

The lands described are hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, but not from sale, pending disposition of this action or 270 days from the date of publication of this Notice, whichever occurs first.

The lands will be offered for sale at public auction beginning at 10 a.m., MDT, on Wednesday, June 2, 1993, at 2933 Third Avenue West, Dickinson, North Dakota 58601. The sale will be by modified competitive procedures. Tract lessees or adjoining land owners must submit a bid the day of sale to retain preference rights. The sale will be by sealed bid only.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the BLM's Dickinson District Office at 2933 Third Avenue West, Dickinson, North Dakota 58601, no later than 4:30 p.m., MDT, on Tuesday, June 1, 1993. Bid envelopes must be marked on the left front corner with the parcel number and the sale date. Bids must be for not less than the appraised Minimum Bid Price specified in this Notice. Each sealed bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, bank draft or cashier's check made payable to the United States Department of the Interior, BLM, for not less than 10 percent or more than 30 percent of the amount of the bid. Applicants should submit a Statement of Eligibility form with the bid.

Bids on unsold parcels will be opened each Wednesday after the date of the sale at 10 a.m., MDT, until the parcels are sold. The terms and conditions applicable to the sale are:

1. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals. A more detailed description of this reservation, which will be incorporated in the patent document, is available for review at this office.

2. A right-of-way is reserved for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States under the authority of the Act of August 30, 1980, (26 Stat. 291; 43 U.S.C. 945).

3. The patents will be subject to all valid existing rights including rights-of-way.

Federal law requires that all bidders must be U.S. citizens 18 years old or older, or in the case of corporations, be subject to the laws of any State of the U.S. Proof of these requirements must accompany the bid.

Under modified competitive sale procedures, an apparent high bid will be declared at the public auction. The apparent high bidder, lessees and adjoining land owners will be notified. Lessees and adjoining land owners will

have five (5) working days from the date of the sale to exercise the preference consideration given to meet the high bid. Refusal or failure to meet the highest bid shall constitute a waiver of such bidding provisions. Once the qualified high bidder is determined, the balance of the purchase price shall be paid within 180 days of the date of the sale. Failure to submit the full bid price prior to, but not including the 180th day following the day of sale, shall result in cancellation of the sale of the specific parcel and the deposit shall be forfeited and disposed of as other receipts of sale.

Detailed information concerning the sale, including the reservations, procedures for conditions of sale, and planning and environmental documents, is available at the Dickinson District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2933 Third Avenue West, Dickinson, North Dakota 58601.

COMMENTS: For a period of 45 days from the date of this Notice, interested parties may submit comments to the District Manager, Dickinson District, at the above address. In the absence of objections, this proposal will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: March 18, 1993.

Donald J. Burger,
District Manager.

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Minerals Management Service

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposal for the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). An expedited review has been requested in accordance with the Act, since allowing for the normal review period would adversely affect the public interest for the reason given below. Approval has been requested by March 31, 1993. Copies of the information collection requirement and related explanatory material may be obtained by contacting Jeane Kalas at 303-231-3046. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made directly to the bureau clearance officer listed below and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Washington, DC 20503, telephone 202-395-7340.

Title: Gas Contract Settlement Agreements

OMB approval number: None

Abstract: Information is to be collected on settlements reached by purchasers and pipeline companies who have negotiated, or are negotiating, to rescind, terminate, limit, or otherwise modify gas sales contracts under dispute. The information is to be used to determine the extent to which any proceeds paid to settle disputes are royalty bearing and whether royalties have been paid on those proceeds. The Minerals Management Service will require that all companies involved in gas sales contract settlements provide a list of all settlements taking place after January 1, 1980

Reason for expedited review: Some gas sales contracts are nearing the end of time limits set by the Federal Statute of Limitations. This information collection must be implemented quickly in order to determine if audits of some settlements are necessary. Some proceeds paid to settle contractual obligations may be royalty bearing. Royalties may be lost to the Federal Treasury, States, Indian tribes, and Indian allottees if royalty determinations are not made promptly

Frequency: One time only

Description of respondents: Companies holding gas sales contracts.

Estimated completion time: 1.5 hours per settlement

Estimated responses: 1,600 settlements

Estimated burden hours: 2,400

Bureau Clearance Officer: Arthur Quintana, 703-787-1238

Dated: March 9, 1993.

William D. Bettenberg,

Acting Director, Office of Program Analysis.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Ex Parte No. 399]

Publication of the Cost Recovery Percentage

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Publication of the Cost Recovery Percentage.

SUMMARY: Section 202 of the Staggers Rail Act of 1980 requires the Commission to calculate an annual Cost Recovery Percentage (CRP) for all railroad traffic. The CRP is a revenue to variable cost percentage calculated