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### Subpart 3110—Noncompetitive Leases

#### §3110.1 Lands available for noncompetitive offer and lease.

(a) *Offer.* (1) Effective June 12, 1988, through January 2, 1989, noncompetitive lease offers may be filed only for lands available under §3110.1(b) of this title. Noncompetitive lease offers filed after December 22, 1987, and prior to June 12, 1988, for lands available for filing under §3110.1(a) of this title shall

receive priority. Such offers shall be exposed to competitive bidding under subpart 3120 of this title and if no bid is received, a noncompetitive lease shall be issued all else being regular. After January 2, 1989, noncompetitive lease offers may be filed on unleased lands, except for:

(i) Those lands which are in the one-year period commencing upon the expiration, termination, relinquishment, or cancellation of the leases containing the lands; and

(ii) Those lands included in a Notice of Competitive Lease Sale or a List of Lands Available for Competitive Nominations. Neither exception is applicable to lands available under §3110.1(b) of this title.

(2) Noncompetitive lease offers may be made pursuant to an opening order or other notice and shall be subject to all provisions and procedures stated in such order or notice.

(3) No noncompetitive lease may issue for any lands unless and until they have satisfied the requirements of §3110.1(b) of this title.

(b) *Lease.* Only lands that have been offered competitively under subpart 3120 of this title, and for which no bid has been received, shall be available for noncompetitive lease. Such lands shall become available for a period of 2 years beginning on the first business day following the last day of the competitive oral auction, or when formal nominations have been requested as specified in §3120.3-1 of this title, or the first business day following the posting of the Notice of Competitive Lease Sale, and ending on that same day 2 years later. A lease may be issued from an offer properly filed any time within the 2-year noncompetitive leasing period.

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#### §3110.2 Priority.

(a) Offers filed for lands available for noncompetitive offer or lease, as specified in §§3110.1(a)(1) and 3110.1(b) of this title, shall receive priority as of the date and time of filing as specified in §1821.2-3(a) of this title, except that all noncompetitive offers shall be considered simultaneously filed if received in the proper BLM office any time during the first business day following the last

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day of the competitive oral auction, or when formal nominations have been requested as specified in §3120.3-1 of this title, on the first business day following the posting of the Notice of Competitive Lease Sale. An offer shall not be available for public inspection the day it is filed.

(b) If more than 1 application was filed for the same parcel in accordance with the regulations contained in former subpart 3112 of this title, and if no lease has been issued by the authorized officer prior to the effective date of these regulations, only a single priority application shall be selected from the filings. If the selected application fails to mature into a lease, the lands shall be available for offer under §3110.1(a) of this title.

### § 3110.3 Lease terms.

#### § 3110.3-1 Duration of lease.

All noncompetitive leases shall be for a primary term of 10 years.

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#### § 3110.3-2 Dating of leases.

All noncompetitive leases shall be considered issued when signed by the authorized officer. Noncompetitive leases, except future interest leases issued under §3110.9 of this title, shall be effective as of the first day of the month following the date the leases are issued. A lease may be made effective on the first day of the month within which it is issued if a written request is made prior to the date of signature of the authorized officer. Future interest leases issued under §3110.9 of this title shall be effective as of the date the mineral interests vest in the United States.

#### § 3110.3-3 Lease offer size.

(a) Lease offers for public domain minerals shall not be made for less than 640 acres or 1 full section, whichever is larger, where the lands have been surveyed under the rectangular survey system or are within an approved protracted survey, except where the offer includes all available lands within a section and there are no contiguous lands available for lease. Such public domain lease offers in Alaska

shall not be made for less than 2,560 acres or 4 full contiguous sections, whichever is larger, where the lands have been surveyed under the rectangular survey system or are within an approved protracted survey, except where the offer includes all available lands within the subject section and there are no contiguous lands available for lease. Where an offer exceeds the minimum 640-acre provision of this paragraph, the offer may include less than all available lands in any given section. Cornering lands are not considered contiguous lands. This paragraph shall not apply to offers made under §3108.2-4 of this title or where the offer is filed on an entire parcel as it was offered by the Bureau in a competitive sale during that period specified under §3110.5-1 of this title.

(b) An offer to lease public domain or acquired lands may not include more than 10,240 acres. The lands in an offer shall be entirely within an area of 6 miles square or within an area not exceeding 6 surveyed sections in length or width measured in cardinal directions. An offer to lease acquired lands may exceed the 6 mile square limit if:

(1) The lands are not surveyed under the rectangular survey system of public land surveys and are not within the area of the public land surveys; and

(2) The tract desired is described by the acquisition or tract number assigned by the acquiring agency and less than 50 percent of the tract lies outside the 6 mile square area, and such acquisition or tract number is provided in accordance with §3110.5-2(d) of this title in lieu of any other description.

(c) If an offer exceeds the 10,240 acre maximum by not more than 160 acres, the offeror shall be granted 30 days from notice of the excess to withdraw the excess acreage from the offer, failing which the offer shall be rejected and priority lost.

### § 3110.4 Requirements for offer.

(a) An offer to lease shall be made on a current form approved by the Director, or on unofficial copies of that form in current use. For noncompetitive leases processed under §3108.2-4 of this title, the current lease form shall be