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To: <Jock_Whitworth@nps.gov>
cc: <Marilyn_McConkey@nps.gov>, <Arlene_Wimer@nps.gov>, <Ken_McMullen@nps.gov>
Subject: Re: Answers to your oil and gas program questions

Jock-

Thank you for the thorough response to my questions. Your responses seem to be very well researched and carefully stated, so I hope there is no problem with me treating the information you gave me as public information. Please let me know if you feel otherwise. Subsequent to my last email to you the Sierra Club national office filed a FOIA request for the same information, so I assume you'll be sending the same information again soon under the requirements of FOIA. We disagree with the approval of the permit application, but I wouldn't want your responsiveness to an informal request for information to be a potential source of criticism.

I'd also like to ask for a clarification. I still don't have a sense for when the public comment period will begin on the 2nd PO. This is of great interest to us, and we would like to have as much advance notice as possible in order to prepare comments.

On another point, although the process does not require it, I would also like to suggest that a public hearing is in order for a drilling campaign of the magnitude that BNP seems to be proposing. Taken in the aggregate, the effects of drilling in dozens of locations, and the accompanying truck traffic, certainly seems to raise the specter of impairment of the natural resources and associated values, such as visitor enjoyment.

Thanks again. Although we may be at odds with NPS & DOI in the coming months over the drilling, I want you to know that our goal is to do what is best for the park and its users. I have no doubt that you and your staff feel the same way, and I hope that our recognition of this common interest will allow us to maintain warm and respectful relations.

Sincerely,

Fred Richardson

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Subject: Answers to your oil and gas program questions

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> Good afternoon Fred. I am attaching answers to your questions on the oil
> and gas program at Padre Island National Seashore. Please contact me if
> you have any other questions.
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> Jock Whitworth
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> (See attached file: Sierra Club E-Response.doc)

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