

**MarLynn Spears,**

*Assistant Field Manager, Lands & Minerals.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

**[NM-030-1430-EU; NMNM24542: NMNM104097]**

#### **Notice of Realty Action (NORA); Notice of Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes Classification, Opening Order, and Direct Sale of Public Lane: New Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice terminates Recreation and Public Purposes Classification (R&PP) NMNM 24542 in its entirety and opens the surface and mineral estate to entry for direct sale pursuant to sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713, 1719).

**DATES:** Termination of the Classification is effective upon publication of this notice. The land will be open to entry at 8 a.m. on September 25, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** BLM, Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005-3371.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Sanders, Supervisory Multi-Resource Specialist, (505) 525-4373.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** the original R&PP Lease was issued on December 31, 1975, to Our Lady's Youth Center. The lease terminated on June 10, 1997. Our Lady's Youth Center was afforded the opportunity to purchase the surface and mineral estate at fair market value. A NORA was published in the **Federal Register** on May 24, 1999 (Volume 64, Number 99, Pages 28006-7) announcing the suitability of the land for direct sale, at no less than fair market value. The land is described as follows:

### **New Mexico Principal Meridian**

T. 25 S., R. 3 E.,

Sec. 13, S $\frac{1}{2}$

Containing 320.00 acres, more or less.

The sale is in conformance with the Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment/Environmental Assessment. The land will continue to be used as part of Our Lady's Youth Center located on the adjacent private land. The disposal/classification is consistent with the Bureau's planning efforts, State and local government programs, and applicable regulations.

The land has been examined and found suitable for disposal by direct sale pursuant to sections 203 and 209 of FLPMA of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713, 1716). The direct sale will be subject to:

1. A reservation to the United States of right-of-way for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States in accordance with the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed direct sale or termination of the R&PP Classification to the BLM Las Cruces field Office Manager, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, NM 88005-3371. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM Las Cruces Field Office Manager at the above address, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action becomes the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: August 4, 2000.

**Amy L. Lueders,**

*Field Manager, Las Cruces.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Minerals Management Service**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of a revision to a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0071).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are submitting to OMB for review and approval an information collection request (ICR), titled "30 CFR Part 203, Relief or Reduction in Royalty Rates." We are also soliciting comments from the public on this ICR.

**DATE:** Submit written comments by September 11, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0071), 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Mail or hand carry a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by the law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy at no cost of our submission to OMB, which includes the regulations that require this information to be collected.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 30 CFR Part 203, Relief or Reduction in Royalty Rates.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0071.

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended by Public Law 104-58, Deep Water Royalty Relief Act (DWRRA), gives the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) the authority to reduce or eliminate royalty or any net profit share specified in OCS oil and gas leases to promote increased production. The DWRRA also authorized the Secretary to suspend royalties when necessary to promote development or recovery of marginal resources on

producing or non-producing leases in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) west of 87 degrees, 30 minutes West longitude.

Section 302 of the DWRRA provides that new production from a lease in existence on November 28, 1995, in a water depth of at least 200 meters, and in the GOM west of 87 degrees, 30 minutes West longitude qualifies for royalty suspension in certain situations. To grant a royalty suspension, the Secretary must determine that the new production or development would not be economic in the absence of royalty relief. The Secretary must then determine the volume of production on which no royalty would be due in order to make the new production from the lease economically viable. This determination must be done on a case-by-case basis.

In addition, Federal policy and statute require us to recover the cost of services that confer special benefits to identifiable non-Federal recipients. The Independent Offices Appropriation Act (31 U.S.C. 9701), OMB Circular A-25, and the Omnibus Appropriations Bill (Pub. L. 104-133 110 Stat. 1321, April 26, 1996) authorize MMS to collect these fees to reimburse us for the cost to process applications or assessments.

Regulations at 30 CFR part 203 implement these statutes and policy and require respondents to pay a fee to request royalty relief. Section 30 CFR 203.3 states that, "We will specify the necessary fees for each of the types of royalty-relief applications and possible MMS audits in a Notice to Lessees. We will periodically update the fees to reflect changes in costs, as well as provide other information necessary to administer royalty relief." Our submission to OMB requests approval of revised application fees and establishment of a new category of applications (special relief for marginal operations) and associated fee. The fee revisions are based on our experience in administering the program over the past several years.

