

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

HORNBECK OFFSHORE SERVICES, LLC, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	2:10-cv-01663-MLCF-JCW
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v.)	SECTION F
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SALAZAR, <i>et al.</i> ,)	JUDGE FELDMAN
)	
Defendants.)	MAGISTRATE WILKINSON
)	
and)	
)	
DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Defendants-Intervenors.)	
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**EX PARTE MOTION FOR EXPEDITED HEARING ON MOTION FOR
DISQUALIFICATION**

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, come Defendant-Intervenors Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club, Florida Wildlife Federation, Center for Biological Diversity, and Natural Resources Defense Council (collectively, “Defendant-Intervenors”), which respectfully move this Court for an expedited hearing on their Motion for Disqualification in the suit brought by Plaintiff Hornbeck Offshore Services and others against Defendants Kenneth Lee

“Ken” Salazar, Secretary of United States Department of the Interior (“DOI”), the DOI, Robert “Bob” Abbey, Acting Director of the Minerals Management Service (“MMS”), and the MMS. As discussed more fully in the accompanying memorandum in support, Defendant-Intervenors submit that good cause exists for an expedited hearing because, if this Court grants the motion, a new judge would need to be appointed. Due to the inherent delays due to such a reassignment, judicial economy would be best served by the rapid resolution of this issue, particularly in light the national importance of this case.

WHEREFORE, Defendant-Intervenors respectfully request that this Court grant their Ex Parte Motion for Expedited Hearing on their Motion for Disqualification and that the hearing be set at the earliest available time.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of July, 2010.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 2, 2010, I caused as copy of the foregoing to be served through the Court's CM/ECF system to all parties.

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