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In Reply Refer To: GE 973E

November 18, 2022

Mr. Rian S. Riche  
Shell Offshore Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Riche:

By letter dated October 20, 2022, Shell Offshore Inc. (Shell) requests approval of a Suspension of Operations (SOO) for the Walker Ridge (WR) Block 275 Unit, Agreement No. 754323002. The unit consists of Lease OCS-G 34639 and portions of Leases OCS-G 34638, 35896, and 35897.

Drilling operations were expected to commence on or before October 31, 2022, on Lease OCS-G 35897, Well No. 1. The contracted rig has been delayed at its previous drilling location due to drilling/operational delays. Unit drilling operations are now expected to commence prior to the end of November 2022, after operations are completed at the current location and rig mobilization to the WR Block 275 Unit.

In accordance with Articles IX, XVI, and XVII of the Unit Agreement and 30 CFR 250.175(a), an SOO for the WR Block 275 Unit is hereby approved from November 1 through November 30, 2022. This unit suspension excludes Leases OCS-G 35896 and 35897, since the primary terms extend beyond the expiration of this SOO. Shell must notify this office in writing upon the commencement of unit drilling operations on Lease OCS-G 35897, Well No. 1. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Imran Vahora at (504) 736-2664 or [imran.vahora@bsee.gov](mailto:imran.vahora@bsee.gov).

Sincerely,

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