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LEASE SALE
AND
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OCTOBER 9, 2024

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TO:	MEMBERS OF THE STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

September 11, 2024

LADIES and GENTLEMEN:

Certified proofs of publication have been received in the Office of Mineral Resources on behalf of the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana from the "Advocate," official journal for the State of Louisiana, and from the respective parish journals as evidence that Tract Nos. **45840** through **45850** have been advertised in accordance with and under the provisions of Chapter 2, Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

We will proceed with the opening of the bids.

Yours very truly,

Greg Roberts
Petroleum Lands Director

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TO:	MEMBERS OF THE STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

October 8, 2024

LADIES and GENTLEMEN:

Certified proofs of publication have been received in the Office of Mineral Resources on behalf of the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana from the "Advocate," official journal for the State of Louisiana, and from the respective parish journals as evidence that Tract Nos. **45851** through **45854** and **45857** have been advertised in accordance with and under the provisions of Chapter 2, Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

We will proceed with the opening of the bids.

Yours very truly,

Greg Roberts
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OPENING OF BIDS
October 9, 2024

A public meeting for the purpose of opening sealed bids was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Angela Patterson, Land Specialist in the Energy Lands Division of the Office of Mineral Resources, presided over the meeting.

She then read the letters of notification certifying the legal sufficiency of the advertisement of Tract Nos. 45840 through 45850 which were published for lease by the Board for the September lease sale which was canceled due to weather conditions.

Ms. Patterson stated that no tracts advertised for September were withdrawn, and there were no letters of protest received.

The following bids were then opened and read aloud to the assembled public by Ms. Patterson:

Tract 45841
(Entire: 372 acres)

Bidder	:	Mark A. O'Neal & Associates, Inc.
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$225,060.00
Annual Rental	:	$112,530.00
Royalties	:	22.25% on oil and gas
	:	22.25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

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Tract 45842
(Entire: 12 acres)

Bidder	:	Mark A. O'Neal & Associates, Inc.
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$24,000.00
Annual Rental	:	$12,000.00
Royalties	:	25% on oil and gas
	:	25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45845
(Portion: 278.0 +/- acres)

Bidder	:	Castex Energy 2021, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$55,600.00
Annual Rental	:	$27,800.00
Royalties	:	20% on oil and gas
	:	20% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45850
(Entire: 5.060 acres)

Bidder	:	James P. Hesterly, Jr. Inc.
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$18,975.00
Annual Rental	:	$9,487.50
Royalties	:	25% on oil and gas
	:	25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	See attached Exhibit A & Resolution

She then read the letters of notification certifying the legal sufficiency of the advertisement of Tract Nos. 45851 through 45854 and 45857 which were published for lease by the Board at today's sale.

Ms. Patterson stated that two (2) tracts that were advertised for today's lease sale were withdrawn. Tracts 45855 and 45856 were withdrawn by the nominating parties.

Ms. Patterson further stated that no letters of protest were received for today's lease sale.

Tract 45851(1)
(Entire: 15 acres)

Bidder	:	Harrison Family Properties, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$37,500.00
Annual Rental	:	$18,750.00
Royalties	:	25.5% on oil and gas
	:	25.5% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45851(2)
(Entire: 15 acres)

Bidder	:	Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$46,500.00
Annual Rental	:	$23,250.00
Royalties	:	25% on oil and gas
	:	25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45852
(Portion: +-4.547 acres)

Bidder	:	Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$14,213.92
Annual Rental	:	$7,106.96
Royalties	:	23% on oil and gas
	:	23% on other minerals

Additional Consideration: The portion bid represents that tract within the description representing a portion of Unit Tract 7 from Redoak Lake Field HA RA SUS Plat of Survey Recorded with1he State of Louisiana and adopted February 11, 2022, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Energy and Natural Resources, but insofar and only insofar as to the portion of Unit Tract 7 comprising all of Tract 7 as more particularly outlined on a survey plat dated May 11, 2023 attached as "Exhibit A Concursus Plat HA RA SUS" to the Petition in Concursus filed May 12, 2023, being found of record in Red River Parish, Louisiana in that certain Concursus Proceeding captioned "Chesapeake Operating, LLC, et al, vs. Jans Minerals, LLC., et al" and assigned Docket No. 38305 in the 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish, Louisiana, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources. Department of Energy and Natural Resources.

