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Mr. Keith Couvillion  
Chevron U.S.A. Inc.  
1500 Louisiana Street  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Couvillion:

On June 22, 2010, the United States District Court Eastern District of Louisiana granted the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction in Case No. 10-1663, Hornbeck Offshore Services, L.L.C et al. versus Kenneth Lee "Ken" Salazar et al. The attached Court Order prohibits the enforcement of the Secretary's Moratorium. The Court's Order also prohibits the enforcement of the May 30, 2010, Notice to Lessees. Consequently, we will not be enforcing the order directing a suspension of operations, which was set forth in a letter sent to you on June 4, 2010, for Well No. 1, Lease OCS-G 22367, Keathley Canyon Block 736. Based on the Court's order granting the preliminary injunction, neither the NTL nor the order directing a suspension of operations has legal effect on your operations at this time.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Steve Dessauer at (504) 736-2646.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Karl  
Regional Supervisor  
Production and Development

Defendants' Response to Plaintiffs' Motion  
to Enforce Preliminary Injunction Order

Exhibit B