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Hastings Statement on October Unemployment Report *Highlights Mining, Oil and Gas Unemployment*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Doc Hastings (WA-04) released the following statement regarding the Department of Labor’s report that the U.S. economy lost nearly 263,000 jobs in September, raising the unemployment rate to 9.8 percent:

“Unemployment in parts of the U.S. energy sector, including in the mining, oil and gas industries, has soared to double digits.¹ And despite the Obama Administration’s \$1 trillion ‘stimulus’ bill, hundreds of thousands of Americans continue to lose their jobs each month. Unfortunately, the Administration and Democrats in Congress remain fixated on passing a job-killing National Energy Tax bill that is only going to put more people in the unemployment line.

“We can watch more Americans continue to lose their jobs each month or President Obama and Democrats in Congress can finally make job creation their top priority. Republicans continue to encourage Democrats to join us in supporting the American Energy Act, an all-of-the-above plan that will create green jobs, oil jobs, mining jobs, manufacturing jobs and nuclear jobs.”

1. See attached PDF.

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Industry and class of worker	Number of unemployed persons (in thousands)		Unemployment rates	
	Sept. 2008	Sept. 2009	Sept. 2008	2009
Total, 16 years and over (1).....	9,199	14,538	6.0	9.5
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers.....	7,328	11,697	6.1	9.9
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction.....	25	76	2.8	10.7
Construction.....	970	1,594	9.9	17.1
Manufacturing.....	984	1,876	6.0	11.9
Durable goods.....	688	1,280	6.5	13.1
Nondurable goods.....	296	596	5.1	10.0
Wholesale and retail trade.....	1,277	1,809	6.2	9.0
Transportation and utilities.....	337	538	5.8	9.5
Information.....	166	362	5.0	11.2
Financial activities.....	380	657	4.0	7.1
Professional and business services.....	951	1,596	6.9	11.3
Education and health services.....	835	1,257	4.1	6.0
Leisure and hospitality.....	1,029	1,469	8.2	11.4
Other services.....	374	462	5.8	7.1
Agriculture and related private wage and salary workers	84	150	5.8	11.1
Government workers.....	573	928	2.6	4.2
Self employed and unpaid family workers.....	414	636	3.9	5.9

1 Persons with no previous work experience are included in the unemployed total.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data. Effective with January 2009 data, industries reflect the introduction of the 2007 Census industry classification system into the Current Population Survey. This industry classification system is derived from the 2007 North American Industry Classification System. No historical data have been revised.

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