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June 10, 2010

Mr. James T. Hackett
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
1201 Lake Robbins Drive
The Woodlands, Texas 77380

Dear Mr. Hackett:

In light of the tremendous destruction being visited on the Gulf of Mexico region in the aftermath of the *Deepwater Horizon* explosion, I believe it is essential that all the companies associated with this incident do their part to help mitigate the ongoing human suffering and environmental damage.

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation owns 25% of the lease that was being drilled by the *Deepwater Horizon* when the explosion occurred. As a result, Anadarko stands to receive 25% of any revenues obtained by the sale of oil captured from the blown-out well. Two days ago, BP announced that it would donate its share of revenues from the captured oil, after royalties, to help rehabilitate wildlife habitat along the Gulf Coast. I believe that Anadarko should follow BP's lead and donate its share of net revenues to help the people and environment of the Gulf.

In light of Anadarko's successful resolution of its lawsuit against the United States – a resolution that I believe rests on a fundamentally flawed reading of Congressional intent in the Deepwater Royalty Relief Act of 1995, and which the Government Accountability Office has estimated could cost the American taxpayers up to \$54 billion – I believe that it is only appropriate for your company to give something back to the American people.

I look forward to your prompt response to this letter.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,



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