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STATE OF ALASKA
BEFORE THE REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

Before Commissioners:

Kate Giard, Chair
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In the Matter of the Formal Complaint Filed by)
AGRIUM U.S. INC. Against MARATHON)
OIL COMPANY and UNION OIL COMPANY)
OF CALIFORNIA Relating to the Operation of)
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JOINT STATUS REPORT OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY
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In response to the Commission's Order requiring the filing of a status report on settlement efforts in these dockets, Marathon Oil Company (Marathon) and Union Oil Company of California (Unocal) advise the Commission that Unocal and Marathon are engaged in discussions between themselves regarding the issues that the owners believe must be resolved between them as part of the effort to make CIGGS available for third party transportation. While the owner issues have not been resolved, discussions are continuing and the owners believe that some progress has been made in identifying the various alternatives. Although a successful overall settlement will likely depend on alignment of the owners in the owner issues, Marathon and Unocal are prepared to enter into mediation with all parties during the latter half of the week of May 23. As the parties advised the Commission by their Joint Motion filed on May 20th, the mediator selected by the parties was not available to participate in this matter and, as a result, the parties have requested the designation of a Commission-appointed settlement judge to mediate this matter, beginning on May 26th and 27th.

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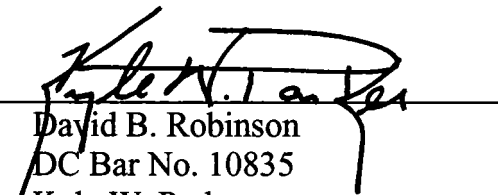
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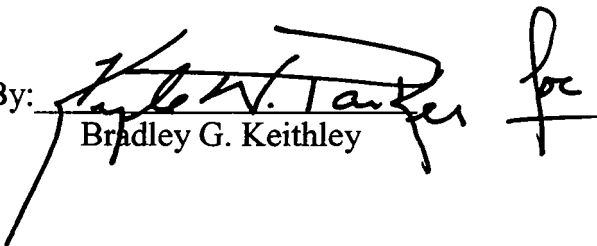
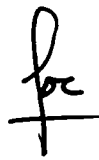
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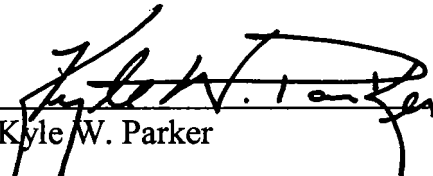
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STATE OF ALASKA)
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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT) ss.

I, Kyle W. Parker, being first duly sworn, state as follows:


I am an attorney with the law firm of Patton Boggs LLP, counsel for Marathon Oil Company in the above-referenced matter. I have read the above document and know the contents to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED this 23rd day of May 2005.

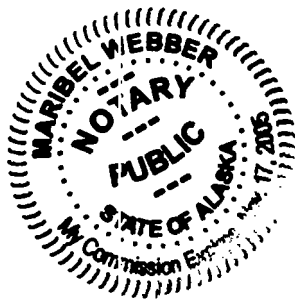


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