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Secretary Salazar Renews Charter for Royalty Policy Committee

Extends Committee for Two Years

DENVER – The Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) has published a Federal Register Notice announcing that the Secretary of the Interior renewed the charter to continue the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC) for an additional two years. The RPC provides advice to the Secretary on the Department's management of Federal and American Indian mineral leases and revenues.

In an effort to reach out to stakeholders, the RPC was established in 1995 as a Federal Advisory Committee. It provides a forum for representatives of mineral lessees, operators, revenue payors and recipients, governmental agencies, and public interest groups to review and comment on revenue management and other mineral and energy-related policies. The RPC is subject to a biennial review during which the charter may be renewed in two-year increments by the Secretary of the Interior for as long as the expertise and advice of the committee is needed.

The Secretary can appoint to the RPC up to five members representing states; up to five members representing American Indians; up to seven members representing the various mineral interests including oil, gas and coal; and up to three members representing the public at large who have knowledge of and interest in royalty issues. The Directors of the MMS, Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or their designees, serve as nonvoting members. The Associate Director of the MMS for Minerals Revenue Management serves as the Designated Federal Officer.

The Federal Register Notice Announcing the renewal of the RPC charter can be accessed via the web at:
<http://www.thefederalregister.com/d.p/2010-04-01-2010-7404>.

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