



OIL & GAS PROPERTIES, LTD.

July 12, 2002

**VIA FACSIMILE (361) 949-8023 w/o enclosures
and U. S. MAIL**

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Padre Island National Seashore
Attention: Arlene Wimer
20301 Park Road 22
Corpus Christi, TX 78418

RE: Request for Temporary Access Permit
Padre Island National Seashore, Texas

Dear Ms. Wimer:

Please allow this letter to serve as a request by BNP Oil & Gas Properties, Ltd. for a Temporary Access Permit across Padre Island National Seashore Lands for the purpose of collecting the basic information necessary to prepare a formal Plan of Operations. BNP has retained Belaire Environmental, Inc. to assist it in the preparation of a formal Plan of Operations for oil and gas exploration activities within the boundaries of the Padre Island National Seashore. This request for Temporary Access Permit is made specifically in accordance with the provisions of 36CFR §9.38 (a) (1).

BNP is the present Lessee under those certain Oil and Gas Leases dated May 19, 2001 February 21, 2002 and February 22, 2002, respectively, executed by Dunn-McCampbell Royalty Interest, Inc. and Dunn-Padre Corporation in favor of BNP Oil & Gas Properties, Ltd. covering the acreage identified therein, including minerals underlying the National Seashore. Copies of the memoranda giving notice of said leases, together with plats identifying the acreage covered thereby are enclosed herewith.

The temporary access requested under this letter shall be limited to the areas covered by the referenced leases and adjoining surface areas from which actual operations may be conducted, together with necessary means of ingress and egress to such areas by Park Road 22 and along the beach. Surveying, scouting operations and information gathering needed for several possible drill site locations, each of which would affect an approximately 300 foot by 300 foot area for drilling, plus necessary routes for ingress and egress to and from the drilling sites. The information gathering will be conducted by personnel on foot when traversing areas other than marked paved roads or the beach, and such activities will not cause environmental damage or result in significant new or additional surface disturbance to the area in question. This Temporary Access Permit is necessary for the gathering of information for the purposes of preparing a Plan of Operation, and the failure to grant such temporary access will result in an unreasonable economic burden to BNP as operator under the above referenced mineral contract.

BNP has authorized Belaire Environmental, Inc. to contact the National Park Service directly in order to arrange access for BNP's proposed activities. Mr. Belaire would like to undertake the scouting and surveying operations beginning Wednesday of next week.

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Thank you for your prompt consideration and attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, or should you desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

BNP OIL & GAS PROPERTIES, LTD.



H. Scott Taylor
Vice President Land/Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures (3)

cc: Jock Whitworth, Superintendent
Padre Island National Seashore

Ken McMullen
Padre Island National Seashore

Belaire Environmental, Inc.