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ATTN: MR. Maury Adams

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTS TO SHELL CALIFORNIA PRODUCTION INC.
BETA FIELD DPP AND EIR/EA

Gentlemen:

As you know, an EIR/EA was prepared in late 1978 for a proposed Beta Unit development project which has subsequently been approved and implemented by Shell Oil Company et al and, more recently, by Shell California Production Inc. (SCPI). That report, "EIR/EA - Shell OCS Beta Unit Development" was prepared in December 1978 by the U.S. Geological Survey, the California State Lands Commission, and the Port of Long Beach, with technical assistance from WESTEC Services, Inc.; the Finalizing Addendum was published February 21, 1979. These two documents discussed the local and regional impacts of installation by SCPI of a total of three platforms on OCS leases P-0300 and P-0301, and a crude oil pipeline sited between lease P-0300 and the shore at Long Beach as well as an onshore pumping and metering station. The first two platforms, the pipeline to shore and the pumping and metering station have been installed and are now in operation.

The third platform planned by SCPI is the subject of a Supplement to the original EIR/EA. Since approval of the original EIR/EA by appropriate state and federal agencies, regulatory changes have occurred which require more detailed information than was presented in the original submission to supplement the original documents. This Eureka Supplement accommodates those changes, and is patterned after the outline presented in the MMS Notice to Lessees (NTL) 80-2 and specific direction from the MMS Pacific OCS (POCS) office.

Similarly, and again at the request of the MMS POCS office, we are updating the original Shell Beta Unit Plan of Development which was prepared in 1978 and envisioned the proposed Platform Eureka. Updating that document has occurred in two stages: the first Eureka Platform Detail Supplement, submitted in September 1981, and the present revision to that supplement, dated May 14, 1983.

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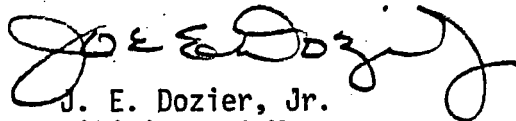
Enclosed are four copies of the May 14, 1983 revision to the DPP Eureka Platform Detail Supplement, as requested by your office. Please note that there is no "private and confidential" version of this document or its 1981 parent, although two of the references are considered proprietary. These are reports published by Shell Development Company and are entitled Hindcast of Wind Driven Currents in San Pedro Bay (BRC-115), and Estimation of Extreme Wave Height and Directional Spectral Shape for the San Pedro Basin (BRC 44-80). They appear as References 8.19 and 8.20, respectively, and are already in your possession. We would appreciate your continued protection of these documents.

Four copies of the bulkier EIR/EA Eureka Supplement are being forwarded under separate cover.

We would appreciate your review of these submissions and the opportunity to discuss them with you and your staff at the earliest opportunity. Mr. John Hallett has discussed these reports with you and suggested a meeting the second week in August. We will call to confirm a mutually agreeable time to meet. As you know, we are eager to do so at the earliest opportunity as the Eureka schedule anticipates a June 1984 installation date, and offshore activities in preparation for this should occur around mid-May.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hallett at (805) 326-5281 or me at (805) 326-5270.

Very truly yours,



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Attachments