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Mr. Joel Immaraj Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Plans Bureau of Ocean Energy Management 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500 Anchorage, AK, 99503-5820

Re: DP005 – Hilcorp Liberty Development and Production Plan Status

Dear Mr. Immaraj;

Hilcorp Alaska, LLC (Hilcorp) is providing information to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) in response to its letter dated March 19, 2021. BOEM requested an update on Hilcorp's planned activities as described in the Liberty Development and Production Plan (DPP) for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) lease blocks OCS-Y-1650, OCS-Y-1886 and OCS-Y-1585. Specifically, BOEM has requested clarification as to whether Hilcorp would pursue activities described in the current DPP or if Hilcorp anticipated amending the Liberty DPP.

Hilcorp is continuing to update the Liberty Oil Spill Response Plan (OSRP), specifically focusing on a mechanical response strategy for the worst-case discharge scenario. While the initial OSRP focused on intentional well ignition and well capping for a worst-case discharge response, Hilcorp is now updating the OSRP to include more traditional mechanical response tactics. The addition of a full mechanical response scenario will result in changes to the Liberty DPP.

Hilcorp is currently working with the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) to study technical aspects of the proposed mechanical response concept. Upon conclusion of that study, Hilcorp will complete updates to the OSRP and resubmit to BSEE for review and approval. Hilcorp does not propose to amend the Liberty DPP until BSEE determines the OSRP is adequate and complete.

Please contact me at <u>kkaufman@hilcorp.com</u> or 346-237-2275 if you have any questions or require additional information on the information presented herein.

Sincerely,

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