We use the information to make decisions on the economic viability of leases requesting a suspension or elimination of royalty or net profit share. These decisions have enormous monetary impacts to both the lessee and the Federal Government. Royalty relief can lead to increased production of

natural gas and oil, creating profits for lessees and royalty and tax revenues for the Government that they might not otherwise receive. We could not make an informed decision without the collection of information required by 30 CFR part 203.

Responses are required to obtain or retain a benefit. We protect proprietary information respondents submit according to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and 30 CFR 203.63(b) and 30 CFR 250.196. No items of a sensitive nature are collected.

On May 11, 2000, we published a **Federal Register** notice (65 FR 30431) with the required 60-day comment period announcing that we would submit this collection of information to OMB for approval. We received no comments in response to the notice.

*Frequency:* The frequency is on occasion.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* Approximately 130 Federal OCS oil and gas lessees.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* 8,650 burden hours (refer to burden chart).

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:* There are two non-hour costs associated with this information collection, for a total of \$661,000. This estimate is based on:

(a) Application and audit fees. The total annual estimated cost burden for these fees is \$345,600 (refer to burden chart).

(b) Cost of reports prepared by independent certified public accountants (CPA). Under § 203.81, a report prepared by an independent CPA must accompany the application and post-production report (except expansion project, short form, and preview assessment applications are excluded). The OCS Lands Act applications will require this report only once; the DWRRA applications will require this report at two stages—with the application and post-production development report for successful applicants. We estimate approximately seven submissions each year at an average cost of \$45,000 per report, for a total estimated annual cost burden of \$315,000.

## BURDEN BREAKDOWN CHART

Reporting or recordkeeping requirement 30 CFR part 203	Annual responses	Hours per response	Annual burden hours
<b>OCS Lands Act Reporting</b>			
<b>Application/Audit fees</b>			
Application—leases that generate earnings that can't sustain continued production (end-of-life lease).	2 Applications .....	100 hours .....	200
	Application 2 × \$12,000 = \$24,000 * Audit 1 × \$10,000 = \$10,000		
Application—special relief for marginal producing lease (expect less than 1 per year-new category).	1 Application .....	250 hours .....	250
	Application 1 × \$15,000 = \$15,000 * Audit 1 × \$10,000 = \$10,000		
§ 203.55—Renounce relief arrangement (seldom, if ever will be used; minimal burden to prepare letter).	1 Letter .....	1 hour .....	1
§ 203.81, 203.83 through 203.89—Required reports .....	Burden included with applications.		0
OCS Lands Act Reporting Subtotal .....	4 responses .....	N/A .....	451
Processing Fees = \$59,000			
<b>DWRRA Reporting</b>			
Application—leases in designated areas of GOM deep water acquired in lease sale before 11/28/95 and are producing (deep water expansion project).	1 Application .....	2,000 hours .....	2,000
	Application 1 × \$39,000 = \$39,000 No Audit		
Application—leases in designated areas of deep water GOM, acquired in lease sale before 11/28/95 or after 11/28/2000, that have not produced (pre-act or post-2000 deep water leases).	1 Application .....	2,000 hours .....	2,000
	Application 1 × \$49,000 = \$49,000* Audit 1 × \$25,000 = \$25,000		
Application—short form to add or assign pre-act lease .....	1 Application .....	40 hours .....	40
	Application 1 × \$1,000 = \$1,000 No Audit		
Application—preview assessment (seldom if ever will be used as applicants opt for binding determination by MMS instead; minimal burden if used).	1 Application .....	900 hours .....	900
	Application 1 × \$46,600 = \$46,600 No Audit		
Application—special relief for marginal expansion project or marginal non-producing lease (expect less than 1 per year-new category).	1 Application .....	1,000 hours .....	1,000
	Application 1 × \$49,000 = \$49,000 Audit 1 × \$20,000 = \$20,000		
Redetermination. ....	1 Redetermination .....	500 hours .....	500
	Application 1 × \$32,000 = \$32,000 * Audit 1 × \$25,000 = \$25,000		
§ 203.70, 203.81, 203.90, 203.91—Submit fabricator's confirmation report	2 Reports .....	20 hours .....	40
§ 203.70, 203.81, 203.90, 203.92—Submit post-production development report.	2 Reports * .....	50 hours .....	100
§ 203.77—Renounce relief arrangement (seldom, if ever will be used; minimal burden to prepare letter).	1 Letter .....	1 hour .....	1
§ 203.79(a)—Request reconsideration of MMS field designation .....	4 Requests .....	400 hours .....	1,600
§ 203.79(c)—Request extension of deadline to start construction .....	1 Request .....	2 hours .....	2
§ 203.81, 203.83 thru 203.89—Required reports .....	Burden included with applications		0
DWRRA Reporting Subtotal .....	13 Responses .....	N/A .....	8,183
Processing Fees = \$286,600			
<b>Recordkeeping Burden</b>			
§ 203.91—Retain supporting cost records for post-production development/fabrication reports (records retained as usual/customary business practice; minimal burden to make available).	2 Record-keepers .....	8 .....	16
Total Annual Burden .....	19 Responses .....	N/A .....	8,650

\* CPA certification expense burden also imposed on applicant.

