Decision to Lease

DECISION

Approximately 121,077.59 acres of public lands (85 parcels) generally available for oil and gas leasing under Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land use plans were nominated for the oil and gas lease sale scheduled to be held on February 19, 2008.

Based on findings, determinations, and recommendations from the BLM, Utah Field Office Managers, I have decided to offer approximately 82,893.33 acres on 57 parcels of BLM-administered lands with appropriate conditions and stipulations.

RATIONALE FOR THE DECISION

The lands to be offered are identified by serial and parcel number on the attached list which identifies the specific conditions, terms, stipulations and notices applicable to each parcel.

All of the parcels have been reviewed to determine if existing planning and NEPA documents adequately address the issues and environmental consequences of leasing at this time. My decision to offer parcels within the Vernal, Price and Richfield Field Offices is based on the findings and recommendations made in the relevant field offices' Determinations of NEPA Adequacy (DNAs) and modifications made by the Utah State Office Energy Support Team. My decision to offer parcels within the Salt Lake Field Office is based on Environmental Assessment UT-020-2008-013 (Rich County Oil and Gas Lease Parcels).

This decision also includes the offering of parcel UTU0207-132 located within the boundaries of the Moab Field Office which was deferred from the February 2007 lease sale. Additional documentation was supplied to support the offering of this parcel. The documentation to support leasing this parcel is contained in the administrative record for the February 20, 2007 lease sale.

Approved: /s/ Kent Hoffman Date: January 4, 2008

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