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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Bart Armfield  
Chief Executive Officer  
Brooks Range Petroleum Corporation  
510 L Street, Suite 601  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Beechey Point Unit Termination – Notice of Hearing

Dear Mr. Armfield:

On October 7, 2014, former Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Commissioner Balash approved Brooks Range Petroleum Corporation's (BRPC) request for reconsideration of the Division's Beechey Point Unit Notice of Automatic Termination. As part of that decision, the Commissioner granted BRPC's request for a hearing in the matter.

The Commissioner's Office again contacted BRPC in February 2016 regarding a hearing. BRPC indicated at that time that it still wanted to proceed with a hearing. The Division assumes that BRPC remains interested in a hearing in this matter, which will proceed as follows.

In an appeal or reconsideration proceeding, the Commissioner may hold a hearing when there are questions of fact to be resolved. 11 AAC 02.050. I find that BRPC's appeal raises the following questions of fact:

1. What is the condition and status of the North Shore #1 well?
2. Is the North Shore #1 well physically capable of producing hydrocarbons?
3. What operations (*i.e.*, the type of activities that a unit operator may not conduct without an approved Plan of Operations under 11 AAC 83.346) did BRPC conduct in the Beechey Point Unit between August 31, 2009 and August 31, 2014?

The hearing will be held on August 6, 2018 at 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, Suite 1400, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. I have appointed TJ Presley to oversee the hearing as hearing officer. The purpose of the hearing is to give BRPC an opportunity to present facts, information, or argument addressing the factual questions listed above. Formal rules of evidence do not apply, and any witness testimony may be provided in narrative form. The hearing officer may ask questions during the hearing. Neither DNR nor the Division will appear as a party. The hearing will be recorded, and if necessary, transcribed. BRPC may request a transcript at its own expense. 11 AAC 02.050.

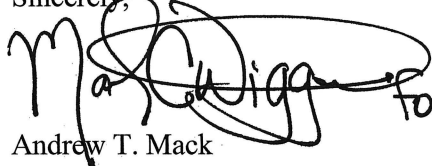
Following the hearing, I will issue a decision.

If BRPC objects to any part of this notice, it must submit a written objection so that it is received by me no later than July 27, 2018, setting forth each aspect of this notice that is objected to and requesting a modification to this notice to resolve each objection. For instance, if BRPC needs more than 2 hours for

the hearing, it must make a written objection stating that 2 hours are not sufficient and BRPC must also make a written request stating how much time is needed.

Note that the time for submitting written materials in support of reconsideration has passed. 11 AAC 02.030(e). If BRPC intends to rely on documents during the hearing that it has previously submitted to DNR, BRPC shall send electronic copies to [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov) so that the documents are received by close of business on July 30, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mack', with a large, loopy flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Andrew T. Mack  
Commissioner

for 7/18/18

CC: Chantal Walsh, Director, Division of Oil & Gas  
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