



State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board was held on **Wednesday, October 11, 2023**, beginning at 9:38 a.m. in the LaBelle Room of the LaSalle Building, 617 N. 3rd Street, First Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. W. Paul Segura, Jr., Chairman, called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

OMR Assistant Secretary Jamie Manuel then called the roll for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

W. Paul Segura, Jr., Chairman
Thomas F. Harris, DNR Secretary
Robert D. Watkins
J. Todd Hollenshead
Willie J. Young, Sr.
Harry J. Vorhoff, Governor John Bel Edwards Designee

The following members were recorded as absent:

Carol R. LeBlanc, Vice-Chair
Rochelle A. Michaud-Dugas
Harvey "Ned" White
Darryl D. Smith
Thomas L. Arnold, Jr.

Mr. Manuel announced that a quorum was established.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 MINUTES

The Chairman stated that the second order of business was the approval of the Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Hollenshead to adopt the September 13, 2023 Minutes as submitted, and to waive reading said minutes in entirety. His motion was seconded by Mr. Vorhoff and unanimously adopted by the Board. (No public comments were made at this time.)

The Chairman stated the next order of business was the presentation of the following Staff Reports:

V. STAFF REPORTS

- a) **Lease Review Report** – Presented by Byron Miller, Petroleum Scientist Administrator, Geological, Engineering & Lands Division
- b) **Nomination and Tract Report** – Presented by Byron Miller, Petroleum Scientist Administrator, Geological, Engineering & Lands Division
- c) **Audit Report** – Presented by Taletha Shorter, Audit Director, Mineral Income Division
- d) **Legal and Title Controversy Report** – Presented by Byron Miller, Petroleum Scientist Administrator, Geological, Engineering & Lands Division
- e) **Docket Review Report** – Presented by Byron Miller, Petroleum Scientist Administrator, Geological, Engineering & Lands Division

VI. A presentation by Dr. Greg Upton, Executive Director, LSU Center for Energy Studies, on the economics of offshore wind.

Dr. Upton's presentation is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

VII. A presentation by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries regarding offshore wind and coastal & migratory birds.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries' presentation is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

**** Resolutions are in chronological order at the end of the minutes.***

**a) LEASE REVIEW REPORT
OCTOBER 11, 2023**

I. GEOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING STAFF REVIEW

According to the SONRIS database, there are 994 active State Leases containing approximately 415,648 acres. Since the last Lease Review Report, the Geological and Engineering Division reviewed 114 leases covering approximately 58,516 acres for lease maintenance and development.

II. BOARD REVIEW

1. There were no State Lease items to bring before the Board.

III. FORCE MAJEURE

1. There were no Force Majeure items to bring before the Board.

**b) NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT
OCTOBER 11, 2023
(Resolution No. 23-10-001)**

The Board heard the report of Mr. Greg Roberts presented by Bryon Miller on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, relative to nominations received in the Office of Mineral Resources for the December 13, 2023 Mineral Lease Sale and other matters.

Based upon Staff's recommendation, and on motion of Mr. Watkins, duly seconded by Mr. Young, the Board granted authority to Staff to advertise all such tracts that have been received by the Staff of the Office of Mineral Resources as well as any tracts that have been previously advertised and rolled over and otherwise approve the Nomination and Tract Report. **(Resolution No. 23-010-001)**

**c) AUDIT REPORT
OCTOBER 11, 2023**

The first matter on the audit report was the election of the October 2023 gas royalty to be paid on an unprocessed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement.

No action required.

**d) LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT
OCTOBER 11, 2023
(Resolution Nos. 23-10-002 through 23-10-003)**

The first matter considered by the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) was a request by Hilcorp Energy Company to extend the primary term for two (2) years within State Lease No. 21991, being located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, in exchange for additional rental payments due on the anniversary date of each subsequent year.

The Staff recommended that the Board grant Staff authority to amend the primary term of the lease for an additional two (2) years in exchange for additional rental payments.

After unanimous vote of the Board and upon motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the State Mineral and Energy Board approved the request by Hilcorp Energy Company to extend the primary term for two (2) years within State Lease No. 21991, being located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, in exchange for additional rental payments due on the anniversary date of each subsequent year. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 23-10-002)**

The second matter considered by the Board was a request by Staff for authority to conduct public hearings in Cameron, Vermillion, Iberia, St. Mary, Terrebonne, and Lafourche Parishes for consideration of entering Operating Agreements for the development of wind energy upon State owned lands and water-bottoms.

