

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-

motorized vehicles. This action is taken to aid in the recovery of vegetation from the impacts of a recently completed 3-d Seismic Project which left many tracks of mashed vegetation in the grassland. There is concern that future traffic could follow these tracks, damaging the grassland and creating undesired new roads. The authority for this emergency closure is 43 CFR 8364.1: Closure and Restriction Orders. The following public land is affected by the closure:

- T. 25 S., R. 12 E.,
Secs. 33 through 36.
- T. 25 S., R. 13 E.,
Sec. 31.
- T. 26 S., R. 12 E.,
Secs. 1, 3, 4, 9 through 15, 21 through 28
and 33 through 35.
- T. 26 S., R. 13 E.,
Secs. 6, 7, 18, 19, 30 and 31.

DATES: This closure is effective April 9, 1999 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the authorized officer. This closure will be rescinded once the vegetation has substantially recovered from the impacts of the seismic project.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this closure order and maps showing the location of the area are available from the Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88005 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell Jentgen, Geologist, at the address above or call (505) 525-4351.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Violations of this closure are punishable by fines not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 1 year.

The Bennett Ranch 3-d Seismic Project was conducted by Geco-Prakla between March 20 and April 8, 1999. The project included a limited amount of off-road travel by large vibrator buggies and support vehicles along designated lines of travel. This off-road travel was restricted to only that which was absolutely necessary to meet the objectives of normal 3-d seismic exploration for oil and gas. The off-road vehicles used on this project were all equipped with oversize low pressure tires to minimize impacts to soil and vegetation.

This off-road travel has left linear tracks of mashed vegetation which are expected to recover completely after seasonal summer rainfall. However, these tracks are attractive pathways for additional traffic in an area where few roads exist. To prevent the creation of new and undesired roads on these tracks and to prevent long-term damage to the vegetation, it is essential that no

additional off-road traffic follow these tracks giving the vegetation an opportunity to recover. Geco-Prakla will post signs along all roads entering the closure to inform drivers of this restriction. The tracks will be monitored by the BLM to determine when recovery is sufficient to rescind this closure.

Dated: April 28, 1999.

Linda S. C. Rundell,

Field Manager, Las Cruces.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[(CA-610-5101-01-B109) CACA-40467]

Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program Proposed Pipeline and California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment, San Bernardino County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, Needles Field Office.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in cooperation with The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) will conduct a public meeting to discuss and solicit public input concerning a proposed Cadiz Water Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program (Project) and a plan amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan. The public meeting will be held on May 10, 1999, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Needles City Council Chambers, 1111 Bailey Avenue, Needles, California. A Notice of Intent to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the proposed project on Federal and private lands in the Mojave Desert Region of San Bernardino County, California, was published March 1, 1999, in the **Federal Register** Vol. 64, No. 39, Page 10011. The deadline to provide comments concerning the scope of analysis of the draft EIS/EIR is extended from March 31, 1999, to May 24, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project proponents are MWD and Cadiz, Inc. (CI). The Project would consist of: (1) A proposed right-of-way for the construction and operation of a six-foot diameter pipeline from MWD's Iron Mountain Pumping Plant on the Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) to CI's

property in the Cadiz/Fenner area, approximately 35 miles to the northeast; (2) pumping of CRA water supplies to the Cadiz/Fenner area including the possible need to modify a pump at the Iron Mountain Pumping Plant; (3) construction and operation of a series of spreading basins (approximately 200-300 acres) to recharge the groundwater aquifer via infiltration at the Cadiz/Fenner area, and (4) construction and operation of a well field for extraction of groundwater in the Cadiz/Fenner area. Three alternative Project configurations are currently being considered, along with the No Project alternative. An open aqueduct along a portion of the alignment in lieu of an underground pipeline may also be considered. The BLM will be asked to issue right-of-way permits for the construction of portions of the water conveyance facility and other facilities which are proposed to occupy Federal lands. All three alternative Project configurations involve lands currently managed by BLM.

The proposed action will also include a proposed plan amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan. The proposed project pipeline alignment alternatives are outside of established Planning Corridors and contingent corridors identified in the CDCA Plan. The CDCA Plan allows the designation of corridors which address certain types of utility facilities, including all pipelines with diameters greater than 12 inches and major aqueducts or canals for interbasin transfers of water. The CDCA Plan allows utility needs which do not conform to established corridors to be processed by means of a Plan Amendment in conjunction with necessary permit hearings required by other agencies.

The proposed project begins near the MWD Iron Mountain Pumping Plant in southeast San Bernardino County. The proposed 35-mile pipeline alignment would be north to the Cadiz area. The aquifer system which underlies a portion of the Project area, located in the Cadiz and Fenner valleys ("Cadiz/Fenner area") has been identified as a potential site for underground storage of Colorado River water. This water would be delivered to the Cadiz/Fenner area west of the Ship Mountains from the CRA by way of an underground pipeline or aqueduct. The stored Colorado River water would be subsequently withdrawn when needed and returned to the CRA via the pipeline or aqueduct to meet MWD's water supply needs. In addition, indigenous groundwater in the area of the stored water would also be pumped and transferred utilizing the