*Comments:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of

information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires each agency “\* \* \* to provide

notice \* \* \* and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information \* \* \*

Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

If you wish to comment in response to this notice, send your comments directly to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by September 11, 2000.

*MMS Information Collection*  
*Clearance Officer:* Jo Ann Lauterbach,  
 (202) 208-7744.

Dated: July 26, 2000.

**E.P. Danenberger,**  
*Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.*  
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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** United States International Trade Commission.  
**TIME AND DATE:** August 17, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Room 101, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meeting: none
2. Minutes
3. Ratification List
4. Inv. No. 731-TA-859 (Final)

(Circular Seamless Stainless Steel Hollow Products from Japan)—briefing and vote. (The Commission is currently scheduled to transmit its determination and Commissioners' opinions to the Secretary of Commerce on August 25, 2000.)

5. Outstanding action jackets:

- 1.) Document No. EC-00-013:

Approval of final report in Inv. No. 332-409 (The Impact on the U.S. Economy of Including the United Kingdom in a Free Trade Agreement with the United States, Canada, and Mexico).

In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

Issued: August 7, 2000.

By order of the Commission:

**Donna R. Koehnke,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Advanced Lead-Acid Battery Consortium

Notice is hereby given that, on June 29, 2000, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Advanced Lead-Acid Battery Consortium ("ALABC") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. 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, Acumuladores Autosil, S.A., Paco de Arcos, *Portugal*; BHP Cannington, Townsville, Queensland, *Australia*; Eco-Bat SPA, Paderno Dugnano, *Italy*; Ford Motor Co., Think Technologies, Dearborn, MI; H.J. Enthoven & Sons, Matlock, Derbyshire, *England*; Johnson Controls, Inc., Milwaukee, WI; and STCM, Bazoches—Les Gallerades, *France* have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and ALABC intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On June 15, 1992, ALABC 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 July 29, 1992 (57 FR 33522).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 3, 2000. A

notice has not yet been published in the **Federal Register**.

**Constance K. Robinson,**

*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—Application Service Provider Industry Consortium, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on April 27, 2000, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Application Service Provider Industry Consortium, Inc. has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. 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, Riverstone networks, Berkshire, *United Kingdom*; Texar Software Corporation, Ottawa, Ontario, *Canada*; BMC Software, Houston, TX; FASTNET Corporation, Bethlehem, PA; ThruPort Technologies, Alexandria, VA; SITA, 06560 Valbonne, *France*; OpenAxis, Los Angeles, CA; Cynocom Corporation, Boca Raton, FL; Telcel Celular, C.A/T-Net, Caracas, *Venezuela*; Yummy.com, Vancouver, British Columbia, *Canada*; VeriCenter, Inc., Stafford, TX; Pointivity, Inc., San Diego, CA; Switch & Data Facilities Company LLC, Tampa, FL; Informix Software Inc., Menlo Park, CA; Biopop Integration Group, Charlotte, NC; Centromine, Ann Arbor, MI; ACS, Dallas, TX; Telecore, Inc., Newport Beach, CA; Digital Broadband Communications, Waltham, MA; OAO Technology Solutions, Greenbelt, MD; Shared Medical Systems, Malvern, PA; Alitum, San Diego, CA; DigitalWork.com, Chicago, IL; Sitara Networks, Inc., Waltham, MA; Personix, Inc., Brisbane, CA; Quad Research, Irvine, CA; Epicentric Inc., San Francisco, CA; CommTech Corporation, Cranbury, NJ; Securant Technologies, San Francisco, CA; CMHC Systems, Dublin, OH; LuxN, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA; Savera Systems Incorporated, Murray Hill, NJ; ThinkKnowledge Networks, Kennesaw, GA; SS&C Technologies, Windsor, CT; CareTech Solutions, Inc., Southfield, MI; Cereus Technology Partners, Inc.,