fee trust land base. This notice also announces a public hearing to take public comments on the DEIS.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS must arrive by January 8, 2007. The public hearing will be held Thursday, December 14, 2006, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., or until the last public comment is received. Doors for the hearing will open at 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: You may mail, hand carry or fax written comments to Mr. Franklin Keel, Regional Director, Eastern Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, Tennessee 37214, Fax (615) 564–6701. Please include your name, return address and the caption, ''DEIS Comments, Oneida Indian Nation of New York Trust Acquisition Project,'' on the first page of your written comments. Electronic submission is not available. The public hearing will be at the Stanley Theater, 259 Genesee Street, Utica, New York.

Copies of the DEIS will be available for viewing at Web site *www.oneidanationtrust.net* and at the following locations: (1) Oneida Nation Annex Building, 579A Main Street, Oneida, New York 13421 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday except holidays); (2) Oneida City Hall, 109 N. Main Street, Downstairs Basement Room, Oneida, New York 13421; and (3) Town of Verona Town Hall, 6600 Germany Road, Back Conference Room, Durhamville, New York 13054.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt G. Chandler, (615) 564–6832.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nation submitted an application to the U.S. Department of the Interior through the BIA, requesting that the Secretary of the Interior take up to 17,370 acres of fee land in Madison and Oneida Counties, New York, into trust status for the benefit of the Nation. The subject properties are currently owned by the Nation in fee status.

The currently proposed alternatives are: (A) Proposed Action, which is the action proposed by the Nation to take all 17,370 acres into trust; (B) Phased Acquisition of 35,000 Acres; (C) Group 1 and 2 Lands, which include resort, commercial and residential properties (9,903); (D) Group 1 Lands Only, which include resort type properties (3,428 acres); (E) Turning Stone Casino Gaming Floor Only (225 acres); (F) Alternative Trust Land Grouping, which focuses on compact and contiguous properties (11,986 acres); and (G) No Action (0 acres). The alternatives are intended to assist the review of the issues presented, but may not represent the final decision, since a parcel-by-parcel review and determination will be necessary for compliance with factors listed in 25 CFR Part 151. Among other issues, comments on the DEIS should address whether particular properties or groups of properties should be taken out of, or added to, an existing alternative.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1–6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: November 17, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Rate Adjustments for Indian Irrigation Projects

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rate adjustments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) owns, or has an interest in, irrigation facilities located on various Indian reservations throughout the United States. We are required to establish rates to recover the costs to administer, operate, maintain, and rehabilitate those facilities. We request your comments on the proposed rate adjustments.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments on the proposed rate adjustments on or before January 23, 2007.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the proposed rate adjustments must be in writing and addressed to: Arch Wells, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Trust Services, Attn.: Irrigation and Power, Mail Stop 4655–MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Telephone (202) 208–5480.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For details about a particular irrigation project, please use the tables in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section to contact the regional or local office where the project is located.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tables in this notice list the irrigation project contacts where the BIA recovers its costs for local administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation, the current irrigation assessment rates, and the proposed rates for the 2007 irrigation season and subsequent years where applicable.

What are some of the terms I should know for this notice?

The following are terms we use that may help you understand how we are applying this notice.

Administrative costs means all costs we incur to administer our irrigation projects at the local project level. Local project level does not normally include the Agency, Region, or Central Office costs unless we state otherwise in writing.

Assessable acre means lands designated by us to be served by one of our irrigation projects and to which we provide irrigation service and recover our costs. (See *Total assessable acres.*)

BIA means the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Bill means our statement to you of the assessment charges and/or fees you owe the United States for administration, operation, maintenance, and/or rehabilitation. The date we mail or hand deliver your bill will be stated on it.

Costs mean the costs we incur for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation to provide direct support or benefit to an irrigation facility.

Customer means any person or entity that we provide irrigation service to.

Due date is the date on which your bill is due and payable. This date will be stated on your bill.

I, me, my, you, and *your* means all interested parties, especially persons or entities that we provide irrigation service to and receive beneficial use of our irrigation projects affected by this notice and our supporting policies, manuals, and handbooks.

Irrigation project means, for the purposes of this notice, the facility or portions thereof, that we own, or have an interest in, including all appurtenant works, for the delivery, diversion, and storage of irrigation water to provide irrigation service to customers for whom we assess periodic charges to recover our costs to administer, operate, maintain, and rehabilitate. These projects may be referred to as facilities, systems, or irrigation areas.

Irrigation service means the full range of services we provide customers of our irrigation projects, including, but not limited to, water delivery. This includes our activities to administer, operate, maintain, and rehabilitate our projects.

Maintenance costs means all costs we incur to maintain and repair our irrigation projects and equipment of our irrigation projects and is a cost factor included in calculating your operation and maintenance (O&M) assessment.

Must means an imperative or mandatory act or requirement.

Operation and maintenance (O&M) assessment means the periodic charge you must pay us to reimburse our costs.

Operation or operating costs means costs we incur to operate our irrigation projects and equipment and is a cost factor included in calculating your O&M assessment.

Past due bill means a bill that has not been paid by the close of business on the 30th day after the due date, as stated on the bill. Beginning on the 31st day after the due date we begin assessing additional charges accruing from the due date.

Rehabilitation costs means costs we incur to restore our irrigation projects or features to original operating condition or to the nearest state which can be achieved using current technology and is a cost factor included in calculating your O&M assessment.

Total assessable acres means the total acres served by one of our irrigation projects.

Total O&M cost means the total of all the allowable and allocatable costs we incur for administering, operating, maintaining, and rehabilitating our irrigation projects serving your farm unit.

Water means water we deliver at our projects for the general purpose of irrigation and other purposes we agree to in writing.

Water delivery is an activity that is part of the irrigation service we provide our customers when water is available.

We, us, and *our* means the United States Government, the Secretary of the Interior, the BIA, and all who are authorized to represent us in matters covered under this notice.

Does this notice affect me?

This notice affects you if you own or lease land within the assessable acreage of one of our irrigation projects, or you have a carriage agreement with one of our irrigation projects.

Where can I get information on the regulatory and legal citations in this notice?

You can contact the appropriate office(s) stated in the tables for the irrigation project that serves you, or you can use the Internet site for the Government Printing Office at *http://www.gpo.gov*.

Why are you publishing this notice?

We are publishing this notice to notify you that we propose to adjust one or more of our irrigation assessment rates. This notice is published in accordance with the BIA's regulations governing its operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, specifically, 25 CFR 171.1. These sections provide for the fixing and announcing of the rates for annual assessments and related information for our irrigation projects.

What authorizes you to issue this notice?

Our authority to issue this notice is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 14, 1914 (38 Stat. 583; 25 U.S.C. 385). The Secretary has in turn delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs under Part 209, Chapter 8.1A, of the Department of the Interior's Departmental Manual.

When will you put the rate adjustments into effect?

We will put the rate adjustments into effect for the 2007 irrigation season and subsequent years where applicable.

How do you calculate irrigation rates?

We calculate irrigation assessment rates in accordance with 25 CFR 171.1(f) by estimating the cost of normal operation and maintenance at each of our irrigation projects. The cost of normal operation and maintenance means the expenses we incur to provide direct support or benefit for an irrigation project's activities for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. These costs are then applied as stated in the rate table in this notice.

What kinds of expenses do you include in determining the estimated cost of normal operation and maintenance?

We include the following expenses:

(a) Personnel salary and benefits for the project engineer/manager and project employees under their management control;

(b) Materials and supplies;

(c) Major and minor vehicle and equipment repairs;

(d) Equipment, including transportation, fuel, oil, grease, lease and replacement;

(e) Capitalization expenses;

(f) Acquisition expenses;

(g) Maintenance of a reserve fund available for contingencies or emergency expenses for, and ensuring, reliable operation of the irrigation project;

(h) Rehabilitation costs; and

(i) Other expenses we determine necessary to properly perform the activities and functions characteristic of an irrigation project.

When should I pay my irrigation assessment?

We will mail or hand deliver your bill notifying you of the amount you owe to the United States and when such amount is due. If we mail your bill, we will consider it as being delivered no later than 5 business days after the day we mail it. You should pay your bill no later than the close of business on the 30th day after the due date stated on the bill.

What information must I provide for billing purposes?

We must obtain certain information from you to ensure we can properly process, bill for, and collect money owed to the United States. We are required to collect the taxpayer identification number or social security number to properly bill the responsible party and service the account under the authority of, and as prescribed in, Public Law 104–143, the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996.

