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### Plan

#### Plan: The United States Federal Government should substantially reduce leasing restrictions on conventional natural gas production in the United States Outer Continental Shelf.

### Contention 1: China

#### Shale’s unsustainable – that will collapse the industry now

Ahmed, Executive Director of the Institute for Policy Research & Development and Chief Research Officer at Unitas Communications Ltd where he leads on geopolitical risk,

1-10-13

(Nafeez Mosaddeq, “The Great Oil Swindle,” www.fpif.org/articles/the\_great\_oil\_swindle, accessed 1-15-13, CMM)

Headlines about 2012’s World Energy Outlook (WEO) from the International Energy Agency (

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even bigger financial mess, on a faster trajectory toward costly environmental destruction.

#### Supply disputes block exports now – creating sustainable supplies is key

Ebinger, Senior fellow and Director of the Energy Security Initiative at Brookings, ‘12

(Charles, “Liquid Markets: Assessing the Case for US Exports of Liquefied Natural Gas,” 5-2-12, <http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/events/2012/5/02%20lng%20exports/20120502_lng_exports>, accessed 10-22-12) PM

For an increase in U.S. exports of LNG to be considered feasible

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concern, owing to the continued rapid improvement in technologies and production processes.

#### Exports key to Chinese energy security

Downs, senior fellow at Brookings, 2K

(Erica, “CHINA’S ENERGY SECURITY ACTIVITIES,” <http://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/monograph_reports/MR1244/MR1244.ch3.pdf>, accessed 1-4-13) PM

The Chinese government can also improve China’s energy security¶ through development of the country’s

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the¶ government’s desire to bring reserves on line as quickly as possible.¶

#### Mass exports key – Chinese and Indian demand proves

Scott, NYT, 10-23-12

(Mark, “The Big New Push to Export America’s Gas Bounty,” 10-23-12, <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/24/business/energy-environment/excelerate-energy-aims-to-be-a-leader-in-natural-gas.html?_r=0>, accessed 1-4-13) PM

Once dependent on natural gas imports, the United States has gone from a buyer

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China, the tremendous domestic demand ensures it will always be an importer.”

#### US LNG solves

Toyoda, chairman and chief executive officer of the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan, 2-12-13

(Masakazu, Toyoda began his career in 1973 in the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (now called METI) and worked extensively in the area of energy, environment, trade and industrial policy, He was the vice-minister for international affairs in 2007, and became a special adviser on Asian economy and climate change in the Cabinet Secretariat in 2009 “The Case for Energy Cooperation in East Asia: Part I,” http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/12710/the-case-for-energy-cooperation-in-east-asia-part-I, accessed 3-3-13, CMM)

Over the past few months, Japan’s relations with China and South Korea have deteriorated

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. China, South Korea and Japan must act together to achieve this.

#### That solves SCS conflict

Clement, editor at Dezan Shira Law Firm (China), ‘12

(Nicholas, “China and India Vie for Energy Security,” 5-25-12, <http://www.2point6billion.com/news/2012/05/25/china-and-india-vie-for-energy-security-11177.html>, accessed 1-4-13) PM

The competitive relationship between China and India has become a defining feature of the strategic

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ongoing diplomatic engagement between China and India to avoid unnecessary or accidental escalation.

#### Energy is key

Martin, Pike Research, 1-12-13

(Richard, Pike Research is a market research and consulting firm that provides in-depth analysis of global clean technology markets, “Around Lonely Islands, An Energy War Brews,” http://www.forbes.com/sites/pikeresearch/2013/01/12/around-lonely-islands-an-energy-war-brews/, accessed 1-14-13, CMM)

For an international flashpoint, the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea just southwest

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sources, but the chances of that happening have increased in recent weeks.

#### SCS escalates and collapses the global economy

Klare, Peace and World Security Studies professor at Hampshire, 1-23-13

(Michael, “The Next War,” 1-23-13, <http://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2013/01/23/the_next_war_100500.html>, accessed 1-24-13) PM

Lurking just behind the Iranian imbroglio, however, is a potential crisis of far

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show-of-force operations by both sides in the disputed waters.

