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Mr. Sean LeRoy
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Dear Mr. LeRoy:

RE: Comprehensive Study of BEPCo's Exploration Drilling Project

As requested in your memo dated 15 April 2005, the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) has reviewed the submissions received and concluded that the issues raised in the submissions have either been adequately considered in the CSR, or are not within the scope of the CSR. As a result, it is the opinion of the Board that no additional information is required and the comments do not affect the CSR's conclusions regarding the significance of environmental effects. Furthermore, the submissions do not warrant additional mitigation, monitoring or follow-up measures beyond those identified in the CSR. The CNSOPB therefore considers the CSR to be complete.

Yours truly,

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