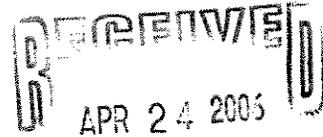




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April 24, 2006

Frederick M. Thompson  
Acting State Pipeline Coordinator  
State Pipeline Coordinator's Office  
411 West 4th Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Eastern North Slope Pipeline ROW Lease Applications  
ADL 417577 (Oil); ADL 417578 (Gas)

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. ("Chevron") is a working interest owner ("WIO") in the Point Thomson Unit ("PTU") located on the eastern North Slope along the coastline of the Beaufort Sea in Alaska. ExxonMobil Production Company ("ExxonMobil") is the operator of PTU. The applications specifically identify the point of origin of the right-of-way leases ("ROWs") as Point Thomson. Accordingly, Chevron has a direct financial interest affected by the ROW leases which may be issued as a result of these applications. AS 38.35.200.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment on and object to the referenced ROW lease applications. It is our understanding that ExxonMobil is submitting comments separately.

In applying for the ROWs, Chevron understands the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Project Management and Permitting ("DNR OPMP") is attempting to facilitate oil and gas development on the eastern North Slope. We appreciate the State's concern and agree with the general objective of facilitating oil and gas permitting. However, we are concerned that application may be deemed incomplete, and that even if the ROWs were granted pursuant the applications, significant adjustments may be required to the ROWs when all of the facts concerning initial production from PTU are known. This could result in the creation of uncertainty and delay, rather than expediting permitting.

Because of the unknowns (which are acknowledged throughout the applications), the general route shown in the application may not be the optimal route or even an acceptable route. Issuance of even a conditional ROW lease for a particular route may complicate the ability of the PTU WIOs and/or pipeline owner/operator to obtain changes to that route even where such changes are necessary or desirable for the construction and operation of the pipelines. Further,

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the applications specify certain design criteria which may not comport with the needs of the PTU WIOs for production of oil and gas from PTU.

In addition to these general comments and objections, Chevron adopts by reference the specific comments submitted by ExxonMobil, operator of PTU.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin A. Tabler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Kevin A. Tabler

cc: Commissioner Mike Menge, DNR  
Randy Bates, OPMP