#### Economic collapse leads to global war.

Lind**, New America Foundation Economic Growth Program Policy Director**, 5/11/2010

[Michael, "Will the great recession lead to World War IV?," http://www.salon.com/news/economics/index.html?story=/opinion/feature/2010/05/11/great\_recession\_world\_war\_iv]

If history is any guide, an era of global economic stagnation will help the

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Eurasia, Eastasia and Oceania in 1984 is all too easy to imagine.

#### Escalation in the short term is likely – perception of the plan is enough

Klare, Peace and World Security Studies professor at Hampshire, 1-23-13

(Michael, “The Next War,” 1-23-13, <http://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2013/01/23/the_next_war_100500.html>, accessed 1-24-13) PM

As 2012 ended and the New Year began, the situation only deteriorated. On

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planet will look with sadness and horror on the failure of everyone involved.

#### Causes global nuclear war

Landay, National Security and Intelligence Correspondent, 2K

(Jonathan S., “Top administration officials warn stakes for U.S. are high in Asian conflicts”, 3-10, Knight Ridder/Tribune News) Accessed on LexisNexis 12-29-09

Few if any experts think China and Taiwan, North Korea and South Korea,

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that totaled $600 billion last year, according to the Commerce Department.

#### Institutions don’t check

Klare, Peace and World Security Studies professor at Hampshire, 1-23-13

(Michael, “The Next War,” 1-23-13, <http://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2013/01/23/the_next_war_100500.html>, accessed 1-24-13) PM

Regional diplomacy, that classic way of settling disputes in a peaceful manner, has

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Chinese press, while officials there refused to cede any ground at all.

#### Trade doesn’t check

Medcalf, Lowy Institute (Sydney) International Security Programme Director, and Heinrichs, Australian National University Strategic and Defence Studies Centre Scholar, 11

(Rory and Raoul, 6-27-11, “Asia’s Maritime Confidence Crisis,” http://the-diplomat.com/2011/06/27/asia%E2%80%99s-maritime-confidence-crisis/?all=true, accessed 10-9-11, CMM)

To the casual observer, recent security tensions in Asian waters might seem a storm

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relations among major powers, with dangerous implications for regional peace and stability.

### Contention 2: The Mediterranean

#### US exports locks out Israel – undermines their influence

Wurmser, senior advisor on the Middle East, and Baron, founder and president of Baron Public Affairs, ‘12

(David, Ph.D. was a senior advisor on the Middle East to Cheney, Jonathan, held senior staff positions with members of the congressional leadership and is the founder and president of Baron Public Affairs, Israel's “Strategic Energy Opportunity Calls For Exports,” 9-27-12, <http://www.forbes.com/sites/realspin/2012/09/27/israels-strategic-energy-opportunity-calls-for-exports/>, accessed 3-26-13) PM

Third, Israel’s offshore natural gas represents a strategically vital resource that must be exploited

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of supply, as well as help unlock considerable macroeconomic and geopolitical advantages.

#### Now’s key – Israeli gas exports make Mediterranean conflict inevitable

Zhukov, Fellow with the Program on Global Society and Security at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 3-20-13

(Yuri, Trouble in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea,” 3-20-13, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139069/yuri-m-zhukov/trouble-in-the-eastern-mediterranean-sea?page=show>, accessed 3-26-13) PM

Although an open naval conflict in the eastern Mediterranean is unlikely in the near term

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skeptical of Israel’s and Cyprus’ intentions of adhering to any settlement reached now.

#### Conflict now is likely

Zhukov, Fellow with the Program on Global Society and Security at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 3-20-13

(Yuri, Trouble in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea,” 3-20-13, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139069/yuri-m-zhukov/trouble-in-the-eastern-mediterranean-sea?page=show>, accessed 3-26-13) PM

In recent years, resource disputes in the South China Sea have made headlines across

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active engagement by outside powers, these disagreements will be difficult to resolve.

#### Causes Middle East war – their defense is wrong

Luft, executive director of the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security, ‘10

(Gal, “Is a Mideast War Brewing over Natural Gas Find?,” 7-19-10, <http://www.thecuttingedgenews.com/index.php?article=12392>, accessed 3-26-13) PM

The discovery of a gigantic natural gas reservoir less than 100 miles off Israel's coast

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already announced its willingness to use force to protect its natural gas finds.

