MMS Extending Public Comment Period on Proposed Rule for the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006

WASHINGTON The Minerals Management Service (MMS) announced today it is extending the public comment period on the proposal to amend the regulations, distributions and disbursement of royalties, rentals, and bonuses to include the allocation and disbursement of revenues from certain leases on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf.

The proposed rule, published in the <u>Federal Register</u> in May, was initially available for comment until July 28, 2008. MMS extended the comment period by two weeks through August 11, 2008.

Comments may be submitted by one of the two following methods:

- http://www.regulations.gov: Under the tab "More Search Options," click Advanced
 Docket Search, then select "Minerals Management Service" from the agency drop-down
 menu, then click "submit." In the Docket ID column, select MMS-2007-OMM-0067 to
 submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this
 rulemaking.
- 2. Mail or hand-carry comments to the following address:

Department of the Interior Minerals Management Service Attention: Regulations and Standards Branch 381 Elden Street, MS-4024 Herndon, VA 20170-4817

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