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## STATE OF ALASKA NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE EXPANSION OF THE NIKAITCHUQ UNIT

The Department of Natural Resources gives notice under 11 AAC 83.311 of an application for approval of the Expansion of the Nikaitchuq Unit. The Nikaitchuq Unit is located on the North Slope of Alaska, north of the Kuparuk River Unit and east of the Tuvaq Unit. The proposed expansion area includes the current Tuvaq Unit, and lands south of the current Nikaitchuq Unit boundary. Eni US Operating Co. Inc. (Eni US), the Nikaitchuq Unit Operator, filed an application to expand the Nikaitchuq Unit with the Division of Oil and Gas on May 18, 2007. The application was deemed complete on June 27, 2007. Eni US' address is 1201 Louisiana, Suite 3500, Houston Texas, 77002.

The proposed Nikaitchuq Unit expansion area would increase the area committed to the Nikaitchuq Unit from the current 12,968 acres to a total of 33,870 acres and includes all or portions of the following lands:

Umiat Meridian, Alaska

Township 14 North, Range 8 East, Sections 1-16, 21-27, and 34-36;

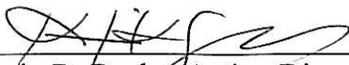
Township 14 North, Range 9 East, Sections 19, and 28-33;

Township 15 North, Range 8 East, Sections 31, 32, 33, 35, and 36;

In accordance with 11 AAC 83.356, geological, geophysical, and engineering information were submitted in support of the application to expand the Nikaitchuq Unit. The expansion will be approved if consistent with 11 AAC 83.303 and other applicable statutes.

The non-confidential portions of the application may be viewed at the Division of Oil and Gas, Units Section, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1100, Anchorage, Alaska. Copies of the non-confidential portions of the application are available by writing the Division of Oil and Gas, Units Section, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 800, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3560. The division charges a photocopy fee of \$.25 per sheet. 11 AAC 05.010 (a)(16)(c).

Any person may file written comments on the application. Comments must be received by Monday, August 5, 2007, and should be mailed to the Division of Oil and Gas, at the above address, to the attention of Temple Davidson, Units Section. The division will review and consider all timely written comments before a decision is made. The Commissioner will approve or disapprove the proposed unit expansion application considering the criteria in 11 AAC 83.303 within 60 days after the close of the comment period.



for  
Kevin R. Banks, Acting Director  
Division of Oil and Gas

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