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

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAY 10, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board was held on **Wednesday, May 10, 2023**, beginning at 9:37 a.m. in the LaBelle Room of the LaSalle Building, 617 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**  
**J. Todd Hollenshead**  
**Robert D. Watkins**  
**Thomas L. Arnold, Jr.**

The following members were recorded as absent:

**Willie J. Young, Sr.**  
**Harvey "Ned" White**  
**Rochelle A. Michaud-Dugas**  
**Darryl D. Smith**  
**Harry J. Vorhoff, Governor John Bel Edwards Designee**

Chairman Segura announced that a quorum of six (6) members 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 APRIL 12, 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 April 12, 2023 Minutes as submitted and to waive reading of the same. His motion was seconded by Mr. Harris 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, and Charles Bradbury, P.E., Petroleum Scientist Manager, Geology, Engineering and Land Division
- b) **Nomination and Tract Report** – Presented by Greg Roberts, Petroleum Lands Director, Geology, Engineering and Land Division
- c) **Audit Report** – Presented by Rachel Newman, Audit Director, Mineral Income Division
- d) **Legal and Title Controversy Report** – Presented by Greg Roberts, Petroleum Lands Director, Geology, Engineering and Land Division
- e) **Docket Review Report** – Presented by Greg Roberts, Petroleum Lands Director, Geology, Engineering and Land Division

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

**a) LEASE REVIEW REPORT  
MAY 10, 2023**

**I. GEOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING STAFF REVIEW**

According to the SONRIS database, there are 1,000 active State Leases containing approximately 423,975 acres. Since the last Lease Review Report, the Geological and Engineering Division reviewed 71 leases covering approximately 46,397 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**  
**MAY 10, 2023**  
(Resolution No. 23-05-001)

The Board heard the report of Mr. Greg Roberts on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, relative to nominations received in the Office of Mineral Resources for the May 10, 2023 Mineral Lease Sale and other matters.

Based upon Staff's recommendation, and on motion of **Mr. Harris**, duly seconded by **Mr. Arnold**, 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. 23-05-001)**

**c) AUDIT REPORT**  
**MAY 10, 2023**  
(Resolution No. 23-05-002)

The first matter on the audit report was a penalty waiver request from Aethon Energy Operating, LLC, for a penalty in the amount of \$126,403.85, which as billed for audit exceptions attributed to the audit of BPX (WSF Operating), Inc.

Upon recommendation of the staff and upon the motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Arnold, the Board voted unanimously to waive one hundred percent (100%) of the penalty waiver request of \$126,403.85, with no balance due to the state. **(Resolution No. 23-05-002)**

The second matter on the audit report was the election of the May 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**

**MAY 10, 2023**

(Resolution Nos. 23-05-003 and 23-05-004)

The first matter considered by the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) was a request by BPX Energy, Inc. to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land within Sections 20 and 29, T16N – R11W in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

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

After unanimous vote of the Board and upon motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted Staff the authority to negotiate an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove land within Sections 20 and 29, T16N – R11W in Bossier Parish, Louisiana from commerce. **(Resolution No. 23-05-003)**

The second 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 within Section 22, T16N – R10W in Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

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

After unanimous vote of the Board and upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted Staff the authority to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce within Section 22, T16N – R10W in Bienville Parish, Louisiana while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on the land. **(Resolution No. 23-05-004)**

**e) DOCKET REVIEW REPORT**  
**MAY 10, 2023**  
(Resolution Nos. 23-05-005 through 23-05-010)

The Board heard the report from Greg Roberts on Wednesday, May 10, 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 through 5
- Category C: Department of Wildlife & Fisheries State Agency Lease  
There were no items for this category
- Category D: Advertised Proposals  
Docket Item No. 1

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

- Category B: State Lease Transfers  
Docket Item Nos. 1 through 13  
**(Resolution Nos. 23-05-005 through 23-05-009)**
- Category D: Advertised Proposals  
Docket Item No. 1  
**(Resolution No. 23-05-010)**

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
(Resolution Nos. 23-05-011 through 23-05-014)

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. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board Members went into Executive Session at 9:50 a.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the Board reconvened in open session at 10:41 a.m. for consideration of the following matters discussed in Executive Session:

- a. A discussion of proposed terms for an Operating Agreement with BPX Energy, Inc. on acreage in Sections 20 and 29, T16N – R11W in Bossier Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff to proceed with negotiations based upon the terms discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 23-05-011)**

- b. A discussion of proposed terms for an Operating Agreement with Comstock Oil & Gas – Louisiana, LLC on acreage in Section 22, T16N – R11W in Bienville Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion of Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff to proceed with negotiations based upon the terms discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 23-05-012)**

- c. A discussion of a proposal by DOW LA Gulf Wind, LLC to enter into an operating agreement with the State of Louisiana for wind energy development projects in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes. Staff is requesting authority to negotiate terms within this potential agreement.

