

Dated: January 31, 2006.

**Michael D. Olsen,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Fee-to-Trust Conveyance of Property for the Cayuga Indian Nation of New York, Cayuga and Seneca Counties, New York**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as lead agency, with the cooperation of the Cayuga Indian Nation (Nation), intends to gather the information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the conveyance into trust of 125± acres of land currently held in fee by the Nation. The purpose of the proposed action is to create a tribal land base and to help meet the Nation's socio-economic needs. This notice also announces a public scoping meeting to identify potential issues, alternatives and content for inclusion in the EIS.

**DATES:** Written comments on the scope of the EIS or implementation of the proposal must arrive by March 15, 2006.

The public scoping meeting will be held March 1, 2006, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., or until the last public comment is received.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail, hand carry or telefax written comments to Franklin Keel, Regional Director, Eastern Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, Tennessee 37214, Telefax (615) 564–6701. Please include your name, return address and the caption, “DEIS Scoping Comments, Cayuga Indian Nation of New York Trust Acquisition Project,” on the first page of your written comments.

The public scoping meeting will be held at the New York Chiropractic College, 2360 State Route 89, Seneca Falls, NY 13148.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kurt G. Chandler, (615) 564–6832.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed action is BIA approval of the conveyance of 125± acres currently held in fee by the Nation into trust status for the benefit of the Nation. The property

is in seven (7) separate parcels located in the Village of Union Springs and the Towns of Springport and Montezuma in Cayuga County, and in the Town of Seneca Falls in Seneca County, New York. The Nation wishes to use this property as a land base and for commercial purposes, including the operation of existing convenience store, gas station and Class II gaming facilities. No new development is currently planned for the subject properties.

Areas so far identified for analysis in the EIS include land and water resources, traffic, air quality, cultural and archaeological resources, socio-economic conditions and public services. Alternatives to be analyzed include the proposed action, no action and any other reasonable alternatives that may be identified through the scoping process. The range of issues to be addressed in the EIS may also be expanded, based on comments received in response to this notice and at the public scoping meeting.

#### **Public Comment Availability**

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at all of the mailing address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section (except those for the public meetings) during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (unless otherwise shown), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

#### **Authority**

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM 1–6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: February 3, 2006.

**Michael D. Olsen,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### **Public Scoping Meeting on Congressionally Mandated Study of Energy Rights-of-Way on Tribal Lands**

**AGENCY:** Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Department of the Interior; Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Section 1813 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–58) requires the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Energy to jointly conduct a study of issues regarding energy rights-of-way on tribal land and provide a report to Congress on the findings of the study. The report is due to Congress by August 7, 2006. The Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy are interested in receiving comments from the public about how to proceed with the implementation of section 1813.

**DATES:** A 2-day meeting will be held on March 7 and 8, 2006, in Denver, Colorado, at the Adams Mark Hotel, 1550 Court Place, Denver, CO 80202; Telephone (303) 893–3333. A block of rooms has been reserved at the hotel for the meeting on a first-come first-served basis. Please inform the hotel that you are attending the “Energy Policy Act Section 1813 Nation-wide Scoping Meeting.”

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent by regular mail to Mr. Darryl Francois, Attention: Section 1813 ROW Study, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 2749-MIB, Washington, DC 20240 or by e-mail to IEED@bia.edu. A duplicate copy of the comments should be sent to Mr. David Meyer, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Department of the Interior—Mr. Darryl Francois, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 2749-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. He can also be reached by telephone at (202) 219–0740 or by electronic mail at [IEED@bia.edu](mailto:IEED@bia.edu).

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of Property for the  
Cayuga Indian Nation  
of New York, Cayuga  
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dian Affairs, Interior  
ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: This notice  
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Affairs (BIA), as lead  
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intends to gather the  
information necessary  
for preparing an Envi-  
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conveyance into trust  
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Regional Director,  
Eastern Regional Of-  
fice, Bureau of Indian  
Affairs, 846 Marlott  
Drive, Suite 700, Nash-

ville, Tennessee  
37214. Telefax  
(615)664-6701. Please  
include your name, re-  
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New York Trust Acqui-  
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first page of your writ-  
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public scoping meeting  
will be held at the New  
York Chiropractic Col-  
lege, 2360 State Route  
89, Seneca Falls, NY  
13148.

FOR FURTHER IN-  
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TACT: Kurt G. Chan-  
dler, (615)664-6832.

SUPPLEMENTARY IN-  
FORMATION: The  
proposed action is BIA  
approval of the con-

# State of New York

## Cayuga County City of Auburn

veyance of 125+ acres  
currently held in fee by  
the Nation into trust  
status for the benefit  
of the Nation. The prop-  
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and the Towns of  
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Seneca Falls in Seneca  
County, New York.  
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**PUBLIC COMMENT  
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in the ADDRESSES  
section (except those  
for the public meet-  
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business hours, 8:00  
a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (un-  
less otherwise shown),  
Monday through Fri-  
day, except holidays.  
Individual respondents  
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to the extent allowed  
by law. We will not,

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12th day of  
February 20 06

Shanelle Filoso

Sworn to before me, this 16th day  
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Dated: 2-7-06  
Franklin Keel, Director  
Eastern Regional Office  
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**State of New York,**  
 COUNTY OF ONTARIO  
 CITY OF GENEVA

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
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being duly sworn, doth depose and say that he is Bob Keeler of the City of Geneva, County of Ontario, Finger Lakes Printing Company, publishers of THE FINGER LAKES TIMES a Daily Newspaper, published in Geneva, in said County; and that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, cut from said newspaper, was printed and published in the regular edition and issue of said newspaper Finger Lakes Times for 1 time beginning Feb 12 20 06 and ending Feb 12 20 06 successive 1 Feb 12 20 06

Subscribed and sworn to before me) this 17 day of Feb 20 06,  
Sueann M Strong  
 Notary Public, Ontario County, N.Y.

SUEANN M. STRONG  
 Notary Public, State of New York  
 Ontario County No. 0151 6135617  
 Commission Expires October 24, 2004

Robert K. Thompson,  
 for Franklin Keel,  
 Director, Eastern Regional Office,  
 Bureau of Indian Affairs  
 February 7, 2006