

State of Louisiana

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board was held on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023**, beginning at 10:39 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
Carol R. LeBlanc, Vice-Chair
Thomas F. Harris, DNR Secretary (arrived at 10:39 a.m.)
J. Todd Hollenshead
Robert D. Watkins
Rochelle A. Michaud-Dugas
Darryl D. Smith
Willie J. Young, Sr.
Harry J. Vorhoff, Governor John Bel Edwards Designee

The following members were recorded as absent:

Harvey "Ned" White Thomas L. Arnold, Jr.

Chairman Segura 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 AUGUST 9, 2023 MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Mr. Watkins to adopt the August 9, 2023 Minutes as submitted, and to waive reading said minutes in entirety. His motion was seconded by Ms. Michaud-Dugas 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 Jason Talbot, Petroleum Scientist Manager
- b) **Nomination and Tract Report** Presented by Byron Miller, Petroleum Scientist Administrator, Geology, Engineering and Land 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, Geology, Engineering and Land Division
- e) **Docket Review Report** Presented by Byron Miller, Petroleum Scientist Administrator, Geology, Engineering and Land Division

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

a) LEASE REVIEW REPORT SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 (Resolution Nos. 23-09-001 thru 23-09-004)

I. GEOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING STAFF REVIEW

According to the SONRIS database, there are 999 active State Leases containing approximately 418,094 acres. Since the last Lease Review Report, the Geological and Engineering Division reviewed 118 leases covering approximately 38,562 acres for lease maintenance and development.

II. BOARD REVIEW

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

III. STAFF ITEMS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD:

1. A Staff Report was given by Mr. Jason Talbot in accordance with the Board Resolution dated December 11, 2002 which authorized any Staff member designated by the Secretary of the Board, on behalf of the Board to waive Department of Conservation Statewide Order No. 29-E spacing requirements in any situation which they deemed most beneficial to the State provided, that any such waiver exercised by the Secretary and designated Staff member are reported to the Fact Finding Committee at the next regular Board Meeting following the exercise of said authority.

Mr. Talbot reported that the Staff issued a letter of "No Objection" to Cantium LLC to produce the VUP1; SL 2724 No. 25 (SN 254232) in the Bay Marchand Blk 2 field on a lease basis based on the Pooled Area I interest.

III. FORCE MAJEURE

1. Mr. Jason Talbot of the Office of Mineral Resources reported that Lobo Oil and Gas, LLC and Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC requested to accept a seventh gas shut-in payment to maintain the lease until January 9, 2024 and to allow for an eighth, if necessary, to maintain State Lease No. 16664.

Mr. Talbot further reported that the lease was originally shut-in as a result of storm damage by Hurricane Ida.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the request by Lobo Oil and Gas, LLC and Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC to accept a seventh gas shut-in payment to maintain the lease until January 9, 2024 and to allow for an eighth, if necessary, to maintain State Lease No. 16664.

Upon motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board approved the request by Lobo Oil and Gas, LLC and Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC to accept a seventh gas shut-in payment to maintain the lease until January 9, 2024 and to allow for an eighth, if necessary, to maintain State Lease No. 16664. There were no comments from the public on this matter. (**Resolution No. 23-09-001**)

- 2. Mr. Talbot reported that Lobo Oil and Gas, LLC and Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC requested the following of State Lease No. 16432 in Main Pass Blk 25 field:
 - Recognition of a force majeure event continue to October 11, 2023 in exchange for amending the lease to include a shut-in oil payment provision.
 - Should production not return on said lease by said extended date, the force majeure recognition will continue to April 10, 2024 provided an oil shut-in payment is tendered on or prior to October 11, 2023.