This matter was deferred to allow further discussion between the Board Members and Staff in Executive Session and will be revisited after Executive Session.

After Executive Session, this matter was revisited by the Board. After careful consideration and lengthy discussion in Executive Session, upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Harris, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board approved Staff's request for authority to hold the public hearings as discussed in Executive Session. **(Resolution No. 23-10-003)**

Public Comments were made by:

Lauren Hadden of the Louisiana Association of Business & Industry who also submitted a letter that is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Chett Chiasson, Executor Director of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission

Edison Chouest Offshore also submitted a letter of support that is attached and made a part of these minutes.

**e) DOCKET REVIEW REPORT
OCTOBER 11, 2023
(Resolution No(s). 23-10-004 thru 23-10-010)**

The Board heard the report from Byron Miller on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, relative to the following:

- Category A: State Agency Leases
There were no items for this category
- Category B: State Lease Transfers
Docket Item Nos. 1 thru 3
- Category C: Department of Wildlife & Fisheries State Agency Lease
There were no items for this category
- Category D: Advertised Proposals
Docket Item Nos. 1 thru 4

Based upon the staff's recommendation, on motion of Mr. Hollenshead, duly seconded by Mr. Vorhoff, the Board voted to accept the following recommendations:

- Category B: State Lease Transfers
Docket Item Nos. 1 thru 4
(Resolution Nos. 23-10-004 thru 23-10-006)
- Category D: Advertised Proposals
Docket Item Nos. 1 thru 5
(Resolution Nos. 23-10-007 and 23-10-010)

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
(Resolution No. 23-10-011)**

The Chairman stated that the next order of business was discussions in Executive Session to consider matters before the Board which were confidential in nature.

Upon motion of Mr. Vorhoff, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board Members went into Executive Session at 10:37 a.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Young, the Board reconvened in open session at 12:14 p.m. for consideration of the following matters discussed in Executive Session:

- a. An update and discussion of ongoing negotiations of Operating Agreements for carbon capture and sequestration and wind energy projects on State owned lands and water-bottoms and for property owned by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Harris, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to proceed with negotiations on carbon sequestration agreements based upon the terms discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter.
(Resolution No. 23-10-011)

- b. Technical Briefing on Bids

IX. AWARDING OF LEASES

The Chairman stated that the next order of business was the awarding of the leases and called on Mr. Byron Miller to present Staff's recommendations to the Board.

Staff reported there were four (4) bids received, one bid on each of the four (4) tracts up for bid. Staff recommended that all four (4) bids be rejected for insufficient consideration and that no leases be awarded on these tracts.

Upon motion of Mr. Harris, and seconded by Mr. Vorhoff, the Board voted unanimously to reject all four (4) bids on Tract Nos. 45677, 45678, 45679, and 45680.

This concluded the awarding of the leases.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

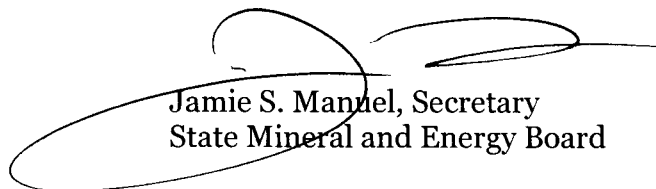
XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman then stated that there being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Harris, the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie S. Mannel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Authority to Advertise
Tracts for the December
13, 2023 Lease Sale

RESOLUTION #23-10-01

(NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT)

WHEREAS, Mr. Greg Roberts reported that sixteen (16) tracts were nominated for the December 13, 2023 Mineral Lease Sale, and requested that same be advertised pending staff review;

ON MOTION of **Mr. Watkins**, seconded by **Mr. Young**, the following recommendation was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board after discussion and careful consideration:

That the State Mineral and Energy Board grant approval to advertise all such tract(s) for the December 13, 2023 Mineral Lease Sale;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby approve and authorize the advertising of all such tracts received by the staff of the Office of Mineral Resources, as well as any tracts that were previously advertised and rolled over, and to otherwise approve the Nomination and Tract Report.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 11th day of October, 2023, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of said Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.



Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-10-002

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

Hilcorp Energy Company –
Extension of primary term
for 2 years for SL 21991 in
exchange for additional
rental payments.

