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To: Pacific OCS Lessees/Operators

IMPORTANT NOTICE Transfer/Assignment Service Fee Workaround

The final leasing rule issued March 30, 2016, effective May 31, 2016, clarifies that a separate service fee is due for each transfer of an interest in one lease to multiple parties using the same instrument (See § 556.709 and § 556.804).

- You may transfer a record title interest in one lease to multiple parties using the same instrument, but a separate service fee applies to the transfer of an interest to each party (assignee).
- You may assign an operating rights interest in one lease to multiple parties using the same instrument, but a separate service fee applies to the transfer of an interest to each party (assignee). Pay.gov must be updated in order to efficiently process separate fees where there are multiple transfers of interest in one transfer or assignment instrument. Until pay.gov is updated, BOEM requests that you pay for such transfers or assignments (beginning May 31, 2016) using the following method:

If there is more than one assignee in the transfer or assignment instrument, you should enter the lease number in the pay.gov screen the number of times that is equal to the number of assignees. For example, if the instrument has four assignees, you should enter the same lease number four times. Please see screenshot attached hereto.

Transfer/Assignment of Economic Interests Service Fee Workaround The final rule states that you may create, transfer, or assign “economic interests” (See 30 CFR 556.715(a) and 556.808(a)) without BOEM approval. For each lease affected by the instrument filed, you must pay the service fee listed in 30 CFR § 556.106. Pay.gov must be updated to create a separate payment screen for economic interest transfers and assignments. Until pay.gov is updated, you should pay for such transfers or assignments using the pay.gov payment screen for “non-required” documents, which reflects the same service fee as required for economic interests.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Elverlene Williams at 805-384-6392 or Elverlene.williams@boem.gov

Sincerely,

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