

sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those mineral interests. The applicant will be required to pay a \$50.00 nonreturnable filing fee for conveyance of the available mineral interests.

The patent, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).
2. Oil, gas, sodium, potassium and saleable minerals; and will be subject to:
 1. All valid existing rights.
 2. Easements in accordance with the Clark County Transportation Plan.
 3. Those rights for powerline purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company by Permit No. N-58927 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).
 4. Those rights for State Route 160 which have been granted to Nevada Department of Transportation by Permit No. NEV-012728 under the act of August 27, 1958 (23 U.S.C. 107, 317).

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. The Bureau of Land Management may accept or reject any or all offers, or withdraw any land or interest in the land from sale, if, in the opinion of the authorized officer, consummation of the sale would not be fully consistent with FLPMA, or other applicable laws. The lands will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 28, 2000.

Mark T. Morse,

Field Manager, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

[INT-DES-00-39]

Rio Grande and Low Flow Conveyance Channel Between San Acacia Diversion Dam, NM, and the Narrows of Elephant Butte Reservoir, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and notice of public hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Rio Grande and Low Flow Conveyance Channel Modifications.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on modifications to the Rio Grande and Low Flow Conveyance Channel system. The proposed modifications are located downstream from San Marcial, New Mexico.

The purpose of the DEIS is to analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed modifications to the main channel of the Rio Grande and Low Flow Conveyance Channel system. The proposed channel system realignment would allow for efficient conveyance of water to Elephant Butte Reservoir, effective valley drainage, and effective sediment management. The proposed changes would also promote the protection and restoration of the riparian and riverine ecosystem in the project area.

The DEIS describes and analyzes the impacts of two alternatives that would realign the Low Flow Conveyance Channel and Rio Grande system to the west side of the Middle Rio Grande Valley. Other alternatives included are the No Action and Discontinue Maintenance Alternatives. The project, as proposed, would be implemented in phases over the next 4 to 11 years, depending upon flow conditions, sediment deposition, and other factors. An adaptive management process would be used to provide a structured but flexible management approach to the construction and maintenance of the realigned channel system.

DATES: A 60-day public review period commences with the publication of this notice. Written comments on the DEIS are due by November 7, 2000, and should be submitted to Mr. Art Coykendall at the address given below. Public hearings on the DEIS will be held during the months of October and November in Socorro, Albuquerque, and

Las Cruces, New Mexico. The public hearings schedule is as follows:

- October 30, 2000, 7 to 9 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 1100 California, N.E., Socorro, New Mexico.
- November 1, 2000, 7 to 9 p.m., Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th Street, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- November 2, 2000, 7 to 9 p.m., New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the DEIS and requests for copies should be addressed to Mr. Art Coykendall, Bureau of Reclamation, Albuquerque Area Office, 505 Marquette Street, NW., Suite 1313, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102-2162; telephone (505) 248-5351; faxogram (505) 248-5308; e-mail: acoykendall@uc.usbr.gov. The DEIS is also available on the Internet at www.uc.usbr.gov.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We 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.

Copies of the DEIS are also available for public review and inspection at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior, Room 7455, 18th and C Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Denver Federal Center, Building 67, Room 167, Denver, Colorado 80225.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Room 6107, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1102.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Albuquerque Area Office, 505 Marquette Street, NW., Suite 1313, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102-2162.

- Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Attention: Jennifer A. Salisbury, Secretary, 2040 South Pacheco Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Art Coykendall, Bureau of Reclamation, Albuquerque Area Office, 505 Marquette Street, NW., Suite 1313, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102-2162; telephone (505) 248-5351.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Flood Control Acts of 1948 and 1950 authorize Reclamation to construct and maintain channel works on the Rio Grande between Velarde, New Mexico, and Caballo Reservoir. These works promote the efficient conveyance of water to Elephant Butte Reservoir. Channel works also assist in meeting water delivery obligations required by interstate compact and international treaty. They also assist in providing reliable valley drainage and contribute to the safe passage of flood waters. To ensure that these project purposes continue to be met effectively, Reclamation has proposed to modify the main channel of the Rio Grande and Low Flow Conveyance Channel system.

