UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SIMON V. KINSELLA

Plaintiff,

ν.

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT; DEB HAALAND, Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Department of the Interior; MICHAEL S. REGAN, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 22-cv-02147-(JMC)

MOTION TO TRANSFER VENUE TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Defendants respectfully move the Court to transfer this action to the United States

District Court for the Eastern District of New York, where a prior-filed action challenging the same federal agency action as challenged in this case is currently pending. Plaintiff reports that he opposes this Motion. In support of this Motion the attention of the Court is respectfully directed to the Memorandum in Support filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of September, 2022.

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