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F-14909-A

Alaska Native Claims Selection

On November 15, 1973, Kuugpik Corporation, Inc., for the Native village of Noolksut, filed selection application F-14909-A under the provisions of Sec. 12 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) of December 18, 1971 (43 U.S.C. 1601, 1611 (1976)), as amended, for the surface estate of certain lands in the vicinity of Noolksut which were withdrawn by Secs. 11(a)(1) and 11(a)(2) of ANCSA. Section 11(a)(2) specifically withdrew subject to valid existing rights, all lands within the townships withdrawn by Sec. 11(a)(1) that had been selected by, or tentatively approved to, but not yet patented to the State of Alaska under the Alaska Statehood Act of July 7, 1958 (48 U.S.C. Ch. 2, Sec. 6(b)).

Sec. 12(a)(1) of ANCSA provides that village selections shall be made from lands withdrawn by Sec. 11(a).

Section 12(a)(1) further provides that no village corporation may select more than 69,120 acres from lands withdrawn by Sec. 11(a)(2).

As to the lands described below, the application, as amended, is properly filed and meets the requirements of ANCSA and of the regulations issued pursuant thereto. These lands do not include any lawful entry perfected under or being maintained in compliance with laws leading to acquisition of title.

In view of the foregoing, the surface estate of the following described lands, selected pursuant to Sec. 12(a) of ANCSA, aggregating approximately 49,600 acres, is considered proper for acquisition by Kuugpik Corporation, Inc., and is hereby approved for conveyance pursuant to Sec. 14(a) of ANCSA.

Part I
LANDS OUTSIDE NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVE NO. 4

Umiat Meridian, Alaska (Surveyed)

T. 10 N., R. 4 E.
Those portions of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Sec. 1, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Sec. 12, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark north and east of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River.

Containing approximately 555 acres.

T. 11 N., R. 4 E.
Those portions of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Secs. 11, 13, 24, and 36, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

That portion of Tract B more particularly described as (protracted):

Sec. 11, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River.

Containing approximately 511 acres.

T. 12 N., R. 4 E.
Those portions of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Secs. 3, 4, 10, and 15, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark south and west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Those portions of Tract B more particularly described as (protracted):

Sec. 15, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River, excluding Native allotments F-11943 and F-11947;

Sec. 22, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River, excluding Native allotment F-11943;

Secs. 26, 27, and 35, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River.

Containing approximately 2,784 acres.

T. 12 N., R. 4 E.
Those portions of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Secs. 1, 2, 3, and 4, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark north and east of the south and west banks of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Secs. 10 and 11, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark east of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River, excluding Native allotment F-11949;

Secs. 12 and 13;

Sec. 14, excluding Native allotments F-11951 and F-11949;

Sec. 15, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark east of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River, excluding Native allotments F-11949 and F-11951;

Secs. 22 and 23, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark east of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Secs. 24 and 25;

Secs. 26 and 35, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark east of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Sec. 36.

Containing approximately 7,363 acres.

T. 10 N., R. 5 E.
Those portions of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Secs. 2 to 6, inclusive;

Sec. 7, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark east of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Secs. 8 and 9;

Sec. 10, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Colville River and all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark north of the south bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Secs. 15 and 16, all land lying above

the line of highest high water mark north of the south bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River.

Containing approximately 5,072 acres.

T. 11 N., R. 5 E.
That portion of the surveyed township more particularly described as (protracted):

Sec. 13
Secs. 22 to 29, inclusive;
Secs. 31 to 35, inclusive.

Containing approximately 7,484 acres.

T. 11 N., R. 5 E.
That portion of surveyed township more particularly described as (protracted):

Sec. 3;
Secs. 5, 6, 7, and 18.

Containing approximately 2,441 acres.

T. 12 N., R. 6 E.
That portion of the surveyed township more particularly described as (protracted):

Secs. 1 to 4, inclusive;
Secs. 9 to 16, inclusive;
Secs. 20 to 25, inclusive;
Secs. 32 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 12,354 acres.

Aggregating approximately 34,053 acres.

Part II
LANDS WITHIN OR OUTSIDE NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVE NO. 4

Umiat Meridian, Alaska (Surveyed)

T. 10 N., R. 4 E.
That portion of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Sec. 1, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River.

Containing approximately 35 acres.

T. 11 N., R. 4 E.
Those portions of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Secs. 11, 13, 24, and 36, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

That portion of Tract B more particularly described as (protracted):

Sec. 11, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River.

Containing approximately 511 acres.

T. 12 N., R. 4 E.
Those portions of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Secs. 3, 4, 10, and 15, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark south and west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Those portions of Tract B more particularly described as (protracted):

Sec. 15, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River, excluding Native allotments F-11943 and F-11947;

Sec. 22, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River, excluding Native allotment F-11943;

Secs. 26, 27, and 35, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River.

Containing approximately 2,784 acres.

