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In Reply Refer To: GE 1035A

March 9, 2020

Mr. Erik Case  
Exxon Mobil Corporation  
1038 Main (One City Centre)  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Case:

Reference is made to Exxon Mobil Corporation's (Exxon) Right-of-way (ROW) modification application received by this office January 30, 2020, for Pipeline Segment Number (PSN) 18840, ROW No. OCS-G29193.

Specifically, Exxon requests a temporary cessation of operations for PSN 18840 until September 30, 2020, to complete a pipeline modification project. The pipeline has been out of service since October 1, 2017.

The pipeline is described as follows:

PSN	Size (NPS)	Length (feet)	Service	Origin	Termination
18840	8"	1,426'	Bulk Gas	FLET 4 Keathley Canyon Area Block 964	A (Lucious) Keathley Canyon Area Block 875

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1000(b), Exxon'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 September 30, 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 29193 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 18840 within 30 days from the effective date of the relinquishment or forfeiture (i.e. expiration).

3. If at any time prior to September 30, 2020, it is determined that the use of PSN 18840 is to be permanently discontinued, an application to decommission the pipeline and relinquish the pipeline ROW shall be submitted to this office for approval.

**Our record shows that the PSN 18840 is placed out of service since October 1, 2017. Pipeline must be flushed and filled with inhibited sea water if placed out of service for over a year, pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1006 (b)(2). You are ordered to flush and fill the pipeline with inhibited sea water within 60 days from the date of this letter and submit a notification to this office within 30 days of completion of flush and fill operation.**

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1003(b)(1), the subject pipeline segment 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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(for) Stephen P. Dessauer  
Regional Supervisor  
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February 11, 2020

Mr. Steve Dessauer  
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70123

Re: Cessation of Pipeline Operations for Right-of-Way ("ROW") G-29193

Mr. Dessauer:

Exxon Mobil Corporation ("ExxonMobil"), herein submits for your review and subsequent approval, a one year Cessation of Pipeline Operations for Right-of-Way ("ROW") G-29193 from September 30, 2019, to September 30, 2020.

On January 22, 2019, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement ("BSEE") approved a Cessation of Pipeline Operations for ROW G-29193 retroactive from December 1, 2017 to September 30, 2019 for the purpose of performing ROW Modifications. This approval is attached to the request for your convenience. The proposed modifications include the partial decommissioning and partial Operator assignment of pipeline segment numbers ("PSNs") 18840/18887 and the decommissioning-in-place of pipeline-related infrastructure, associated with the ROW G-29193. Note that in order to facilitate the partial assignment and decommissioning-in-place, BSEE re-segmented PSN 18840 into three different pipelines.

The proposed ROW Modification is pending approval, pending final action resulting from the December 28, 2018 notice of request for information ("RFI"), on the Federal Register (Volume 83, Number 248, Docket ID: BSEE-2018-0017), regarding the potential impacts of decommissioning-in-place of pipeline-related infrastructure in Deepwater. ExxonMobil acknowledges the RFI may result in changes to regulatory requirements and is therefore awaiting for final review of information provided and subsequent action as a result of the RFI.

Your review and consideration of this application is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 832-625-4583 or by email at [erik.case@exxonmobil.com](mailto:erik.case@exxonmobil.com).

Sincerely,

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Attachments:  
ROW G-29193 Cessation of Pipeline Operations Approval (January 22, 2019)