

## BPXP and Anadarko Economic Role

- **Market shares indicate BPXP and Anadarko each make up a modest portion of the Gulf of Mexico oil and gas industry**
- **Oil and gas industry represents only a fraction of economic activity in the Gulf of Mexico region**
- **BP argues that its expenditures benefit the regional and national economy**
  - Such expenditures are motivated by the pursuit of profit
  - Any other firm developing the same resources would make the same expenditures and hence yield the same benefit
  - Concentration data indicate that firms compete vigorously for access to these resources