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In Reply Refer To: GE 973E

Ms. Karen Vanacour
Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC
11451 Katy Freeway, Suite 500
Houston, Texas 77079

Dear Ms. Vanacour:

By letter dated August 2, 2013, with additional information e-mailed on August 19, 2013, Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC (Black Elk) requests a Suspension of Production (SOP) for Lease OCS-G 13563, West Cameron Block 269. This lease is held by production, pursuant to 30 CFR 250.180, through September 1, 2013.

Production from Lease OCS-G 13563 ceased on March 5, 2013, when the remaining producing well on the lease was shut in due to loading up with water. Subsequently, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement issued a component shut-in Incident of Non-Compliance for corrosion on the facility. Following platform remediation repairs, production from Lease OCS-G 13563 is scheduled to be restored by the end of October 2013.

An SOP for Lease OCS-G 13563 is hereby approved, pursuant to 30 CFR 250.174(a), from September 2 through October 31, 2013. Black Elk, or any subsequent operator, is expected to notify this office in writing upon commencement of production. If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Daniel Dauterive at (504) 736-2906 or by e-mail at Daniel.Dauterive@bsee.gov.

Sincerely,

(Org. Signed) Susan R. Green

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