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In Reply Refer To: GM 235D

July 3, 2019

Mr. Bill Fisher
Kosmos Energy Gulf of Mexico Operations, LLC
738 Highway 6 South
Suite 800
Houston, Texas 77079

Dear Mr. Fisher,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	S-7938
Type	Supplemental Exploration Plan
Received	February 5, 2019, amended March 25 and April 8, 2019, and modified June 4, 2019
Lease(s)	OCS-G 21176, Block 563, Mississippi Canyon Area (MC)

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of July 3, 2019, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.233(b) (1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Subsea Wells 002, 002 Alt-1, and 002 Alt-2.

In accordance with 30 CFR 556.901(d), additional security may be required for your proposed activities. Prior to conducting activities in which you need to obtain approvals and/or permits described in 30 CFR 550.281(a) from the appropriate District Manager or BSEE Regional Supervisor, you must contact BOEM Risk Management Operations Group by email at boemrmog@boem.gov to determine if additional security is required and comply with any demand for this security.

In response to the request accompanying your plan for a hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) classification, the area in which the proposed drilling operations are to be conducted is hereby classified, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.490(c), as "H₂S absent."

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of shallow gas, faulting, and possible water flow.

You must comply with the following species protective measures in all activities conducted pursuant to the plan:

- BOEM Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) No. 2016-G01, "Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Protected Species Reporting" (available at <http://www.boem.gov/BOEM-NTL-No-2016-G01>);
- BOEM NTL No. 2016-G02, "Implementation of Seismic Survey Mitigation Measures and Protected Species Observer Program" (available at <http://www.boem.gov/BOEM-NTL-2016-G02>); and

- BSEE NTL No. 2015-G03, "Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination" (available at <https://www.bsee.gov/sites/bsee.gov/files/notices-to-lessees-ntl/alerts/ntl-2015-g03.pdf>).

These measures are designed to promote environmental protection, consistent environmental policy, compliance with environmental laws, and safety.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact Robert Arpino at (504) 736-2414.

Sincerely,

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