(a) At a minimum, this information is:

(1) Full legal name of person or entity responsible for paying the bill;

(2) Adequate and correct address for mailing or hand delivering our bill; and

(3) The taxpayer identification number or social security number of the person or entity responsible for paying the bill;

(b) It is your responsibility to ensure we have correct and accurate

information for paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) If you are late paying your bill due to your failure to furnish such information or comply with paragraph (b) of this section, you cannot appeal your bill on this basis.

What can happen if I do not provide the information required for billing purposes?

We can refuse to provide you irrigation service.

If I allow my bill to become past due, could this affect my water delivery?

If we do not receive your payment before the close of business on the 30th day after the due date stated on your bill, we will send you a past due notice. Your bill will have additional information concerning your rights. We will consider your past due notice as delivered no later than 5 business days after the day we mail it. We have the right to refuse water delivery to any of your irrigated land on which the bill is past due. We can continue to refuse water delivery until you pay your bill or make payment arrangements that we agree to. Our authority to demand payment of your past due bill is 31 CFR 901.2, ''Demand for Payment.''

Are there any additional charges if I am late paying my bill?

Yes. We will assess you interest on the amount owed and use the rate of interest established annually by the Secretary of the United States Treasury (Treasury) to calculate what you will be assessed (31 CFR 901.9(b)). You will not be assessed this charge until your bill is past due. However, if you allow your bill to become past due, interest will accrue from the due date, not the past due date. Also, you will be charged an administrative fee of $12.50 for each time we try to collect your past due bill. If your bill becomes more than 90 days past due, you will be assessed a penalty charge of 6 percent per year and it will accrue from the date your bill initially became past due. Our authority to assess interest, penalties, and administration fees on past due bills is prescribed in 31 CFR 901.9, ''Interest, penalties, and costs.''

What else can happen to my past due bill?

If you do not pay your bill or make payment arrangements that we agree to, we are required to send your past due bill to the Treasury for further action. We must send your bill to Treasury no later than 180 days after the original due date of your irrigation assessment bill. The requirement for us to send your unpaid bill to Treasury is prescribed in 31 CFR 901.1, ''Aggressive agency collection activity.''

Who can I contact for further information?

The following tables are the regional and project/agency contacts for our irrigation facilities.

Project name	Project agency contacts
Northwest Region Contacts	
Stanley Speaks, Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Regional Office, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232–4169, Telephone: (503) 231–6702	
Flathead Irrigation Project	Ernest T. Moran, Superintendent, Flathead Agency Irrigation Division, P.O. Box 40, Pablo, MT 59855–0040, Telephone: (406) 675–2700.
Fort Hall Irrigation Project	Eric J. LaPointe, Superintendent, Alan Oliver, Irrigation Project Engineer, Fort Hall Agency, P.O. Box 220, Fort Hall, ID 83203–0220, Telephone: (208) 238–2301.
Wapato Irrigation Project	Pierce Harrison, Project Administrator, Wapato Irrigation Project, P.O. Box 220, Wapato, WA 98951–0220, Telephone: (509) 877–3155.
Rocky Mountain Region Contacts	
Ed Parisian, Acting Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 316 North 26th Street, Billings, Montana 59101, Telephone: (406) 247–7943.	
Blackfeet Irrigation Project	Stephen Pollock, Superintendent, Ted Hall, Irrigation Project Manager, Box 880, Browning, MT 59417, Telephones: (406) 338–7544, Superintendent, (406) 338–7519, Irrigation.
Crow Irrigation Project	Ed Lone Fight, Superintendent, Karl Helvik, Irrigation Project Manager,, P.O. Box 69, Crow Agency, MT 59022, Telephones: (406) 638–2672, Superintendent, (406) 638–2863, Irrigation.
Fort Belknap Irrigation Project	Judy Gray, Superintendent, Ralph Leo, Irrigation Project Manager, R.R.1, Box 980, Harlem, MT 59526, Telephones: (406) 353–2901, Superintendent, (406) 353–2905, Irrigation.
Fort Peck Irrigation Project	Vacant, Superintendent, P.O. Box 637, Poplar, MT 59255, Vacant, Irrigation Manager, 602 6th, Avenue North, Wolf Point, MT 59201, Telephones: (406) 768–5312, Superintendent, (406) 653–1752, Irrigation.
Wind River Irrigation Project	George Gover, Superintendent, Ray Nation, Acting Irrigation Project Manager, P.O. Box 158, Fort Washakie, WY 82514, Telephones: (307) 332–7810, Superintendent, (307) 332–2596, Irrigation.
Southwest Region Contacts	
Larry Morrin, Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southwest Regional Office, 1001 Indian School Road, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104, Telephone: (505) 563–3100.	
Pine River Irrigation Project	Ross P. Denny, Superintendent, John Formea, Irrigation Engineer, P.O. Box 315, Ignacio, CO 81137–0315, Telephones: (970) 563–4511, Superintendent, (970) 563–1017, Irrigation.
Western Region Contacts	
Alan Anspach Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office, P.O. Box 10, Phoenix, Arizona 85001, Telephone: (602) 379–6600	
Colorado River Irrigation Project	Perry Baker, Superintendent, Ted Henry, Irrigation Project Manager, R.R. 1 Box 9–C, Parker, AZ 85344, Telephone: (928) 669–7111.

