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Ms. Kathryn Kaufman  
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1111 Travis Street  
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Dear Ms. Kaufman:

The Ninth Circuit's judgment in *Center for Biological Diversity v. Bernhardt*, 982 F.3d 723 (2020) took effect on January 29, 2021. As a result of the litigation, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) previous approval of Hilcorp Alaska, LLC's (Hilcorp) Liberty Amended Development and Production Plan (Liberty DPP) is vacated and the action remanded to BOEM for further proceedings.

BOEM requires that Hilcorp confirm in a letter to BOEM whether it is planning to pursue the activities described in the Liberty DPP for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) blocks OCS-Y-1650, OCS-Y-1886 and OCS-Y-1585. Please clarify whether Hilcorp is planning to pursue the activities as described in the existing Liberty DPP or if Hilcorp anticipates amending the Liberty DPP.

Please submit a public copy of the letter to BOEM. If you have questions, please contact Joel Immaraj, Chief of Plans Section, at (907) 334-5238 or by email at [joel.immaraj@boem.gov](mailto:joel.immaraj@boem.gov).

Sincerely,

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