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In Reply Refer To: GE 973E

July 15, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Spence:

By letter dated June 1, 2020, and additional information received June 18, 2020, TOTAL E&P USA, INC. (TOTAL) requests approval of a Suspension of Production (SOP) and a revised 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 an SOP through June 30, 2020.

TOTAL has awarded several engineering contracts over the past year. TOTAL requests an SOP to award contracts for long lead drilling, completion, and subsea production equipment and revision of the activity schedule due to COVID-19 impacts on fabrication yards and global supply chain disruptions.

In accordance with Articles IX, XVI, and XVII of the Unit Agreement and 30 CFR 250.174(a), an SOP and a revised activity schedule for the GB Block 959 Unit are hereby approved from July 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021. 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. 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 30869, 30870, 30876, and 32460 – Public (GE 555A)