#### Nuclear war

RUSSELL, senior lecturer in the Department of National Security Affairs at NPS, 9

[James A., , focused on Middle East security affairs, terrorism, and national security strategy. “Strategic Stability Reconsidered: Prospects for Nuclear War and Escalation in the Middle East” Spring http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&cd=1&sqi=2&ved=0CBMQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.nps.edu%2FAcademics%2Fcenters%2FCCC%2Ffaculty%2Fbiolinks%2Frussell%2FPP26\_Russell\_2009.pdf&rct=j&q=Strategic%20Stability%20Reconsidered%3A%20Prospects%20for%20Nuclear%20War%20and%20Escalation%20in%20the%20Middle%20East%22&ei=y\_dbTcmfD4K0lQeY7cTkCQ&usg=AFQjCNGBgAt5-o6WwVPg7b503iUYltj2nw&sig2=9rGfIq5oVZNvgR8pn8vhvA, page 41, accessed 2-16-11, CMM]

Strategic stability in the region is thus undermined by various factors: (1)

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the peoples of the region, with substantial risk for the entire world.

#### Russia and the US get drawn in

Zhukov, Fellow with the Program on Global Society and Security at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 3-20-13

(Yuri, Trouble in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea,” 3-20-13, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139069/yuri-m-zhukov/trouble-in-the-eastern-mediterranean-sea?page=show>, accessed 3-26-13) PM

Due to these commitment problems, any serious attempt at conflict resolution would require mediation

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, however, it has become increasingly difficult to view Washington as impartial.

#### Extinction

Bostrom, Oxford philosophy faculty, 2

[Nick, “Existential Risks Analyzing Human Extinction Scenarios and Related Hazards,” Published in the Journal of Evolution and Technology, Vol. 9, March, http://www.nickbostrom.com/existential/risks.html]

A much greater existential risk emerged with the build-up of nuclear arsenals in

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existential risk, since it would not destroy or thwart humankind’s potential permanently.

#### US is key

Zhukov, Fellow with the Program on Global Society and Security at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 3-20-13

(Yuri, Trouble in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea,” 3-20-13, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139069/yuri-m-zhukov/trouble-in-the-eastern-mediterranean-sea?page=show>, accessed 3-26-13) PM

Any one of the issues facing countries in the eastern Mediterranean -- disputes over gas

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ambitions, the United States remains the only viable contender for this mission.

### Solvency

#### Functional moratorium now – means we can’t access 98% of OCS reserves. Plan removes those restrictions

Pyle, President of the Institute for Energy Research, ‘12

(Thomas, “Energy Department sneaks offshore moratorium past public; Jobs and oil-supply potential are shut down,” 7-10-12, accessed 10-23-12, Lexis) PM

While the Obama administration was taking a victory lap last week after the 5-

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of annual leases is down more than 50 percent from the Clinton era.

Under the new Obama plan, those numbers will only get worse. The 2012

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the above" president is responsible for increased production and reduced oil import.

#### Exporting is possible – the infrastructure is already in the works

Ebinger, Senior fellow and Director of the Energy Security Initiative at Brookings, ‘12

(Charles, “Liquid Markets: Assessing the Case for US Exports of Liquefied Natural Gas,” 5-2-12, <http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/events/2012/5/02%20lng%20exports/20120502_lng_exports>, accessed 8-17-12) PM

The Brookings team distilled the findings of the feasibility and ¶ implications of LNG exports

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, we found that the environmental¶ implications of LNG exports are negligible.

#### There’s tons of gas in the OCS – guarantees long term supply. Plan is key to leasing certainty that solves production

Griles, Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior, ‘3

(Steven, “ENERGY PRODUCTION ON FEDERAL LANDS,” Hearing before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee of the US Senate, 2-27-03, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CHRG-108shrg86709/html/CHRG-108shrg86709.htm> , accessed 10-23-12) PM

Mr. Griles. America's public lands have an abundant ¶ opportunity for exploration and

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and buy, so ¶ they can have certainty about where to go.

#### Regulatory barriers get removed inevitably – supply is all that matters

Smith, Seeking Alpha, 1-6-13

(Larry, energy stock and investment researcher, “The U.S. May Lead LNG Exports: Who Will Be The Winners?,” 1-6-13, <http://seekingalpha.com/article/1096911-the-u-s-may-lead-lng-exports-who-will-be-the-winners>, accessed 1-12-13) PM

Events from the last few weeks have made it clear to me that the United

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awaiting DOE approval for approval to export to non free-trade countries.

