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Attn: All Concerned Parties

Re: EC 322 - Hurricane Recovery Project

Date: September 2, 2008

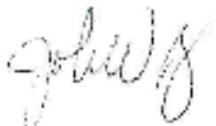
Reference to:
Prime Marine Services, Inc.
312 S. Bernard Road
Broussard, LA 70618

I am very pleased to serve as a reference for Prime Marine Services. The operators and equipment were instrumental in providing support for our toppled platform abandonment operations at East Cameron 332 A location. Their attention to detail and support to this project is some of the best we have ever seen as operators of subsea applications.

We found in the process of shearing the many layers of conductors during our well head work that the Prime shears are invaluable. The speed and efficiency of the shears cutting multi string, cement filled annulus conductors, is unmatched in the industry.

Moreover, all the Prime operators were quick thinkers and experienced in their field of operation. I admire their accomplishments and believe that they have the intellectual and moral qualifications, the persistence, and the dedication Pioneer is looking for on all of their projects.

Best Regards,



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