

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Civil Action No. 2:13-cv-262
v.)	
)	Judge Nannette Jolivette Brown
ATP OIL & GAS CORPORATION;)	
ATP INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERS, LP,)	Mag. Karen Wells Roby
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

NOTICE OF LODGING OF PARTIAL CONSENT DECREE

Plaintiff, the United States of America, hereby notifies the Court and all parties of record in this action that the United States and ATP Infrastructure Partners, LP have entered into a proposed Partial Consent Decree, which is being lodged with the filing of this notice.

Paragraph 62 of the Consent Decree provides that the United States reserves the right to withdraw or withhold consent to the Consent Decree if comments by the public disclose facts or considerations that indicate that the Consent Decree is improper, inadequate, or otherwise inappropriate. The public will have thirty (30) days, beginning on the date notice of lodging of the Consent Decree is published in the *Federal Register*, in which to submit comments on the Consent Decree.

After the public comment period has expired, the United States will inform the Court of any public comments received. If, after reviewing the public comments, the United States concludes that the Consent Decree should be entered, the United States will so advise the Court and seek entry of the Consent Decree as a final order of the Court.

Because of the public comment period, we request that the Court neither execute the

Consent Decree nor enter it as an order at this time.

Co-defendant ATP Oil & Gas Corporation is not a party to the Consent Decree. The claims against ATP Oil & Gas Corporation remain for future resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 16, 2014, copies of the NOTICE OF LODGING OF PARTIAL CONSENT DECREE and the PARTIAL CONSENT DECREE in the above-captioned case were filed and served through the Court's electronic case filing system.

/s/ Jason T. Barbeau