Staff recommended that the Board recognize a force majeure event to continue to October 11, 2023 provided a lease amendment is made and, in addition, to extend force majeure recognition until April 10, 2024, provided an oil shut-in payment is tendered on Lease No. 16432 on or before October 11, 2023. Upon motion of Ms. Michaud-Dugas, seconded by Mr. Watkins and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board recognizes a force majeure event to continue to October 11, 2023 provided a lease amendment is made and, in addition, to extend force majeure recognition until April 10, 2024, provided an oil shut-in payment is tendered on Lease No. 16432 on or before October 11, 2023. There were no comments from the public on this matter. (Resolution No. 23-09-002)

- 3. Mr. Talbot reported that Lobo Oil and Gas, LLC and Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC have requested the following of State Lease No. 20436 in Breton Sound Blk 51 field:
 - Recognition of a force majeure event continue to October 11, 2023 in exchange for amending the lease to include a shut-in oil payment provision.
 - Should production not return on said leases by October 11, 2023, the force majeure recognition will continue to April 10, 2024 provided an oil shutin payment is tendered on or prior to October 11, 2023.

Staff recommended that the Board recognize a force majeure event to continue to October 11, 2023 provided a lease amendment is made, and in addition, to extend force majeure recognition until April 10, 2024, an oil shut-in payment will be required on this lease on or before October 11, 2023.

Upon motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board recognizes a force majeure event continue to October 11, 2023 in exchange for amending State Lease No. 20436 to include a shut-in oil payment provision and should production not return on said lease by said extended date, the force majeure recognition will continue to April 10, 2024 provided an oil shut-in payment is tendered on or prior to October 11, 2023. There were no comments from the public on this matter. (**Resolution No. 23-09-003**)

4. Mr. Talbot reported that Key Operating Oil and Gas, LLC (Key) requested recognition of a force majeure condition affecting State Leases – 16299, 16300, 16170, 16732 in Main Pass Block 4 Field and 17277, 17278, 17279, 18043, 18194 in Chandeleur Sound Blk 71 due to a failing compressor.

Mr. Talbot further reported that Key is working to have a new compressor installed and production returned to leases by November 30, 2023.

Staff recommended that the Board confirm recognition of the force majeure condition as listed above.

Upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Michaud-Dugas and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board recognizes a force majeure condition affecting State Leases – 16299, 16300, 16170, 16732 in Main Pass Block 4 Field and 17277, 17278, 17279, 18043, 18194 in Chandeleur Sound Blk 71 due to a failing compressor. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 23-09-004)**

b) NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT September 13, 2023 (Resolution No. 23-09-05)

The Board heard the report of Mr. Greg Roberts presented by Bryon Miller on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, relative to nominations received in the Office of Mineral Resources for the November 8, 2023 Mineral Lease Sale and other matters.

Based upon Staff's recommendation, and on motion of Mr. Young, duly seconded by Mr. Watkins, 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. 23-09-05)

c) AUDIT REPORT SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

The first matter on the audit report was the election of the September 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 (Resolution Nos. 23-09-006 thru 23-09-009)

The first matter considered by the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) was a request by Paloma Natural Gas for clarity from the Board that an application for royalty relief concerning State Lease No. 22113 will be treated separately for wells drilled in the HA RA SU137 and the HA RA SUO.

The Staff recommended that the Board grant authority to the staff to recognize the unintentional overlap of State Lease No. 22113 within the HA RA SU137 and the HA RA SUO and to acknowledge that an application for royalty relief with respect to operations conducted on State Lease No. 22113 within HA RA SU137 can be separated from an application for royalty relief with respect to operations conducted on State Lease No. 22113 within HA RA SUO.

After unanimous vote of the Board and upon motion of Mr. Vorhoff seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to the staff to recognize the unintentional overlap of State Lease No. 22113 within the HA RA SU137 and the HA RA SUO and to acknowledge that an application for royalty relief with respect to operations conducted on State Lease No. 22113 within HA RA SU137 can be separated from an application for royalty relief with respect to operations conducted on State Lease No. 22113 within HA RA SUO. There were no comments from the public on this matter. (Resolution No. 23-09-006)

The second matter considered by the Board was a request by Extex Production Offshore, LLC to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land previously covered by State Lease No. 21938 being a portion of South Pass Block 41 in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

The Staff recommended that the Board grant the staff authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove the subject land from commerce.

