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DECISION

Texas Central Crude	:	Noncompetitive
1001 McKinney, Ste 805	:	Oil and Gas Lease Offers
Houston, TX 77002	:	

Lease Offer Rejected in Part

The Bureau of Land Management – Eastern States (BLM-ES) received a noncompetitive oil and gas lease offer, ARES 52007 on October 10, 2003, for lands in Ouachita County Arkansas. This was for lands described as:

T14S, R19W, 5th Principal Meridian
Section 15, Pt NE (37 acres), W2SE (80 acres);
Section 16, W2NW (80 acres), N2SW (80 acres).

The land described as Section 16, SWNW (40 acres) was offered at the April 24, 2008, Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale, and oil and gas lease ARES 55240 was issued effective July 1, 2008. Accordingly, this decision hereby rejects in part the Section 16, SWNW (40 acres) from the noncompetitive pre-sale oil and gas lease offer ARES 52007.

The remaining lands, totaling 237.00 acres, are still considered to be a pending application. At this time, we would like to confirm whether or not you are still interested in pursuing your nomination. If you are no longer interested in pursuing your noncompetitive presale lease offer, you can withdrawal the nomination and we will authorize a refund of the remaining first year advance rental submitted with your offer. **Please respond within 30 days of receipt of this decision. Failure to return this signed copy will indicate a lack of interest and result in the rejection of your application.**

The BLM-ES, after the expiration of the appeal period, will refund a partial of the 1st Year Advanced Rental payment in the amount of **\$60.00**.

This decision will become final 30 days from receipt of this decision, in the absence of an appeal.

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the letterhead address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition (pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993)) for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below.

Copies of the notice of appeal and a petition for a stay **must** also be submitted to each party named in the decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay: Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards: (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied; (2) the likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits; (3) the likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted; and (4) whether the public interest favors granting the stay.



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Enclosure
Form 1842-1