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RE: IOGCC Comments on Revised Draft SEIS, Lease Sale 193, Chukchi Sea

Illinois

Dear Mr. Kendall,

Indiana

The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission supports enhanced domestic energy production in general and an environmentally safe but robust OCS and on-shore leasing programs. It is my understanding that the OCS Lease Sale 193, in particular, has received a thorough review by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Enforcement and Regulation (BOEMRE). Now that Lease Sale 193 has been fully reviewed, we urge the BOEMRE to finalize the SEIS and allow the development of these vital resources to proceed.

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

Currently, the United States imports roughly half of the crude oil that it consumes; and that has been amid a recession that has tempered demand significantly. Still, according to the Energy Information Administration, the United States will consume over 19 million barrels per day of crude oil and liquid fuels in 2011, up to 140,000 barrels per day from the year before. Further, U.S. demand is projected to increase by an additional 170,000 barrels per day in 2012, while global demand is forecasted to increase by 1.4 million barrels per day and 1.6 million barrels per day in 2011 and 2012, respectively. At the same time, U.S. oil production has dropped slightly in 2011. Clearly, the United States is overly reliant on foreign imports of a commodity that is critical to our nation's economic health.

Maryland

Michigan

Mississippi

Montana

Nebraska

With these facts in mind, it is imperative that BOEMRE allow America to develop its abundant energy resources, including those in Alaska's Outer Continental Shelf. The United States continues to import oil from unstable areas of the world, despite the vast North American resources available.

Nevada

New Mexico

New York

In conclusion, we believe the BOEMRE must move efficiently to finalize this process and allow the development of our domestic resources. At a time when global energy security is increasingly affected by supply disruptions and political unrest, the United States must do all that is possible to bolster its energy security.

North Dakota

Ohio

Sincerely,

Oklahoma

Pennsylvania

South Dakota

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