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Dear [REDACTED]

**THE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, UNLOADING
AND STORAGE (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS
2020**

NOTIFICATION OF THE DECISION TO AGREE TO THE GRANT OF CONSENT

Captain EOR Stage 2 Phase II Field Development

We write further to our letter of 23 June 2023, which enclosed a copy of a decision (the "Decision") under Regulation 14(3) of the Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Unloading and Storage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2020 (the "EIA Regulations").

As set out in the Decision, the project considered by the Secretary of State under the EIA Regulations was for the Captain EOR Stage 2 Phase II Field Development, being the project as detailed in Environmental Statement (OPRED reference ES/2022/007) and the application for consent (OGA reference PCON/6546/0).

It is understood that since the Secretary of State's decision, the application for consent for this project has changed to OGA reference PCON/6624/0. However, we understand that there has been no change to the project itself, which remains as outlined in Environmental Statement ES/2022/007.

Since making the Decision, the Secretary of State has not obtained or received any further information that the Secretary of State considers ought to be made public because the information is directly relevant to reaching a conclusion on whether the project is likely to have a significant effect on the environment.

The Secretary of State therefore hereby confirms that the Decision and the agreement to the grant of consent notified to you in our letter of 23 June 2023 apply to the project as detailed in the application for consent PCON/6624/0.

Once the OGA has reached a decision on whether to grant consent, please could you promptly, within 1 day, inform [REDACTED] by email on [REDACTED] (Copying in OPRED@energysecurity.gov.uk and [REDACTED]), that Ithaca Energy (UK) Limited has been notified of the decision, and the date of that decision. OPRED will then proceed to publish a notice (under Regulation 16) on the GOV.UK website and undertake its other obligations as set out in Regulation 16, regarding publication of the relevant ES decision documentation.

Yours sincerely,

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Environmental Manager

The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning For and on behalf of Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero