

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: June 21, 2001.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Clare K. Schmitt, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4182, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1148, schmittc@csr.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

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Dated: June 13, 2001.

Anna Snouffer,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for TotalFinaElf Exploration and Production USA, Inc.'s (TotalFinaElf) and Williams Field Services—Gulf Coast Company, L.P. (Williams) Pipeline and Platform Applications (Canyon Express and Canyon Station Pipeline Applications)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Preparation of an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for a proposed deepwater development plan to develop and produce hydrocarbon reserves about 70 miles offshore Louisiana and 107 miles directly south of Alabama in Mississippi Canyon Block 348 (Camden Hills Prospect), Mississippi Canyon Block 305 (Aconcagua Prospect), and DeSoto Canyon Blocks 133 and 177 (Kings Peak Prospect; in Eastern Planning Area).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Mr. Alvin Jones, telephone (504) 736-1713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This EA implements the tiering process outlined

in 40 CFR 1502.20, which encourages agencies to tier environmental documents, eliminating repetitive discussions of the same issue. By use of tiering to the most recent final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Gulf of Mexico Central Planning Area for Lease Sales 169, 172, 175, 178, and 182 and by referencing related environmental documents, this EA concentrates on environmental issues specific to the proposed action.

The MMS GOM Region received a Pipeline Right-of-Way (ROW) Application that proposes to construct, maintain, operate, and transport hydrocarbon reserves located in Mississippi Canyon Blocks 348, 305, and 217 and DeSoto Canyon Blocks 133 and 177. The Region also received a Right-of-Use and Easement Application for a hydrocarbon processing platform, which will receive production from the Camden Hills, Aconcagua, and Kings Peak Prospects and four exporting lines in Main Pass Block 261. The combined Applications are referred to as the Canyon Express/Station Pipeline Project. TotalFinaElf will complete and produce 10 wells that were drilled under previously approved Exploration Plans for the subject blocks. Williams' proposed platform would receive those hydrocarbon resources and export to existing pipelines. No new drilling operations are proposed as a part of this project.

The Canyon Express portion, a ROW Application consists of 28 ROW and lease-term pipeline segments. The lengths of pipeline segments range from 60 feet to over 55 miles. The water depth ranges from 7,216 feet in Mississippi Canyon Block 348 to 299 feet at the platform ("JP") in Main Pass Block 261. Portions of the proposed Canyon Express pipelines are in (adjacent to the western flank of) the Eastern Planning Area. TotalFinaElf will use a support base located in Fourchon, Louisiana, to support pipelaying activities associated with the Canyon Express Project.

Condensate and gas produced at the Camden Hills, Aconcagua, and Kings Peak Prospects will be transported to the proposed Platform in Main Pass Block 261.

The Canyon Station portion, a Right-of-Use and Easement Application consists of a processing platform and four exporting pipelines all within the Central Planning Area. The water depth of the four departing pipelines range from 282 to 307 feet. The average length of the four exporting pipelines is 1.12 miles. The four exporting pipelines will terminate at subsea tie-in points on existing pipelines within Main Pass

Block 261. Williams will initially use a support base in Venice, Louisiana, and switch operations to Mobile, Alabama, once production commences.

The proposed action analyzed in the EA will be the development plan as proposed by TotalFinaElf and Williams. Alternatives will include the proposed action with additional mitigations and no action (i.e., disapproval of the plan). The analyses in the EA will examine the potential environmental effects of the proposal and alternatives.

Public Comments

The MMS requests interested parties to submit comments regarding issues that should be addressed in the EA to Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Office of Leasing and Environment, Attention: Regional Supervisor (MS 5400), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. Comments must be submitted no later than 30 days from the publication date of this Notice.

Dated: June 7, 2001.

Chris C. Oynes,

Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Parole Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting

ACTION: Public Announcement of meeting pursuant to the Government In the Sunshine Act (Public Law 94-409; 5 U.S.C. Section 552b).

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Department of Justice, United States Parole Commission.

DATE AND TIME: 12:00 p.m., Friday, June 22, 2001.

PLACE: 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 400, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

STATUS: Closed—Meeting.