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### Solvency – AT: Worker Shortage

#### Poaching from other professions solves

Olson et al, Bloomberg, 3-7-13

(Bradley, Edward Klump & Jack Kaskey, “Dearth of Skilled Workers Imperils $100 Billion Projects,” http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-03-07/dearth-of-skilled-workers-imperils-100-billion-projects.html, accessed 3-8-13, CMM)

Demand for skilled workers is so great that companies such as ConocoPhillips have begun to

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, global head of natural resources at Denham Capital Management LP in Houston.

#### No worker shortage – other industries fill in

Sebastian ‘12

Simone, “Labor shortage continues to plague expanding energy industry,” <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/01/11/labor-shortage-continues-to-plague-expanding-oil-and-gas-industry/>

Coton said the industry’s best chance for bridging the gap is to recruit workers from other fields, including shipbuilding and infrastructure industries.¶ Oil and gas companies also have set their sites on military workers, whose training in technical and high-pressure environments is comparable to oil field work.

### 2AC – Not Enough Shale (Short)

#### Shale unsustainable – newest data shows major reductions

Penn Energy 1-26-13

(“U.S. shale gas reserve estimates plummet,” 1-26-13, <http://www.pennenergy.com/articles/pennenergy/2012/01/u-s--shale-gas-reserve.html>, accessed 2-4-13) PM

The latest estimates of shale natural gas reserves in the U.S. represent

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production will rise even higher than previously predicted despite the smaller resource base.

#### Reserves are overestimated and well productivity is declining

Nelder, Slate energy analyst, 11

(Chris, 12-29-11, “What the Frack?,” http://www.slate.com/articles/health\_and\_science/future\_tense/2011/12/is\_there\_really\_100\_years\_worth\_of\_natural\_gas\_beneath\_the\_united\_states\_.html, accessed 8-21-12, CMM)

The truly devilish details of supply forecasts, however, rest in the production models

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their claims. Reserves appear to be overstated by more than 100 percent¶

 Typically, the core 10 to 15 percent of a shale formation’s gas is

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by 80 percent. Similar adjustments may be ahead for other shale plays.

#### Perception is enough

Lundgren, Bloomberg, ‘12

(Kari, “U.S. Shale Gas Exports Face Hurdles, Former Exxon CEO Says,” 2-10-12, <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-10/u-s-shale-gas-exports-face-hurdles-former-exxon-ceo-says.html>, accessed 1-6-13) PM

Political constraints and concern production gains at shale fields aren’t sustainable will hinder the development

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long-term competitive supply because these are huge investments,” Raymond said.

### Solvency – AT: Gas Only Leases

#### Wouldn’t deter – companies can work around

Humphries, CRS Energy Policy Analyst, ‘8

(Marc, “Outer Continental Shelf Leasing: Side-by-Side: Comparison of Five Legislative Proposals,” 9-16-8, <http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RL34667_20080916.pdf>, accessed 2-24-13) PM

Sec. 109. The Secretary¶ of the Interior would¶ establish regulations for

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established and applied¶ to new and existing¶ non-producing leases.

#### There are workarounds – their author – two paragraphs later

Maritime Executive, 08

(4-2-08, “Gas-Only Drilling in Offshore Moratorium Areas Suggested,” <http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/2005-10-20gas-only-drilling-in-offshore-moratori>, accessed 2-24-13) PM

However, the American Petroleum Institute (API), in comments this week to MMS

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, only to be forced to abandon the resource, stranding substantial investments."

THEIR CARD ENDS

Another set of comments submitted jointly by several groups -- including the Domestic Petroleum Council

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leases by companies unless the governor and state legislature allowing offshore production object.

### Solvency – AT: Price Differential Arguments (Close Gap, Cost, etc)

#### Always a price advantage

Harris, CEO of Recurrent Energy, 12-18-12

(Arno, “Export Natural Gas to Accelerate Our Clean Energy Future,” 12-18-12, <http://theenergycollective.com/arnoharris/160796/export-natural-gas-accelerate-our-clean-energy-future?ref=node_related_posts>, accessed 12-24-12) PM

The NERA study also addresses alarmist projections that export would result in disastrous price increases

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gas supply in the U.S. relative to their global rivals.