After unanimous vote of the Board and upon motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff the State Mineral and Energy Board accepted Staff's recommendation and grants the Staff authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land previously covered by State Lease No. 21938, being a portion of South Pass Block 41 in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. There were no comments from the public on this matter. (**Resolution No. 23-09-007**)

The third matter considered by the Board was a request by Comstock Oil & Gas – Louisiana, LLC to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 10 West in Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

The Staff recommended that the Board temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 10 West, in Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

After unanimous vote of the Board and upon motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Smith, the State Mineral and Energy Board hereby grants the Staff authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove the subject land from commerce on land in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 10 West, in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. There were no comments from the public on this matter. (**Resolution No. 23-09-008**)

The fourth matter considered by the Board was a request by LLOLA, LLC for authorization to escrow funds that are subject to a title dispute between the State of Louisiana and the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, LLC. Said funds are derived from production on acreage in the C-R RA SUS, SL 22086 No. 1 well (SN 254037), which is produced under State Lease No. 22086, being located in the Manila Village Field, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

The Staff recommended that the Board approve the request by LLOLA, LLC as stated above.

After unanimous vote of the Board and upon motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff, the State Mineral and Energy Board hereby approves the request by LLOLA, LLC for authorization to escrow funds that are subject to a title dispute between the State of Louisiana and the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, LLC. Said funds are derived from production on acreage in the C-R RA SUS, SL 22086 No. 1 well (SN 254037), which is produced under State Lease No. 22086, being located in the Manila Village Field, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. There were no comments from the public on this matter. (Resolution No. 23-09-009)

e) DOCKET REVIEW REPORT SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 (Resolution No(s). 23-09-010 thru 23-09-018)

The Board heard the report from Byron Miller on Wednesday, September 13, 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 4

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 5

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

Category B: State Lease Transfers

Docket Item Nos. 1 thru 4

(Resolution Nos. 23-09-010 thru 23-09-013)

Category D: Advertised Proposals

Docket Item Nos. 1 thru 5

(Resolution Nos. 23-09-014 and 23-09-018)

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Resolution No. 23-09-019)

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 Ms. Michaud-Dugas, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the Board Members went into Executive Session at 10:14 a.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc, the Board reconvened in open session at 11:24 a.m. for consideration of the following matters discussed in Executive Session:

a. A discussion of the following suits: <u>LeGrande v. State</u>, Docket No. 37896, 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish; <u>Chesapeake v. Jans Minerals</u>, Docket No. 38305, 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish; <u>Chesapeake v. Dollye Belle Prince LeGrande</u>, Docket No. 38304, 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish; <u>SWN Production v. Pioneer Land & Timber</u>, Docket No. 38094, 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish

Upon motion of Ms. Michaud-Dugas, 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 to reach settlement based upon the terms discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. (Resolution No. 23-09-019)

b. A discussion of proposed terms for an Operating Agreement with Extex Production Offshore, LLC covering land previously described in State Lease No. 21938 being a portion of Block 41 in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

This matter was a discussion only and no action was taken by the Board.

c. A discussion of proposed terms for an Operating Agreement with Comstock Oil & Gas – Louisiana, LLC covering land in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 10 West in Bienville Parish, Louisiana

This matter was a discussion only and no action was taken by the Board.

d. A discussion of proposed terms for a settlement agreement related to a title dispute with Apache Louisiana Minerals LLC pertaining to water bottoms located in the BOURG B SUI and the FF-GG RA SUA units in the Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

This matter was a discussion only and no action was taken by the Board.

e. 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

This matter was a discussion only and no action was taken by the Board.

f. Technical Briefing on Bids

VII. AWARDING OF LEASES

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

Staff reported there were seven (7) bids received on the six (6) tracts up for bid. Staff reported that two (2) bids were received on Tract No. 45674, and the bid of Cypress Energy Partners, LLC is acceptable and that all other bids received on the remaining tracts were also acceptable and recommended that leases be awarded on all six (6) tracts.

