UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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

L.L.C.,

Plaintiff *

VERSUS * SECTION F

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KENNETH LEE "KEN" SALAZAR, IN HIS

OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY, * JUDGE FELDMAN

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

INTERIOR; UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR;

ROBERT "BOB" ABBEY, IN HIS OFFICIAL * MAGISTRATE 2

CAPACITY AS ACTING DIRECTOR, MAGISTRATE WILKINSON

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE;

AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE,

;

Defendants

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PLAINTIFFS' EX PARTE MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A REPLY BRIEF IN RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO 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, which respectfully move this Honorable Court for leave to file a reply brief to Defendants' Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Recovery of Attorney's Fees for the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum in Support.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant their Ex Parte Motion for Leave to File a Reply Brief. A proposed order and Plaintiffs' reply brief are attached hereto.

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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 31st day of January, 2011.

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