### 2AC – China

#### Renewables can’t fill in – that makes warming from emissions inevitable

Riley, professor of energy law at The City Law School at City University London, 8-13-12

(Alan, “Shale Gas to the Climate Rescue,” http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/14/opinion/shale-gas-to-the-climate-rescue.html?\_r=1&pagewanted=print, accessed 8-14-12, CMM)

The battle against runaway climate change is being lost. The green movement and the

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we have a chance to reset the trajectory of global carbon dioxide emissions.

¶ A widespread turn to the use of shale gas would give the planet precious

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in carbon emissions that we can achieve by replacing coal with shale gas.

### 2AC – Adv CP

### 2AC – Fed Lands

#### Doesn’t solve the case – still leaves the whole Obama plan in place – causes huge uncertainty

Snow, OGJ Washington Editor, ‘12

(Nick, “DOI announces proposed final 2012-17 OCS leasing program,” 6-28-12, <http://www.ogj.com/articles/2012/06/doi-announces-proposed-final-2012-17-ocs-leasing-program.html> , accessed 10-25-12) PM

“We are taking a cautious approach to leasing in the Arctic that accounts for

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Obama administration chose to follow the same tired path for American offshore exploration.”

#### Opening federal lands to drilling crushes the outdoors industry – that’s key to the economy.

Goad, Manager of Research and Outreach for the Public Lands Project at the Center for American Progress Action Fund, 2-15-13

(Jessica, “New Outdoor Industry Data Show The Power Of The Recreation Economy In Every State,” http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2013/02/15/1597431/new-outdoor-industry-data-show-the-power-of-the-recreation-economy-in-every-state/?mobile=nc, accessed 2-15-13, CMM)

The outdoor recreation economy is big business in America. Data released today by the

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ground has never been clearer, as data like those released today show.

#### Opening federal lands wouldn’t increase production much and it’s mostly shale so it can’t solve

Levi, CFR Senior Fellow for Energy and the Environment, 3-8-13

(Michael, “The Shale Boom Won’t Be Repeated on Federal Lands,” http://blogs.cfr.org/levi/2013/03/08/the-shale-boom-wont-be-repeated-on-federal-lands/, accessed 3-14-13, CMM)

A visit to Yellowstone National Park last week has me thinking about federal lands.

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lot bigger with more access to federal lands. It probably wouldn’t be.

### 2AC – Environment – OCS

#### Drilling is safe

Bradley, President and CEO, Institute for Energy Research, 3/25/2013

[Robert, “Oil & Gas Isn't Just One Of The Richest Industries, It's Also One Of The Safest,” <http://www.forbes.com/sites/robertbradley/2013/03/25/oil-gas-isnt-just-one-of-the-richest-industries-its-also-one-of-the-safest/>]

You wouldn’t know it from the major media coverage, but the American oil and

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, “alternative” energies are hardly cleaner, greener, and safer.

#### Regs check the impact

BOEM ‘11

(Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, “Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program 2012-2017”, November, <http://www.boem.gov/uploadedFiles/Proposed_OCS_Oil_Gas_Lease_Program_2012-2017.pdf>)

Offshore Drilling Safety, Spill Preparedness and the Lessons of Deepwater Horizon The Deepwater Horizon

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appropriately balanced management and oversight of the nation’s offshore oil and gas resources.

#### No biod impact – their linear risk and systemic frames are wrong AND resilience is true – assumes their oil leaks and drilling impacts

Kareiva et al, Chief Scientist and Vice President, The Nature Conservancy, 12

(Peter, Michelle Marvier, professor and department chair of Environment Studies and Sciences at Santa Clara University, Robert Lalasz, director of science communications for The Nature Conservancy, Winter, “Conservation in the Anthropocene,” http://thebreakthrough.org/index.php/journal/past-issues/issue-2/conservation-in-the-anthropocene/, accessed 12-18-12, CMM)

2. As conservation became a global enterprise in the 1970s and 1980s, the

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at least not in the last thousand years, and arguably even longer.

