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**Advisory Subcommittee on Offshore Energy Exploration**

July 28, 2009

Senator Marc Basnight  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
Legislative Building – Room 2007  
Raleigh, NC 27601


Representative Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Legislative Building – Room 2304  
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Hackney:

Attached is a copy of a resolution to you as the leaders of the General Assembly adopted by the Legislative Research Commission Advisory Subcommittee on Offshore Energy Exploration at its meeting on July 28, 2009 in Wilmington, NC.

The resolution expresses the sense of the Subcommittee to recommend to the leadership of North Carolina that the State be included in the Minerals Management Service (MMS) 5-year plan. Please feel free to contact us for more background on this resolution.

  
Dr. James R. Leutze  
Co-Chair

  
Dr. Douglas N. Rader  
Co-Chair

**Resolution of the Legislative Research Commission Advisory Subcommittee on  
Offshore Energy Exploration**

Be it resolved by the Legislative Research Commission Advisory Subcommittee on Offshore Energy Exploration, that the leadership of North Carolina is encouraged to be included in the Minerals Management Service (MMS) 5-year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) leasing plan provisions to facilitate the rigorous collection of data that is necessary to ensure the State is best able to make an informed decision regarding the environmental and socioeconomic impact, the technical, legal and human capital impact of offshore exploration and production. This information should inform more fully the final decision of State leaders about the State's final participation in lease sales and potential energy exploration in later versions of the 5-year plan to be determined by MMS.

The co-chairs of the Subcommittee are directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate.

Resolved this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.