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Re: Deferment of Processing Exploration Plan and Oil Spill Response Plan for Chukchi Sea,
Devils Paw Prospect

Dear Mr. Johnston and Mr. Moore:

In the meeting last week in Anchorage among representatives of ConocoPhillips, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), the status of ConocoPhillips' Oil Spill Response Plan (OSRP) and Exploration Plan (EP) for the Devils Paw Prospect in the Chukchi Sea were discussed. As you know, those plans were submitted to the agencies in February and March 2012, respectively, and are currently subject to outstanding requests for additional information, which required ConocoPhillips to procure equipment prior to permit approval. More recently, the Department of Interior has issued a report calling on industry and government to work together to develop an Arctic-specific model for offshore oil and gas exploration in Alaska.

In light of the permitting and regulatory uncertainties, ConocoPhillips has concluded that it would not be prudent to make the financial commitment necessary to preserve the option to drill in 2014. Consequently, we ask BSEE and BOEM to defer any further processing of our OSRP and EP submittals at this time.

At the meeting last week, BSEE and BOEM expressed a preference for ConocoPhillips to withdraw our applications so that they are no longer pending before the agencies. ConocoPhillips has considered this approach, but concluded that withdrawal would be premature

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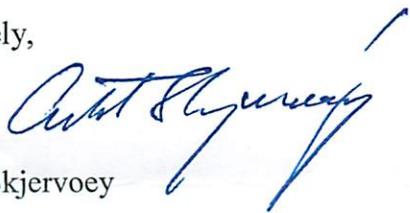
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at this time. We are open to reconsidering whether withdrawal is appropriate when the regulatory requirements to proceed are more clearly defined. In the meantime, we look forward to working with the agencies to develop Arctic-specific standards and regulations for operating on the Arctic OCS.

Please contact me at (907) 265-6354 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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