Factors prompting a reevaluation of the channel system include changes in the flow of the Rio Grande due to climatic variation and infrastructure changes. Chronic sediment management problems, anticipated reductions in federal funding, and new legal constraints on system operations, such as the Endangered Species Act, are also factors prompting this reevaluation.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purposes of the proposed federal action are to convey water to Elephant Butte Reservoir, maintain effective valley drainage, manage sediment, and protect and promote restoration of the riparian and riverine system to help meet the following needs:

- Fulfill obligations to deliver water to Mexico and as required under interstate water compact;
- Sustain agricultural production;
- Maintain high flow capacity in the river;
- Manage costs of system operation and maintenance; and
- Restore native species habitat.

Hearing Process Information

Oral comments at the hearings will be limited to 10 minutes. The hearing officer may allow any speaker to provide additional oral comments after all persons wishing to comment have been heard. All comments will be

formally recorded. Speakers not present when called will lose their privilege in the scheduled order and will be recalled at the end of the scheduled speakers. Speakers are encouraged to provide written versions of their oral comments, and any other additional written materials, for the hearing record.

Written comments from those unable to attend or those wishing to supplement their oral presentations at the hearings should be received by Reclamation's Albuquerque Area Office at the address given above no later than November 7, 2000, for inclusion in the hearing record. Under the NEPA process, written and oral comments, received by the due date, are given the same consideration.

Dated: September 1, 2000.

Charles A. Calhoun,
Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

United States v. Allied Waste Industries, Inc. and Republic Services, Inc.; Proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. 16(b) through (h), that a Complaint, Hold Separate Stipulation and Order, and proposed Final Judgment were filed with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in *United States v. Allied Waste Industries, Inc., and Republic Services, Inc.*, Civil No. 1:00CV 01469 on June 21, 2000. A Competitive Impact Statement was filed on August 15, 2000. The Complaint sought to enjoin the defendants' proposed sales of waste collection assets in the areas of Albany, NY; Augusta, GA; Burlington and Camden Counties, NJ; Clarksville, TN; Columbus, OH; Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa counties, Florida; Lakeland, FL; Louisville, KY/Sellersburg, IN; Macon, GA; Memphis, TN; Monmouth County, NJ; Nashville, TN and Norfolk, VA. The Complaint also sought to enjoin the defendants' proposed sales of municipal solid waste disposal assets in the areas of Anderson, IN and New York City, NY. The Complaint alleged that these transactions between Allied and Republic would lessen competition substantially in waste collection and municipal solid waste disposal services in violation of Section 7 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18. The proposed Final

Judgment, filed at the same time as the Complaint, requires, among other things, that (1) Allied divest commercial waste collection operations in the areas of Augusta, GA; Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa counties, FL; Memphis, TN; Nashville, TN; and Norfolk, VA; (2) Republic divest commercial waste collection operations in the areas of Columbus, OH; Lakeland, FL; Louisville, KY/Sellersburg, IN; and Macon, GA; (3) Allied divest disposal assets in the area of New York City, New York; and (4) Republic divest disposal assets in the areas of Anderson, IN and Macon, GA. The proposed Final Judgment also requires the defendants to alter their existing contracts and offer new contracts meeting certain conditions for (1) commercial waste collection services in the areas of Albany, NY; Augusta, GA; Burlington and Camden Counties, NJ; Clarksville, TN; Columbus, OH; Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa counties, FL; Lakeland, FL; Louisville, KY/Sellersburg, IN; Macon, GA; Monmouth County, NJ; and Norfolk, VA; and (2) roll-off waste collection services in Macon, GA.

A Competitive Impact Statement filed by the United States describes the Complaint, the proposed Final Judgment, the industry, and remedies to be implemented by Allied and Superior. Copies of the Complaint, Hold Separate Stipulation and Order, proposed Final Judgment, and the Competitive Impact Statement are available for inspection in Room 215 of the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 325 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC, and at the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC. Copies of any of these materials may be obtained upon request and payment of a copying fee.

Public comment is invited within the statutory 60-day comment period. Such comments and response thereto will be published in the **Federal Register** and filed with the Court. Comments should be directed to J. Robert Kramer II, Chief, Litigation II Section, Antitrust Division, United States Department of Justice, 1401 H Street, NW, Suite 3000, Washington, DC 20530 (telephone: 202-307-0924).

Constance K. Robinson,
Director of Operations.

Hold Separate Stipulation and Order

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the undersigned parties, subject to approval and entry by the Court, that: