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Attention: Regulations and Standards Branch (RSB)

RE: Royalty Relief for Deepwater OCS Oil and Gas Leases - Conforming Regulations to Court Decision, 1010-AD29

Gentlemen and Ladies:

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (CUSA) is appreciative of the opportunity to comment on the Minerals Management Service's (MMS) proposed rule to amend 30 CFR parts 203 and 260 to conform the existing royalty relief regulations to the decision in the case of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Santa Fe Snyder Corp., et al. v. Norton (the Decision). CUSA is supportive of the comments filed by the American Petroleum Institute regarding this proposed rulemaking.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Keith Couvillion", written over a faint blue line.

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