Upon motion of Ms. Michaud-Dugas, and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following bid(s) and award lease(s) on the following tract(s):

<u>Tract 45666</u> (Entire: 7.00 acres)

Bidder : CYPRESS ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC

Primary Term : Three (3) years
Cash Payment : \$25,550.00
Annual Rental : \$12,775.00

Royalties : 25.10% on oil and gas

: 25.10% on other minerals

Additional Consideration : None

<u>Tract 45667</u> (Entire: 189.00 acres)

Bidder : VINE ENERGY OPERATING LP

Primary Term : Three (3) years
Cash Payment : \$585,900.00
Annual Rental : \$292,950.00

Royalties : 25.00% on oil and gas : 25.00% on other minerals

Additional Consideration : 25.00% on other None

<u>Tract 45671</u> (Portion: 492 acres)

Bidder : MARK A. O'NEAL & ASSOCIATES,

INC.

 Primary Term
 :
 Three (3) years

 Cash Payment
 :
 \$108,240.00

 Annual Rental
 :
 \$54,120.00

Royalties : 22.0% on oil and gas : 22.0% on other minerals

Additional Consideration : None

<u>Tract 45673</u> (Entire: 56.890 acres)

Bidder : CYPRESS ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC

 Primary Term
 :
 Three (3) years

 Cash Payment
 :
 \$179,203.50

 Annual Rental
 :
 \$89,601.75

Royalties : 25.00% on oil and gas : 25.00% on other minerals

Additional Consideration : None

Tract 45674 (1)

(Entire: 130.911 acres)

Bidder : CYPRESS ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC

 Primary Term
 :
 Three (3) years

 Cash Payment
 :
 \$477,825.15

 Annual Rental
 :
 \$238,912.58

Royalties : 25.50% on oil and gas : 25.50% on other minerals

Additional Consideration : None

Tract 45675

(Entire: 2.910 acres)

Bidder : PETROLEUM PARTNERS, LLC

Primary Term : Three (3) years Cash Payment : \$640.20

Cash Payment : \$640.20 Annual Rental : \$640.20

Royalties : 22.00% on oil and gas : 22.00% on other minerals

Additional Consideration : None

The lease(s) awarded were conditioned on the tract description(s) being accurate, overlapped prior leases being subtracted from acreage bid on, acreage amount(s) being verified and agreed between bidder and state and portion bids verified as being located within advertised boundary of tract.

This concluded the awarding of the leases.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that Ned White could not be with us today as he has recently lost some family members and asked that we keep him in our prayers.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman then stated that there being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Michaud-Dugas, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary

State Mineral and Energy Board

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-09-001

(LEASE REVIEW REPORT)

WHEREAS, on motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, Mr. Jason Talbot of the Office of Mineral Resources reported that Lobo Oil and Gas, LLC and Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC requested to accept a seventh gas shut-in payment to maintain the lease until January 9, 2024 and to allow for an eighth, if necessary, to maintain State Lease No. 16664; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Talbot further reported that the lease was originally shut-in as a result of storm damage by Hurricane Ida; and

WHEREAS, the Staff recommended that the Board approve the request by Lobo Oil and Gas, LLC and Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC to accept a seventh gas shut-in payment to maintain the lease until January 9, 2024 and to allow for an eighth, if necessary, to maintain State Lease No. 16664.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board approve the request by Lobo Oil and Gas, LLC and Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC to accept a seventh gas shut-in payment to maintain the lease until January 9, 2024 and to allow for an eighth, if necessary, to maintain State Lease No. 16664.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 13th day of September, 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.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-09-002

(LEASE REVIEW REPORT)

WHEREAS, on motion of Ms. Michaud-Dugas, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, Mr. Jason Talbot of the Office of Mineral Resources reported that Lobo Oil and Gas, LLC and Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC requested the following of State Lease No. 16432 in Main Pass Blk 25 field:

