

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of either of the Plans may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Niobrara/Valentine NWR Complex, HC 14, Box 67, Valentine, NE 69201.

The Plans can also be obtained electronically through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 6 Land Acquisition and Refuge Planning HomePage. The internet address to access the Plans is as follows: <http://www.r6.fws.gov/larp>. Follow the link to "CCP Status in Region 6," click on Nebraska on the Region 6 map, and look under the "Status" column for links to both the Fort Niobrara and Valentine Draft CCPs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bernardo Garza, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486 DFC, Denver, CO 80225, 303/236-8145 extension 634; fax 303/236-4792.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Fort Niobrara and Valentine NWRs are located in north central Nebraska. These Plans and their supporting documents outline a vision for the management of each of these Refuges and specify how the largest contiguous block of federally owned Nebraska Sandhills grass-stabilized region can be managed to conserve indigenous wildlife and provide enjoyment to people. Opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation will continue to be provided.

The comment period for these documents will be 60 days from the date of this notice. All comments need to be addressed to: Bernardo Garza, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Land Acquisition and Refuge Planning, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486 DFC, Denver, Colorado 80225.

Dated: April 28, 1999.

**Ralph O. Morgenweck,**

*Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Notice of Proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) Negotiations Under the Technology Transfer Act of 1986

**SUMMARY:** The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a CRADA with AQUI-S New Zealand LTD to seek U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of the fish anesthetic AQUI-S for use in public aquaculture, fisheries management, and for use on commercially produced Atlantic salmon.

**Inquires:** Information on the proposed CRADA is available to the public upon request at the address below. If any other parties are interested in similar activities with the USGS, please contact: William H. Gingerich, 2630 Fanta Reed Road, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54603; Telephone: 608-783-6451; Internet: "bill\_gingerich@usgs.gov".

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

**Susan Haseltine,**

*Associate Chief Biologist for Science, Biological Resources Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### San Carlos Irrigation Project—Power Division, Arizona Power Rate Adjustment

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Rate Adjustment.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) proposes to adjust the electric power rates for operating and maintaining the Power Division of San Carlos Irrigation Project (SCIP/PD).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 3, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on rate adjustments should be sent to: Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Attn: Branch of Irrigation and Power, MS-4513-MIB, Code 210, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Nordwall, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Phoenix Area Office, P.O. Box 10, Phoenix, AZ 85001; Telephone 602-379-6956.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The authority to issue this document is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301; the Act of August 7, 1946, c. 802, Section 3 (60 Stat. 895; 25 U.S.C. 385c); the Act of May 25, 1948 (62 Stat. 269); and the Act of December 23, 1981, section 112 (95 Stat. 1404). The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs pursuant to part 209 Departmental Manual, Chapter 8.1A and Memorandum dated January 25, 1994, from Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries, and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

The SCIP/PD has taken the steps necessary to reduce the contract

demand in the power supply contract between the Bureau of Indian Affairs, on behalf of SCIP/PD, and the Arizona Public Service Company. This action has resulted in a savings in purchased power costs as of June 1, 1998. This savings is proposed to be passed on in an adjustment to the Schedule No. 2—General Rate schedule.

#### Executive Order 12988

The Department has certified to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that this proposed rate adjustment meets the applicable standards provided in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988.

#### Executive Order 12866

This proposed rate adjustment is not a significant regulatory action and has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

This proposed rate making is not a rule for the purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because it is "a rule of particular applicability relating to rates." 5 U.S.C. § 601(2).

#### Executive Order 12630

The Department has determined that this proposed rate adjustment does not have significant "taking" implications.

#### Executive Order 12612

The Department has determined that this proposed rate adjustment does not have significant Federalism effects because it pertains solely to Federal-tribal relations and will not interfere with the roles, rights, and responsibilities of states.

#### NEPA Compliance

The Department has determined that this proposed rate adjustment does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and that no detailed statement is required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This proposed rate adjustment does not contain collections of information requiring approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

#### Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995

This proposed rate adjustment imposes no unfunded mandates on any governmental or private entity and is in compliance with the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995.

**Rate Adjustment**

The following illustrates the impact of the proposed rate adjustment:

**Present Rate****Rate Schedule No.2—General Rate**

(A) *Application of Schedule.* This schedule applies to single and three phase electric service for all purposes except residences and small, non-commercial users. Unless specifically permitted by the contract, use must be limited to the customer's premises and the power supplied must not be resold. If more than one meter is required by the customer's installation or for the customer's convenience, bills will be independently calculated for each meter.

