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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared this Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) for your review. The FEIS has been completed to analyze impacts from a proposed gas development project on Federal, State and private lands near Price, Utah. Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Chandler and Associates, LLC, and Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. propose to develop natural gas from coal beds in the area. Questar Pipeline Company proposes to construct, maintain and operate a natural gas transmission pipeline. Although the four proposals are separate projects, they were combined for the purpose of environmental analysis.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is the lead agency for preparation of this EIS. The U. S. Forest Service and Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining participate in the process as cooperating agencies. The ROD accompanying this document applies only to public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. A separate ROD by the U. S Forest Service would be necessary for consideration of proposed gas development activities in the Project Area within the boundaries of the Manti - La Sal National Forest.

A Draft EIS (DEIS) was issued in October, 1998, analyzing impacts and identifying alternatives and mitigation measures. A 55 day public comment period and three public hearings were held to receive comments on the DEIS. A total of 57 comment letters were received on the DEIS, and several verbal comments were received at the public hearings. These comments have been analyzed, and appropriate changes have been made in the FEIS. The public comments have been summarized and printed in the FEIS, along with the BLM's responses.

A 30 day review period will be provided on the FEIS/ROD. This 30 day period will commence when the Notice of Availability of the FEIS is printed in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency.

If you have any questions about the FEIS, please contact George Diwachak, EIS Team Leader, BLM at (801) 539-4043. We appreciate your interest in the management of public lands.

Sincerely,

Richard
Price Field Office Manager