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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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Via U.S. Mail and Email

Re: FWS/R4/RD — Presentation to Responsible Party of Interim, Partial Claim for Natural Resource Damage Assessment Costs for the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill, Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 2713

Dear Ms. Dohner:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 25, 2011 regarding natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) costs in connection with the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill.

As you know, BP and the Trustees, including the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), have worked cooperatively to assess damages to natural resources in the Gulf since shortly after the spill began in April 2010. BP has participated in over 100 cooperative studies, comprising over a dozen natural resources, and development of additional cooperative efforts is ongoing. In each case, BP has committed to fund these cooperative studies. Where DOI is among the Trustees involved in the assessment, BP has made payments to DOI for costs incurred by associated agencies including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). In addition, in some cases, BP has made payment directly to USFWS selected contractors. To date, BP has funded DOI for NRDA-related costs totaling $22.0 million, which includes the initial assessment payment of $10 million and $12 million in reimbursements. BP has also paid invoices totaling $5.2 million to USFWS contractors retained to assist in the NRDA. In addition, BP has directly purchased or leased equipment, supplies, vessels, air support and other resources needed for these studies.

BP is interested in continuing to conduct a cooperative assessment, including funding of joint NRDA studies. To that end, we propose to meet with DOI and USFWS personnel to discuss specific NRDA study objectives and associated funding needs for 2011 and 2012.

We look forward to our anticipated meeting in May, and planning further cooperative assessment efforts.

Sincerely,

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