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Ms. Beth Daley  
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Dear Ms. Daley:

This is in response to your May 4, 2007, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, included as Enclosure 1, Minerals Revenue Management (MRM) FOIA No. 2007-031.

This FOIA request was clarified, in an email dated May 31, 2007, to be the number of oil and gas leases with non-arm's-length contracts and the number of oil and gas leases with arm's-length contracts by year from 2000-2007. We explained, in that email, that the list is based on what the companies report to us and may not match the final MMS determination as to the nature of a specific contract. Ms. Tracey Fay explained to Ms. Lisa Driskill on June 21, 2007, that the MRM did not require a "Sales Type Code (STC)" to be reported until November 2001, therefore, the responsive spreadsheet is for November 2001 through June 2007. On June 25, 2007, Ms. Driskill asked Ms. Fay to further separate the data by oil or gas product and identify the leases as onshore or offshore.

Enclosure 2 is a compact disk containing the responsive spreadsheet. The Excel spreadsheet contains the number of leases reported with arm's-length contracts and the number of leases reported with non-arm's-length contracts. The data is further separated by year, gas product or oil, onshore or offshore, and Federal or Indian.

We have approved your fee waiver request based on the information provided in your FOIA request, plus the additional fee waiver justification provided March 16, 2007, for your prior FOIA requests. For future reference, in accordance with 43 C.F.R. § 2.16 (2006), we assess user fees to fulfill a FOIA request. Personnel charges cover our costs to conduct document searches and to review, identify, and delete privileged and confidential information. Other charges cover the direct costs of providing the material.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Fay at 303-231-3430.

Sincerely,



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Freedom of Information Act Officer

Enclosures