Subject: Approval of the Extension to the SOP for the Northstar Unit

RE: Northstar Unit 3rd Plan of Development

Dear Mr. Skitmore:

BP Explorations (Alaska) Inc. (BPX) request for an extension to the Northstar Unit Suspension of Production (SOP) is approved for the period May 1, 1998, to April 30, 2001. The approval is subject to your meeting the work commitments presented in the third Plan of Development (POD) submitted on January 8, 1998. Annual reports describing the operations conducted each year will be required and all activities must be consistent with the approved POD.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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