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lands involved are under the jurisdiction of two or more non-Interior agencies, the initial application for a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit may be filed at the most convenient State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, at locations listed in § 1821.2-1 of this title or at the nearest Bureau of Land Management Office that has jurisdiction over a portion of the Federal lands involved. The Director, Bureau of Land Management will, upon notice of the application by field officials, assign a lead official and notify the applicant where all future communications concerning the project should be directed. All applications for temporary use permits that are filed subsequent to the filing of an application for a right-of-way grant shall be filed with the lead official. Applications for renewal of a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit shall be filed with the lead official.

(c) Where the Federal lands involved are under the jurisdiction of but one Federal agency, including bureaus and agencies within the Department of the Interior other than the Bureau of Land Management, applications for a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit or renewal of either shall be directed to that agency.

[44 FR 58129, Oct. 9, 1979, as amended at 45 FR 34887, May 23, 1980; 47 FR 12571, Mar. 23, 1982]

§ 2882.2-3 Application content.

(a) Applications for right-of-way grants and temporary use permits shall be filed on a form approved by the Director. The application form shall contain instructions for completion of the form and shall require the following information:

(1) The name and address of the applicant and the applicant's agent, if appropriate;

(2) A description of the applicant's proposal;

(3) A map, USGS quadrangle, aerial photo or equivalent, showing the approximate location of the proposed right-of-way and facilities on public lands and existing improvements adjacent to the proposal, shall be attached to the application. Only the existing adjacent improvements which the proposal may directly affect need be shown on the map;

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(4) A statement of the applicant's technical and financial capability to construct, operate, maintain and terminate the proposals;

(5) Certification by the applicant that he/she is of legal age, authorized to do business in the State and that the information submitted is correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge; and

(6) Disclose, to the extent applicable, the applicant's citizenship and the partnership, corporation, association and other business entity information required by § 2882.2-1 of this title.

(b) The applicant may submit additional information to assist the authorized officer in processing the application. Such information may include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Federal or State approvals required for the proposal;

(2) A description of the alternative route(s) and mode(s) considered by the applicant when developing the proposal;

(3) Copies of or reference to similar applications or grants the applicant has submitted or holds;

(4) A statement of need and economic feasibility or other proposal; and

(5) A statement of the environmental, social and economic effects of the proposal.

[47 FR 12571, Mar. 23, 1982]

§ 2882.3 Application processing.

(a) The Secretary shall notify the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources promptly upon receipt of an application for a right-of-way grant for a pipeline 24 inches or more in diameter and no right-of-way grant for such a pipeline shall be issued until 60 days (not counting days on which the House of Representatives or the Senate has adjourned for more than 3 days) after a notice of intention to issue the right-of-way grant, together with the authorized officer's detailed findings as to terms and conditions he proposes to impose, has been submitted to such committees, unless each committee by resolution waives the waiting period.

(b) Upon receipt of an application for a right-of-way grant, the authorized officer shall publish a notice of the application in the FEDERAL REGISTER and an

announcement in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in the vicinity of the Federal lands affected, or, if in the opinion of the authorized officer, the pipeline impacts are of a minor nature, the notice of application may be waived or published only in a newspaper having general circulation in the area or areas in the vicinity of the affected Federal lands. The notice shall contain a description of the pipeline systems as required in § 2882.2-3(a) (2) and (3) of this title, together with such other information as the authorized officer considers pertinent. The notice shall state where the application and related documents are available for interested persons to review. Copies of the notice shall be sent to the Governor of each State within which the pipeline system may be located, the head of each local government or jurisdiction within which the pipeline system may be located, and each agency head, for review and comment.

(c) Where an application for a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit is incomplete or not in conformity with the Act or these regulations, the authorized officer may reject the application or notify the applicant of the deficiencies and afford the applicant an opportunity to file corrections. Where deficiency notices have not been adequately complied with, the authorized officer may reject the application or notify the applicant of the continuing deficiencies and afford the applicant an opportunity to file corrections.

(d) The authorized officer may require the applicant for a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit to submit such additional information as he deems necessary for review of the application.

(e) An application for a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit which meets the requirements of the Act and of these regulations entitles the applicant only to full review of the application. Such application may be denied if the authorized officer determines that the right-of-way or use applied for would be inconsistent with the purpose to which the Federal lands involved have been committed, or would otherwise not be in the public interest.

