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BY HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Alexander Morris
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Washington, DC 20585

COMMERCIAL SEARCH REVIEW & REPRODUCTION
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**Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

Dear Mr. Morris:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 ("FOIA"), and the regulations codified at 10 C.F.R. part 1004, Baker Botts L.L.P. ("Baker Botts") hereby requests copies of records in the possession of the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE"), as described below.

## 1. REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW

***Baker Botts respectfully requests that a response to this FOIA request be expedited to the greatest possible extent***, because of the highly time-sensitive interests underlying this request.

To expedite DOE's action on this request, ***Baker Botts consents to the production of responsive documents on a "rolling" basis.*** Baker Botts respectfully requests that you send a copy of your response(s) to Mr. Tim Shelby (whose contact information is provided at the end of this request) via email.

## 2. Records Requested

**a.** Baker Botts requests all records (including but not limited to documents, notes, summaries, outlines, presentations, emails, electronic communications, audio recordings, scheduling files) relating to communications between **(1)** DOE (including but not limited to DOE's Angelia Piscitelli, *angelia.piscitelli@hq.doe.gov*) and **(2)** Moncrief Oil International, Inc., Moncrief International Development & Production Inc., Occidental Petroleum Company, or Occidental Oil and Gas Corporation, Inc., regarding **(3)** *either* the Gazprom, Zapsibgazprom, or Sevemeftegazprom companies *or* the importation of liquefied natural gas from Russia into the United States.

Baker Botts requests all such records created, reproduced, transferred, shared, or communicated on or after August 1, 2004.



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**b.** Baker Botts further requests all records (including but not limited to documents, notes, summaries, outlines, presentations, emails, electronic communications, audio recordings, scheduling files) relating to communications between **(1)** DOE (including but not limited to DOE's Angelia Piscitelli, *angelia.piscitelli@hq.doe.gov*) and **(2)** Moncrief Oil International, Inc., Moncrief International Development & Production Inc., Occidental Petroleum Company, or Occidental Oil and Gas Corporation, Inc., regarding **(3)** the Yuzhno Russkoye Field (*i.e.*, an oil and gas field located in Russia).

Baker Botts requests all such records created, reproduced, transferred, shared, or communicated on or after August 1, 2004.

**c.** Baker Botts further requests all records (including but not limited to documents, notes, summaries, outlines, presentations, emails, electronic communications, audio recordings, scheduling files) relating to communications between **(1)** DOE (including but not limited to DOE's Angelia Piscitelli, *angelia.piscitelli@hq.doe.gov*) and **(2)** Moncrief Oil International, Inc., Moncrief International Development & Production Inc., Occidental Petroleum Company, or Occidental Oil and Gas Corporation, Inc., regarding **(3)** the proposed Ingleside liquefied natural gas regasification terminal in Texas.

Baker Botts requests all such records created, reproduced, transferred, shared, or communicated on or after August 1, 2004.

**d.** Finally, Baker Botts specifically requests all records (including but not limited to documents, notes, summaries, outlines, presentations, emails, electronic communications, audio recordings, scheduling files) related to email correspondence between **(1)** DOE (including but not limited to DOE's Angelia Piscitelli, *angelia.piscitelli@hq.doe.gov*) and **(2)** Jeffrey Miller (Moncrief Oil International, *jmiller@moil.com*) regarding **(3)** *either* the Gazprom, Zapsibgazprom, or Severneftegazprom companies *or* the importation of liquefied natural gas from Russia into the United States in general.

Baker Botts requests all such records created, reproduced, transferred, shared, or communicated on or after August 1, 2004.

**3. Fees**

Baker Botts is willing to pay reasonable fees not to exceed $10,000 without additional authorization, in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 1004.4(e). Baker Botts will promptly respond to requests in excess of that amount.

**4. Index And Claimed Exemptions**

If any requested record or portion thereof is not disclosed, then please provide an index and a detailed description of each record or portion thereof not disclosed and a statement describing the statutory basis for not disclosing each undisclosed record or portion thereof.

Where a single record or portion thereof is withheld on the basis of more than one exemption, then please specifically identify each portion that corresponds to an exemption.

**5. Responses And Other Communications**

Responses and other communications regarding this request should be directed to Mr. Tim Shelby:

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Baker Botts L.L.P.
One Shell Plaza
910 Louisiana
Houston, TX 77002-4995

Phone: (713) 229-4074

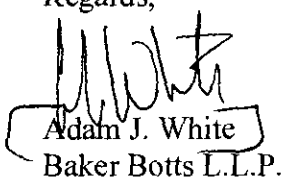
Fax: (713) 229-7874

Email: *tim.shelby@bakerbotts.com*

As noted above, please send copies of all correspondence to Mr. Shelby via email.

If you have any questions concerning this request, then please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Shelby.

Regards,



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