

Successful Competitive Lease Sales Since 1990, Eastern States

BLM Eastern States maintains records of coal lease sales during the year. This table provides information about lease sales based on the Lease by Application (LBA) serial number, which is used to identify and track applications. Sometimes, the applicant is not the same as the final lessee because during the bidding process, someone may submit a larger bid than the applicant.

Data in this table may not add up to the state-specific totals listed on the BLM's [national coal page](#) because the national table includes information, such as lease modifications and relinquishments not included here.

LBA Serial Number	Applicant	Federal Register Notice	Acres Offered (per sale notice)	Tons Offered (per sale notice)	Successful Bid	\$/ton	\$/acre	Lessee (as issued)	Effective Date
ALES-041886	River King Energy Co.	Vol. 55, No. 92, pg 19802	80.000	160,300	21,120.00	.132	263.76	River King Energy Co.	8/1/1990
KYES-041395	Cairns Coal Co., Inc.	Vol. 55, No. 217, pg 47008	960.000	4,335,500	196,000.00	.045	204.17	Apollo Fuels Inc.	7/1/1991
KYES-042948	Summit Engineering Co.	Vol. 56, NO. 63, pg 13485	99.000	167,400	9,900.00	.059	100.00	Wellmore Coal Co.	10/1/1991
KYES-043034	Peabody Coal Company	Vol. 56, No. 63, pg 13485	166.580	940,000	16,700.00	.018	100.25	Peabody Coal Co.	7/1/1991
ALES-043165	Pittsburgh and Midway Coal Mining Co., a Chevron Company	Vol. 56, No. 112, pg 26830	6,440.000	24,600,000	1,300,000.00	.05285	201.86	Pittsburgh and Midway Coal Mining Co., a Chevron Company	11/1/1991
KYES-045088	Leeco Inc.	Vol. 58, No. 146, pg 41100	162.670	543,291	17,115.00	.032	105.21	Leeco Inc.	11/1/1993
ALES-044853	Drummond Co., Incorporated	Vol. 59, No. 34, pg 8268	1,609.500	8,065,000	330,000.00	.041	205.03	Drummond Co., Inc.	8/1/1994
ALES-046611	Drummond Co. Incorporated	Vol. 61, No. 109, pg 28592	40.080	190,000	8,405.00	.044	209.71	Drummond Co., Inc.	2/1/1997
ALES-047886	Oak Mtn. Energy, LLC	Vol. 62, No. 140, pg 39249	40.470	544,000	4,223.00	.008	104.35	Oak Mountain Energy, LLC	4/1/1998
ALES-051589	Pittsburgh and Midway Mining Coal Co.	Vol. 69, No. 169, pg 53461	2,887.200	10,789,000	320,568.00	.030	111.03	Pittsburgh and Midway Coal Mining Co.	2/1/2005
KYES-051002	Bledsoe Coal Leasing Company	Vol. 70, No. 124, pg 37430	1,210.400	2,900,000	501,000.00	.173	413.91	Bledsoe Coal Leasing Company	10/1/2005
KYES-050213	Chas Coal LLC	Vol. 71, No. 59, pg 15473	314.530	792,335	47,179.00	.060	150.00	Chas Coal LLC	8/1/2006
WVES-50556	Argus Energy WV, LLC	Vol. 79, No. 202, pg 62666	7,641.63	15,000,000	775,000	.0517	101.41	Booth Energy	7/1/2015

Source: Lease sales data are from BLM Eastern States. For additional information, please contact the [BLM Eastern States office](#).

Definitions used in this table

Lease by Application (LBA) Serial Number: A unique application identifier assigned by the BLM for processing the application. Under an LBA, an application from the public to lease a particular tract of coal is submitted.

Applicant: The applicant is the person, association, or corporation requesting the right to mine Federal coal through an LBA. Applicants pay for BLM processing and work with the BLM through the application process. Applicants shall meet the qualifications required in 43 CFR 3472. Note that the applicant is not necessarily the lessee, who is the successful bidder.

Lessee (as issued): The successful bidder for a lease who has entered into a contract with the BLM to develop Federal coal. The successful bidder is determined by the highest bid that meets or exceeds the pre-sale Fair Market Value estimate, and has been determined to be qualified under 43 CFR 3472 to hold a lease.

Acres Offered (per sale notice): The acres offered is the number published in the Federal Register lease sale notice or in the detailed statement of the terms and conditions of the lease provided prior to the sale.

Tons Offered (per sale notice): The tons offered is the quantity of coal listed normally as recoverable reserve (sometimes provided as minable reserves) published in the Federal Register lease notice or in the detailed statement of the terms and conditions of the lease provided prior to the sale. See 43 CFR 3480.0-5 for definitions of recoverable coal reserves and minable reserve base.

Successful Bid: The amount of the bonus bid offered for a lease tract for the purpose of obtaining the right to explore and develop Federal coal.

Effective Date: The date the coal lease becomes effective. A lease normally becomes effective the first day of the month following the lease signature.