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June 18, 2025

Mr. Kane Heinen  
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Dear Mr. Heinen:

As part of the Department of the Interior's response to Executive Order (E.O.) 14156, *Declaring a National Energy Emergency*, dated January 20, 2025, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) has been instructed to identify and exercise lawful authorities to facilitate the generation of domestic energy resources on the Outer Continental Shelf. *See* Secretarial Order (S.O.) No. 3417, *Addressing the National Energy Emergency*, dated February 3, 2025.

Murphy Exploration & Production Company – USA (Murphy) is the designated operator on Lease OCS-G 35868 (the Lease), Green Canyon (GC) Block 434. The Lease had a primary term set to expire on July 31, 2023, and is currently held by a pending request for a Suspension of Production (SOP) and a pending request for a Suspension of Operations (SOO), both dated July 18, 2023.

In accordance with E.O. 14156 and S.O. 3417, BSEE has determined it is in the National interest to allow Murphy to properly develop the Lease in accordance with 30 CFR 250.174(a). We hereby direct an SOP for Lease OCS-G 35868, from August 1, 2023, through May 31, 2026. Murphy is expected to follow the enclosed activity schedule and must notify this office in writing (Progress Report) by the end of each month that a deadline is scheduled.

In light of this action, the aforementioned SOP and SOO requests, dated July 18, 2023, are deemed moot. If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Mr. Daniel Dauterive at (504) 736-2906 or [Daniel.Dauterive@bsee.gov](mailto:Daniel.Dauterive@bsee.gov).

Sincerely,

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