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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 17, 2010

Amy Frankenburg
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P.O. Box 196612
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Re: Approval of the Request to Extend the Combined Pt. McIntyre Participation Area Expansion
Application Filing Date to March 1, 2011

By letter dated September 13, 2010, BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.'s (BPXA) requested an extension of the filing date for the Combined Area 1 and Area 2 Point McIntyre Participating Area Expansion Application (Application) from October 1, 2010 to March 1, 2011.

Extending the filing date for the Application to March 1, 2011 will provide time to gather additional production data from well P2-22A. The recently drilled well P2-22A in Expansion Area 1 (Prudhoe Bay Unit) was first tested and completed in April 2010. The well was put on production and flowed for less than one week before the Lisburne Production Center was shut-in for scheduled maintenance. Well P2-22A has been back on production for the last three weeks. Production data to-date from the well is preliminary and may not fully reflect the well's potential. BPXA plans to install a full gas lift design in the P2-22A well to maximize wellbore fluid lift and to conduct an extended well test. The requested extension of the filing date for the Application will allow BPXA the opportunity to gather necessary production data to support the expansion application and avoid the administrative burden of filing two separate expansion applications.

I find that the request for extension of the Application filing date is advisable to protect the interest of all parties under 11 AAC 83.303 and I approve the extension to March 1, 2011.

A 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 Tom Irwin, Commissioner, DNR, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to (907) 269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. This decision takes effect immediately. An eligible person must first appeal this

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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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin R. Banks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" being the most prominent part.

Kevin R. Banks
Director

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