Project name	Project agency contacts
Duck Valley, Irrigation Project	Robert Hunter, Acting Superintendent, 1555 Shoshone Circle, Elko, NV 89801, Telephone: (775) 738–0569.
Fort Yuma Irrigation Project	Sam Rideshorse, Superintendent, P.O. Box 11000, Yuma, AZ 85366, Telephone: (520) 782–1202.
San Carlos Irrigation Project, Joint Works	Carl Christensen, Supervisory General Engineer, P.O. Box 250, Coolidge, AZ 85228, Telephone: (520) 723–6216.
San Carlos Irrigation Project, Indian Works	Joe Revak, Supervisory General Engineer, Pima Agency, Land Operations, Box 8, Sacaton, AZ 85247, Telephone: (520) 562–3372.
Uintah Irrigation Project	Lynn Hansen, Irrigation Manager, P.O. Box 130, Fort Duchesne, UT 84026, Telephone: (435) 722–4341.
Walker River Irrigation Project	Robert Hunter, Superintendent, 1677 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, NV 89706, Telephone: (775) 887–3500.

What irrigation assessments or charges are proposed for adjustment by this notice?

The rate table below contains the current rates for all of our irrigation projects where we recover our costs for operation and maintenance. The table also contains the proposed rates for the 2007 season and subsequent years where applicable. An asterisk immediately following the name of the project notes the irrigation projects where rates are proposed for adjustment.

Project name	Rate category	Final 2006 rate	Proposed 2007 rate	Proposed 2008 rate
Northwest Region Rate Table				
Flathead Irrigation Project (see Note #2)*	Basic Per acre—A	$21.45	**$23.45	$25.45.
	Basic Per acre—B	10.75	10.75	$10.75.
	Minimum Charge per tract	65.00	65.00	$65.00.
Fort Hall Irrigation Project	Basic Per acre	24.00	27.00	To be determined.
	Minimum Charge per tract	25.00	25.00	
Fort Hall Irrigation Project—Minor Units	Basic Per acre	15.00	17.00	To be determined.
	Minimum Charge per tract	25.00	25.00	
Fort Hall Irrigation Project—Michaud*	Basic Per acre	34.00	35.75	To be determined.
	Pressure Per acre	48.50	50.00	To be determined.
	Minimum Charge per tract	25.00	25.00	
Wapato Irrigation Project—Toppenish/Simcoe Units*.	Billing Charge Per Tract	5.00	5.00	To be determined.
	Farm unit/land tracts up to one acre (minimum charge).	13.50	14.00	To be determined.
	Farm unit/land tracts over one acre—per acre.	13.50	14.00	To be determined.
Wapato Irrigation Project—Ahtanum Units*	Billing Charge Per Tract	5.00	5.00	To be determined.
	Farm unit/land tracts up to one acre (minimum charge).	13.50	14.00	To be determined.
	Farm unit/land tracts over one acre—per acre.	13.50	14.00	To be determined.
Wapato Irrigation Project—Satus Unit*	Billing Charge Per Tract	5.00	5.00	To be determined.
	Farm unit/land tracts up to one acre (minimum charge).	53.00	55.00	To be determined.
	"A" farm unit/land tracts over one acre—per acre.	53.00	55.00	To be determined.
	Additional Works farm unit/land tracts over one acre—per acre.	58.00	60.00	To be determined.
	"B" farm unit/land tracts over one acre—per acre.	63.00	65.00	To be determined.
	Water Rental Agreement Lands—per acre	64.50	67.00	To be determined.
Rocky Mountain Region Rate Table				
Blackfeet Irrigation Project*	Basic-per acre	13.00	15.50	To be determined.
Crow Irrigation Project—Willow Creek O&M (includes Agency, Lodge Grass #1, Lodge Grass #2, Reno, Upper Little Horn, and Forty Mile Units)*.	Basic-per acre	17.30	19.30	
Crow Irrigation Project—All Others (includes Bighorn, Soap Creek, and Pryor Units)*.	Basic-per acre	17.00	19.00	
Crow Irrigation Two Leggins Drainage District.	Basic-per acre	2.00	2.00	
Fort Belknap Irrigation Project*	Trust Land per acre	8.50	13.88	$20.00.
	Non-Trust Land per acre	17.00	18.50	$20.00.
Fort Peck Irrigation Project*	Basic-per acre	17.50	20.00	To be determined.

