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In Reply Refer To: GE 973E

June 5, 2026

Mr. Rian S. Riche
Shell Offshore Inc.
Post Office Box 61933
New Orleans, Louisiana 70161

Dear Mr. Riche:

By letter dated April 22, 2026, and additional information received May 6, 2026, Shell Offshore Inc. (Shell) requests approval of a Suspension of Production (SOP) and a revised activity schedule for the Garden Banks (GB) Block 959 Unit, Agreement No. 754316004. The unit consists of Leases OCS-G 30869, 30870, 30876, and 32460, and was held by a prior suspension through April 30, 2026.

The SOP is requested to allow time to construct, transport, and install the deepwater production facility and deepen, complete and commence production from the unit wells.

In accordance with Articles IX, XVI, and XVII of the Unit Agreement and 30 CFR 250.174(a), an SOP and a revised activity schedule for the GB Block 959 Unit is hereby approved from May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027. Shell is expected to follow the enclosed SOP activity schedule and must notify this office in writing (progress report) by the end of each month in which a deadline is scheduled. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Carlos Butron at (504) 736-2980 or carlos.butron@bsee.gov.

Sincerely,

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Natasha Bland
Regional Supervisor
Office of Production and Development

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