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Dated: April 15, 1983

John L. Rankin,

Acting Regional Manager, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

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Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf; Mark Producing, Inc.

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the Receipt of a Proposed Development and Production Plan.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces that Mark Producing, Inc., Unit Operator of the High Island A-462/A-475 Federal Unit Agreement No. 14-08-0001-20236, submitted on April 11, 1983, a proposed initial plan of development/production describing the activities it proposes to conduct on the High Island A-462/A-475 Federal Unit.

The purpose of this Notice is to inform the public, pursuant to section 25 of the OCS Lands Act Amendments of 1978, that the Minerals Management Service is considering approval of the plan and that it is available for public review at the offices of the Regional Manager, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 3301 N. Causeway Blvd., Room 147, Metairie, Louisiana 70002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Minerals Management Service, Public Records, Room 147, open weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 3301 N. Causeway Blvd., Metairie, Louisiana 70002, phone (504) 837-4720, ext. 226.

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Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf; McMoRan Offshore Exploration Co.

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the Receipt of a Proposed Development and Production Plan.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that McMoRan Offshore Exploration Company has submitted a Development and Production Plan describing the activities it proposes to conduct on Leases OCS-G 3108 and 3466, Blocks 700 and 713, Matagorda Island Area, offshore Texas.

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Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf; Union Oil Co. of California

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the Receipt of a Proposed Development and Production Plan.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Union Oil Company of California has submitted a Development and Production Plan describing the activities it proposes to conduct on Lease OCS-G 3786, Block 372, Eugene Island Area, offshore Louisiana.

The purpose of this Notice is to inform the public, pursuant to Section 25 of the OCS Lands Act Amendments of 1978, that the Minerals Management Service is considering approval of the Plan and that it is available for public review at the Office of the Regional Manager, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 3301 North Causeway Blvd., Room 147, Metairie, Louisiana 70002.

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John L. Rankin,

Acting Regional Manager, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

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National Park Service

Redwood National Park, California; Availability of Statement of Findings Regarding Floodplain Management and Wetland Protection

SUMMARY: Pursant to the requirements specified in Executive Order 11988 (May 24, 1977); for Floodplain Management, Executive Order 11990 (May 24, 1977) for Protection of Wetlands and their implementing guidelines, and the

National Park Service Floodplain Management and Wetland Protection Guidelines (Federal Register, Volume 45, Number 104—Wednesday, May 28, 1980), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, gives notice that a statement of findings has been prepared for the Redwood Information Center, Redwood National Park, California.

The action calls for the construction of a visitor information center building and parking lot in a previously developed area located within the 100 year flood and the 500 year event. However, the actual building is to be constructed above levels.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR FOR A COPY OF THE STATEMENT OF FINDINGS, CONTACT:

Howard H. Chapman, Regional Director, Western Region, National Park Service, P.O. Box 36063, San Francisco, California 94102, Telephone: (415) 556-4198; or Douglas Warnock, Superintendent, Redwood National Park, 1111 Second Street, Crescent City, California 95531, Telephone: (707) 464-6101.

Dated: April 15, 1983.

W. Lowell White,

Acting Regional Director, Western Region.

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Office of the Secretary

Coastal Barrier Resources Act

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the provisions of Section 4(c) of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) (Pub. L. 97-348), and with the guidelines published in the Federal Register on November 19, 1982 (47 FR 52388-52393), the Department has completed making minor and technical modifications to the boundaries of the system units within 180 days after the date of enactment as required by CBRA. The Department provided written descriptions and notice of the proposed minor and technical modifications on March 14, 1983 to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries in the House of Representatives and to the Committee on the Environment and Public Works in the Senate. This information was also provided to the chief executive officer of each State, county, or equivalent jurisdiction in which a system is located; each State coastal zone management agency in those States which have a coastal zone management plan approved pursuant to section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972

(16 U.S.C. 1455) and in which a system is located; and each appropriate Federal agency, as required by CBRA. This information was also made available to the public as published in the Federal Register (47 FR 11177-11178) March 16, 1983. Comments on the proposed modifications were accepted through April 13, 1983.

As required, the Department has provided notice and written justification of the final minor and technical modifications to the individuals and entities indicated above.

Copies of all comments received and maps showing final modifications are available for public review. Interested individuals may contact the Coastal Barriers Task Force, Room 3149, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240, prior to May 2, 1983 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after that date.

ADDRESS: Mr. Ric Davidge, Chairman, Coastal Barriers Task Force, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Frank McGilvrey, Coastal Barriers Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington DC 20240. (202) 343-5000.
Ric Davidge,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

April 18, 1983.

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Guidelines for Transactions Between Nonprofit Conservation Organizations and Federal Agencies

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of final guidelines—Request for additional comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks is publishing final guidelines for transactions between nonprofit conservation organizations and Federal agencies that utilize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). These guidelines will provide broad instructions to the four Federal agencies in their use of nonprofit conservation organizations to assist in securing the natural, cultural, wildlife and recreation values in greatest need of protection.

The guidelines will apply to the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management in the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service in the Department of Agriculture.

DATE: Additional comments must be received before May 23, 1983. Unless

modified pursuant to notice in the Federal Register, these guidelines shall be effective June 21, 1983.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ric Davidge, Chairman, LWCF Policy Group, Room 3156, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public was invited to comment on the proposed guidelines, that appeared in the Federal Register, January 28, 1983 (Vol. 48, No. 20, pages 4055-6).

