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JUN 27 2003

Eric West  
Liberty Team Leader  
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Dear Mr. West:

BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc. submitted an executed the Liberty Unit Agreement, and initial unit plan of operations, for Federal OCS leases OCS-Y 1650 and OCS-Y 1585, on June 26, 2003.

We consider the proposed area as a logical area for unitization and conclude that this unit will ensure conservation of natural resources, prevention of waste, and protection of correlative rights in accordance with 30 CFR 250.1300. The executed unit agreement is hereby approved and has been assigned unit agreement contract number 7501030001U. The effective date of this agreement is 12:01 a.m. Friday June 27, 2003. Enclosed is a copy of the Certification-Determination, bearing the unit agreement number and the date of the Regional Supervisor, Field Operations approval.

The initial unit plan of operations submitted with the Liberty Unit Agreement dated June 26, 2003, in accordance with Article IX of the unit agreement is approved.

If you have any questions, please contact Douglas Choromanski at (907) 271-6065.

Sincerely,

Jeff Walker  
Regional Supervisor  
Field Operations

Enclosure

cc: Minerals Revenue Management  
R. L. Skillern, BPXA

## Certification-Determination

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, approved August 7, 1953, 67 Stat. 462, 43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq., as amended, and delegated to the Regional Supervisor, Field Operations of the Minerals Management Service, I do hereby:

- A. Approve the enclosed Agreement for the Liberty Unit, Beaufort Sea, Alaska.
- B. Certify and determine that the unit plan contemplated in the enclosed Agreement is necessary and in the public interest for the purpose of more properly conserving natural resources, prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights, including federal royalty interests.

6/27/03  
Date

Jeff Waller  
Regional Supervisor, Field Operations  
Alaska OCS Region

**Contract: No. 7501030001U**



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Mr. Jeff Walker,  
Regional Supervisor – Field Operations  
U.S. Minerals Management Service  
949 East 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue, room 308  
Anchorage, AK, 99508-4302

June 26, 2003

Re: Request for Voluntary Unitization of  
OCS Y-1650 and OCS Y-1585

Dear Mr. Walker:

BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. (BP) is herein submitting a request for the voluntary unitization of OCS Y-1650 and OCS Y-1585. Pursuant to 30 CFR Ch. 11 250.1303 (a) (1), please find enclosed three copies of the proposed unit agreement. Due to our current ownership of 100% of the working interest within the proposed unitized leases, BP is not submitting a unit operating agreement at this time. Should BP transfer any of its working interest in the proposed unitized leases to another party, BP shall submit a unit operating agreement, pursuant to 30 CFR Ch. 11 250.1301 (e).

Pursuant to CFR 30 Ch. 11 250.1303 (a) (2), please enclosed BP's proposed initial plan of operations. Also, enclosed, pursuant to 30 CFR Ch. 11 250.1303 (a) (3), is a structure map of the LCU. In accordance with Paragraph 251.14-1 of title 30 CFR 251, BP requests that the proprietary information and data being submitted hereunder be held strictly confidential and exempt from public disclosure as set forth in the aforementioned regulations. BP wishes to be informed by the MMS on any requests by the public for such information.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact R. L. Skillern at (907) 564-5567 or myself at (907) 564-5433.

Sincerely,

Eric. R. West  
Liberty Team Leader  
BP Exploration ( Alaska) Inc.



## Liberty Unit Plan of Operations

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BP 's initial Plan of Operations for The Liberty Unit is for the period from June 2003 to June 2006. During this three (3) year period, BP intends to a). complete its appraisal of the economic viability of the current conceptual development options; b). assess the permitting risks associated with each of the current conceptual development options; c). select, if commercially viable, a conceptual development option; d). prepare conceptual design, development and depletion plan and permit package and e). submit permit applications.

During the remainder of 2003, BP intends to secure internal approval and funding to complete the appraisal of the current conceptual development options. Included in each option is a nearshore, potentially off-lease, drilling island from which the Liberty Unit wells will be drilled and produced fluids will be sent to existing infrastructure for processing. The actual location of the drilling island will depend upon the selection of the infrastructure for the processing of Liberty Unitized produced fluids and assessment of the permitting risks associated with each location.. The current conceptual development options include the appraisal of the use of the Badami and Endicott existing infrastructure.

In 2004, BP intends to select a preferred conceptual development option. Assuming an economically viable option exist and permitting risks to costs and schedule are manageable, BP shall prepare a conceptual design and permit application packages.

By December 15, 2004, BP plans to submit the permit application with a revised DPP and start the permitting process.