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Louisiana State University

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know what we are doing but, also, to solicit their reaction, ideas, and suggestions about what we ought to be doing.

MISSION

The Center for Energy Studies (CES) was created by the Louisiana Legislature in 1982 as the embodiment of recommendations made by a group of experts from outside the state and at the urging of Louisiana business and public interest groups, as well as the University. As directed by resolutions of the LSU Board of Supervisors and the Louisiana Board of Regents, historically CES' strategy has been to marshal, focus, and support expertise available elsewhere in the University rather than to build a large internal staff.

Although the organization and staff have changed since its creation, CES' mission has not. CES conducts, encourages and facilitates research and analysis to address energy-related problems or issues affecting Louisiana's economy, environment, and citizenry. CES is the state's only officially recognized "energy center"

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Association and published in the *Energ Journal*, the leading academic journal devoted to energy economics (1995-6). CES also completed an MMSfunded study describing the regulations and programs dealing with accidents and oil spills on platforms located in waters subject to Louisiana's jurisdiction (1995-12). Ric Pincomb of CES' information division was the principal researcher.

MMS has recently funded a third study to be conducted during the coming year that will update and improve forecasts of how many offshore platforms will be removed and installed on the Gulf of Mexico (OTJ-21.4337 g)6.a6EaSo((MeRex)10.2(i)1.8m10.2(l)4.9(f)0054.e p)-5o.e px.e p r20y

First, an electricity restructuring seminar series was organized where nationally recognized experts discussed aspects of restructuring with representatives of Louisiana's utilities, its Public Service Commission, the large energy-using (and producing) industries, and concerned citizenry. For both seminars the demand for seats exceeded the capacity of the rooms. Papers prepared by the experts will be compiled in a volume that the Center will publish next year. The Center hopes to organize at least two more seminars in the fall.

Concurrently, the Center is conducting its own study of

Information and Data-- In addition to these projects, each staff member also has personal research interests and responds to shorter term requests for information and analysis as is appropriate. Barbara Kavanaugh, who is the head of the Center's Data and Information Services Division, and librarian Ric Pincomb regularly respond to numerous requests for information, data and analysis from industry, the general public, legislators and other elected officials and the press. This past year information requests ranged from the U.S. Supreme Court and the Internal Revenue Service to students writing term papers on the oil and gas industry to the Government of Venezuela to the Vernon Parish Police Jury.

An important dimension was added to the Center's information dissemination role this year when its home page found a place on the Internet (<http://www.enrg.isu.edu>) and went online on July, 1995. Inquiries or "hits" have increased steadily from 378 in July, 1995, to a record 4,902 "hits" recorded in July, 1996. The most popular data are actual Louisiana oil and gas prices which are made available on a daily basis. State agencies such as the Department of Revenue increasingly use the Center's price data for their own analysis and regulatory needs.

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