### 2AC – Arctic Militarization

#### Either uniqueness overwhelms because of shared interests or coop is down – alt causes

Weitz, senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, 1-29-13

(Richard, World Politics Review senior editor, “Global Insights: Oil Sector a Challenge for Russia, Opportunity for U.S.,” <http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/12672/global-insights-oil-sector-a-challenge-for-russia-opportunity-for-u-s>, accessed 3-25-13) PM

U.S.-based multinationals have the capital and technologies to help Russia exploit

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reduce corruption and bureaucracy; and insure that property rights are better protected.

#### Russia is expanding Arctic oil and gas drilling now

LeVitt, InvestorPlace Contributor, 2-14-13

(Aaron, “Rosneft: Russia’s Energy Giant Is One to Ride,” http://investorplace.com/2013/02/rosneft-russias-energy-giant-is-one-to-ride/, accessed 2-18-13, CMM)

The Arctic Circle truly is one of the last frontiers for energy exploration. Blessed

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it thins out the bitumen and allows it to be pumped through pipelines.

#### No Arctic conflict over resources – disputes are overplayed and negotiations solve.

Brigham, distinguished professor of geography and Arctic policy at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, 10

(Lawson, Sept/Oct, “Think Again: The Arctic,” http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/08/16/think\_again\_the\_arctic?page=full, accessed 11-4-12, CMM)

Maybe not, but many countries are looking at the Arctic today with fresh eyes

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borders and oil fields today are in regions that are badly destabilized already.

### 2AC – EPA Water Enforcement

#### Keystone thumps

RESTUCCIA, Politico, 2-8-13

(Andrew, “Can Obama pair Keystone, climate action?,” http://www.politico.com/story/2013/02/can-obama-pair-keystone-climate-action-87350.html, accessed 2-16-13, CMM)

President Barack Obama is approaching two of the most crucial energy decisions of his presidency

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give Obama an early opportunity to build some goodwill across the political spectrum.”

#### Massive desal expansion now and prices keep coming down

Craze, Bloomberg, 2-14-13

(Matt, “Desalination Seen Booming at 15% a Year as World Water Dries Up,” http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-02-14/desalination-seen-booming-at-15-a-year-as-world-water-dries-up.html, accessed 2-18-13, CMM)

As the global population soars by about 74 million people a year, water shortages

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like China, desalination is an economic slam- dunk,” he says.

#### Water wars empirically denied and just don’t make sense

Allouche, research fellow at Institute for Development Studies at MIT, 11

(Jeremy, former professor – MIT, PhD in International Relations from the Graduate Institute of International Studies “The sustainability and resilience of global water and food systems: Political analysis of the interplay between security, resource scarcity, political systems and global trade,” *Food Policy*, Volume 36, Supplement 1, January 2011, Pages S3–S8, Science Direct, accessed 11-3-12, CMM)

The question of resource scarcity has led to many debates on whether scarcity (whether

AND¶ the last two centuries humankind has breached many resource barriers that seemed unchallengeable

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Barnett and Adger, 2007] and [Kevane and Gray, 2008]).

### 2AC – Immigration – Straight Up

#### **Won’t pass- Conservatives oppose path to citizenship language and logistics**

Stanton, Buzzfeed, 3-21-13

(John, “How Washington's Immigration Momentum Could Collapse At Any Moment,” <http://www.buzzfeed.com/johnstanton/how-immigration-reform-could-collapse-at-any-moment>, accessed: 3-27-13, LLL)

But Becerra, like most lawmakers involved in the effort, is cognizant of the

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could undo all of this," a senior House GOP leadership aide said.

#### **Won’t pass- business and labor disputes**

Chokshi, National Journal, 3-26-13

(Niraj, “Why Immigration Reform Is So Hard,” <http://www.nationaljournal.com/congress/why-immigration-reform-is-so-hard-20130326>, accessed: 3-26-13, LLL)

Here’s why immigration reform is so tough: It has to balance the conflicting needs

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broadly, its viability will depend on a delicate balance of conflicting interests.

#### Enviro backlash now

Geman, The Hill, 3-15-13

(Ben, “Report: EPA climate rules for power plants likely delayed,” http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/288455-report-epa-climate-rules-for-power-plants-likely-delayed, accessed 3-28-13, CMM)

The Obama administration is likely to revise controversial planned rules that would set carbon emissions

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restrictions on existing coal plants, a major source of greenhouse gas emissions.