Tract 45854
(Entire: 8.194 acres)

Bidder	:	USG Properties Haynesville, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$24,991.70
Annual Rental	:	$12,495.85
Royalties	:	25% on oil and gas
	:	25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45857
(Entire: 4 acres)

Bidder	:	Stamper, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$10,000.00
Annual Rental	:	$5,000.00
Royalties	:	23.5% on oil and gas
	:	23.5% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

This concluded the reading of the bids.

There being no further business, the Opening of the Bids Meeting was concluded at 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Exhibit A

DeSoto Parish School Board Lease Provisions Tract #45850

No surface usage:

No use of the surface of the leased premises may be used by Lessee, its successors or assigns without the prior written consent of Lessor which may be withheld for any or no reason. Except as otherwise expressly authorized in writing by Lessor, Lessee, its successors or assigns, may produce oil, gas and other minerals from the leased premises only by drilling from a surface location on other lands.

Horizontal Pugh Clause:

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, at the end of the primary term or any extension thereof by operations, if the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana has established a drilling unit which includes a part of the land herein leased, the production of oil, gas and other minerals from such unit shall maintain this lease in full force and effect only as to such portions of the leased land embraced in such pooled unit, and this lease shall expire as to that part of the land herein leased not included in such unit, and Lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal recordable instrument (in a form acceptable to Lessor) any portion of the leased land not included in a unit created by the Commissioner of Conservation while this lease is in effect.

Vertical Pugh Clause:

Upon the expiration of the primary term hereof or any extension thereof by operations, this lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect except as to all that part of the leased premises then included within the geographical boundaries of a producing unit duly established by governmental agency or authority having jurisdiction, from the surface of the earth to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which any well commenced during the primary term hereof on the leased premises or on lands pooled therewith is completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a unit by unit basis. Lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal recordable instrument (in a form acceptable to Lessor) all such depths as to which this lease is terminated. In the absence units so established, this lease shall terminate except as to 40 acres around each producing oil well and 160 acres around each producing or shut-in gas well located on the leased premises, in as near the form of a square as is practicable, from the surface of the earth down to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which said well or wells are completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well by well basis.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to a public notice, a regularly scheduled meeting of the DeSoto Parish School Board was held on the 3rd day of August, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at Mansfield, Louisiana, where the following resolution, upon motion duly seconded and passed, was adopted, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that the DeSoto Parish School Board has determined that it owns a mineral interest in property as that certain parcel or tract of land estimated to contain 5 acres, more or less, in Section 28, Township, 11 North, Range 11 West, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana being further described as follows:

A certain parcel of land, beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 11 West, thence run South 175 yards, thence West 140 yards, thence North 175 yards, thence East 140 yards to the place of beginning, containing 5.00 acres, more or less.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lessor acknowledges that this tract is currently classified as Unleased Mineral Acreage within a unit in which there is an existing well, referred to as the HA ~~RS~~ RA SUE; LA MINERALS 28 H #1 well. All royalty payment provisions contained in the lease document shall apply to the royalty payments from the existing HA RS SUE; LA MINERALS 28 H #1 well upon the effective date of the lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DeSoto Parish School Board has determined that it desires to take advantage of LSA R.S. 30:152 (A), et seq, to authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board to nominate the property described above for state agency mineral lease;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the DeSoto Parish School Board, in legal session convened, **that it does hereby direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations, advertise for bids per specs shown below, accept bids, award and execute a lease on behalf of said agencies for oil gas, and mineral purposes of the immovable property listed in this resolution.**

Minimum Bid Specs

25% Cost-Free Royalty

$3,250.00 minimum per acre bonus consideration

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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, at the end of the primary term or any extension thereof by operations, if the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana has established a drilling unit which includes a part of the land herein leased, the production of oil, gas and other minerals from such unit shall maintain this lease in full force and effect only as to such portions of the leased land embraced in such pooled unit, and this lease shall expire as to that part of the land herein leased not included in such unit, and Lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal recordable instrument (in a form acceptable to Lessor) any portion of the leased land not included in a unit created by the Commissioner of Conservation while this lease is in effect.

