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.