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July 31, 2002

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Mr. Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20549

Re: Ocean Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Katz:

In accordance with Order 4-460 the following sworn statements are submitted on behalf of Ocean Energy, Inc.:

1. Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings, signed by James T. Hackett, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ocean Energy, Inc. on July 31, 2002; and
2. Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings, signed by William L. Transier, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ocean Energy, Inc. on July 31, 2002.

Sincerely,



Robert K. Reeves

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Attachments

cc: James T. Hackett
William L. Transier

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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, James T. Hackett, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Ocean Energy, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the audit committee of Ocean Energy, Inc.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Annual Report on Form 10-K of Ocean Energy, Inc. filed with the Commission on March 26, 2002;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Ocean Energy, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

James T. Hackett
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Chairman of the Board, President and
Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 31st day of July, 2002.

Aimee D. Stadfeld
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 11/8/2005

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