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Ms. Velma T. Smith
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
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Room 2531
100 F Street, NE
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Dear Ms. Smith:

This is to certify that on June 20, 2011, NYSE Amex, LLC (the "Exchange") received from ~~Gastar Exploration USA, Inc.~~ (the "Registrant"), a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A for the registration of the following securities:

8.625% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock

We further certify that the above described securities have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration upon official notice of issuance and to customary closing conditions.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking effectiveness of the 8-A concurrently with effectiveness of its 1933 Act Registration Statement, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

Via email: filer-support@sec.gov