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Mr. Luke Saugier
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Dear Mr. Saugier:

On September 9, 2021, Hilcorp Alaska, LLC (Hilcorp) requested authorization to conduct additional off-lease work and extend the survey area identified within Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Permit 21-01 (30 C.F.R. § 551.8(b)). Hilcorp requests to extend the southern boundary of the survey area by approximately 522 meters (m) (1,712.6 feet). This proposed extension of the survey area would allow Hilcorp to utilize the existing "COST" well, located within Lease Block 6555, as an additional point of reference for the survey. The following systems, permitted under Permit 21-01, are proposed for this positioning effort: Multibeam, Side Scan Sonar, Sub Bottom Profiler, and Magnetometer.

The extension of the survey area is shown on the map accompanying Hilcorp's request and will be conducted on Hilcorp's behalf by eTrac, Inc. (hereafter referred to as eTrac). eTrac will conduct operations using the vessels described in the Permit 21-01 Environmental Evaluation Document. The additional operations would be completed on or before October 31, 2021.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 USC 4321, et seq.; the Council on Environmental Quality regulations at 40 CFR § 1500.1, et seq.; Department of the Interior (DOI) regulations implementing NEPA at 43 CFR Part 46; and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) policy, BOEM prepared a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) analyzing the potential environmental effects of the Request for Extension of Survey Area proposed by Hilcorp.

None of the proposed activities in the Request for Extension of Survey Area represent a substantial change or departure from those activities or impacts already considered in the Hilcorp Alaska, LLC Geological and Geophysical Exploration Environmental Assessment (Hilcorp EA) (BOEM 2021-029) for Permit 21-01 and associated consultations.

Hilcorp's Request for Extension of Survey Area in Permit 21-01 to conduct survey operations in the area and manner described in the request is hereby approved. All operations are subject to the conditions, stipulations, and reporting requirements outlined in Permit 21-01.

Sincerely,

Michael Bradway
Regional Supervisor, Resource Evaluation