

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Public Meeting; Central Montana Resource Advisory Council**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be May 13–14, 2014. The May 13 meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period and will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The May 14 meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period beginning at 10:00 a.m. and will adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be in the Bureau of Land Management, Central Montana District Office, Lewistown Field Office Conference Room at 920 NE Main, Lewistown, Montana.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior on a variety of management issues associated with public land management in Montana. During these meetings the council will participate in/discuss/act upon these topics/activities: A roundtable discussion among council members and the BLM; orientation of new members; election of officers; report on Chairpersons meeting; update on litigations; Greater Sage-grouse and Lewistown RMP updates; discussion about the Missouri Breaks Interpretive Center fee increase; discussion about establishing a rental program for the Zortman Ranger Station; discussion about establishing a reservation system for Buff's Day Use Area; and District

Managers' updates. All RAC meetings are open to the public.

Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments.

Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

Dated: March 24, 2014.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**

[Docket No. BOEM-2014-0010; MMAA104000]

Environmental Assessment for Potential Interim Policy Lease Issuance and Site Assessment Activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Offshore Georgia**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of the Availability of an Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) considering the reasonably foreseeable environmental and socioeconomic impacts of issuing an Interim Policy lease and subsequent site characterization activities (geophysical, geotechnical, archaeological, and biological surveys) in Official Protraction Diagram NH 17-02 Blocks 6074, 6126, and 6174, offshore Georgia. The EA also considers the reasonably foreseeable impacts associated with the approval of site assessment activities (including the installation and operation of a meteorological tower and/or buoys) on the lease that may be issued. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of the EA for review, to solicit public comments on the EA, and to seek public comment and input under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), and its implementing regulations (36 CFR part 800).

The EA can be found online at <http://www.boem.gov/Renewable-Energy-Program/State-Activities/Georgia.aspx>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 6, 2007, the Minerals Management Service (MMS), now BOEM, announced an Interim Policy for authorizing the issuance of leases for the installation of offshore data collection and technology testing facilities on the OCS (72 FR 62673). An applicant has submitted a lease proposal to BOEM pursuant to the Interim Policy and, thus, has initiated the need for an EA.

On July 23, 2008, Southern Company nominated three OCS blocks, approximately 3 to 11 nautical miles off the coast of Tybee Island, Georgia. On April 7, 2011, Southern Company submitted an application to lease the area identified as Brunswick NH 17-02 OCS Blocks 6074, 6174, and 6126. The proposed lease area covers about 70 square kilometers (17,280 acres) of seafloor and ranges from a depth of 12 meters (m) in Block 6074 to 20 m in the eastern half of Block 6126. Southern Company submitted an amended project application in May 2012 and provided additional information in October 2012. The amendment describes additional data collection and technology testing activities to be conducted on the proposed lease. Southern Company intends to deploy a meteorological tower and/or meteorological buoys that will measure wind speed, direction and shear, and potentially collect other environmental data types during the five year lease term.

On December 14, 2012, BOEM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EA that requested public comments on alternatives for consideration in the EA as well as identification of important environmental issues associated with issuing a lease for an offshore data collection facility and related activities (77 FR 74512). BOEM considered these public comments in drafting the alternatives and assessing the reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts associated with each. Comments received in response to the NOI can be viewed at: <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for Docket ID BOEM-2012-0074.

BOEM is seeking public input on the EA, including comments on the completeness and adequacy of the environmental analysis, and on the measures and operating conditions in the EA designed to reduce or eliminate potential environmental impacts. BOEM will consider public comments on the EA in determining whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or conduct additional analysis