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In Reply Refer To: GE 973E

Mr. Cary Bradford
Nexen Petroleum U.S.A. Inc.
945 Bunker Hill Road, Suite 1400
Houston, Texas 77024

Dear Mr. Bradford:

By letter dated July 16, 2013, with additional information e-mailed on August 14, 2013, Nexen Petroleum U.S.A. Inc. (Nexen) requests Suspensions of Production (SOPs) for Leases OCS 0137 and 0138, West Delta Blocks 44 and 45, respectively. These leases were held by production, pursuant to 30 CFR 250.180, through August 7, 2013.

Nexen ceased production on these leases February 8, 2013, due to a lack of produced gas for gas-lift gas and fuel. Negotiations began last year with several pipeline operators to purchase gas. On July 15, 2013, Nexen signed a bidirectional, interconnect agreement. Following pipeline and facility modifications, production is expected to resume by the end of January 2014.

SOPs for Leases OCS 0137 and 0138 are hereby approved, pursuant to 30 CFR 250.174(a), from August 8, 2013, through January 31, 2014. Nexen, or any subsequent operator, is expected to follow the enclosed activity schedule and to notify this office in writing (progress report) by the end of each month that a deadline is scheduled. If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Mr. Glen Weber at (504) 736-2670 or by e-mail at Glen.Weber@bsee.gov.

Sincerely,

(Org. Signed) Susan R. Green



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Enclosure

bc: ONRR, FM/RS (MS 61213B)
1101-02a(3)(b), w/encl and appl (GE 973E)
Lease OCS 0137, (GE 555A)
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