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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

J. Edward Jones, President  
Aurora Gas, LLC  
4645 Sweetwater Blvd, Suite 200  
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Re: Extensions of Nicolai Creek and Three Mile Creek Plans of Development

Dear Mr. Jones,

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (Division) received Aurora Gas, LLC's (Aurora) proposed 11th Plan of Development (POD) for the Three Mile Creek Field (TMC) and proposed 43rd POD for the Nicolai Creek Unit (NCU) on October 5 and 6, 2016, respectively. Aurora is currently in bankruptcy proceedings, with its reorganization plan due by January 6, 2017. Aurora has also moved for an extension until January 10, 2017 to accept or reject the NCU and TMC leases under 11 U.S.C. § 365.

To maintain the status quo and give the Division an opportunity to consider PODs in light of Aurora's reorganization, Aurora withdrew its proposed PODs by email on October 11 and the Division is extending the current PODs. The TMC POD, set to expire November 30, 2016, is hereby extended until February 28, 2017. The NCU POD, set to expire December 31, 2016, is hereby extended until February 28, 2017 as well. If Aurora will continue as operator of NCU or TMC, please re-submit PODs promptly after filing the reorganization plan.

An eligible person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of "issuance" of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040(c) and (d), and may be mailed or delivered to Andrew T. Mack, Acting Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918; or sent by electronic mail to [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov). This decision takes effect immediately. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

If you have questions regarding this decision, contact Becky Kruse with the Division at 907-269-8799 or via email at [Becky.Kruse@Alaska.gov](mailto:Becky.Kruse@Alaska.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James B. Beckham".

James B. Beckham  
Acting Director