

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Royalty Policy Committee

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of the Interior		2019	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Royalty Policy Committee		21405	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	04/21/2017	04/21/2019	04/21/2019
8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
Yes	Agency	04/21/2019	
9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Terminate	No	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Agency	05/06/2004	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear		
17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities
0	0	0	0
17d. Total 0			
Meetings and Dates			
No Meetings			
		Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members		\$0.00	\$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$885.36	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$157,096.98	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$27,528.43	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$6,745.58	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$14.75	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$14,638.45	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$5,041.86	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$211,951.41	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.04	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee accomplished its purpose of providing advice to the Secretary of the Interior related to the Secretary's responsibilities under the laws governing the Department of the Interior's management of Federal and Indian mineral leases and revenues.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members of the committee were appointed by the Secretary for their ability to represent specific constituencies who have an interest in management of Federal and Indian mineral leases and revenues. The Secretary appointed 28 members to ensure representation of the interests of States, American Indians, mineral and other

energy industries, Academia, and the public at large.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

There were no meeting held in FY2019, however committee meetings were planned in FY2019 but not held due to the government shutdown. In April 2019 the committee terminated when its charter expired.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The issues that the committee will address are highly technical and complex. Other means of receiving public input, such as public hearings would not provide the thoughtful, consensus-based input that is sought from this Committee.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

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Designated Federal Officer

James Schindler Executive Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Adams, Matthew	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Cloud Peak Energy	Representative Member
Alvarado, Estella	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Anadarko Petroleum Corporation	Representative Member

Andrews, John	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration	Representative Member
Angelle, Scott	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement	Ex Officio Member
Awuah-Offei, Kwame	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Missouri University of Science and Technology	Representative Member
Balash, Joseph	01/29/2018	09/01/2020	Land and Minerals Management	Ex Officio Member
Becker, Bidtah	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Navajo Nation	Representative Member
Begaye, Russell	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Navajo Nation	Representative Member
Cadena, Jennifer	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Incremental Oil & Gas	Representative Member
Crowther, John	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	State of Alaska	Representative Member
Cruickshank, Walter	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	Ex Officio Member
Darby, Drew	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	State of Texas	Representative Member
Davis, Graham	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Colorado School of Mines	Representative Member
Edwards, Mark	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	State of New Mexico	Representative Member
Eggert, Roderick	09/01/2017	10/09/2018	Colorado School of Mines	Representative Member
Gerholt, Gabrielle	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Concho Resources	Representative Member
Gould, Gregory	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Office of Natural Resources Revenue	Ex Officio Member
Helms, Lynn	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	State of North Dakota	Representative Member
Hunt, Hans	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Legislator, State of Wyoming	Representative Member
James, Jim	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Bureau of Indian Affairs	Ex Officio Member
Karl, Kevin	02/16/2018	09/01/2020	BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT	Ex Officio Member
LaCounte, Darryl	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS	Ex Officio Member
Luthi, Randall	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	National Ocean Industries Association	Representative Member
MacGregor, Katharine	09/01/2017	10/04/2018	Acting Assistant Secretary - Land and Minerals Management	Ex Officio Member

McCaleb, Neil	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Chickasaw Nation	Representative Member
McKee, Andrew	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	State of Wyoming	Representative Member
Mehlhoff, John	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Office of Natural Resources Revenue	Ex Officio Member
Mills, Monte	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	University of Montana School of Law	Representative Member
Modiano, Albert	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	US Oil & Gas Association	Representative Member
Morby, Gregory	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Chevron North America E&P	Representative Member
Nedd, Michael	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Bureau of Land Management	Ex Officio Member
Noah, Patrick	09/01/2017	08/31/2020	ConocoPhillips Company	Representative Member
Orr, Renee	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT	Ex Officio Member
Payson, Steven	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	INDIAN AFFAIRS	Ex Officio Member
Redd, Christopher	09/01/2017	08/31/2020	Southern Ute Tribal Council	Representative Member
Robertson, Charles	09/01/2017	08/31/2020	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	Representative Member
Romero, Van	09/01/2017	08/31/2020	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	Representative Member
Saddler, Daniel	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	State of Alaska	Representative Member
Sanford, Brent	09/01/2017	08/31/2020	State of North Dakota	Representative Member
Sgamma, Kathleen	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Western Energy Alliance	Representative Member
Shakespeare, Leslie	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Eastern Shoshone Tribe	Representative Member
Simpson, Kevin	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	Shell Exploration and Production Company	Representative Member
Spisak, Timothy	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	Ex Officio Member
Strickland, Jerry	09/01/2017	10/10/2018	Texas Office of State-Federal Relations	Representative Member
Tahsuda, John	09/22/2017	09/22/2020	Principal Deputy Secretary - Indian Affairs	Ex Officio Member
Thomas, Shawn	09/01/2017	09/01/2020	State of Montana	Representative Member
Waller, Everett	09/01/2017	08/31/2020	Osage Minerals Council	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 47

Narrative Description

On March 29, 2017, Secretary Zinke signed the Charter creating the Royalty Policy Committee (Committee) under his authority and regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Committee will provide advice to the Secretary, through the Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, on current and emerging issues related to energy and mineral resource development on Federal and Indian lands. These issues may include determination of fair market value, revenue collection, and potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations, including whether a need exists for regulatory reform. In the past, the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC) focused mainly on issues related to revenue collection and management and product valuation issues. Past Subcommittees included: Marginal Property, Royalty Management, Oil & Gas Valuation, Geothermal Valuation, Sodium/Potassium, Coal, Net Receipts Sharing, and Appeals and Alternative Dispute Resolution. This RPC's approach is a full financial analysis of fair market value from the responsible development of American energy resources. With the overarching goal of increasing America's energy dominance, the new Committee will have a broader scope than the previous RPC and may address a range of issues from leasing, permitting, and royalty policy to product valuation regulations and revenue transparency. With a focus on increasing mineral and energy production and revenues, improving transparency and accountability, and providing a simplified, consistent regulatory structure, the Committee may look at a wide range of topics, including the following:

- Expansion of American energy development •
- Regulations for procedures for determining fair market value/fair market return
- Process and regulations for offering Federal leases for conventional and renewable energy development on Federal and Indian lands
- Federal and Indian lands valuation reform •
- Establishing a royalty system for hard-rock mining
- Regulations regarding onshore and offshore present and future royalty rates and fees
- Offshore cost reporting and cost recovery rules •
- Financial assurance and bonding •
- Economic modeling •
- Public

input and effects of leasing on local communities• Bid bonus protocols• Experiments with different leasing systems and protocols• Price-based royalties • Increasing competition on bidding [for coal]

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

29

Number of Recommendations Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

NA