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File Ref: W 25978, W 30151.3,  
W 40852.2, W 9777.284

Paul Soanes, President  
NorthernStar Natural Gas  
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Dear Mr. Soanes:

**SUBJECT: Clearwater Port, LLC** - Application for a General Lease – Right of Way Use for a Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline Associated with the Clearwater Port Offshore LNG Terminal Project, Located Offshore in the Pacific Ocean, Ventura County

This letter is to inform you that Clearwater Port, LLC's application for a General Lease – Right of Way Use, for the above-mentioned project has been terminated as of March 4, 2010. The termination is a result of a lack of activity on the application by Clearwater Port, LLC as noted in our December 3, 2009 letter (see enclosed) and pursuant to the Commission's application guidelines.

Our Accounting Office will be notifying you regarding a refund of any application processing funds remaining in the reimbursement account within ten days of the date of the termination of the application.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at (916) 574-1940 or Mary Hays, Public Land Manager, at (916) 574-1812.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colin Connor". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Colin Connor, Assistant Chief  
Land Management Division

Enclosure

cc: See next page.

cc: Mark Prescott, USCG  
Keith Lesnick, MARAD  
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This letter is in regard to Clearwater Port, LLC's (Clearwater) application for a General Lease – Right of Way Use, for the above mentioned project, which was submitted to the California State Lands Commission (Commission) on July 3, 2006. The application was subsequently deemed complete on May 23, 2007, and on October 6, 2008, staff concurred with Clearwater's request to the Maritime Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard to suspend further work on the initial draft of a Joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report. The result of the concurrence was the abeyance of the lease application and the application for a Deepwater Port License for the proposed project.

Pursuant to the Commission's application guidelines, if an application becomes inactive for a period of six months, the application will be terminated. As you are aware, the lease application has remained dormant since February 2009. Therefore, this letter represents formal notification to Clearwater that the lease application for the proposed project will be terminated 90 days from the date of this letter unless Clearwater submits such written information necessary to move the proposed project forward.

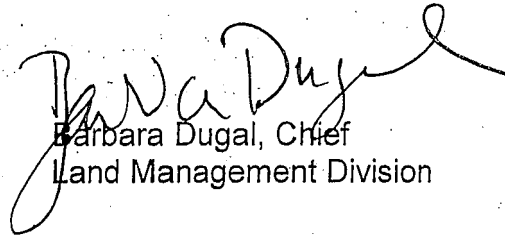
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Mr. Paul Soanes

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Commission staff appreciates your cooperation and assistance throughout the past several years while processing the application. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at (916) 574-1940 or Mary Hays, Public Land Manager, at (916) 574-1812.

Sincerely,



Barbara Dugal, Chief  
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