- Recognition of a force majeure event continue to October 11, 2023 in exchange for amending the lease to include a shut-in oil payment provision, and
- Should production not return on said lease by said extended date, the force majeure recognition will continue to April 10, 2024 provided an oil shut-in payment is tendered on or prior to October 11, 2023, provided an oil shut-in payment is tendered per lease on or prior to October 11, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Staff recommended that the Board recognize a force majeure event to continue to October 11, 2023 provided a lease amendment is made and, in addition, to extend force majeure recognition until April 10, 2024, provided an oil shut-in payment is tendered on Lease No. 16432 on or before October 11, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board recognizes a force majeure event to continue to October 11, 2023 provided a lease amendment is made and, in addition, to extend force majeure recognition until April 10, 2024, provided an oil shut-in payment is tendered on Lease No. 16432 on or before October 11, 2023.

CERTIFICATE

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LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-09-003

(LEASE REVIEW REPORT)

WHEREAS, on motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, Mr. Jason Talbot of the Office of Mineral Resources reported that Lobo Oil and Gas, LLC and Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC have requested the following of State Lease No. 20436 in Breton Sound Blk 51 field:

- Recognition of a force majeure event continue to October 11, 2023 in exchange for amending the lease to include a shut-in oil payment provision, and
- Should production not return on said leases by October 11, 2023, the force majeure recognition
 will continue to April 10, 2024 provided an oil shut-in payment is tendered on or prior to October
 11, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Staff recommended that the Board recognize a force majeure event to continue to October 11, 2023 provided a lease amendment is made, and in addition, to extend force majeure recognition until April 10, 2024, an oil shut-in payment will be required on this lease on or before October 11, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board recognizes a force majeure event continue to October 11, 2023 in exchange for amending State Lease No. 20436 to include a shut-in oil payment provision and should production not return on said lease by said extended date, the force majeure recognition will continue to April 10, 2024 provided an oil shut-in payment is tendered on or prior to October 11, 2023. .

CERTIFICATE

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LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-09-004

(LEASE REVIEW REPORT)

WHEREAS, on motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Michaud-Dugas, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, Mr. Jason Talbot reported that Key Operating Oil and Gas, LLC (Key) requested recognition of a force majeure condition affecting State Leases – 16299, 16300, 16170, 16732 in Main Pass Block 4 Field and 17277, 17278, 17279, 18043, 18194 in Chandeleur Sound Blk 71 due to a failing compressor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Talbot reported that Key is working to have a new compressor installed and production returned to leases by November 30, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Staff recommended that the Board confirm recognition of the force majeure condition for the leases listed above.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board recognizes a force majeure condition affecting State Leases – 16299, 16300, 16170, 16732 in Main Pass Block 4 Field and 17277, 17278, 17279, 18043, 18194 in Chandeleur Sound Blk 71 due to a failing compressor.

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LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Authority to Advertise Tracts for the November 8, 2023 Lease Sale

RESOLUTION #23-09-05

(NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT)

WHEREAS, Mr. Greg Roberts reported that five (5) tracts were nominated for the November 8, 2023 Mineral Lease Sale, and requested that same be advertised pending staff review;

ON MOTION of **Mr. Young**, seconded by **Mr. Watkins**, 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 November 8, 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 13th day of September, 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.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-09-006

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

SL 22113 - Paloma Natural Gas request for clarity for wells drilled in HA RA SU137 and HA RA SUO.

WHEREAS, a request by Paloma Natural Gas for clarity from the Board that an application for royalty relief concerning State Lease No. 22113 will be treated separately for wells drilled in the HA RA SU137 and the HA RA SUO; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommended that the Board grant authority to the staff to recognize the unintentional overlap of State Lease No. 22113 within the HA RA SU137 and the HA RA SUO and to acknowledge that an application for royalty relief with respect to operations conducted on State Lease No. 22113 within HA RA SU137 can be separated from an application for royalty relief with respect to operations conducted on State Lease No. 22113 within HA RA SUO.

