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In Reply Refer To: GE 973E

August 12, 2020

Mr. Richard A. Andre GoMex Energy Offshore, Ltd. 1776 Woodstead Court, Suite 222 The Woodlands, Texas 77380

Dear Mr. Andre:

By letter dated May 5, 2020, supplemented by e-mails received July 10 through August 4, 2020, GoMex Energy Offshore, Ltd. (GoMex) requests a Suspension of Production (SOP) for Lease OCS-G 34805 (the Lease), Vermilion (VR) Block 301. The Lease was held by prior production, pursuant to 30 CFR 250.180, through May 22, 2020.

Production from the Lease ceased on May 22, 2019, when a leak was discovered downstream in a lateral pipeline. The pipeline owner proceeded to shut in the pipeline laterals supporting gas sales from the Lease. In July 2019, the pipeline owner received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for their request to abandon their pipeline system. On July 16, 2019, GoMex applied for a new Right-Of-Way (ROW) pipeline (Pipeline Segment Number 20219) from the VR Block 282 D platform to a proposed subsea tie-in to another owner's pipeline in East Cameron Block 290 to transport and restore production from the Lease. The ROW is currently under review and is awaiting approval. Following pipeline installation, production from the Lease is scheduled to be restored by June 2021.

An SOP for Lease OCS-G 34805 is hereby approved, pursuant to 30 CFR 250.174(b), from May 23, 2020, through June 30, 2021. GoMex, or any subsequent operator, is expected to follow the enclosed activity schedule and must notify this office in writing (progress report) by the end of each month that a deadline is scheduled. If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Ms. Kathy Gomez at (504) 736-2648 or kathy.gomez@bsee.gov.

Sincerely,

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