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Upon the expiration of the primary term hereof or any extension thereof by operations, this lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect except as to all that part of the leased premises then included within the geographical boundaries of a producing unit duly established by governmental agency or authority having jurisdiction, from the surface of the earth to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which any well commenced during the primary term hereof on the leased premises or on lands pooled therewith is completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a unit by unit basis. Lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal recordable instrument (in a form acceptable to Lessor) all such depths as to which this lease is terminated. In the absence of units so established, this lease shall terminate except as to 40 acres around each producing oil well and 160 acres around each producing or shut-in gas well located on the leased premises, in as near the form of a square as is practicable, from the surface of the earth down to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which said well or wells are completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well by well basis.

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the DeSoto Parish School Board in regular session duly convened on the 3rd day of August, 2023, and that the same has not been rescinded or repealed.

MANSFIELD, LOUISIANA, this 3rd day of August, 2023.

Mr. Cody Johnston, President

Mr. Clay Corley, Superintendent

JEFF LANDRY
GOVERNOR

TYLER PATRICK GRAY
SECRETARY

ANDREW YOUNG
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, beginning at 9:41 a.m. in the LaBelle Room of the LaSalle Building, 617 N. 3rd Street, First Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Sidney W. Degan III, Chairman of the State Mineral and Energy Board, called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

The Chairman then requested a roll call for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

Sidney W. Degan III, Chairman
J. Todd Hollenshead, Vice-Chairman
Tyler P. Gray, DENR Secretary
Robert D. Watkins
Magnus J. "Jake" Arceneaux IV
Matthew G. Moncla
Charles W. "Wes" Shepherd Sr.
Clifton Dale Sittig
Harvey "Ned" White
Billy A. Busbice, Jr.

The following members were recorded as absent:

Richard A. Nelson, Governor Landry's Designee

The Chairman announced that a quorum was established.

The Chairman also acknowledged Mr. Clifton Dale Sittig and welcomed him to the Board.

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 14, 2024 Minutes

The Chairman stated that the next order of business was the approval of the August 14, 2024 Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Busbice to adopt the August 14, 2024 Minutes as submitted, and to waive reading said minutes in entirety. His motion was seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously adopted by the Board. No public comments were made at this time.

V. Motion by Secretary Gray to clarify authority and establish an executive committee to oversee implementation of the Natural Resources Trust Authority

Upon motion of Mr. Busbice, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted and approved the following in regard to the motion by Secretary Gray to clarify authority and establish an executive committee to oversee implementation of the Natural Resources Trust Authority:

a) That the State Mineral and Energy Board offered its approval and continuous support to the Department of Energy and Natural Resources in its implementation of the Natural Resources Trust Authority; and

b) That State Mineral and Energy Board members Tyler Gray, Sidney Degan, Matthew Moncla, and Charles "Wes" Shepherd shall serve on the Natural Resources Trust Authority executive committee pursuant to R.S. 36:356.1; and

c) That the State Mineral and Energy Board acknowledges and endorses the authority of the Undersecretary pursuant to R.S. 36:356 to employ an executive director and other staff to benefit efficient implementation and administration of the Natural Resources Trust Authority; and

d) That the executive committee and the executive director shall work together to develop and implement the Natural Resources Trust Authority and update the State Mineral and Energy Board on their progress at the next meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board and thereafter from time to time as necessary or beneficial for the administration of the Natural Resources Trust Authority.

There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-10-001)**

VI. Staff Reports

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

a) Lease Review Report – Presented by Jason Talbot, Petroleum Scientist Manager, Geology and Engineering Division

b) Nomination and Tract Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Energy Lands Director, Energy Lands Division

c) Audit Report – Presented by Taletha Shorter, Audit Director, Mineral Income Division

d) Legal and Title Controversy Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Energy Lands Director, Energy Lands Division

e) Docket Review Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Energy Lands Director, Energy Lands Division

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

a) Lease Review Report
October 9, 2024
(Resolution Nos. 24-10-002 through 24-10-004)

I. Geological and Engineering Staff Review

According to the SONRIS database, there are 963 active State Leases containing approximately 406,662 acres. Since the last Lease Review Report, the Geological and Engineering Division reviewed 118 leases covering approximately 65,678 acres for lease maintenance and development.

