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In Reply Refer To: GE 1035A

February 28, 2020

Mr. Michael E. McCauley  
Venice Gathering System, L.L.C.  
4200 Research Forest Drive, Suite 230  
The Woodlands, Texas 77381

Dear Mr. McCauley:

Reference is made to Venice Gathering System, L.L.C.'s (Venice) Right-of-way (ROW) modification application received by this office January 27, 2020, for Pipeline Segment Number (PSN) 4639, ROW No. OCS-G 18827.

Specifically, Venice requests a temporary cessation of operations for PSN 4639 until November 1, 2020, to evaluate future utility of the pipeline. The pipeline has been out of service since November 1, 2019.

The pipeline is described as follows:

PSN	Size (NPS)	Length (feet)	Service	Origin	Termination
4639	26"	239,660'	Gas and Condensate	G-CMP South Timbalier Area Block 151	Capped End West Delta Area Block 41

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1000(b), Venice's application is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The annual rental required by 30 CFR 250.1012 shall continue to be due and payable in December of each calendar year.
2. If the associated pipeline has not been returned to service and is not being used for the purpose for which the pipeline ROW grant was made by November 1, 2020, the ROW grant shall be deemed expired in accordance with 30 CFR 250.1014. As a reminder, per 30 CFR 250.1010(h) the ROW holder must remove all pipelines and accessories associated with ROW OCS-G 13521 within one (1) year of the effective date of the relinquishment or forfeiture (i.e. expiration). Furthermore, a decommission application must be submitted to the pipeline section to decommission PSN 4639 within 30 days from the effective date of the relinquishment or forfeiture (i.e. expiration).

3. If at any time prior to November 1, 2020, it is determined that the use of PSN 4639 is to be permanently discontinued, an application to decommission the pipeline and relinquish the pipeline ROW shall be submitted to this office for approval.

In the event PSN 4639 is not returned to service on or before November 1, 2020, the following regulations applies:

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1006(b)(2), the subject pipeline segment(s) must be flushed and filled with uninhibited seawater.

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1003(b)(1), the subject pipeline segment(s) must be hydrostatically tested for at least eight (8) hours at a stabilized pressure of a minimum of 1.25 times the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) prior to return to service.

Sincerely,

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January 21, 2020

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Attention: Angie Gobert  
Pipeline Section

RE: Application for Temporary Cessation of Operations for Existing 26-Inch Gas/Condensate Right-of-Way Pipeline Originating at South Timbalier 151, Platform G-GMP and Terminating at a Capped End, West Delta Block 41 (ROW OCS-G13521/Segment No. 4639), OCS Federal Waters, Gulf of Mexico, Offshore, Louisiana

Dear Ms. Gobert:

In accordance with the Title 30 CFR Part 250.1008, Venice Gathering System, L.L.C. (VGS) respectfully requests a temporary cessation of operations through November 1, 2020 for the referenced right-of-way pipeline easement.

The lease ceased production on November 1, 2019. VGS is in the process of evaluating the future utility of this pipeline and will immediately advise your office when it has been placed back in service.

In support of this request, enclosed is a copy of the required Pay.Gov Receipt.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter or require additional information, please contact the undersigned at 281.210.0540 or [kgamiotea@arenaoffshore.com](mailto:kgamiotea@arenaoffshore.com) or Aimee Deady at 281.210.3180 or [aimee@arenaoffshore.com](mailto:aimee@arenaoffshore.com).

Sincerely,

*Venice Gathering System, L.L.C.*

  
Michael E. McCauley  
Operations General Manager

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