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Dear Mr. Robert Dunphy  
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Mr. Dunphy

File: 20006-020-001/07

RE: bp Canada Energy Group ULC Ephesus Prospect ROV Survey, 2019 to 2024 Amendment

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB), in consultation with our fishery and environmental advisory agencies, have reviewed the *Ephesus Prospect ROV Survey (2019-2024) - EA Amendment* (bp Canada Energy Group March 2023) and the response to comments (bp Canada Energy Group ULC March 29, 2023). The amendment has been submitted in support of bp Energy Group ULC's (bp) request to include the following activities not previously assessed:

- The deployment and retrieval of transponders and marker buoys via remotely operated vehicle for positioning of an exploration drilling unit;
- The deployment and retrieval of moorings for physical environment monitoring using moored monitoring instruments;
- Seabed monitoring and sampling; and
- Environmental (Coral and Sponge) monitoring and sampling.

To accommodate environmental monitoring, bp also proposed to amend the temporal scope to include activities from March to October. Activities were originally assessed to occur from May to October.

The C-NLOPB is of the opinion that, taking into account the implementation of mitigation measures committed to by bp during the environmental assessment, the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

If you have any questions regarding the EA Amendment, you may contact me at (709) 778-1431 or [dhicks@cnlopbc.ca](mailto:dhicks@cnlopbc.ca).

Sincerely,

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