There were several comments received via phone expressing support for the guidelines and an interest in their rapid implementation. Thirty-two written comments were received. Thirty-one fully supported the guidelines and their immediate implementation by all of the Federal agencies using the Land and Water Conservation Fund. One letter supported all of the basic principles except the requirement that a letter of intent be sent to the nonprofit organization outlining necessary land or interest in land needed, the estimated value, the projected time when the agency intends to acquire the property from the nonprofit organization and an explanation of the limitation of liability to the Government should the Federal agency be unable or decline to purchase the land.

The letter of intent is essential to establishing a common understanding of what is expected from the nonprofit and the Government. The purpose of these guidelines is to clarify the relationships between individual nonprofit organizations and LWCF Act agencies. This policy is primarily applicable when the nonprofit is dependent on Federal funding to conclude a transaction. Obviously, these guidelines are not intended to preclude purely private actions. Any private party can buy land within the boundaries of Federal areas without Federal permission or acquiescence. In those cases, however, where a nonprofit or any individual needs or requests limited Federal assurances prior to proceeding—those limited assurances will be subject to the policy guidelines provided herein. When a nonprofit requires limited assurances before it proceeds, our policy will require that certain ground rules be followed.

The majority of these ground rules were laid out in the proposed guidelines. Furthermore, there is an additional concern—not previously reflected in the guidelines—that full disclosure of financial arrangements be made in each case where the nonprofit has secured the land via an option to purchase and does not and will not own title to the

property prior to receipt of a firm Federal commitment to purchase the tract in question.

In these cases the Government will also want to know the financial background of the transaction. A disclosure of the financial background should indicate the price of the property to the nonprofit, the basis for that price (appraisals, etc.), the costs to the nonprofit, and the price and basis thereof for the subsequent sale to the United States. This additional requirement has now been added. In our view this type of disclosure to the concerned Federal agency is reasonable given the level of Federal commitment that is being requested, prior to nonprofit action. Because this is a new provision—although one applicable only to a very limited situation—additional time is being provided for public review and comment.

Office of Management and Budget and the General Accounting office have urged that guidelines be developed. The General Accounting Office's concerns have been expressed in recent reports including *Overview of Federal Land Acquisition and Management Practices* (CED 81-135), which noted that 4.5 percent of the land acquired by the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service during the period 1965-1979 was acquired through the use of nonprofit conservation organizations, and recommended that the Department develop a written policy for dealing with these groups. Such a policy, the report stated, should provide guidance on "when to use nonprofits, what the working relationship should be, and what unique land acquisition procedures might be appropriate."

Congress, as recently as the Explanatory Statement of the Senate Recommendations of the Senate Committee on Appropriations on the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, 1983 (H.R. 7356), indicated its support and interest in improving the " * * * cooperation between the land acquiring agencies and the nonprofit organizations that are capable of performing a valuable service in helping acquire properties * * * ". It is the intent of the guidelines to create an understanding of the benefits and operating procedures of the nonprofit organizations and the Federal agencies and to foster greater cooperation.

The Department of the Interior has determined that this document is not a major rule under E.O. 12291 and certifies that this document will not have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities

under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

These guidelines do not in themselves constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). NEPA concerns will be addressed at the individual unit levels on a case-by-case basis.

Nonprofit conservation organizations, like other private landowners, make their own decisions regarding the purchase and sale of real property. However, when dealing with resources to be purchased by the Federal agencies using the Land and Water Conservation Fund, some basic principles should be followed.

The Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks makes notice of the following guidelines.

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Introduction

Because of the lengthy time requirements in the budgeting and appropriation process, Federal agencies are frequently unable to acquire land in response to imminent threats to critical resources or to buy needed resources under favorable terms. With the ability to act quickly in the private market and maintain flexible working relationships with landowners, nonprofit conservation organizations can assist and support the Federal land acquisition program. However, the role of nonprofit organizations in acquiring land or interests in land should be clearly and carefully defined in each transaction considering the basic principles listed below.

Basic Principles

Nonprofit conservation organizations are not in any manner agents of the Federal Government. They are private independent groups who freely negotiate real estate actions anywhere and anytime they desire and at their own risk. However, in dealing with the Government agencies, because of statutory, budgetary and policy considerations, the objectives of the Federal agencies must be paramount to those of the nonprofit conservation organizations.

Lands or interests in lands proposed for acquisition through a nonprofit organization should be in accord with priorities outlined by the agency.

Lands or interests in land acquired from nonprofit organizations must be within the boundaries of authorized areas, consistent with existing acquisition authorities, and limited to tracts that the agency has determined need to be acquired.

In each case the proposal of the agency should be outlined in a letter of intent to the nonprofit organization. The letter should provide the nonprofit organization with a minimum of: (1) Land or interest in land needed; (2) the estimated value; (3) the projected time frame as to when the agency intends to acquire the property from the nonprofit organization; and (4) a statement indicating that should the agency be unable or decline for policy reasons to purchase the land within the projected time frame, disposition of the land or interests in land by the nonprofit organization is without liability to the Government.

In cases where a nonprofit conservation agency or individual has secured an option to buy and does not or will not own title prior to a binding Federal commitment to purchase, all financial arrangements including the option price, the sale price to the Federal agency and appraisal data must be disclosed before a decision to purchase is made by the Federal agency.

G. Ray Arnett,

Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Investigation and Suspension Docket No. M-29788]

Motor Carriers; Charge for Shipments Moving on Order; Notify Bill of Lading N.M.F.T.A.

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Extension of time to file comments.

SUMMARY: The previously established due date for comments (April 21, 1983) on our requirement that rules and charges unrelated to classification and not prescribed by the Commission be removed from the classification where the scope of the pertinent agreement is limited to classification making (See 47 FR 11572 (March 17, 1983)), has been extended 20 days.

DATE: Comments must be received by May 11, 1983.