

Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

Topics to be discussed by the Steens Mountain Advisory Council at these meetings include the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Travel Management, Comprehensive Recreation, Implementation, and Monitoring Plans; North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project Environmental Impact Statement and project implementation; Wildlands Juniper Management Area projects and partnerships; Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Plan; categories of interest such as wildlife, special designated areas, partnerships/programs, cultural resources, education/interpretation, volunteer-based information, adaptive management, and socioeconomic; and other matters that may reasonably come before the Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

All meetings are open to the public in their entirety. Information to be distributed to the Steens Mountain Advisory Council is requested prior to the start of each Steens Mountain Advisory Council meeting. Public comment is generally scheduled for 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., local time, both days of each meeting session. The amount of time scheduled for public presentations and meeting times may be extended when the authorized representative considers it necessary to accommodate all who seek to be heard regarding matters on the agenda.

Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act management regulations (41 CFR 102–3.15(b)), in exceptional circumstances an agency may give less than 15 days notice of committee meeting notices published in the **Federal Register**. In this case, this notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet legal requirements

for completion of the Steens Mountain Travel Management Plan/Environmental Assessment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhonda Karges, Management Support Specialist, Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon, 97738, (541) 573–4400 or Rhonda_Karges@blm.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Major Portion Prices and Due Date for Additional Royalty Payments on Indian Gas Production in Designated Areas Not Associated With an Index Zone

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of major portion prices for calendar year 2005.

SUMMARY: Final regulations for valuing gas produced from Indian leases, published on August 10, 1999, require MMS to determine major portion prices and notify industry by publishing the prices in the **Federal Register**. The regulations also require MMS to publish a due date for industry to pay additional royalty based on the major portion prices. This notice provides the major portion prices for the 12 months of 2005. The due date to pay additional royalties based on the major portion prices is 60 days after the publication date of this notice.

DATES: March 19, 2007.

ADDRESSES: See **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Barder, Indian Oil and Gas Compliance and Asset Management, MMS; telephone (303) 231–3702; FAX (303) 231–3755; e-mail to John.Barder@mms.gov; or Larry Gratz, Indian Oil and Gas Compliance and Asset Management, MMS; telephone (303) 231–3427; FAX (303) 231–3755; e-mail to Larry.Gratz@mms.gov. Mailing address: Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, Compliance and Asset Management, Indian Oil and Gas Compliance and Asset Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 396B2, Denver, Colorado 80225–0165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 10, 1999, MMS published a final rule titled “Amendments to Gas Valuation Regulations for Indian Leases,” (64 FR 43506) with an effective date of January 1, 2000. The gas regulations apply to all gas production from Indian (tribal or allotted) oil and gas leases, except leases on the Osage Indian Reservation.

The rule requires that MMS publish major portion prices for each designated area not associated with an index zone for each production month beginning January 2000, along with a due date for additional royalty payments. See 30 CFR 206.174(a)(4)(ii) (2005). If additional royalties are due based on a published major portion price, the lessee must submit an amended Form MMS–2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, to MMS by the due date. If additional royalties are not paid by the due date, late payment interest, under 30 CFR 218.54 (2005), will accrue from the due date until payment is made, and an amended Form MMS–2014 is received. The table below lists the major portion prices for all designated areas not associated with an index zone. The due date is 60 days after the publication date of this notice.

GAS MAJOR PORTION PRICES FOR DESIGNATED AREAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AN INDEX ZONE

MMS-Designated areas	Jan 2005 (MMBtu)	Feb 2005 (MMBtu)	Mar 2005 (MMBtu)	Apr 2005 (MMBtu)
Blackfeet Reservation	7.93	7.28	7.41	5.86
Fort Belknap	5.59	5.71	5.83	5.92
Fort Berthold	5.08	5.00	5.60	5.98
Fort Peck Reservation	6.30	6.21	6.70	7.05
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	5.46	5.31	5.35	6.09
Rocky Boys Reservation	4.56	4.58	5.36	5.50
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	5.58	5.13	5.21	6.09
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	5.54	5.09	5.45	5.71
	May 2005 (MMBtu)	Jun 2005 (MMBtu)	Jul 2005 (MMBtu)	Aug 2005 (MMBtu)
Blackfeet Reservation	5.82	5.29	5.66	5.95
Fort Belknap	5.84	5.79	5.97	5.97

	May 2005 (MMBtu)	Jun 2005 (MMBtu)	Jul 2005 (MMBtu)	Aug 2005 (MMBtu)
Fort Berthold	5.58	5.46	6.80	7.60
Fort Peck Reservation	6.60	6.52	7.41	7.90
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	6.06	5.36	6.00	6.31
Rocky Boys Reservation	4.77	5.19	5.27	6.72
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	6.00	5.28	5.80	6.22
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	5.77	5.28	5.71	5.97
	Sep 2005 (MMBtu)	Oct 2005 (MMBtu)	Nov 2005 (MMBtu)	Dec 2005 (MMBtu)
Blackfeet Reservation	7.76	9.60	10.53	8.93
Fort Belknap	6.63	7.10	6.68	6.63
Fort Berthold	9.93	11.22	8.45	11.26
Fort Peck Reservation	9.26	10.61	12.33	9.75
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	8.13	9.40	10.26	8.52
Rocky Boys Reservation	8.42	9.46	7.46	9.34
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	8.07	9.42	9.70	8.04
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	7.99	9.37	9.75	8.71

For information on how to report additional royalties due to major portion prices, please refer to our Dear Payor letter dated December 1, 1999, on the MMS Web site address at <http://www.mrm.mms.gov/ReportingServices/PDFDocs/991201.pdf>.

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Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Securing Financial

Obligations under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and its Extension (LS-276, LS-275-IC and LS-275-SI). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before March 19, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, fax (202) 693-1451, E-mail bell.hazel@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or E-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) requires covered employers to secure the payment of compensation under the Act and its extensions by purchasing insurance from a carrier authorized by the Secretary of Labor to write Longshore Act insurance, or by becoming authorized self-insured employers (33 U.S.C. 932 et seq.). Each authorized insurance carrier (or carrier seeking authorization) is required to establish annually that its Longshore obligations are fully secured either through an applicable state guaranty (or analogous) fund, a deposit of security with the Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation (DLHWC), or a combination of both. Similarly, each authorized self-insurer (or employer seeking authorization) is required to fully secure its Longshore

Act obligations by depositing security with DLHWC. These requirements are designed to assure the prompt and continued payment of compensation and other benefits by the responsible carrier or self-insurer to injured workers and their survivors. Forms LS-275, Application for Security Deposit Determination; LS-275-IC, Agreement and Undertaking (Insurance Carrier); and LS-275-SI, Agreement and Undertaking (Self-insured Employer) are used to cover the submission of information by insurance carriers and self-insured employers regarding their ability to meet their financial obligations under the Longshore Act and its extensions. This information collection is currently approved for use through June 30, 2007.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology,