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GENERAL MEMORANDUM 10-007

New Session and Date Change for Consultation on Indian Reorganization Act Regulations Revisions

On January 11, 2010, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) published the attached FEDERAL REGISTER notices announcing an additional date and a date change for consultation sessions on draft revisions to its regulations at 25 C.F.R. Part 81, Tribal Reorganization under a Federal Statute, and Part 82, Petitioning Procedures for Tribes Reorganized under Federal Statute and Other Organized Tribes.

As reported in our General Memorandum 09-149, dated December 4, 2009, the BIA is conducting consultation meetings with tribes organized under the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) and the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (OIWA) as well as other interested tribal leaders to obtain oral and written comments concerning proposed revisions of the regulations. These sessions began in Anchorage, Alaska, on December 1, 2009, and a second was held January 12, 2010, in Brooks, California. There are several sessions remaining, and as per the changes cited in the notices, the schedule for the remaining consultation sessions are as follows:

- January 20, 2010 -- Minneapolis, MN
- January 26, 2010 -- Oklahoma City, OK
- February 2, 2010 -- Pala, CA
- February 4, 2010 -- Albuquerque, NM

The March 1, 2010, deadline for submitting written comments on the proposed revisions has not been changed. Please contact us at the information below if you would like additional information or assistance in providing written comments.

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Inquiries may be directed to:

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of sections 20 and 30, Township 3 South, Range 19 East, of the Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1270, was accepted November 13, 2009.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the west boundary and subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of sections 29, 30, and 31, Township 7 South, Range 36 East, of the Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1148, was accepted November 19, 2009.

The supplemental plat prepared to show new lottings in section 23, T. 4 S., R. 4 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted December 17, 2009.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 3 South, Range 1 East, of the Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1243, was accepted December 17, 2009.

Dated: January 4, 2010.

Stanley G. French,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Tribal Consultation on Proposed Revisions to 25 CFR Parts 81 & 82

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of an additional tribal consultation meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) will conduct another consultation meeting with Indian tribes reorganized under the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) and the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, and other interested tribal leaders, to obtain oral and written comments concerning the potential revision of regulations at 25 CFR part 81, Tribal Reorganization under a Federal Statute, and 25 CFR part 82, Petitioning Procedures for Tribes Reorganized Under Federal Statute and Other Organized Tribes. In addition to the locations listed in the **Federal Register** of November 12, 2009, in FR Doc. E9-27181, page 58310, the BIA will conduct a consultation meeting with Indian tribes in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

DATE: February 4, 2010 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for more details.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Colliflower, Tribal Relations Specialist, Division of Tribal Government Services, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 4513-MIB, Washington,

DC; Telephone (202) 513-7641; Fax (202) 501-0679.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on November 12, 2010, that the BIA would conduct five tribal consultation meetings on the BIA draft revisions to 25 CFR part 81 and 25 CFR part 82. The background described in the Notice reads:

In 1992, the BIA drafted revisions to 25 CFR part 81 and 25 CFR part 82 and held four consultation sessions. The BIA received comments and recommendations that are now in the current draft version. The current draft version also:

- Incorporates the amendments made to section 16 of the IRA, 25 U.S.C. 476 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of November 1, 1988 (Pub. L. 100-581, 102 Stat. 2938), which established time frames within which the Secretary of the Interior must call and conduct Secretarial elections;

- Reflects the amendments made to section 17 of the IRA by the Act of May 24, 1990 (Pub. L. 101-301, 104 Stat. 207) under which additional tribes may petition for charter of incorporation and removes the requirement of a Secretarial election to ratify new charters;

- Reflects the addition of two new subsections to section 16 of the IRA by the Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-363, 108 Stat. 707), which eliminates distinctions between Indians reorganized as historical tribes and those reorganized as communities of adult Indians;

- Includes language clarifying that an IRA tribe may amend its constitution to remove Secretarial approval of future amendments as indicated by the new subsection to Section 16 of the IRA with the enactment of the Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 106-179, 118 Stat. 453);

- Provides guidelines for the approval or disapproval of charters by the Secretary; and

- Corrects demonstrated weaknesses and clarifies confusing language in the existing regulations.

A consultation booklet containing the current draft version of the rule will be available for the meetings and will be distributed to federally recognized Indian tribes and BIA regional and agency offices.

II. Meeting Details

The additional final Tribal consultation meeting will be held on February 4, 2010 at the Bureau of Indian Affairs national Indian Programs Training Center, 1011 Indian School

Rd., NW., Room 271, Albuquerque, New Mexico, from 9 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (local time).

Dated: December 28, 2009.

Larry Echo Hawk,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Tribal Consultation on Proposed Revisions to 25 CFR Parts 81 & 82

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of tribal consultation meetings; correction.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs published a document in the **Federal Register** of November 12, 2009, concerning the notice of tribal consultation meetings. The document included the date of January 14, 2010 for the meeting scheduled at the Pala Casino Resort and Spa in Pala, California. This notice changes the date to February 2, 2010, and the location to the Pala Administration Building in Pala, California.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This correction is effective as of January 11, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Colliflower, Office of Tribal Services, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 4513-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 513-7641; Fax (202) 208-5113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Indian Affairs published a document in the **Federal Register** of November 12, 2009 (74 FR 58310), concerning the notice of tribal consultation meetings on proposed revisions to 25 CFR parts 81 and 82. The document included the date of January 14, 2010 for the meeting scheduled at the Pala Casino Resort and Spa in Pala, California. This notice changes the date to February 2, 2010, and the location to the Pala Administration Building in Pala, California. In the **Federal Register** of November 12, 2009, in FR Doc. E9-27181, on page 58310, in the third column, correct the date "January 14, 2010," to read: "February 2, 2010". On page 58311, in the table, correct "January 14, 2010. * * * Pala Casino Resort and Spa, 11154 Hwy. 76, Pala, California 92059; Telephone: (877) 946-7252" to read "February 2, 2010. * * * Pala Administration Building, 12196 Pala Mission Rd., Pala, California 92059; Telephone: (760) 891-3500." All other

information in the table remains the same.

Dated: December 31, 2009.

Larry Echo Hawk,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Eastern and Western Division Proposed Project Use Power Rate

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Eastern and Western Divisions, Project Use Power Rate Adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is proposing a rate adjustment (proposed rate) for Project Use Power for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program (P–SMBP), Eastern and Western Divisions. The proposed rate for Project Use Power is to recover all annual operating, maintenance, and replacement expenses. The analysis of the proposed Project Use Power Rate is included in a booklet available upon request. The proposed rate for Project Use Power will become effective February 19, 2010.

This notice provides the opportunity for public comment. After review of comments received, Reclamation will consider them, revise the rates if necessary, and recommend a proposed rate for approval to the Secretary of the Interior's Office.

DATES: The comment period will begin with publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. To be assured consideration, please submit comments on or before February 10, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments to Mike Ferguson, GP–2020, Power O&M Administrator, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 36900, Billings, MT 59107–6900.

All booklets, studies, comments, letters, memoranda, and other documents made or kept by Reclamation for the purpose of developing the proposed rate for Project Use Power will be made available for inspection and copying at the Great Plains Regional Office, located at 316 North 26th Street, Billings, MT 59101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Ferguson, Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Regional Office at (406) 247–7705 or by e-mail at MFerguson@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Rate Adjustment

Power rates for the P–SMBP are established pursuant to the Reclamation Act of 1902 (43 U.S.C. 371 *et seq.*), as amended and supplemented by subsequent enactments, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h (c)) and the Flood Control Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 887). Beginning February 19, 2010,

Reclamation proposes to:

(a) Increase the energy charge from 12.55 mills/kWh to 16.17 mills/kWh.

(b) the monthly demand charge will remain at zero.

The Project Use Power Rate will be reviewed each time Western Area Power Administration (Western) adjusts the P–SMBP Firm Power Rate. Western will conduct the necessary studies and use the methodology identified in this rate proposal to determine a new rate.

The existing rate schedule MRB–P12 placed into effect on January 21, 2006, will be replaced by rate schedule MRB–P13. The new rate schedule will include clarifying language for entities exceeding the contract rate of delivery (CROD). Coincident electrical demand in excess of the CROD will result in a penalty where a share of that month's energy proportional to the excess will be charged at ten (10) times the current project use rate as reflected in rate schedule MRB–13. The penalty will be calculated as follows:

$$P = (((BD/CROD) - 1) * BE) * (10 * CR)$$

Where: P = Penalty (\$)

BD = Billed Demand (kW)

CROD = Contract Rate of Delivery (kW)

BE = Billed Energy (kWh)

CR = Current Project Use Power Rate (mills/kWh)

The customer will also be billed for any increased capacity and transmission charges incurred by the Government as a result of exceeding the CROD.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508); and Reclamation's Regulations (10 CFR Part 1021), Reclamation has determined that this action is categorically excluded from the preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in any correspondence, you should be aware that your entire correspondence, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your correspondence that

Reclamation withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee Reclamation is able to do so. Reclamation will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Dated: November 20, 2009.

Gary W. Campbell,

Deputy Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Lincoln County Land Act Groundwater Development and Utility Right-of-Way Project, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Lincoln County Land Act Groundwater Development and Utility Right-of-Way (ROW) Project (the project). The BLM Ely District Manager signed the ROD on January 8, 2010, which constitutes the final decision of the BLM and makes the decision effective immediately.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD are available upon request from the Field Manager, BLM Ely District Office, Bureau of Land Management, or at the following Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/nv/>. A printed copy or electronic copy on compact disc of the ROD is available on request from the BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, phone (775) 861–6681 or e-mail: nvgwprojects@blm.gov. Copies of the ROD will be available for review at the following locations in Nevada:

- BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada
- BLM Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada
- BLM Caliente Field Office, US Highway 93, Building #1, Caliente, Nevada

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Penny Woods, BLM Project Manager, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520,