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Ms. Amanda Thompson
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Dear Ms. Thompson:

By letter dated June 22, 2018, TOPCO Offshore, LLC (TOPCO) requested a Suspension of Production (SOP) for Lease OCS-G 34802, Vermilion Block 153. Additional information was provided by TOPCO and its consultants via e-mails dated June 26 through August 30, 2018. Lease OCS-G 34802 had an effective date of July 1, 2013, and the primary lease term ended on June 30, 2018.

By letter dated October 16, 2018, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) denied your request for an SOP for Lease OCS-G 34802. TOPCO appealed that decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). The parties reached a Settlement Agreement resolving their dispute over the SOP denial 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-G 34802, effective July 1, 2018. Per the Settlement Agreement, the suspension does not prohibit TOPCO from commencing a drilling operation during its term. The directed suspension will automatically end when drilling operations commence on Lease OCS-G 34802 or on October 28, 2019, whichever is earlier. If such drilling commences prior to October 28, 2019, TOPCO must provide prompt notice to the Regional Supervisor for the Office of Production and Development. In light of this action, BSEE hereby denies your SOP request as moot.

Consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, TOPCO must provide monthly progress reports to this office containing details regarding the operational activities, plans,

and timelines for the commencement of drilling operations on Lease OCS-G 34802. TOPCO's activity schedule denoting their proposed timeline is attached hereto.

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,

(Org. signed) Lars Herbst

Lars Herbst
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✓ Lease OCS-G 32112 - Public, (GE 555A)

