UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

HORNBECK OFFSHORE SERVICES, **CIVIL ACTION** L.L.C., NO. 10-1663(F)(2)

Plaintiff

* **VERSUS SECTION F**

MAGISTRATE 2

MAGISTRATE WILKINSON

KENNETH LEE "KEN" SALAZAR, JUDGE FELDMAN

IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY, UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR;

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT

OF INTERIOR; ROBERT "BOB" ABBEY, IN HIS OFFICIAL

CAPACITY AS ACTING DIRECTOR,

MINERALS MANAGEMENT

SERVICE; AND MINERALS

MANAGEMENT SERVICE, **Defendants**

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR RECOVERY OF ATTORNEY'S FEES

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, come Plaintiffs, Hornbeck Offshore Services, L.L.C., the Chouest Entities and the Bollinger Entities (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), which respectfully move this Court to enter an Order entitling Plaintiffs to recover their attorney's fees from Defendants. The grounds for Plaintiffs' motion, as set forth more fully in the accompanying memorandum, are that: (a) Defendants' flagrant and continuous disobedience

of this Court's preliminary injunction order entitles Plaintiffs to reimbursement of their expenses – their significant attorney's fees – as compensation for Defendants' civil contempt, *see*, *e.g.*, *Wafenschmidt v. MacKay*, 763 F.2d 711, 716 (5th Cir. 1985), *cert. den'd*, 474 U.S. 1056 (1986); *Norman Bridge Drug Co. v. Banner*, 529 F.2d 822 (5th Cir. 1976), and, in addition, (b) Defendants' bad faith tactics in this litigation authorize an attorney's fee award against Defendants pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(b).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court grant their Motion for Recovery of Attorney's Fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing pleading has been served upon all parties by email or by using the CM/ECF system which will send a Notice of Electronic filing to all counsel of record, this 3rd day of December, 2010.

s/ Carl D. Rosenblum