Upon motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff to proceed with negotiations based upon the terms discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 23-05-013)**



- d. A discussion of a proposal by Pelican Wind LLC to enter into an operating agreement with the State of Louisiana for wind energy development projects in Cameron and Vermillion Parishes. Staff is requesting authority to negotiate terms within this potential agreement.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Harris, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff to proceed with negotiations based upon the terms discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 23-05-014)**

- e. Discussion in executive session regarding natural gas legal issues on state leases

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

- f. 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.

- g. 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.

The Staff reported there were five (5) tracts up for bid, and bids were received on four (4) of the tracts with Tract No. 45647 having two (2) bids. Staff recommended that the bid on Tract No. 45647 by Cypress Operating, Inc. be accepted; that the single bids received on Tract Nos. 45649 and 45651 be accepted; and that the bid on Tract No. 45650 by McGinty-Durham, Inc. be rejected due to an insufficient bid and the tract be re-advertised with minimums.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnold, and seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following bid(s) and award a lease(s) on the following tract(s):

**Tract 45647(2)**  
(Entire: 21.760 acres)

Bidder	:	CYPRESS OPERATING, INC.
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$44,608.00

Annual Rental	:	\$22,304.00
Royalties	:	25% on oil and gas
	:	25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

**Tract 45649**  
(Portion: +4 acres)

Bidder	:	HILCORP ENERGY I, L.P.
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$880.00
Annual Rental	:	\$440.00
Royalties	:	21.5% on oil and gas
	:	21.5% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

**Tract 45651**  
(Entire: 160 acres)

Bidder	:	MCGINTY-DURHAM, INC.
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$48,000.00
Annual Rental	:	\$24,000.00
Royalties	:	20% on oil and gas
	:	20% 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**

An introduction to Pelican Wind LLC, a limited liability company licensed to do business in Louisiana, was made by Emilie Reeve, Chief Executive Officer, and Rick Campbell, VP of Offshore Wind Development, of Kontiki Winds, A Havfram Company

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Manuel stated that the leases awarded totaled \$45,488.00 for the May 10, 2023 Lease Sale bringing the fiscal year total to \$7,933,527.75.

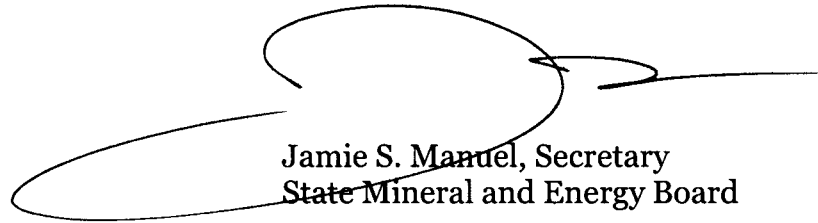
The Chairman also recognized and welcomed Monique Edwards who was recently appointed as Commissioner of Conservation.

The Chairman also reminded the Board of the approaching May 15, 2023 deadline to file financial disclosure statements.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman then stated that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary  
State Mineral and Energy Board

# RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Authority to Advertise  
Tracts for the July 12,  
2023 Lease Sale

## RESOLUTION #23-05-001

(NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT)

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Greg Roberts reported that six (6) tracts were nominated for the July 12, 2023 Mineral Lease Sale, and requested that same be advertised pending staff review;

**ON MOTION** of **Mr. Harris**, seconded by **Mr. Arnold**, 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 July 12, 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 10th day of May, 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

Penalty Waiver  
Aethon Energy Operating, LLC billed to  
BPX (WSF Operating), Inc.

## Resolution #23-05-002 (AUDIT REPORT)

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to La. R.S. 30:136.A (1) (c), the Office of Mineral Resources (OMR) staff is authorized to audit information relevant to the computation of royalties including appropriate records, report or other information; and

**WHEREAS**, The State Mineral and Energy Board caused an audit to be performed of state royalty payments made by BPX (WSF Operating), Inc., in the Elm Grove field; State Lease Nos. 05849, 05933, 05978, 06856, 06932, 16531, 18244, 18370, which audit revealed that Aethon Energy Operating, LLC had acquired State Lease No. 05849 from BPX (WSF Operating), Inc. and owed the state \$274,654.75 in underpayment of royalty and \$384,954.80 in interest and penalty for a total of \$659,609.55; and

**WHEREAS**, Aethon Energy Operating, LLC remitted payment of \$533,205.70 for the outstanding principal and interest and made letter of application for reduction of penalties assessed in the amount of \$126,403.85 that were the result of field audit exceptions; and

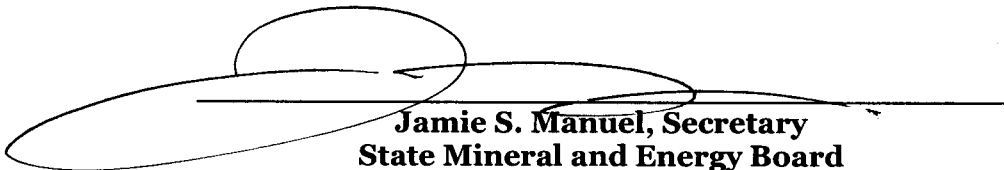
**WHEREAS**, the Staff of the Office of Mineral Resources, upon thorough review and consideration and in accordance with State Mineral and Energy Board established protocol, recommended that the foregoing request for a reduction of penalties be approved and that one-hundred percent (100%) of the penalty be waived;

**ON MOTION** of Mr. Hollinshead, seconded by Mr. Arnold , after discussion and careful consideration the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board does waive one-hundred percent (100%), which amounts to \$126,403.85 of the total penalty assessed to Aethon Energy Operating, LLC.

### CERTIFICATE

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

# RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

## RESOLUTION #23-05-003

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

Request from BPX  
Energy, Inc. to temporarily  
remove state owned land  
from commerce.

**WHEREAS**, the State Mineral and Energy Board received a request from BPX Energy, Inc. to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land within Sections 20 and 29, T16N – R11W in Bossier 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 the authority to negotiate an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove the subject land from commerce.

**ON MOTION** of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Watkins, 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 authority to the Staff to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land within Sections 20 and 29, T16N – R11W in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

## CERTIFICATE

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 10th day of May, 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 #23-05-004

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

Request from Comstock Oil & Gas – Louisiana, LLC to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce & negotiate Operating Agreement.

**WHEREAS**, the State Mineral and Energy Board received 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 within Section 22, T16N – R10W 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 grant the Staff the authority to negotiate an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove the subject land from commerce.

**ON MOTION** of Mr. Watkins, 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 hereby grants authority to the Staff to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land within Section 22, T16N – R10W in Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

## CERTIFICATE

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**JAMIE S. MANUEL, SECRETARY**  
**STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD**

# RESOLUTION

## LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

### Resolution #23-05-005

#### (DOCKET)

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 1 from the May 10, 2023 meeting be approved, said being an Assignment from Blanchard & Associates Land Services, LLC to the following in the proportions set out below:

GEP Haynesville II, LLC	75%
South Mansfield E&P, LLC	25%

in and to State Lease No. 22108, Sabine Parish, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

GEP Haynesville 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;

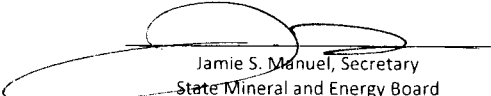
5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and

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 10th day of May, 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 #23-05-006

#### (DOCKET)

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 2 from the May 10, 2023 meeting be approved, said being an Assignment from White River SPV2 LLC to SKY3D LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to State Lease No. 3557, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

SKY3D 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;

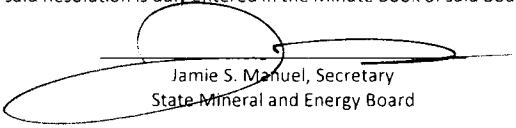
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that either the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary is hereby authorized to reflect the approval of the State Mineral and Energy Board by affixing his signature to the aforesaid instrument.

#### CERTIFICATE

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Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary  
State Mineral and Energy Board

# RESOLUTION

## LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

### Resolution #23-05-007 (DOCKET)

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 3 from the May 10, 2023 meeting be approved, said being an Assignment from McGoldrick Oil Company to Brella Investments LP, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to State Lease No. 19930, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Brella Investments LP 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;

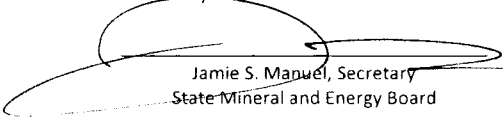
5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and

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 12th day of May, 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 #23-05-008**

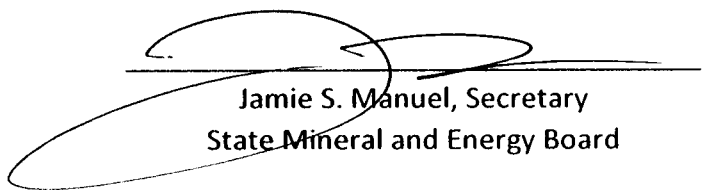
**(DOCKET)**

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 4 from the May 10, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Correction of Resolution #23-01-022, Docket Item No. 15, being a Judgment of Possession of the Succession of Gene A. Sanders, whereas resolution incorrectly read..."Webster Parish" and is hereby being corrected to read..."Red River Parish", affecting Operating Agreement "A0158", Red River Parish, Louisiana.

