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Mr. Martin A. Schott, Trustee EC Offshore Properties, Inc. 7922 Wrenwood Boulevard, Suite B Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809



Dear Mr. Schott:

By letters dated February 10, 2015, EC Offshore Properties, Inc. (ECOP) requested Suspensions of Production (SOPs) for Leases OCS 0184 and OCS-G 13576, East Cameron (EC) Blocks 72 and 71, respectively. Additional information was provided in a meeting on February 11, 2015. Our records indicate that the last day of production from each lease was August 20, 2014; therefore, the leases were held through February 16, 2015, pursuant to 30 CFR 250.180.

By letter dated June 25, 2015, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) denied your requests for SOPs for Leases OCS 0184 and OCS-G 13576. ECOP appealed that decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) and, following further discussions between the parties, the matter was remanded to BSEE. ECOP submitted revised requests for SOPs on April 13, 2016, which BSEE denied by letter dated October 19, 2016. ECOP again appealed to the IBLA, and following the IBLA's Suspension of Proceedings, entered into settlement discussions with BSEE. The parties reached a Settlement Agreement resolving their dispute over the SOP denials and the IBLA appeal.

In accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement between the parties and 30 CFR 250.174(a), we hereby direct an SOP for Lease OCS 0184, effective February 17, 2015. Per the Settlement Agreement, the suspension does not prohibit ECOP from commencing production during its term. The directed suspension will automatically end when production into the sales pipeline commences from Lease OCS 0184, or on August 6, 2019, whichever is earlier. If such production resumes prior to August 6, 2019, ECOP must provide prompt notice to BSEE.

Consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, ECOP must provide monthly progress reports to this office containing details regarding the operational activities, plans, and timelines for the restoration of production from an existing well (i.e., API No. 177034021901, 177034033801, or 177034097500) on Lease OCS 0184.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Mr. Richie Baud at (504) 736-2675 or by e-mail at richie.baud@bsee.gov.

Sincerely,

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