ON MOTION of Mr. Vorhoff, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, after discussion and careful consideration, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant authority to the Staff to recognize the unintentional overlap of State Lease No. 22113 within the HA RA SU137 and the HA RA SUO and to acknowledge that an application for royalty relief with respect to operations conducted on State Lease No. 22113 within HA RA SU137 can be separated from an application for royalty relief with respect to operations conducted on State Lease No. 22113 within HA RA SUO.

CERTIFICATE

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LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-09-007

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

Extex Production Offshore, LLC request state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land previously covered by State Lease No. 21938 being a portion of South Pass Block 41 in Plaquemines Parish. Louisiana

WHEREAS, the State Mineral and Energy Board received a request from Extex Production Offshore, LLC to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land previously covered by State Lease No. 21938 being a portion of South Pass Block 41 in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; 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 grant the staff authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove the subject land from commerce.

ON MOTION of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff, after discussion and careful consideration, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board hereby accepts Staff's recommendation and grants the Staff authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land previously covered by State Lease No. 21938, being a portion of South Pass Block 41 in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 13th day of September, 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.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-09-008

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

Comstock Oil & Gas – Louisiana, LLC to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 10 West in Bienville Parish Louisiana

WHEREAS, the State Mineral and Energy Board received a request from Comstock Oil & Gas – Louisiana, LLC to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 10 West in Bienville Parish, Louisiana; 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 temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 10 West, in Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board hereby grants the Staff authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove the subject land from commerce on land in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 10 West, in Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

<u>CERTIFICATE</u>

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 13th day of September, 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.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-09-009

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

LLOLA, LLC request to escrow funds derived from production on acreage in the C-R RA SUS, SL 22086 No. 1 well (SN 254037), which is produced under State Lease No. 22086

WHEREAS, the State Mineral and Energy Board received a request by LLOLA, LLC for authorization to escrow funds that are subject to a title dispute between the State of Louisiana and the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, LLC.

WHEREAS, said funds are derived from production on acreage in the C-R RA SUS, SL 22086 No. 1 well (SN 254037), which is produced under State Lease No. 22086, being located in the Manila Village Field, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana; 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 by LLOLA, LLC as stated above.

ON MOTION of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Vorhoff, after discussion and careful consideration, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board hereby approves the request by LLOLA, LLC for authorization to escrow funds that are subject to a title dispute between the State of Louisiana and the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, LLC. Said funds are derived from production on acreage in the C-R RA SUS, SL 22086 No. 1 well (SN 254037), which is produced under State Lease No. 22086, being located in the Manila Village Field, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 13th day of September, 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.



LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-09-010 (DOCKET)

On motion of Ms. Leblanc, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 1 from the September 13, 2023 meeting be approved, said being an Assignment from Square Mile Energy, L.L.C. to Marr Oil & Gas, Ltd, an 2.225765% of 8/8ths in and to State Lease No. 20627 and 20645, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Square Mile Energy, L.L.C. 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 13th day of September, 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.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-09-011 (DOCKET)

On motion of Ms. Leblanc, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 2 from the September 13, 2023 meeting be approved, said being an Assignment and Correction of Assignment from Lobo Oil and Gas LLC to Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to State Lease Nos. 195, 335, 1227, 1268, 15536, 16392, 16393, 16432, 16569, 16570, 16610, 16664, 20433, 20436 and 21645, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Mary Parishes, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Torrent Gulf Coast III, 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
- 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 13th day of September, 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.



LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-09-012 (DOCKET)

On motion of Ms. Leblanc, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 3 from the September 13, 2023 meeting be approved, said being an Assignment from E&P Honesteco, LLC to E&P Respektu, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to State Lease No. 22100, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR AS said lease covers all intervals, formations, strata and depths located below the stratigraphic equivalent of the log depth of 15,575', with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

<u>E&P. Respektu, LLC</u> 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 13th day of September, 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.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-09-013 (DOCKET)

On motion of Ms. Leblanc, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 4 from the September 13, 2023 meeting be approved, said being an Assignment from Paloma Natural Gas, LLC to BPX Operating Company, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to State Lease No. 22111, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

BPX Operating Company 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 <u>13th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 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.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-09-014 (DOCKET)

On motion of <u>Ms. Leblanc</u>, seconded by <u>Mr. Watkins</u>, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item 23-17 from the September 13, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Settlement 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, et al, whereas said parties have reached a settlement in the suit *BHP Billiton Petroleum Properties (N.A.), LP, et al v. Ernest H. Turner III et al*, Docket No. 145648, Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, affecting State Lease Nos. 1115 and 19349, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulat4ed 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 13th day of September, 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.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-09-015 (DOCKET)

On motion of Ms. Leblanc, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item 23-18 from the September 13, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Settlement Agreement by and between the State of Louisiana, acting through its agency, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and Silverbow Resources Operating, LLC, et al. The parties have reached a settlement in the Concursus Proceeding, *Hunt Petroleum Corporation and Rosewood Resources*, *Inc. vs. Texaco Inc*, Docket No. 34-592, 25th Judicial Court, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, affecting State Lease No. 10854, 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 13th day of September, 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.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-09-016 (DOCKET)

On motion of Ms. Leblanc, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item 23-19 from the September 13, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Lease Amendment by and between the State of Louisiana, acting through its agency, the State Mineral and Energy Board, Extex Production Offshore, LLC and Krewe Energy, LLC, whereas said parties agree to extend the force majeure recognition and amend the provisions of said state lease to amend the shut-in payment language and add a force majeure and suspending event provision, add a security interest provision and otherwise amend the lease in accordance with the policies of the Board, affecting State Lease No. 18010, Jefferson 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 <u>13th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 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.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-09-017 (DOCKET)

On motion of <u>Ms. Leblanc</u>, seconded by <u>Mr. Watkins</u>, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item 23-20 from the September 13, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Lease Amendment by and between the State of Louisiana, acting through its agency, the State Mineral and Energy Board, Extex Production Offshore, LLC and Krewe Energy, LLC, whereas said parties agree to extend the force majeure recognition and amend the provisions of said state lease to amend the shut=in payment language and add a force majeure and suspending event provision, add a security interest provision and otherwise amend the lease in accordance with the policies of the Board, affecting State Lease No. 1972, Jefferson and Lafourche Parishes, 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 <u>13th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 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.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-09-018 (DOCKET)

On motion of <u>Ms. Leblanc</u>, seconded by <u>Mr. Watkins</u>, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item 23-21 from the September 13, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Settlement 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 ConocoPhillips Company, and its affiliated entities (a) Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, LP, and (b) The Louisiana Land & Exploration Company, LLC. The parties have reached a settlement agreement regarding overpayments and exceptions arising from the mineral royalty audits conducted on the companies stated herein, 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 13th day of September, 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.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-09-019

Suits in the 39th JDC Red River Parish entitled: LeGrande v. State. #37896. Chesapeake v. Jans. Minerals. #38305. Chesapeake v. Dollye Belle Prince LeGrande. #38304. SWN Production v. Pioneer Land & Timber. #38094

Executive Session Discussion

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

WHEREAS, a discussion in Executive Session of the following suits: <u>LeGrande v. State</u>, Docket No. 37896, 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish; <u>Chesapeake v. Jans Minerals</u>, Docket No. 38305, 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish; <u>Chesapeake v. Dollye Belle Prince LeGrande</u>, Docket No. 38304, 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish; <u>SWN Production v. Pioneer Land & Timber</u>, Docket No. 38094, 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish was held; and

ON MOTION of Ms. Michaud-Dugas, 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 to reach settlement 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 13th day of September, 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