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In Reply Refer To: GE 973E

August 22, 2024

Mr. Rian S. Riche
Shell Offshore Inc.
Post Office Box 61933
New Orleans, Louisiana 70161-1933

Dear Mr. Riche:

By letter dated April 18, 2024, Shell Offshore Inc. (Shell) requests approval of a Suspension of Production (SOP) for the Garden Banks (GB) Block 959 Unit, Agreement No. 754316004. The unit consists of Leases OCS-G 30869, 30870, 30876, and 32460, and was held by operations through April 28, 2024.

Shell concluded drilling operations in April 2023, and commenced host fabrication in January 2024. Shell requests an SOP for sufficient time to construct, transport, and install the production facility, and drill, complete, and begin production from unit wells.

In accordance with Articles IX, XVI, and XVII of the Unit Agreement and 30 CFR 250.174(a), an SOP for the GB Block 959 Unit is hereby approved from April 29, 2024, through May 31, 2025. Shell is expected to follow the enclosed SOP activity schedule and must notify this office in writing (progress report) by the end of each month in which a deadline is scheduled. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Imran Vahora at (504) 736-2664 or imran.vahora@bsee.gov.

Sincerely,

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Natasha Bland
Regional Supervisor
Office of Production and Development

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