WHEREAS, a request was received by the State Mineral and Energy Board from Hilcorp Energy Company to extend the primary term for two (2) years within State Lease No. 21991, being located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, in exchange for additional rental payments due on the anniversary date of each subsequent year; and

WHEREAS, in response to this request, OMR Staff offered the following recommendation for consideration by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

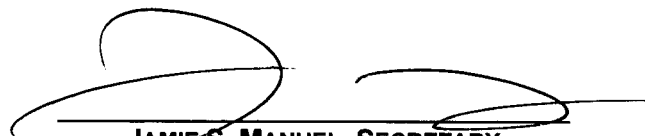
That the Board approve the request from Hilcorp Energy Company to extend the primary term for two (2) years within State Lease No. 21991, being located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, in exchange for additional rental payments due on the anniversary date of each subsequent year.

ON MOTION of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby approve the request by Hilcorp Energy Company to extend the primary term for two (2) years within State Lease No. 21991, being located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, in exchange for additional rental payments due on the anniversary date of each subsequent year.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 11th day of October, 2023, of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of said State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.


JAMIE S. MANUEL, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-10-003

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

Public hearings in Cameron, Vermillion, Iberia, St. Mary, Terrebonne, & Lafourche Parishes to enter OA's for wind energy development.

WHEREAS, a request by Staff for authority to conduct public hearings in Cameron, Vermillion, Iberia, St. Mary, Terrebonne, and Lafourche Parishes for consideration of entering Operating Agreements for the development of wind energy upon State owned lands and water-bottoms; and

WHEREAS, the Staff reported that the Board granted them authority to negotiate and enter into Operating Agreements for wind energy development and production by Resolution No. 23-04-007; and

WHEREAS, in response to this request, OMR Staff offered the following recommendation for consideration by the Board:

That the Board grant authority to the Staff to conduct public hearings in Cameron, Vermillion, Iberia, St. Mary, Terrebonne, and Lafourche Parishes for consideration of entering Operating Agreements for the development of wind energy upon State owned lands and water-bottoms

ON MOTION of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Harris, after discussion and careful consideration in Executive Session, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board approved Staff's request for authority to hold the public hearings as discussed in Executive Session.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 11th day of October, 2023 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice and in compliance with law, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of said Board and is now in full force and effect.


JAMIE S. MANUEL, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-10-004

(DOCKET)

On motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 1 from the October 11, 2023 meeting be approved, said being an Assignment from KEM Ventures, LP to Chato Energy, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to State Lease Nos. 17988 and 17989, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Chato Energy, LLC is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

This approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to certain conditions in the absence of which conditions approval of said instrument would not have been given as follows:

1) That all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument;

2) That failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the basic lease by the original lessee, or by any assignee, sublessor or sublessee, prior or subsequent hereto, shall not be deemed waived by the approval of said instrument by the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana, it being distinctly understood that the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana does not recognize said instrument as creating a novation, as regards any right or interest of the State or Board;

3) That in the event ownership of the basic mineral lease is or becomes vested in two or more lessees responsible to the lessor for compliance with indivisible obligations to maintain the lease, then said lessees shall designate in writing to the State Mineral and Energy Board the lessee representing the joint account of all lessees, who shall be accountable to the Board for discharge of indivisible obligations under the lease for all lessees or for release in lieu of compliance therewith, provided that in the event of failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof in lieu of complying with an indivisible lease obligation to maintain the lease and no other lessee desires to assume and undertake the indivisible obligation, then all lessees agree to join in a release or to otherwise execute a similar release of their rights to lessor, relegating any nonsignatory lessee to such remedy, if any, as such party may have against the lessee or lessees, who may execute a release purporting to cover the entirety of the lease or of a segregated portion thereof;

4) That this approval is given merely for the purpose of validating the assignment or transfer under the provisions of R.S. 30:128, but by giving its approval, the Board does not recognize the validity of any other instrument referred to therein that has not also been considered and approved by the Board in its entirety nor of any descriptions nor adopt any of the terms and conditions in the assignment or transfer, including but not limited to any election to convert an overriding royalty interest to a working interest, and any such election shall not be effective until written notice thereof is given to the Board and assignment or transfer of such working interest in recordable form is docketed for approval and approved by the Board, and, furthermore, that this approval may not operate as the Board's approval of any sales contract, which may have been entered into by the parties to the assignment or transfer, inasmuch as the Board specifically reserves the right to take its royalty oil, gas and other minerals in kind;

