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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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July 5, 2007

Mr. Paul Black
BNP Petroleum Corporation
2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 5300
Houston, TX 77056

Re: Approval of BNP Petroleum Corporation Plan of Operations for ST-991 #1, Dunn
McC Campbell 12A, and Dunn McC Campbell 11A wells at Padre Island National Seashore

Dear Mr. Black:

The National Park Service (NPS) has reviewed the Plan of Operations submitted by BNP Petroleum Corporation (BNP) for the drilling and production operation of the ST-991 #1, Dunn McC Campbell 12A, and Dunn McC Campbell 11A wells within Padre Island National Seashore. We have determined that the Plan meets the relevant information requirements of the 36 CFR Part 9B regulations; therefore, we officially accept the Plan of Operations and are now processing it for approval consideration.

A public Notice of Availability for the Plan of Operation and its accompanying Environmental Assessment (EA) will be made in the Federal Register and posted to the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>, providing the public 30 days for review and comment. Based on any substantive comments received, the Intermountain Regional Director may incorporate additional mitigating measures as conditions of approval into the Decision Document for this proposed operation.

In accordance with 36 CFR §9.37, the Regional Director will make a decision to accept or reject the Plan of Operation within 60 days from the date of this letter, unless an additional 30 days is requested by the NPS to complete the EA and public review process. At this time, our goal is to meet the 60-day time schedule, which is dependent on the timely publication of the Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*. The NPS is reviewing and processing your application as expeditiously as possible in accordance with Executive Order No. 13212 and other applicable laws and regulations.

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If you have any questions please contact myself or Mr. Mark Biel or any staff at (361) 949-8173 extension 234.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Darrell L. Echols". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Darrell" and last name "Echols" clearly distinguishable.

Darrell L. Echols
Acting Superintendent

cc: Linda Dansby, NPS, IMSF-MOG
Carol McCoy, NPS, WASO-NRPC-GRD