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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

(DOE/SEIS/PEIR-0158S)

Public Hearings on Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Program Environmental Impact Report; Naval Petroleum Reserves

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Public Hearings on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Program Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/PEIR).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), the Department of Energy (DOE) and Kern County, California, have prepared a draft SEIS/PEIR to assess the environmental effects of the sale of all rights, title, and interest of the Federal government in Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1 (NPR-1) pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106).

INVITATION TO COMMENT: To ensure that the full range of issues related to these actions is addressed, comments on the content of the draft SEIS/PEIR are invited from all interested parties. Agencies, organizations, and the general public are also invited to present comments at the public hearing as indicated below. Written comments will be addressed in the final SEIS/PEIR.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or questions concerning the aforementioned actions should be directed to: Mr. Anthony J. Como, NEPA Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Fossil Energy, (FE-27), Room 3H-087, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-5935.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the EIS process, please contact: Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, (EH-42) U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756.

The scheduled public hearing is: August 26, 1997 at 2 p.m.-4 p.m. and 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Double Tree Inn, 3100 Camino del Rio Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOE prepared an EIS in 1979 (DOE/EIS-0012) which analyzed operation of NPR-1, including construction, drilling, pumping and maintenance activities to achieve a maximum efficient rate of production. In 1993, DOE prepared a supplemental EIS (DOE/SEIS-0158) that updated the analysis of the impacts of oil and gas production at NPR-1 under continued Federal ownership and operation.

The DOE has determined that the sale of NPR-1, as required by P.L. 104-106, constitutes a major Federal action which may have a significant impact upon the environment within the meaning of NEPA. As a result of this determination, the DOE is preparing a second supplemental EIS in compliance with NEPA. Further, after consultation with Kern County, California, both agencies determined that the proposed action could have a significant effect on the environment within the meaning of CEQA. Significant impacts may occur because private-sector operation of NPR-1 could result in accelerated levels of development and different types of activities than under continued government ownership. The sale of NPR-1 was not analyzed until the 1993 SEIS. In addition, action to be undertaken by California state government and local agencies in conjunction with the proposed action fall under the requirements of CEQA. Kern County is serving as the lead agency for the CEQA process. For these reasons, and others spelled out in the document, DOE and Kern County are preparing this joint Supplement to the 1993 SEIS under NEPA and a PEIR under CEQA to cover foreseeable impacts from the proposed sale as well as reasonable alternatives.

Comments and Hearing

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain information from interested parties for the final SEIS/PEIR. This meeting will be conducted informally; however, a transcript of the meeting will be prepared. The presiding officer will establish the order of speakers and provide any additional procedures necessary for the conduct of the hearing.

Speakers will be allotted approximately 20 minutes for their oral statement. Written comments will be incorporated into the final SEIS/PEIR. The meeting will commence at the time specified above and will continue until those present who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

A transcript of the hearing will be retained by the DOE and, upon request, made available for inspection and copying at the Freedom of Information

Library, room 1E-090, Forrestal Bldg., 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. A copy of the hearing transcript also will be retained by Kern County and, upon request, made available for inspection and copying at the office of the Special Projects Division Chief, County of Kern Planning Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Draft SEIS/PEIR Availability

Those individuals who would like to receive a copy of the draft SEIS/PEIR should notify Mr. Anthony Como at the address given above.

Members of Congress, State and local officials, and interested and affected persons, organizations, and agencies have been sent copies of the draft SEIS/PEIR. Copies also have been placed in Kern County Public Libraries.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Pre-Subscription, Post 2001 Contracts

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the ROD for Pre-Subscription, Post 2001 Contracts. This ROD relies on BPA's Business Plan Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0183, June 1995 and the Business Plan ROD (August 15, 1995).

BPA has decided to enter into a limited number of power sales contracts extending beyond 2001, in advance of the subscription process recommended by the Comprehensive Review of the Northwest Energy System. This decision is consistent with BPA's market-driven approach for participation in the increasingly competitive electric power market. BPA will be responsive to its customers' needs while ensuring the financial strength necessary to produce public benefits.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Business Plan EIS, Business Plan ROD, and this ROD are available from BPA's Communications Office, P.O. Box