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In Reply Refer To: GM 274E

September 3, 2013

Mr. Bryan Chapman
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Dear Mr. Bryan:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No. - N-09699
Type - Initial Development Operations Coordination Document
Received - February 26, 2013, amended March 11, 22, April 1, and 18, 2013
Lease(s) - OCS-G 20351, Block 584, Walker Ridge Area
OCS-G 25251, Block 540, Walker Ridge Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of September 3, 2013, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.270(b)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Wells DC1-1, DC1-2, DC1-3, DC1-4, DC1-5, DC1-6, DC1-7, DC1-8, DC1-9, DC1-10, and DC1-11.

Drilling permits cannot be issued for the proposed wells until concurrence with your coastal zone management consistency certification has been received by this office from the Texas General Land Office or until concurrence with the certification has been conclusively presumed.

You must comply with the following species protective measures in all activities conducted pursuant to the plan:

- Joint Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) No. 2012-G01, "Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Protected Species Reporting" (available at <<http://www.boem.gov/Regulations/Notices-To-Lessees/2012/2012-JOINT-G01-pdf.aspx>>);

- Joint NTL No. 2012-G02, "Implementation of Seismic Survey Mitigation Measures and Protected Species Observer Program" available at <<http://www.boem.gov/Regulations/Notices-To-Lessees/2012/2012-JOINT-G02-pdf.aspx>>; and

- NTL No. 2012-BSEE-G01, "Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination" (available at <<http://www.bsee.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Notices-to-Lessees/2012/2012-BSEE-G01-pdf.aspx>>).

These measures are designed to promote environmental protection, consistent environmental policy, compliance with environmental laws, and safety.

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of shallow gas.

In response to the request accompanying your plan for a hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) classification, the area in which the proposed drilling operations are to be conducted is hereby classified, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.490(c), as "H₂S absent."

If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact Mohammad Ashfaq at (504)736-2996.

Sincerely,

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