(f) The authorized officer shall hold public meetings or hearings on an application for a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit if he determines that such hearings or meetings are appropriate and sufficient public interest exists to warrant the time and expense of such meetings or hearings. Notice of any such meetings or hearings shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and in local newspapers.

(g) If the application involves a right-of-way through Federal lands under the jurisdiction of two or more Federal agencies, the authorized officer shall refer the application to the agency heads for consultation and other appropriate actions.

(h) The authorized officer shall consult with other agencies as to any additional information which should be required from the applicant, conditions or stipulations which should be imposed, and whether the right-of-way grant or temporary use permit should be issued.

(i) No right-of-way grant or temporary use permit over Federal lands under the jurisdiction of two or more Federal agencies and not within the jurisdiction of the agency by which the authorized officer is employed shall be issued or renewed by the authorized officer without the concurrence of the head of the agency administering such Federal lands or his authorized representative.

(j) Where the surface of the Federal lands involved is administered by the Secretary or by two or more Federal agencies, the Secretary may, after consultation with the non-Interior agencies involved, grant or renew a right-of-way or temporary use permit through the Federal lands involved, with or without the concurrence of the heads of the agencies administering such Federal lands. A right-of-way through a Federal reservation shall not be granted if the Secretary determines that it would be inconsistent with the purposes of the reservation.

(k) A right-of-way grant or temporary use permit need not conform to the applicant's proposal, but may contain such modifications, terms, stipulations or conditions including changes in route or site location as the authorized officer considers appropriate.

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(1) No right-of-way grant or temporary use permit shall be considered as being in effect until the applicant has accepted its terms, in writing. Written acceptance shall constitute an agreement between an applicant and the United States that, in consideration of the right to use Federal lands, the applicant shall abide by all terms and conditions contained therein and the provisions of applicable laws and regulations.

(m) At the discretion of the authorized officer, a provision may be placed in a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit requiring that no construction or use shall occur until a detailed construction, operation, rehabilitation and environmental protection plan has been submitted to the authorized officer and a notice to proceed has been issued. This requirement may be imposed for all or any part of the right-of-way.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 67 FR 61276, Sept. 30, 2002, §2882.3 was amended by revising paragraph (a), effective Nov. 29, 2002. For the convenience of the user, the revised text is set forth as follows:

§ 2882.3 Application processing.

(a) If the grant involves a pipeline 24 inches or more in diameter, BLM will not issue or renew the grant until after we notify the appropriate committees of Congress in accordance with 30 U.S.C. 185(w).

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§ 2882.4 Interagency agreements.

The authorized officer may enter into interagency cooperative agreements with the other Federal agencies having jurisdiction over the Federal lands involved in right-of-way grants or temporary use permits applied for and issued under this part.

Subpart 2883—Administration of Rights Granted

§ 2883.1 General requirements.

§ 2883.1–1 Cost reimbursement.

(a) (1) An applicant for a right-of-way grant or a temporary use permit shall reimburse the United States for admin-

istrative and other costs incurred by the United States in processing the application, including the preparation of reports and statements pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4347), prior to the United States having incurred such costs. All costs shall be paid before the right-of-way grant or temporary use permit shall be issued under the regulations of this title.

(2) The regulations contained in this subpart do not apply to State or local governments or agencies or instrumentalities thereof where the Federal lands are used for governmental purposes and such lands and resources continue to serve the general public, except as to right-of-way grants or temporary use permits issued to State or local governments or agencies or instrumentalities thereof or a municipal utility or cooperative whose principal source of revenue is derived from charges levied on customers for services rendered that are similar to services rendered by a profit making corporation or business enterprise.

(3) The applicant shall submit with each application a nonrefundable application processing fee in the amount required by a schedule of fees for this purpose contained in paragraph (c) of this section which shall be based on a review of the use of the Federal lands for which the application is made, the resources affected and the complexity and costs to the United States for processing required by an application for a right-of-way grant and shall be established according to the following general categories:

(i) *Category I.* An application for a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit to authorize a use of Federal lands for which the data necessary to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act are available in the office of the authorized officer; and no field examination of the lands affected by the application is required;

(ii) *Category II.* An application for a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit to authorize a use of Federal lands for which the data necessary to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act are available in the office of the authorized officer; and one field examination of the lands affected