## CERTIFICATE

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Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary  
State Mineral and Energy Board

# RESOLUTION

## LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

### Resolution #23-05-009

#### (DOCKET)

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 5 from the May 10, 2023 meeting be approved, said being an Assignment from Sunland Production Company to the following in the proportions set out below:

Aethon III HV LLC	90%
PEO Haynesville Holdco II, LLC	10%

in and to State Lease No. 18182, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Aethon III HV 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;

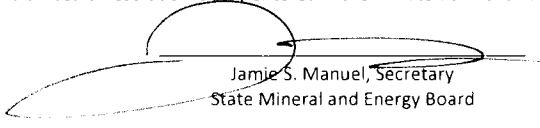
5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and

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

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Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary  
State Mineral and Energy Board

# RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

**Resolution #23-05-010**

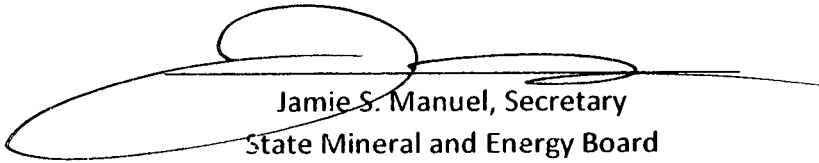
**(DOCKET)**

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 23-12 from the May 10, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Correction of Resolution No. 22-11-013, Docket Item No. 22-14 from the November 9, 2022 meeting, being a Lease Amendment by and between the State of Louisiana, acting through its agency, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and Southern Oil of Louisiana LLC, whereas said resolution incorrectly read..."affecting State Lease No. 21964" and is hereby being corrected to read..."affecting State Lease No. 21864", Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

## CERTIFICATE

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Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary  
State Mineral and Energy Board

# RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Executive Session Discussion  
Re: Pproposed terms for an OA  
with BPX Energy, Inc. on acreage  
in Sections 20 and 29, T16N –  
R11W in Bossier Parish, LA

## RESOLUTION #23-05-011

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

**WHEREAS**, a discussion in Executive Session of proposed terms for an Operating Agreement with BPX Energy, Inc. on acreage in Sections 20 and 29, T16N – R11W in Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held; and

**ON MOTION** of Mr. Harris, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc, 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 to proceed with negotiations 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 10th day of May, 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.



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**JAMIE S. MANUEL, SECRETARY**  
**State Mineral and Energy Board**

# RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Executive Session Discussion  
Re: Pproposed terms for an OA  
with Comstock Oil & Gas –  
Louisiana, LLC on acreage in  
Section 22, T16N – R11W in  
Bienville Parish, Louisiana

## RESOLUTION #23-05-012

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

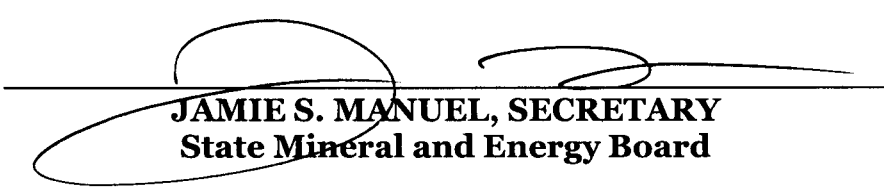
**WHEREAS**, a discussion in Executive Session of proposed terms for an Operating Agreement with Comstock Oil & Gas – Louisiana, LLC on acreage in Section 22, T16N – R11W in Bienville Parish, Louisiana was held; and

**ON MOTION** of Ms. LeBlanc, 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 grant authority to Staff to proceed with negotiations based upon the terms discussed in Executive Session.

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**State Mineral and Energy Board**

# RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Executive Session Discussion  
Re: Proposal by DOW LA Gulf  
Wind, LLC to enter into an OA with  
the State of LA for wind energy  
development projects in  
Terrebonne & Lafourche Parishes

## RESOLUTION #23-05-013

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

**WHEREAS**, a discussion in Executive Session of a proposal by DOW LA Gulf Wind, LLC to enter into an operating agreement with the State of Louisiana for wind energy development projects in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes was held; and

**ON MOTION** of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Arnold, 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 to proceed with negotiations based upon the terms discussed in Executive Session.

### CERTIFICATE

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**State Mineral and Energy Board**



# RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Executive Session Discussion  
Re: Proposal by Pelican Wind LLC  
to enter into an OA with the State  
of LA for wind energy development  
projects in Cameron & Vermillion  
Parishes, Louisiana

## RESOLUTION #23-05-014

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

**WHEREAS**, a discussion in Executive Session of proposal by Pelican Wind LLC to enter into an operating agreement with the State of Louisiana for wind energy development projects in Cameron and Vermillion Parishes was held; and

**ON MOTION** of Mr. Arnold, 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 to proceed with negotiations based upon the terms discussed in Executive Session.

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