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Ms. Tracy Sletto Acting Executive Vice President, Regulatory National Energy Board Suite 210, 517 Tenth Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2R OA8

Dear Ms. Sletto,

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) values its longstanding relationship with the National Energy Board (NEB), both bilaterally and through multilateral forums. Through our agencies' cooperation under the February 2013 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), we have exchanged information and best practices that have allowed us to foster safe, environmentally-sustainable offshore energy production in the U.S. and Canada.

As our colleagues have discussed, it makes the most sense to outline our bilateral cooperation through this letter instead of a renewed MOU. This will reduce the administrative burden on our organizations and allow us to focus on safety, the environment and production.

I am confident that the cooperation between BSEE and the NEB will permit us to continue to oversee safe, responsible energy production by exploring ways to evaluate and mitigate risk more effectively, promoting a strong culture of safety and exchanging information on other areas of mutual interest as they arise.

I look forward to continuing our close collaboration with the NEB, which contributes to North American energy security while advancing safety and protecting the environment. Please contact Julie Fleming, Chief of Congressional and International Affairs if you have questions for BSEE.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Scott Angelle