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

HORNBECK OFFSHORE SERVICES, LLC, et al. Plaintiffs, v. KENNETH LEE ''KEN'' SALAZAR, in his official capacity as Secretary, United States Department of the Interior; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR; MICHAEL R. BROMWICH, in his official capacity as Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement; and BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT, REGULATION, AND ENFORCEMENT,

CIVIL ACTION No. 10-1663(F)(2)

SECTION F

JUDGE FELDMAN

MAGISTRATE 2 MAGISTRATE WILKINSON

Defendants.

REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to Local Rule 78.1E, Defendants, Kenneth Lee Salazar, United States

Department of the Interior, Michael R. Bromwich, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy

Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, ("Defendants"), hereby respectfully request oral

argument on July 28, 2010, on their Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint or, in the

Alternative, for a Stay of Proceedings Pending Circuit Court's Decision on Defendants' Motion

to Vacate the Preliminary Injunction ("Motion to Dismiss").

Defendants filed their Motion to Dismiss on July 12, 2010. Dkt. #125. Plaintiffs filed

their Response in Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss (the "Response") on July 20,

2010. Dkt. #134. The Motion to Dismiss and the Response raise a number of complex issues regarding this Court's jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' claims in light of the rescission of the May 28 suspension orders and the issuance of the July 12 suspension orders. The resolution of these issues could be dispositive of Plaintiffs' claims. As a result, Defendants believe that oral argument is warranted in order to facilitate a full and fair consideration of the issues.

Dated: July 20, 2010

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 20, 2010, I caused a copy of the foregoing to be served through the Court's CM/ECF System to all parties.

<u>/s/ Brian Collins</u> Brian Collins Attorney for Defendants