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VIA FACSIMILE (949-8023)

Jock Whitworth
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RE: Temporary Access
Plum/Plum Deep Pipeline Facility Route
Padre Island National Seashore, Texas

Dear Mr. Whitworth:

Please allow this letter to serve as a request for temporary access to Padre Island National Seashore for survey work in order to prepare one or more Plans of Operation for oil and gas exploration activities. Representatives from Frontier Surveying, Registered Professional Land Surveyors, anticipate working in both the Laguna Madre and on Padre Island National Seashore (PINS) in order to survey the proposed pipeline route and production facility site for BNP's Plum/Plum Deep Prospects. Representatives will be conducting the survey work starting on May 14, 2002. The surveyors, when working in PINS, will use only public roads for access. All survey work will be done on foot, and the surveyors will be carrying only hand held GPS equipment, together with survey stakes. Also, a portion of the pipeline is located in the Laguna Madre within Padre Island National Seashore and access to this area will be via a shallow drafting boat. Surveyors will only be accessing the Park by means otherwise authorized to the public.

Due to the difficulties in coordinating schedules, BNP would greatly appreciate a response to this request by May 13, 2002.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BNP PETROLEUM CORPORATION


H. Scott Taylor
Vice President Land/Regulatory Affairs

cc: Ken McMullen

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