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Dated: April 26, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-920-1310-06; TXNM 101033]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease TXNM 101033

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of reinstatement of terminated oil and gas lease.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease TXNM 101033 from the lessee, Blackwell BMC, L.P., for lands in Grayson County, Texas. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernadine T. Martinez, BLM, New Mexico State Office, at (505) 438-7530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: No lease has been issued that affect the lands. The lessee agrees to new lease terms for rentals and royalties of \$20.00 per acre or fraction thereof, per year, and 18 2/3 percent, respectively. The lessee paid the required \$500.00 administrative fee for the reinstatement of the lease and \$166.00 cost for publishing this Notice in the **Federal Register**. The lessee met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). We are proposing to reinstate lease TXNM 101033, effective the date of termination, September 1, 2005, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Program for Renewable Energy and Alternate Use of Existing Structures on the Outer Continental Shelf

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement (EIS) and scoping meetings.

1. Authority

The Notice of Intent (NOI) and notice of scoping meetings is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1501.7) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

2. Purpose of Notice of Intent

Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the NEPA, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is announcing its intent to prepare a programmatic EIS for the National Offshore Alternate Energy-Related Use (AERU) Program and Rule as authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The NOI also serves to announce the scoping process for this programmatic EIS. Throughout the scoping process, Federal, State, and local government agencies, and other interested parties have the opportunity to advise MMS in determining the significant issues, alternatives, and mitigation measures to be considered for analysis in the programmatic EIS. The programmatic EIS analysis will focus on the potential environmental effects of implementing the AERU program, and associated rulemaking.

3. Cooperating Agency

The MMS invites other Federal agencies and State, tribal, and local governments to consider becoming cooperating agencies in the preparation of the programmatic EIS. We invite qualified government entities to inquire about cooperating agency status for the EIS. Following the guidelines from the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ), qualified agencies and governments are those with "jurisdiction by law or special expertise." Potential cooperating agencies should consider their authority

and capacity to assume the responsibilities of a cooperating agency and to remember that an agency's role in the environmental analysis neither enlarges nor diminishes the final decision making authority of any other agency involved in the NEPA process. Upon request, the MMS will provide potential cooperating agencies with a written summary of ground rules for cooperating agencies, including time schedules and critical action dates, milestones, responsibilities, scope and detail of cooperating agencies' contributions, and availability of pre-decisional information. The MMS anticipates this summary will form the basis for understanding between the MMS and each cooperating agency. Agencies should also consider the "Factors for Determining Cooperating Agency Status" in Attachment 1 to CEQ's January 30, 2002, Memorandum for the Heads of Federal Agencies: Cooperating Agencies in Implementing the Procedural Requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. A copy of this document is available at: <http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/cooperating/cooperatingagenciesmemorandum.html> and <http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/cooperating/cooperatingagencymemofactors.html>.

The MMS, as the lead agency, will not provide financial assistance to cooperating agencies. Even if an organization is not a cooperating agency, opportunities will exist to provide information and comments to MMS during the normal public input phases of the NEPA/EIS process. If further information about cooperating agencies is needed, please contact Mr. James F. Bennett at (703) 787-1660.

4. Comments

Federal, State, tribal, local government agencies, and other interested parties are requested to provide comments on the scope of the programmatic EIS, significant issues that should be addressed, and alternatives that should be considered in one of the following three ways:

1. Electronically, using the online comment form available on the project Web site: ocsenergy.anl.gov. This is the preferred method for commenting.
2. In written form, mailed or delivered to MMS Renewable Energy and Alternate Use Programmatic EIS Scoping, Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 S. Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439.
3. In person, at public scoping meetings to be held in multiple locations in May and June, 2006 (see below).