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July 24, 2020

Mr. Rian S. Riche
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Dear Mr. Riche:

By letter dated July 15, 2019, with additional information received by multiple submittals dated December 6, 2019, through June 29, 2020, Shell Offshore Inc. (Shell) requests approval of a Suspension of Production (SOP) and an activity schedule for the Mississippi Canyon (MC) Block 612 Unit, Agreement No. 754319003. The unit consists of Lease OCS-G 33166, and portions of Leases OCS-G 33744, 33752, and 35830, and was held through July 31, 2019.

Production is expected to commence following the fabrication of subsea trees and equipment, completion of topside modifications at the host production facility, development well drilling, and the installation, commissioning, and hookup of the subsea production systems.

In accordance with Articles IX, XVI, and XVII of the Unit Agreement, 30 CFR 250.174(a), and NTL No. 2019-G01, an SOP and activity schedule for the MC Block 612 Unit are hereby approved from August 1, 2019, through March 31, 2021. The primary term for Lease OCS-G 33166 expired July 31, 2019, and will be included in the unit SOP from August 1, 2019, through March 31, 2021. The primary term for Leases OCS-G 33744 and 33752 expired June 30, 2020, and will be included in the unit SOP from July 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021. This unit suspension excludes Lease OCS-G 35830, since the primary term extends beyond the expiration of the SOP.

Shell 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,

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Enclosure

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Leases OCS-G 33166, 33744, 33752, and 35830 – Public (GE 555A)