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District of Columbia Circuit

Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Status Report in *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Dept. of Interior*, D.C. Cir. No. 07-1247, 07-1344

Dear Mr. Langer:

The above-captioned case concerns the "Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2007-2012" ("2007-2012 Five-Year Program") that the Department of the Interior ("Interior") prepared to comply with the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), 43 U.S.C. §§ 1341 *et seq.* The Court's April 17, 2009, opinion identified certain analytical defects in the 2007-2012 Five-Year Program, vacated it, and remanded it to Interior for further analysis and review.

In an order dated July 28, 2009 ("Order"), the Court stayed its mandate pending the completion of Interior's analysis and review. The Court also ordered Interior to file status reports within 60 days of the Order and every 60 days thereafter.

Interior is ready to announce the results of its analysis and review, and will communicate those results to the Court on the date of the announcement, expected very soon.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sambhav N. Sankar

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