T. 12 N., R. 4 E.
Those portions of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Secs. 1, 2, 3, and 4, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark north and east of the south and west banks of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Secs. 10 and 11, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark east of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River, excluding Native allotment F-11949;

Secs. 12 and 13;

Sec. 14, excluding Native allotments F-11951 and F-11949;

Sec. 15, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark east of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River, excluding Native allotments F-11949 and F-11951;

Secs. 22 and 23, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark east of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Secs. 24 and 25;

Secs. 26 and 35, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark east of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Sec. 36.

Containing approximately 7,363 acres.

T. 10 N., R. 5 E.
Those portions of Tract A more particularly described as (protracted):

Secs. 2 to 6, inclusive;

Sec. 7, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark east of the west bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Secs. 8 and 9;

Sec. 10, all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark west of the west bank of the Colville River and all land lying above the line of the highest high water mark north of the south bank of the Nechelik Channel of the Colville River;

Secs. 15 and 16, all land lying above

7,410 acres.

Part III
LANDS WITHIN NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVE NO. 4

Umiat Meridian, Alaska (Surveyed)

T. 10 N., R. 4 E.
That portion of Tract B more particularly described as (protracted):

Sec. 12.

Containing approximately 335 acres.

T. 11 N., R. 4 E.
Those portions of Tract B more particularly described as (protracted):

Sec. 5;

Secs. 7 and 8;

Secs. 21, 28, and 33.

Containing approximately 3,796 acres.

T. 10 N., R. 5 E.
Tract C.

Containing 5.53 acres.

Aggregating approximately 4,137 acres.

Total aggregated acreage approximately 49,600 acres.

Excluded from the above-described lands herein approved for conveyance are the submerged lands in the bed of the Colville River and in the beds of the Nechelik Channel, Kupigruak Channel, Elaktoveach Channels, Tamayayek Channel, and Sakoonang Channel; these lands are reserved in public ownership, pursuant to Sec. 1431(n), Public Law 96-487 of December 2, 1980.

Also excluded from the above-described lands herein approved for conveyance are the following water bodies for which a final determination as to tidal influence has been made:

- a. The Kachemach River from its confluence with the Colville River to the northeast boundary of Sec. 29, T. 11 N., R. 6 E., Umiat Meridian, and the unnamed slough from its confluence with the Kachemach River to the unnamed lake in Sec. 5, T. 11 N., R. 6 E., Umiat Meridian; and
- b. The Milliveach River from its confluence with the Colville River to the north boundary of Sec. 36, T. 12 N., R. 6 E., Umiat Meridian.

The lands excluded in the above description are not being approved for conveyance at this time and have been excluded as the lands are under applications pending further adjudication. These exclusions DO NOT constitute a rejection of the selection applications, unless specifically so stated.

The conveyance issued for the surface estate of the lands described above shall contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. The subsurface estate therein, and all rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, accruing unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971 (43 U.S.C. 1601, 1616(b));
2. Pursuant to Sec. 17(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971 (43 U.S.C. 1601, 1616(b)), the following public easements, referenced by easement identification number (EIN) on the easement maps attached to this document, copies of which will be found in case file F-14909-EE, are reserved to the United States. All easements are subject to applicable Federal, State, or Municipal corporation regulation. The following is a listing of uses allowed for each type of easement. Any uses which are not specifically listed are prohibited.
3. Requirements of Sec. 14(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971 (43 U.S.C. 1601, 1616(c)), that the grantee hereunder convey those portions, if any, of the lands hereinabove granted, as are prescribed in said section.

Kuugpik Corporation, Inc., is entitled to conveyance of 115,200 acres of land selected pursuant to Sec. 12(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Together with the lands herein approved, the total acreage conveyed or approved for conveyance is approximately 92,341 acres. The remaining entitlement of approximately 22,859 acres will be conveyed at a later date.

Pursuant to Sec. 14(f) of ANCSA and Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2652.4, conveyance of the subsurface estate of Part I of the above-described lands shall be issued to Arctic Slope Regional Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Kuugpik Corporation, Inc., and shall be subject to the same conditions as the surface conveyance, except for those provisions under Sec. 14(c) of ANCSA; also the right to explore, develop or remove mineral materials from the subsurface estate in lands within the boundaries of the Native village shall be subject to the consent of Kuugpik Corporation, Inc.

Part II of the above-described lands are involved in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) boundary dispute (State of Alaska v. Warner et al., Civil Action No. J-75-13, United States District Court for the District of Alaska); conveyance of the subsurface estate of portions of these lands, if any, which actually lie outside of NPR-A will be issued to Arctic Slope Regional Corporation pursuant to Sec. 14(f) of ANCSA, when a final determination of the boundary has been made. No conveyance will be made of the subsurface estate of any lands determined to lie within NPR-A, or in lands described in Part III.

Section 12(a)(4) of ANCSA provides that when a village corporation selects the surface estate of lands within this reserve, the regional corporation may make in-lieu selections of subsurface estate, in an equal acreage, from other lands withdrawn by subsection 11