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Format for Decision Showing Rejection of Application for  
Lease Consolidation

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Request for Consolidation of Leases Rejected

On (Date), you requested consolidation of oil and gas leases XXX-12344 and XXX-12355.

The provisions of the Federal oil and gas leasing regulations at 43 CFR 3105.6 allow for consolidation of leases when such consolidation can be shown to be in the public interest. Sufficient justification must be provided to indicate that the lease consolidation is in the interest of conservation of the resources. Any different lease terms and conditions, including the rental and royalty rates, must be reconcilable in order to allow consolidation of the leases.

Lease XXX-12344 is in its extended term by production. Lease XXX-12355 is a nonproducing lease in its sixth year of a 10-year primary term and is presently paying rental. Thus, the terms of the leases are not the same.

Since there are no provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended and supplemented, by which the lease terms can be changed, the consolidation cannot be reconciled. Therefore, the request for lease consolidation is rejected.

Standard appeal paragraph (see Handbook 3100-1, Chapter 1).

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