#### The plan *is* political capital – Obama will horse trade with the plan for his agenda

Davenport, National Journal, 12-6-12

(Coral, “How Obama and Congress Could Find Common Ground on Energy,” <http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/how-obama-and-congress-could-find-common-ground-on-energy-20121206>, accessed 12-26-12, CMM)

As always, the question will be what kind of bill can get through Congress

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could use those decisions as chips in a broader grand bargain on energy.

#### Plan’s bipart

Russell, President of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, ‘12

(Barry, “Energy Must Transcend Politics,” 8-15-12, <http://energy.nationaljournal.com/2012/08/finding-the-sweet-spot-biparti.php?comments=expandall#comments>, accessed 1-6-13) PM

There have been glimpses of great leadership, examples when legislators have reached across the

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) is another Democratic leader who consistently votes to promote responsible energy development.

#### Plan solves jobs

Mason, banking department chair at the LSU Ourso College of Business, ‘9

(Joseph, “The Economic Contribution of Increased Offshore Oil Exploration and Production to Regional and National Economies,” Feb 2009, <http://www.americanenergyalliance.org/images/aea_offshore_updated_final.pdf>, accessed 1-2-13) PM

Until recently, Congressional and Presidential leasing¶ moratoria have withdrawn from production oil and

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stimulus are particularly ¶ attractive in the face of a severe economic downturn.

#### Jobs shields the link

Izadi, National Journal, 12

(Elahe, "Former Sen. Trent Lott, Ex-Rep. Jim Davis Bemoan Partisanship on Energy Issues,” 8-29-12, http://www.nationaljournal.com/2012-election/former-members-bemoan-partisanship-on-energy-issues-20120829, accessed 1-6-13) PM

In a climate where everything from transportation issues to the farm bill have gotten caught

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Congress.¶ “The job of the next president is critical on energy and

many of these issues, and the job is very simple: adult supervision of the Congress,” Davis said.

#### Winners win on controversial issues

Hirsh, National Journal, 2-7-13

(Michael, “There’s No Such Thing as Political Capital,” http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/there-s-no-such-thing-as-political-capital-20130207?page=1, accessed 2-7-13, CMM)

Naturally, any president has practical and electoral limits. Does he have a majority

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right. He did. (At least until Vietnam, that is.)

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### Case

#### US LNG key – multiple factors

Johston, WSJ, ‘13

(Robert, Leslie Palti-Guzman, “Johnston and Palti-Guzman: The Foreign Policy Uses of an Energy Bounty,” 1-10-13, accessed 3-18-13) PM

Furthermore, the rise of American LNG exports makes it easier for Washington to convince

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as a global gas superpower. The world is waiting for its answer.

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#### The U.S. economy is engine for the world

Caploe, 4/7/9

[David Caploe is CEO of the Singapore-incorporated American Centre for Applied Liberal Arts and Humanities in Asia., “Focus still on America to lead global recovery”, April 7, The Strait Times, lexis]

IN THE aftermath of the G-20 summit, most observers seem to have

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the US - and it is going to have to be solved there too

#### There’s decades worth

Robertson, USGS, ‘12

(Jessica, “World’s Oil and Gas Endowment,” 4-18-12, <http://www.usgs.gov/blogs/features/usgs_top_story/worlds-oil-and-gas-endowment/>, accessed 1-14-13) PM

The U.S. Geological Survey released today a new global estimate for conventional

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Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), according to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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#### Empirically denied by past spills and status quo drilling

NRDC ‘12

(National Resources Defense Council, “Deep Sea Treasures Protecting the Atlantic Coast's Ancient Submarine Canyons and Seamounts,” March 2012, <http://www.nrdc.org/oceans/canyons/>, accessed 1-13-13) PM

After the Deepwater Horizon and Exxon Valdez disasters, ¶ we now all know the

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, chromium, mercury, ¶ and carcinogens like toluene and benzene.¶ 1

### Politics

#### The plan is popular and builds momentum for the agenda

Davenport, National Journal, 3-25-13

(Coral, “Five Easy Pieces of Energy Legislation,” http://www.nationaljournal.com/daily/five-easy-pieces-of-energy-legislation-20130325, accessed 3-27-13, CMM)

After half a decade in which the energy debate in Washington has been dominated by

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and is being taken seriously by leadership on both sides of the aisle.