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In Reply Refer To: GE 973E

March 31, 2020

Mr. Benjamin Smith Monforte Exploration L.L.C. 2925 Richmond Avenue, Suite 1200 Houston, Texas 77098

Dear Mr. Smith:

By letter dated March 12, 2020, Monforte Exploration L.L.C. (Monforte) requests a Suspension of Production (SOP) for Lease OCS-G 32207 (the Lease), Ship Shoal (SS) Block 290. Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.180, production held the Lease through March 16, 2020.

Production from the Lease ceased on March 16, 2019. Monforte executed a gas transportation agreement with Kinetica Midstream Energy LLC (Kinetica) and Kinetica subsequently installed electronic gas measurement equipment on the gas royalty meter located on the SS Block 277 A platform. Production is expected to resume from the Lease by the end of April 2020.

An SOP for Lease OCS-G 32207 is hereby approved, pursuant to 30 CFR 250.174(a), from March 17 through April 30, 2020. Monforte, or any subsequent operator, is expected to notify this office in writing when production resumes from the Lease. If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Mr. Patrick Roberts at (504) 736-2476 or patrick.roberts@bsee.gov.

Sincerely,

RICHIE BAUD BAUD Date: 2020.03.31 16:29:00

Richie D. Baud Regional Supervisor Production and Development