Project name	Rate category	Final 2006 rate	Proposed 2007 rate	Proposed 2008 rate
Wind River Irrigation Project*	Basic-per acre	14.00	15.00	
Wind River Irrigation Project—LeClair District.	Basic-per acre	17.00	17.00	

Southwest Region Rate Table

Project name	Rate category	Final 2006 rate	Proposed 2007 rate
Pine River Irrigation Project*	Minimum Charge per tract	$50.00	$50.00
	Basic-per acre	13.00	15.00

Western Region Rate Table

Project name	Rate category	Final 2006 rate	Proposed 2007 rate	Proposed 2008 rate	Proposed 2009 rate
Colorado River Irrigation Project.	Basic per acre up to 5.75 acre-feet.	$47.00	$47.00	To be determined	To be determined.
	Excess Water per acre-foot over 5.75 acre-feet.	17.00	17.00		
Duck Valley Irrigation Project	Basic-per acre	5.30	5.30		
Fort Yuma Irrigation Project (See Note #1)*.	Basic-per acre up to 5.0 acre-feet.	65.00	69.00		
	Excess Water per acre-foot over 5.0 acre-feet.	10.50	10.50		
San Carlos Irrigation Project (Joint Works) (See Note #3)*.	Basic-per acre	30.00	**30.00	$21.00	$21.00.
San Carlos Irrigation Project (Indian Works) (See Note #4)*.	Basic-per acre	77.00	77.00	$69.00	$69.00.
Uintah Irrigation Project*	Basic-per acre	12.00	14.00	To be determined	To be determined.
	Minimum Bill	25.00	25.00		
Walker River Irrigation Project (See Note #4)*.	Indian per acre	7.32	10.00	$13.00	$16.00.
	Non-Indian per acre	15.29	16.00	$16.00	$16.00.

*Notes irrigation projects where rates are proposed for adjustment.

Note #1—The O&M rate for the Fort Yuma Irrigation Project has two components. The first component is the O&M rate established by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the owner and operator of the Project. The BOR rate for 2007 will not be established until October 2006. The FY 2006 BOR rate of $62.00 was used in the development of the proposed 2007 rate, however, the BOR component is subject to change and is provided for informational purposes only. The second component is for the O&M rate established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to cover administrative costs including billing and collections for the Project. Through this notice, the BIA is proposing a $7/acre O&M rate for its component of the rate. The BIA rate assessment would cover approximately 50% of the accounting technician and 40% of the Natural Resource Officer at the BIA Fort Yuma Agency.

Note #2—The 2008 irrigation rate is proposed through this notice. The 2007 rate was established by final notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on April 5, 2006 (Vol. 71, No. 65 page 17131).

Note #3—The 2008 and 2009 irrigation rates are proposed through this notice. The 2007 rate was established by final notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on April 5, 2006 (Vol. 71, No. 65 page 17131).

Note #4—The 2007, 2008 and 2009 irrigation rates are proposed through this notice.

**Final 2007 Rate.

Consultation and Coordination With Tribal Governments (Executive Order 13175)

The BIA irrigation projects are vital components of the local agriculture economy of the reservations on which they are located. To fulfill its responsibilities to the tribes, tribal organizations, water user organizations, and the individual water users, the BIA communicates, coordinates, and consults on a continuing basis with these entities on issues of water delivery, water availability, costs of administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. This is accomplished at the individual irrigation projects by Project, Agency, and Regional representatives, as appropriate, in accordance with local protocol and procedures. This notice is one component of the BIA's overall coordination and consultation process to provide notice and request comments from these entities on adjusting our irrigation rates.

Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use (Executive Order 13211)

The rate adjustments will have no adverse effects on energy supply, distribution, or use (including a shortfall in supply, price increases, and increase use of foreign supplies) should the proposed rate adjustments be implemented. This is a notice for rate adjustments at BIA owned and operated irrigation projects, except for the Fort Yuma Irrigation Project. The Fort Yuma Irrigation Project is owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation with a portion serving the Fort Yuma Reservation.

Regulatory Planning and Review (Executive Order 12866)

These rate adjustments are not a significant regulatory action and do not need to be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This 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).

Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995

These rate adjustments impose no unfunded mandates on any governmental or private entity and are in compliance with the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995.

Takings (Executive Order 12630)

The Department has determined that these rate adjustments do not have significant ''takings'' implications. The rate adjustments do not deprive the public, state, or local governments of rights or property.

Federalism (Executive Order 13132)

The Department has determined that these rate adjustments do not have significant Federalism effects because they pertain solely to Federal-tribal relations and will not interfere with the roles, rights, and responsibilities of states.

Civil Justice Reform (Executive Order 12988)

This notice complies with the requirements of Executive Order 12988. Specifically, this notice does not unduly burden the judicial system and meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

These rate adjustments do not affect the collections of information which are being reviewed for reinstatement by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

National Environmental Policy Act

The Department has determined that these rate adjustments do 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 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370(d)).

Data Quality Act

In developing this notice, we did not conduct or use a study, experiment, or survey requiring peer review under the Data Quality Act (Pub. L. 106–554).

Dated: November 3, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM–110–1610–DQ]

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan (PRMP) for Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), New Mexico

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

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS) for the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument.

DATES: The BLM Planning Regulations (43 CFR 1610.5–2) state that any person who participated in the planning process, and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected, may protest BLM's approval or amendment of a RMP. You may file a protest within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes their Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. Instructions for filing of protests are described in the Dear Reader letter in the front of the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument Proposed Plan/Final EIS and in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Bristol, RMP Team Leader, BLM Rio Puerco Field Office, 435 Montano NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107; e-mail *John_Bristol@nm.blm.gov;* telephone (505) 761–8755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2001, Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument was designated a National Monument by Presidential Proclamation 7394. The Proclamation referred to the Monument as a remarkable outdoor laboratory, offering an opportunity to observe, study, and experience the geologic processes that shape natural landscapes, as well as other cultural and biological objects of interest. The Proclamation directed management of the Monument by the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management. It required the development of a Management Plan in close cooperation with the Pueblo de Cochiti and the promulgation of regulations for its management as the Secretary of the Interior deems appropriate. The Monument is located in Sandoval County, New Mexico near other areas of interest, the Cochiti Pueblo, Cochiti Dam and Lake, Bandelier National Monument and the U.S. Forest Service's Dome Wilderness. Within the Monument boundaries are 4,124 acres of Federally owned land, 521 acres of State owned land, and 757 acres of land in private ownership, for a total of 5,402 acres. These non-federal inholdings were reserved through the proclamation as part of the Monument upon acquisition of title thereto by the United States. Two parcels of land adjoining the Monument (edgeholdings) were determined to have resource values similar to those in the Monument. One of them has been acquired (since publication of the draft RMP) and is referred to as the ''southwest acquisition'' in this RMP. For the second parcel, should it be acquired, complementary management decisions have been proposed in the RMP. These parcels along with the lands within the monument boundary make up the Planning Area of approximately 15,635 acres.

The Proposed RMP/FEIS describes the physical, biological, cultural, historic, and socioeconomic resources in the planning area. The focus for impact analysis was based on resource issues and concerns identified during scoping and public involvement activities. These activities included a 30-day opportunity for written scoping comments and public meetings. During the 90-day public review and comment period on the Draft RMP/EIS, additional public meetings were held. Issues of concern regarding possible management direction and planning decisions (not necessarily in priority order) are: Land tenure adjustments, access and transportation, recreation (use and development), ecosystem restoration, and American Indian uses and traditional cultural practices. Three alternatives were analyzed in detail: Alternative A is the No Action Alternative representing the continuation of existing management plans, policies, and decisions established in the 1986 Rio Puerco RMP, as amended, and as implemented through the Tent Rocks Area of Critical Environmental Concern Protection Plan, with minimal compliance with proclamation requirements. Alternative B represents the BLM and Pueblo de Cochiti proposed resource use and conservation alternative. Alternative C emphasizes an adaptive management approach (particularly for recreation management) with the inclusion of additional monitoring. The monitoring