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In Re: Shell Offshore Inc. – Kulluk Drilling Unit, OCS Appeal Nos. 08-01, 08-02 and 08-03

Dear Ms. Durr:

Re:

In a motion dated October 2, 2008, Petitioners Alaska Wilderness League et al. ("AWL") requested an extension of time until October 28, 2008 to file their response regarding the pending petitions for review. If the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") grants that motion, Petitioners North Slope Borough et al. ("NSB") request that the Board also reset the deadline for their response to October 28, 2008. Petitioners' request will conserve the resources of the Board by allowing the AWL and NSB Petitioners to provide similar filings for the Board's review.

The AWL and NSB petitioners have coordinated their work to date on the Petitions for Review to provide the Board with concise arguments on similar issues. In doing so, they have been able to agree on presentation of many of the issues for the Board's review. Consistent presentation of the issues facilitates the Board's review and conserves the resources of the Board's staff by limiting the analysis necessary to resolve the petitions.

With more than 140 pages of briefing from Region 10, Shell Offshore Inc. and the proposed amicus submittal, the NSB petitioners believe they can save the Board significant time by providing the Board with coordinated and similar responses to the issues raised in those briefs. Because of the schedule of Mr. Van Tuyn, the AWL and NSB Petitioners will not have the opportunity to discuss and coordinate their responses unless the Board resets the date for NSB's response brief to remain consistent with the date for AWL's response brief. Furthermore, if the Board grants the requested extension of time, it would not prejudice any

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other parties to the proceeding to allow additional time for the NSB Petitioners to coordinate their response with the AWL Petitioners.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact this office if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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