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VIA EMAIL

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Re: Proposed State Lease Form

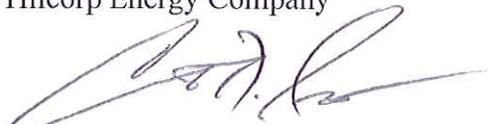
Dear Ms. Hyatt:

Hilcorp Energy Company ("Hilcorp") has been working in conjunction with the Onebane Law Firm and the Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, LLC Law Firm in reviewing the subject proposed State Lease form. Hilcorp has a long and successful history of oil and gas operations in the State of Louisiana contributing positively to Louisiana's local economies and the State's tax and royalty receipts. Hilcorp has a vested interest in the successful outcome of the new State Lease form that encourages future oil and gas operations within the State of Louisiana.

Hilcorp strongly supports the comments provided to your office by the Onebane and the Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, LLC Law Firms regarding the State Lease form. Furthermore, Hilcorp is willing to participate in the process of finalizing the new lease form.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you or anyone on the staff wish to discuss this matter in more detail.

Yours truly,
Hilcorp Energy Company



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