II. Board Review

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

III. Force Majeure

1. Mr. Jason Talbot of the Office of Mineral Resources reported that Extex Operating Company (Extex) requested that the Board allow for a seventh consecutive gas shut-in payment to be made on State Lease No. 18010 located in the Little Lake Field, Jefferson Parish.

   Mr. Talbot reported that the lease was previously qualified to make six (6) semi-annual gas shut-in payments and that Extex made the sixth payment on May 25, 2024 covering the lease until November 25, 2024.

   Mr. Talbot further reported that Extex has requested that an upcoming seventh payment be recognized and accepted by the Board. Without the allowance of a seventh gas shut-in payment, a portion of the lease will otherwise expire.

   Staff recommended that the Board recognize and accept a seventh payment from Extex on or before November 25, 2024.

   Upon motion of Mr. Busbice, seconded by Mr. Moncla and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board accepted Staff's recommendation to recognize and accept a seventh payment on or before November 25, 2024 from Extex Operating Company on State Lease No. 18010 located in the Little Lake Field, Jefferson Parish. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-10-002)**

2. Mr. Jason Talbot of the Office of Mineral Resources reported that Texas Petroleum Investment (TPIC) requested that the Board allow for late shut-in payments for Operating Agreement A0322 and State Lease Nos. 6646 and 6647 in the Rigolets Field, St. Bernard Parish.

Mr. Talbot reported that TPIC's access and use of a field gas transmission pipeline continues to be disallowed by Entergy Gas Distribution, the owner.

Mr. Talbot further reported that language in Operating Agreement A0322 requires that all additional shut-in payments be approved by the Board, and without the allowance for shut-in payments, Operating Agreement A0322 and State Lease Nos. 6646 and 6647 will otherwise expire.

Staff recommended that the Board recognize and allow TPIC to make late shut-in payments for Operating Agreement A0322 and State Lease Nos. 6646 and 6647.

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board accepted Staff's recommendation to recognize and allow Texas Petroleum Investment to make late shut-in payments for Operating Agreement A0322 and State Lease Nos. 6646 and 6647 in the Rigolets Field, St. Bernard Parish. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-10-003)**

3. Mr. Jason Talbot of the Office of Mineral Resources provided an update on force majeure conditions previously recognized by the Board in November 2023 and affecting the following:

   Sibley Petroleum/Key Operating Oil & Gas, LLC (Sibley/Key), State Lease Nos. 17277, 17278, 17279, 18043, and 18194 in Chandeleur Sound Blk 71; and

   Cox Oil, LLC and Cox Operating LLC (Cox), State Lease Nos. 2220, 2221, 4039, 4047, and 16158 in Eloi Bay and Half Moon Lake Fields.

   Mr. Talbot reported that the gas transmission pipeline previously utilized by Sibley/Key and Cox for these state leases was shut-in for needed repairs by its owner, Talos Third Coast, causing the field operators to be without gas to lift their oil wells resulting in a cessation of production. See the Addendum hereto regarding clarification of the record for this portion of the Lease Review Report.

   Mr. Talbot further reported that due to high repair cost, Talos Third Coast, decided to discontinue the use of the gas transmission pipeline.

   Mr. Talbot continued that Sibley/Key requested that OMR Staff recognize the action of Talos as a force majeure event beginning in November 2023 for both Sibley/Key and Cox's state leases listed above.

   Staff recommended that the force majeure event continue to be recognized until March 30, 2025 to allow additional time for continued negotiations.

   Upon motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, the Board accepted Staff's recommendation to recognize and hereby extends the force majeure event until March

30, 2025 on State Lease Nos. 17277, 17278, 17279, 18043, and 18194 in Chandeleur Sound Blk 71; and State Lease Nos. 2220, 2221, 4039, 4047, and 16158 in Eloi Bay and Half Moon Lake Fields. Mr. Degan recused himself from the vote. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-10-004)**

b) Nomination and Tract Report
October 9, 2024
(Resolution No. 24-10-005)

The Board heard the report of Mr. Greg Roberts on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, relative to nominations received in the Office of Mineral Resources for the November 13, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale and the December 11, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale and other matters as follows:

I. Present Lease Sale

A. Approval by the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) was previously granted to the Staff of the Office of Mineral Resources (OMR) to process and advertise the twenty one (21) tracts that were nominated for the September and October Mineral Lease Sale. Upon examination and evaluation of the nominations, OMR staff returned three (3) of them because they either overlapped with other nominations or did not contain state-claimed water bottoms. Additionally, a nominating party requested the removal of two (2) nominations prior to advertisement. In summary, OMR advertised sixteen (16) tracts for the September and October Mineral Lease Sale.

