The Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) of 2006 (Pub. Law 109-432) enhances Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas leasing activities and revenue sharing in the Gulf of Mexico. It shares leasing revenues with Gulf producing states (Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas) and the Land & Water Conservation Fund for coastal restoration projects, coastal conservation, and hurricane protection.

There are two phases of GOMESA revenue sharing:

**Phase I:** Beginning in Fiscal Year 2007, 37.5 percent of all qualified OCS revenues, including bonus bids, rentals and production royalty, has been shared among the four States and their coastal political subdivisions from those leases issued in the 181 Area in the Eastern planning area and the 181 South Area. Additionally, 12.5 percent of revenues have been allocated to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

**Phase II:** The second phase of GOMESA revenue sharing begins in Fiscal Year 2017 with payments beginning in FY 2018. It expands the definition of qualified OCS revenues to include receipts from GOM leases issued either after December 20, 2006 in the 181 Call Area, or in 2002–2007 GOM Planning Areas subject to withdrawal or moratoria restrictions. A cap of $375
million per year is currently in place to be divided by the four gulf energy-producing states. Based on past and current leasing, Louisiana’s share of GOMESA revenue for FY 2018 is estimated to be $176 million, or 47 percent of the GOMESA revenue cap. If the current White House budget is adopted as is, GOMESA revenues will be shared with all 50 US states, not only the Gulf states. GOMESA funds would be directed to broader national programs that benefit the entire nation, thus drastically reducing Louisiana’s estimated share of qualified GOMESA funds.

GOMESA Revenue-Sharing Allocations (shown below) and other statistical information can be found at http://statistics.onrr.gov/ under Common Data Summaries.

Figure 2. Disbursements for All States FY 2009 – FY 2014

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Figure 3. Louisiana’s Disbursements for FY 2014

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