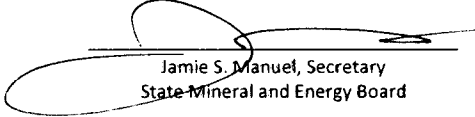
5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and

6) That nothing herein shall be construed as approval for any assignment, sublease or transfer to or from any individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity who has filed bankruptcy proceedings unless such status is specifically recognized in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that either the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary is hereby authorized to reflect the approval of the State Mineral and Energy Board by affixing his signature to the aforesaid instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 11th day of October, 2023, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Board and is now in full force and effect.


Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-10-005

(DOCKET)

On motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 2 from the October 11, 2023 meeting be approved, said being a Wellbore Assignment from Comstock Oil & Gas-Louisiana, LLC to CNO (II), LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to State Lease Nos. 19695 and 20566, Bossier and Red River Parishes, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

CNO (II), LLC is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

This approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to certain conditions in the absence of which conditions approval of said instrument would not have been given as follows:

1) That all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument;

2) That failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the basic lease by the original lessee, or by any assignee, sublessor or sublessee, prior or subsequent hereto, shall not be deemed waived by the approval of said instrument by the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana, it being distinctly understood that the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana does not recognize said instrument as creating a novation, as regards any right or interest of the State or Board;

3) That in the event ownership of the basic mineral lease is or becomes vested in two or more lessees responsible to the lessor for compliance with indivisible obligations to maintain the lease, then said lessees shall designate in writing to the State Mineral and Energy Board the lessee representing the joint account of all lessees, who shall be accountable to the Board for discharge of indivisible obligations under the lease for all lessees or for release in lieu of compliance therewith, provided that in the event of failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof in lieu of complying with an indivisible lease obligation to maintain the lease and no other lessee desires to assume and undertake the indivisible obligation, then all lessees agree to join in a release or to otherwise execute a similar release of their rights to lessor, relegating any nonsignatory lessee to such remedy, if any, as such party may have against the lessee or lessees, who may execute a release purporting to cover the entirety of the lease or of a segregated portion thereof;

4) That this approval is given merely for the purpose of validating the assignment or transfer under the provisions of R.S. 30:128, but by giving its approval, the Board does not recognize the validity of any other instrument referred to therein that has not also been considered and approved by the Board in its entirety nor of any descriptions nor adopt any of the terms and conditions in the assignment or transfer, including but not limited to any election to convert an overriding royalty interest to a working interest, and any such election shall not be effective until written notice thereof is given to the Board and assignment or transfer of such working interest in recordable form is docketed for approval and approved by the Board, and, furthermore, that this approval may not operate as the Board's approval of any sales contract, which may have been entered into by the parties to the assignment or transfer, inasmuch as the Board specifically reserves the right to take its royalty oil, gas and other minerals in kind;

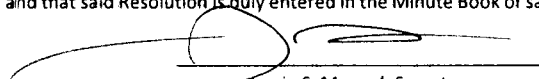
5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and

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Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-10-006

(DOCKET)

On motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 3 from the October 11, 2023 meeting be approved, said being an Assignment from Zachry Exploration, LLC to the following in the proportions set out below:

Arroyo Resources, LLC	1.5% of 8/8ths
Great Western Drilling LTD.	25% of 8/8ths
Kossak Oil and Gas Management, LLC	3.75% of 8/8ths
Orlofsky Mineral Holdings, LLC	1.00% of 8/8ths
Petroleum Technologies, Inc.	8.6175% of 8/8ths

in and to State Lease No. 22059, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Zachry Exploration, LLC is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

This approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to certain conditions in the absence of which conditions approval of said instrument would not have been given as follows:

1) That all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument;

2) That failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the basic lease by the original lessee, or by any assignee, sublessor or sublessee, prior or subsequent hereto, shall not be deemed waived by the approval of said instrument by the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana, it being distinctly understood that the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana does not recognize said instrument as creating a novation, as regards any right or interest of the State or Board;

