



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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Dear Tribal Leader:

Tribal Energy Resource Agreements (TERAs) promote Tribal control over energy development on Tribal lands and offer the potential for economic growth. To date, hefty regulatory requirements have proven to be a disincentive for you to enter into a TERA. I aim to remove that disincentive.

I am proposing changes to the TERA regulations that would make it easier for you to apply for TERAs and receive approvals within defined timelines. The proposed rule will also establish an alternative to TERAs through certification of a Tribal Energy Development Organization (TEDO). A redline of the changes proposed to existing 25 CFR Part 224 and other information are available at:

<https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/raca/regulations-development-and-or-under-review/TERA>

I invite you to participate in one of the following listening and consultation sessions on the proposed rule:

Date	Time	Location	Venue
Monday, June 24, 2019 (Listening session)	1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Local Time)	Sparks, NV	(In association with National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference) Nugget Casino & Resort, 1100 Nugget Ave. Sparks, NV 89431 Room: Southern Pacific B
Thursday, July 11, 2019	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Local time)	Tulsa, Oklahoma	Hard Rock Hotel & Casino 777 W. Cherokee Street Catoosa, OK 74015
Tuesday, July 16, 2019	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Local time)	Ignacio, Colorado	Sky Ute Casino Resort 14324 Highway 172 North Ignacio, CO 81137
Thursday, July 18, 2019	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Local time)	New Town, North Dakota	MHA Nation TERO/Energy Building 305 4 th Avenue New Town, ND 58763

Tuesday, July 23, 2019	1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Eastern Time	Teleconference	Call-in number: 888-810- 4791 Passcode: 8466506
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If you would like to provide written input, please email your input to consultation@bia.gov by the comment deadline listed on the above website. Please feel free to contact Elizabeth Appel (202) 273-4680 or elizabeth.appel@bia.gov if you have any questions regarding the updates to these regulations.

Sincerely,



Tara Sweeney
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