



In Reply Refer To: GE 973E

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Ms. Lauren Abney
TOTAL E&P USA, INC.
1201 Louisiana Street, Suite 1800
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Ms. Abney:

By letter dated May 31, 2018, with additional information received by multiple submittals dated June 15 through July 13, 2018, TOTAL E&P USA, INC. (TOTAL) requests approval of a Suspension of Production (SOP) and an activity schedule for the Garden Banks (GB) Block 959 Unit, Agreement No. 754316004. The unit consists of Leases OCS-G 30869, 30870, 30876, and 32460, and was held by operations through June 17, 2018.

TOTAL has determined that a Floating Production Unit (FPU) would be the most efficient and effective method for developing unit resources. TOTAL requests an SOP for the design, construction, and installation of production facilities to produce unit resources.

In accordance with Articles IX, XVI, and XVII of the Unit Agreement and 30 CFR 250.174(a), an SOP and activity schedule for the GB Block 959 Unit are hereby approved from June 18, 2018, through April 30, 2019. TOTAL is expected to follow the enclosed SOP activity schedule and must notify this office in writing (progress report) by the end of each month in which a deadline is scheduled. The SOP activity schedule and any approved revisions made thereto will satisfy the Unit Agreement requirements of Article 9.3 for a plan of operation. Once production commences, an approved unit plan of operation pursuant to the Unit Agreement shall be required. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Imran Vahora at (504) 736-2664 or imran.vahora@bsee.gov.

Sincerely,

(Orig. Sgd.) *Richie D. Baud*

Richie D. Baud
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Enclosure