3) That in the event ownership of the basic mineral lease is or becomes vested in two or more lessees responsible to the lessor for compliance with indivisible obligations to maintain the lease, then said lessees shall designate in writing to the State Mineral and Energy Board the lessee representing the joint account of all lessees, who shall be accountable to the Board for discharge of indivisible obligations under the lease for all lessees or for release in lieu of compliance therewith, provided that in the event of failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof in lieu of complying with an indivisible lease obligation to maintain the lease and no other lessee desires to assume and undertake the indivisible obligation, then all lessees agree to join in a release or to otherwise execute a similar release of their rights to lessor, relegating any nonsignatory lessee to such remedy, if any, as such party may have against the lessee or lessees, who may execute a release purporting to cover the entirety of the lease or of a segregated portion thereof;

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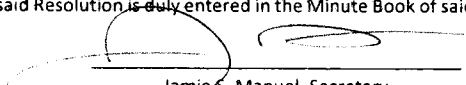
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Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-10-007

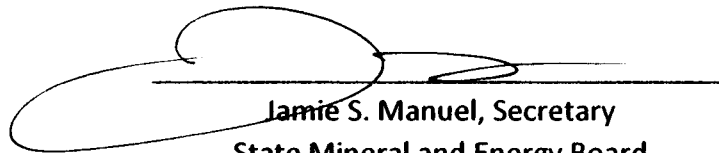
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On motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item 23-22 from the October 11, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Lease Amendment by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board of the State of Louisiana and LOBO Oil and Gas, LLC and Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC, whereas said parties mutually agree to amend to force majeure clause of State Lease No. 20436, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

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Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-10-008

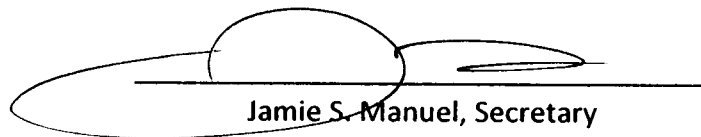
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BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item 23-23 from the October 11, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Lease Amendment by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board of the State of Louisiana and LOBO Oil and Gas, LLC and Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC, whereas said parties mutually agree to amend to force majeure clause of State Lease No. 16432, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 11th day of October, 2023 pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Board and is now in full force and effect.



Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-10-009

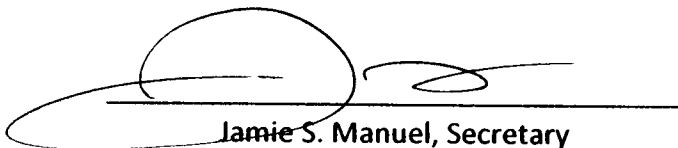
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On motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item 23-24 from the October 11, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being an Operating Agreement by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board of the State of Louisiana, acting for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana and Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, to create an operating tract for the producing of hydrocarbons, which proposal allocates a State Production Interest equal to 25% before payout and increasing to 25.5% after payout, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, said operating tract containing 10.404 acres, more or less, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 11th day of October, 2023 pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Board and is now in full force and effect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie S. Manuel', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke.

Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-10-010

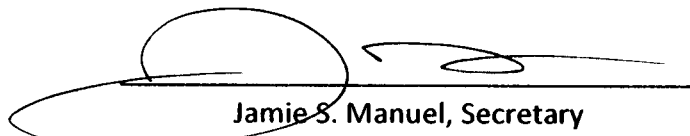
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On motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item 23-25 from the October 11, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Unitization Agreement by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board, acting for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana and Hilcorp Energy Company, to create a 492.40501 acre unit, more or less, identified as the “**LW LI 2A-6 Zone, Reservoir A**”, affecting State Lease Nos. 212, 1464 and some acreage being attributable to private ownership, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 11th day of October, 2023 pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Board and is now in full force and effect.


Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Executive Session Discussion
Re: Ongoing negotiations of
Operating Agreements for carbon
capture and sequestration and
wind energy projects on State
owned lands and water-bottoms
and for property owned by the LA
Dept of Wildlife & Fisheries

RESOLUTION #23-10-011

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

WHEREAS, an update and discussion in Executive Session of ongoing negotiations of Operating Agreements for carbon capture and sequestration and wind energy projects on State owned lands and water-bottoms and for property owned by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries was held; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Harris, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to proceed with negotiations on carbon sequestration agreements based upon the terms discussed in Executive Session.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 11th day of October, 2023 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of the State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.



JAMIE S. MANUEL, SECRETARY
State Mineral and Energy Board