MATTERS CONSIDERED: The following matter will be considered during the closed portion of the Commission's Business Meeting:

Appeals to the Commission involving approximately two cases decided by the National Commissioners pursuant to a reference under 28 C.F.R. 2.27. These cases were originally heard by an examiner panel wherein inmates of Federal prisons have applied for parole or are contesting revocation of parole or mandatory release.

AGENCY CONTACT: Sam Robertson, Case Operations, United States Parole Commission, (301) 492-5962.

Dated: June 15, 2001.

Michael A. Stover,

General Counsel, U.S. Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Parole Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting

ACTION: Public Announcement of meeting pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (Public Law 94-409; 5 U.S.C. Section 552b).

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Department of Justice, United States Parole Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Friday, June 22, 2001.

PLACE: 5550 Friendship Blvd., Fourth Floor, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the open Parole Commission meeting:

1. Approval of minutes of previous Commission meeting.
2. Reports from the Chairman, Commissioners, Legal, Chief of Staff, Case Operations, and Administrative Sections.
3. Discussion on recommended revision of 28 CFR § 2.81(d) concerning the procedures for reparole hearings in District of Columbia Code cases.

AGENCY CONTACT: Sam Robertson, Case Operations, United States Parole Commission, (301) 492-5962.

Dated: June 15, 2001.

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General Counsel, U.S. Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Mental Health Parity

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce

paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and other federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95)(44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data is provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

By this notice, the Department of Labor's Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA) is soliciting comments on the extension of the information collection requests (ICRs) included in the Interim Rules for Mental Health Parity as published in the **Federal Register** on December 22, 1997 (62 FR 66931)(Interim rules). OMB approved the three separate ICRs through August 31, 2001 under OMB control numbers 1210-0105, 1210-0106, and 1210-0107, respectively. Copies of the ICRs for 1210-0105 and 1210-0106 may be obtained by contacting the office shown below in the addresses section of this notice. The approval for the ICR approved under 1210-0107 will be allowed to expire because it pertained to a specific transitional period, and is no longer applicable.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section on or before August 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding the ICRs to Mr. Gerald B. Lindrew, Office of Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-4782. Fax: (202) 219-4745 (these are not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The purpose of this notice is to seek comments from the public prior to submission to OMB for continued approval of two of the three information collection requests included in the Interim Final Rules. The Mental Health Parity Act of 1996 (MHPA) (Pub. L. 104-204) generally requires that group health plans provide parity in the application of dollar limits between mental health and medical/surgical benefits. The statute exempts plans from this requirement if its application results in

an increase in the cost under the plan or coverage of at least one percent. The Interim Final Rules under 29 CFR 2590.712(f)(3)(i) and (ii) require a group health plan electing this exemption to provide a written notice to participants and beneficiaries and to the federal government of the plan's election of the exemption. This notice requirement is approved under OMB control number 1210-0105. To satisfy the requirement to notify the federal government, a group health plan may either send the Department a copy of the summary of material reductions in covered services or benefits sent to participants and beneficiaries, containing the plan number and the plan sponsor's employer identification number, or the plan may use the Department's model notice published in the Interim Final Rule which was developed for this purpose.

The second ICR, approved under OMB control number 1210-0106, is a summary of the information used to calculate the plan's increased costs under the MHPA for purposes of electing the one percent increased cost exemption, which the plan must make available to participants and beneficiaries, on request at no charge. Under 29 CFR 2590.712(f)(2), a group health plan wishing to elect the one percent exemption must calculate their increased costs according to certain rules. Under 29 CFR 2590.712(f)(4), a group health plan electing the one percent exemption is obligated to disclose to participants and beneficiaries (or their representatives), on request and at not charge, a summary of the information on which the exemption was based.

The third ICR, found in 29 CFR 2590.712(h)(3)(ii), was a notice of a group health plan's use of the transition period. This ICR was originally approved under OMB control number 1210-0107. This provision required plans exercising the one percent increased cost exemption during all or part of the first quarter of 1998 under the rule's transition provisions to notify the federal government, and to post a copy of this notice in a location where documents are made available for examination by participants and beneficiaries pursuant to section 104 of ERISA. Because the transition period is concluded, this requirement no longer applies and the ICR will be allowed to expire.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.