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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**Office of Natural Resources Revenue**  
**[Docket No. ONRR-2011-0014]**

**Update to Indian Index Zone Price Points**

**AGENCY:** Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR, formerly Minerals Management Service’s (MMS) Minerals Revenue Management) is announcing an update to Indian index zone price points that will remove certain natural gas index prices from the Indian Index Zone calculation. These changes will impact Oklahoma-Zone 1, Oklahoma-Zone 2, and the Central Rocky Mountain Zone. The ONRR State and Indian Outreach Program held three Indian Tribal Consultation meetings seeking input and comments on several changes that could affect the valuation of mineral production on Indian lands, including this **Federal Register** Notice. The meetings took place in

Albuquerque, NM on May 19; Denver, CO on May 26; and Oklahoma City, OK on June 9, 2011. The ONRR did not receive any negative comments from the various Indian Tribes on this **Federal Register** Notice.

**DATES:** Effective August 1, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on technical issues, contact Jason Boroos, Economic and Market Analysis, ONRR, telephone (303) 231-3048; e-mail *Jason.Boroos@onrr.gov*. For other questions, contact Armand Southall, Project Management Office-Regulations, ONRR, telephone (303) 231-3221, or e-mail *Armand.Southall@onrr.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ONRR (formerly MMS) published a final rule, regarding amendments to gas valuation regulations for Indian leases, in the **Federal Register** on August 10, 1999 (64 FR 43506). The ONRR also published additional information in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 1999 (64 FR 66771) and March 8, 2007 (72 FR 10522), which listed the Index Zones Eligible for the Index-Based Valuation Method and the acceptable publications and indices. The ONRR has recently completed an analysis to examine the designated indices contained in each Index Zone from the standpoint of market liquidity, transparency, and value and has concluded three index zones need to be revised pursuant to

section 1206.172 (d)(6) of title 30 of the Code of Federal Register. This document lists those revisions.

The ONRR analyzed the trading volume and number of deals from January 2005 through August 2010 for indices in all the Index Zones. As a result, ONRR determined that two indices, CenterPoint West in Oklahoma-Zones 1 and 2, and Questar in the Central Rocky Mountain Zone were very thinly traded and unrepresentative of the market. Beginning with production on the first day of the second month following the publication date, ONRR will no longer use these indices in the Index Zone calculation. Additionally, we have removed Northern NG TX, OK, KS, CenterPointWest (Platts), Enogex, and Northern Natural Mid 10-13, which are no longer published by either the Platts or Natural Gas Intelligence. Lessees must value gas production for Oklahoma-Zone 1, Oklahoma-Zone 2, and the Central Rocky Mountain Zone on the index-based valuation formula at § 1206.172(d) using the updated list of ONRR approved publications and indices for the affected Index Zones to determine the Index Zone price; or lessees may obtain the index-based values from the ONRR Web site at: <http://onrr.gov/SIC/allzones.htm>.

The approved publications and index pricing points for the Index Zones are shown in the following table:

**APPROVED PUBLICATIONS AND INDEX PRICING POINTS**

Index zone	ONRR approved publications		Index-pricing points
	Platts Inside FERC	NGI bidweek survey	
Oklahoma-Zone 1 .....	X	.....	ANR Pipeline Co. for Oklahoma.
	X	.....	Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America for Mid-continent.
	X	.....	Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co. for Texas, Oklahoma (mainline).
	X	.....	Southern Star Natural Gas Pipeline Inc. for Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas (formerly <i>Williams Gas Pipelines Central Inc. Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas</i> ).
	.....	X	ANR SW.
	.....	X	NGPL Midcontinent.
Oklahoma-Zone 2 .....	.....	X	Panhandle Eastern.
	.....	X	Southern Star.
	X	.....	ANR Pipeline Co. for Oklahoma.
	X	.....	Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America for Mid-continent.
	X	.....	Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co. for Texas, Oklahoma (mainline).
	X	.....	Southern Star Natural Gas Pipeline Inc. for Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas.
Oklahoma-Zone 3 .....	.....	X	ANR SW.
	.....	X	NGPL Midcontinent.
	.....	X	Panhandle Eastern.
	.....	X	Southern Star.
	X	.....	Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America Texok.

APPROVED PUBLICATIONS AND INDEX PRICING POINTS—Continued

Index zone	ONRR approved publications		Index-pricing points
	Platts Inside FERC	NGI bidweek survey	
Central Rocky Mountains .....	X	.....	Southern Star Natural Gas Pipeline Inc. for Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas.
	X	.....	CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission East ( <i>formerly Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Co. East</i> ).
	.....	X	NGPL Texok.
	.....	X	CenterPoint East.
	.....	X	Southern Star.
	X	.....	Kern River Gas Transmission for Wyoming.
	X	.....	Northwest Pipeline Corp. for Rocky Mountains.
	X	.....	Colorado Interstate Gas for Rocky Mountains.
	.....	X	CIG.
	.....	X	Kern River.
Northern Rocky Mountains .....	X	.....	Northwest Domestic.
	.....	X	Colorado Interstate Gas for Rocky Mountains.
San Juan Basin .....	X	.....	CIG.
	X	.....	El Paso Natural Gas Co. San Juan.
	.....	X	Transwestern Pipeline Co. San Juan ( <i>effective August 1st, 2010</i> ).
	.....	X	El Paso Non-bondad.
.....	.....	X	Transwestern San Juan.

The ONRR State and Indian Outreach Program completed the three Indian Tribal Consultation meetings in Albuquerque, NM; Denver, CO; and Oklahoma City, OK, required under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, dated November 9, 2000. The ONRR did not receive any negative comments from the Indian Tribes.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 1029-0083**

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request renewed authority for the Certification of Blasters in Federal program states and on Indian lands, and the related form.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received

by August 29, 2011, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to John Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 203—SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to [jtrelease@osmre.gov](mailto:jtrelease@osmre.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To receive a copy of the information collection request contact John Trelease at (202) 208-2783.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d)]. This notice identifies an information collection that OSM will be submitting to OMB for approval. This collection is contained in 30 CFR 955—Certification of Blasters in Federal program states and on Indian lands, and Form OSM-74. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for 30 CFR 955 and Form OSM-74 is 1029-0083, and is codified at 30 CFR 955.10.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information

for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

*Title:* 30 CFR 955—Certification of blasters in Federal program states and on Indian lands.

*OMB Control Number:* 1029-0083.

**SUMMARY:** This information is being collected to ensure that the applicants for blaster certification are qualified. This information, with blasting tests, will be used to determine the eligibility of the applicant.

*Bureau Form Number:* OSM-74.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Description of Respondents:*

Individuals intent on being certified as