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

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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 TO FILE APPENDIX UNDER SEAL

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, come Plaintiffs, Hornbeck Offshore Services, L.L.C., the Chouest Entities and the Bollinger Entities, which respectfully move the Court for an order authorizing Plaintiffs to file the billings of Jones Walker and Venable into the record under seal. Plaintiffs intend to file the billings as an appendix to their Motion to Set the Amount of Attorneys' Fees and Costs pursuant to Magistrate Judge Wilkinson's Order of February 4, 2011 (Rec. Doc. 228). The purpose of sealing the bills is to protect from public disclosure the sensitive, confidential and/or privileged information contained therein while still

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allowing the parties to this litigation and the Court to review the documents, as necessary, in determining the issue of quantum. As set forth more fully in Plaintiffs' memorandum in support filed herewith, Defendants' opposition to the instant motion is legally incorrect and ignores the Court's authority to permit a party to file billings under seal in order to prove the amount of attorneys' fees and costs owed.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant their Ex Parte Motion to File Appendix Under Seal.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I hereby certify that counsel for Plaintiffs has conferred with counsel for Defendants and counsel for Defendant-Intervenors regarding the foregoing Motion. Defendants-Intervenors take no position as to the Motion. Defendants do not consent to the Motion and request that their position be included in Plaintiffs' Motion. Plaintiffs have honored Defendants' request and quoted their position in Plaintiffs' memorandum in support filed herewith. Signed this 9th day of February, 2011.

s | Carl D. Rosenblum

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 9th day of February, 2011.

s | Carl D. Rosenblum

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