**(B) Monthly Rate.**

(1) \$13.00 minimum which includes the first 50 kilowatt-hours.

(2) 16.00 cents per kilowatt-hour for the next 350 kilowatt-hours

(3) 10.0 cents per kilowatt-hour for the next 600 kilowatt-hours.

(4) 7.0 cents per kilowatt-hour for the next 9,000 kilowatt-hours.

(5) Additional kilowatt-hours at 5.63 cents per kilowatt-hour, less a credit of 0.7 cents per kilowatt-hour above 200 times the billing demand (50KW minimum).

(C) *Minimum Bill.* The minimum bill will be \$2.63 per month per kilowatt of billing demand, except where the customer's requirements are of a distinctly recurring seasonal nature. Then the minimum monthly bill will not be more than an amount sufficient to make the total charges for the twelve (12) months ending with the current month, equal to twelve times the highest monthly minimum computed for the same twelve-month period. However, no monthly billing will be less than \$13.00.

(D) *Contract Demand.* Each contract for 15 KW or over will state the number of kilowatts which the customer expects to require and desires to have reserved for his service. This quantity is called the contract demand.

(E) *Actual Demand.* The actual demand for any month will be the average amount of power used during the period of 15 consecutive minutes when such average is the greatest for the month as determined by suitable meters, or if meters are unavailable, the actual demand will be the connected load or such portion of the connected load as the Project Engineer may determine to be appropriate based on available information as to the customer's use of connected lights, appliances, and equipment, or from checking meters.

(F) *Billing Demand.* The billing demand for a month will be the contract

demand or the actual demand for the month, whichever is greater.

(G) *Purchased Power Adjustment.* An adjustment will be added for each kilowatt-hour used equal to the estimated purchased power adjustment (rounded to the nearest \$0.0001) paid by the Project to the Project's power suppliers.

**Proposed Rate****Rate Schedule No. 2—General Rate****(A) Application of Schedule.**

Unchanged from present.

**(B) Monthly Rate.**

(1) \$12.00 minimum which includes the first 50 kilowatt-hours.

(2) 15.00 cents per kilowatt-hour for the next 350 kilowatt-hours

(3) 9.0 cents per kilowatt-hour for the next 600 kilowatt-hours.

(4) 6.0 cents per kilowatt-hour for the next 9,000 kilowatt-hours.

(5) Additional kilowatt-hours at 4.60 cents per kilowatt-hour, less a credit of 0.7 cents per kilowatt-hour above 200 times the billing demand (50KW minimum).

(C) *Minimum Bill.* The minimum bill will be \$2.14 per month per kilowatt of billing demand, except where the customer's requirements are of a distinctly recurring seasonal nature. Then the minimum monthly bill will not be more than an amount sufficient to make the total charges for the twelve (12) months ending with the current month equal to twelve times the highest monthly minimum computed for the same twelve-month period. However, no monthly billing will be less than \$12.00.

(D) *Contract Demand.* Unchanged from present.

(E) *Actual Demand.* Unchanged from present.

(F) *Billing Demand.* Unchanged from present.

(G) *Purchased Power Adjustment.* Unchanged from present.

Dated: April 27, 1999.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****Alaska; Alaska Native Claims Selection**

[AK-962-1410-00-P and AA-8096-03]

In accordance with Departmental regulations 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec.

14(e) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, (ANCSA), 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(e), will be issued to Chugach Alaska Corporation for approximately 42,670 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Bremner River, Alaska.

**Copper River Meridian, Alaska**

T. 9 S., R. 2 E.,  
T. 12 S., R. 4 E.,  
T. 10 S., R. 6 E.,  
T. 8 S., R. 3 E.,  
T. 10 S., R. 5 E.,  
T. 10 S., R. 7 E.,  
T. 10 S., R. 4 E.,  
T. 12 S., R. 5 E.,

A notice of the decisions will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Anchorage Daily News*. Copies of the decisions may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decisions, shall have until June 3, 1999 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements in 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**Christine Sitbon,**

*Land Law Examiner, Branch of ANCSA Adjudication.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[NM-030-1310-01]

**Emergency Closure of the Bennett Ranch 3-d Seismic Project Area To Off-road Travel, Otero County, New Mexico**

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

**ACTION:** Emergency Closure.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, the Las Cruces Field Office is implementing emergency closure of the area that was recently the site of the Bennett Ranch 3-d Seismic Project. Off-road vehicle use is limited to designated roads and trails except for administrative purposes. This closure extends to both motorized and non-