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Gentlemen:

On behalf of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, please find enclosed our Memorandum in support of maintaining Burlington's trade secret privilege for its proprietary seismic data.

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