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

HORNBECK OFFSHORE SERVICES, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

KENNETH LEE "KEN" SALAZAR, in his official capacity as Secretary, United States Department of the Interior; ROBERT "BOB" ABBEY, in his official capacity as Acting Director, Mineral Management Service; and MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION No. 10-1663(F)(2)
SECTION F
JUDGE FELDMAN
MAGISTRATE 2

MAGISTRATE WILKINSON

<u>DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF JUNE 21, 2010 HEARING ON PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION</u>

NOW COMES, the Defendants in the captioned case and, for the reasons more fully set forth in the accompanying memorandum respectfully urge the Court to reconsider its June 11, 2010 order scheduling Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction for June 21, 2010 and the associated briefing deadline of June 16. Defendants request that the Court maintain the July 28, 2010 hearing date contained in Plaintiffs' Notice of Hearing. As an accommodation to Plaintiffs' concerns for expediency, Defendants request, consistent with Plaintiffs' suggestion, that the Court address both the request for preliminary and permanent relief in a combined proceeding. Defendants therefore

propose that the July 28 hearing include a full hearing on the merits of Plaintiffs' claims in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(a)(2). This would achieve Plaintiff's objective of expediting review, it would resolve the entire case quickly, and would insure adequate opportunity for comprehensive briefing of the important safety, economic, and environmental issues before the Court. A memorandum of points and authorities accompanies this motion as does a proposed order for the Court's consideration.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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