

responsibility of each office within OFHEO to ensure and maximize the quality, including the objectivity, utility and integrity, of the data originating from it. The General Counsel has overarching responsibility to advise and counsel the Director and agency personnel as to compliance with the applicable law. The Guidelines so reflect and preserve the respective responsibilities of the various agency officials.

The Center for Regulatory Effectiveness (CRE) outlined a number of broad cross-cutting policy issues of general concern to all agencies related to "Data Quality Guidelines" and provided recommendations on how such issues should be addressed. The CRE identified and evaluated a number of differing agency approaches to these issues, which it suggested might be emulated or avoided. OFHEO considered these comments in conjunction with OMB guidance in fashioning the final information quality guidelines.

Dated: October 8, 2002.

Jimmy F. Barton,

Deputy Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Delta National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of application for a natural gas pipeline right-of-way on Delta National Wildlife Refuge, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that under Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (41 Stat. 449; 30 U.S.C. 185), as amended by Public Law 93-153, the Southern Natural Gas Company has applied for a permit to remove a 14" underground natural gas pipeline, and install a new 14" underground natural gas pipeline in a 50-foot wide right-of-way which will run approximately 10,421 feet in length.

This pipeline right-of-way will be on, over, and across a strip of land lying in Plaquemines Parish, State of Louisiana, Sections 10, 15, and 22 of Township 20 South, Range 19 East, on the West Bank of East Fork of Romere Pass. The Southern Natural Gas Company currently operates a 14" pipeline and wants to install a new pipeline 200—1,200 feet west of its current location.

The land described herein contains approximately 12.59 acres with 7.79 acres in a temporary (1 year) construction servitude. The existing pipeline will be completely removed after the new line has been installed and is operational.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service is currently considering the merits of approving this application.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons desiring to comment on this application should do so within thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice. If you wish to comment, you may do so by one of the following methods. You may mail comments to Mr. Dwight Stanley, Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 420, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. You may also comment via the Internet at the following address: *dwight_stanley@fws.gov*. If you submit comments by electronic mail, please submit them as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please include your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us at the phone number or address listed in this notice. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours.

Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dwight Stanley at 404-679-7235; fax 404-679-7273.

Authority: Right-of-way applications are filed in accordance with Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (41 Stat. 449; 30 U.S.C. 185), as amended by Public Law 93-153.

Dated: September 19, 2002.

Christine Eustis,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Rate Adjustments for Indian Irrigation Facilities

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of 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. The BIA establishes irrigation assessment rates to recover its costs to administer, operate, maintain, and rehabilitate certain of those facilities. We are notifying you that we have adjusted the irrigation assessment rates at several of our irrigation facilities where we are required to recover our full costs of operation and maintenance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The irrigation assessment rates shown in the tables were effective on January 1, 2002.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Proposed Rate Adjustment was published in the **Federal Register** on March 8, 2002 (67 FR 10748-10752), to adjust the irrigation rates at several BIA irrigation facilities. A correction of the March 8, 2002, notice was published on April 26, 2002, at 67 FR 20820-20321 for all units of the Wapato Irrigation Project. The public and interested parties were provided an opportunity to submit written comments during the 60 day-periods subsequent to March 8, 2002, and April 26, 2002.

Did the BIA Receive Any Comments on the Proposed Irrigation Assessment Rate Adjustments?

Written comments were received only for the proposed irrigation assessment rate adjustment at the Blackfeet Irrigation Project, Montana (Project).

What Issues Were of Concern by the Commentators?

All of the comments were concerned with one or more of three issues: (1) Consultation with stakeholders; (2) how are funds expended on operation and maintenance; and (3) the impact of a rate increase on the local agricultural economy.

How Does BIA Respond to the Concern of Consultation With Stakeholders?

Consultations between stakeholders and any of the BIA irrigation facilities are ongoing through local meetings held periodically at different locations convenient to the stakeholders of the individual irrigation facilities. At those consultation meetings, any issue of concern by a stakeholder can be brought up and discussed such as water operations, facility maintenance, and financial management. For example, a BIA representative attended meetings of the Seville Water Users Association of