By comparison, OMR received eleven (11) nominations for advertisement concerning the September 2023 Mineral Lease Sale and four (4) nominations for advertisement concerning the October 2023 Mineral Lease Sale.

II. Future Lease Sale

A. Fifteen (15) nominations for advertisement were received by OMR for the November 13, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale and six (6) nominations for advertisement were received by OMR for the December 11, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale.

Staff recommended that the Board grant authority to advertise the fifteen (15) nominations received by OMR for the November 2024 lease sale and the six (6) nominations we received for the December 2024 lease sale.

Based upon Staff's recommendation, and on motion of Mr. Busbice, 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. 24-10-005)**

c) Audit Report
October 9, 2024
(Resolution Nos. 24-10-006 through 24-10-007)

The first matter on the audit report was a recoupment request from Talos Third Coast, LLC for an overpayment in the amount of $39,961.83.

Upon motion by Secretary Gray, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the Board voted unanimously to defer this item until next month's meeting on November 13, 2024. **(Resolution No. 24-10-006)**

The second matter on the audit report was the election of the October 2024 gas royalty to be paid on a processed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement.

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Secretary Gray, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge and approve the election of the October 2024 gas royalty to be paid on a processed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement. **(Resolution No. 24-10-007)**

d) Legal & Title Controversy Report
October 9, 2024
(Resolution Nos. 24-10-008 through 24-10-009)

Staff reported to the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) that on October 13, 2021, the State of Louisiana ("State"), the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission ("DWF"), acting through its authorized agent, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board ("Board"), entered into an Operating Agreement with Air Products Blue Energy LLC ("Air Products") to allow Air Products to inject and store carbon dioxide into and beneath property owned by the State and DWF.

Staff reported that the property covered by the Operating Agreement includes three (3) separate Specific Areas of Interest more particularly described in Exhibits "B", "C" and "D" attached to the Operating Agreement.

Staff continued that Article 3.1 of the Operating Agreement states, "With respect to the termination and maintenance provisions set forth in the remainder of Article 3, each Specific Area of Interest shall be treated as completely separate areas..."

Staff further reported that Article 3.2 of the Operating Agreement allows for an Initial Term of three (3) years following the Effective Date and states that the Operating Agreement "shall terminate at the end of the Initial Term with respect to a Specific Area of Interest on which Air Products has failed to apply for a permit to construct a Class VI injection well.

Staff reported that, upon a showing of good cause by Air Products (with such cause to be confirmed by the State), the Operating Agreement may be extended for up to an additional two (2) years at the end of the Initial Term ("Initial Discretionary Term") with respect to any Specific Area of Interest on which Air Products has failed to apply for a permit to construct a Class VI injection well. In order for Air Products to exercise this option, Air Products shall notify the State at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term. The ninety (90) day notice would need to be given to the State on or before July 13, 2024.

Staff continued that by letter dated July 12, 2024, Air Products provided the Board with more than ninety (90) days' notice in accordance with Article 3.2 of the Operating Agreement. Air Products has applied for a Class VI injection well permit with respect to Specific Area of Interest B. Although Air Products did not apply for a Class VI injection well permit with respect to Specific Areas A and C, based on the information provided in the aforementioned July 12, 2024 letter and a subsequent letter provided to the Board on September 4, 2024, it appears that Air Products has shown good cause regarding the development of Specific Areas A and C.

Staff recommended that the Board confirm a showing of good cause by Air Products regarding the development of Specific Areas A and C.

Upon motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Busbice, the Board voted unanimously to confirm a showing of good cause by Air Products Blue Energy LLC regarding the development of Specific Areas A and C of the Operating Agreement. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-10-008)**

The second matter considered by the Board was a request by RFP Resources, LLC to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land located in the Lake Fortuna Field in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the Board voted unanimously to grant the Staff authority to negotiate with RFP Resources, LLC for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce located in the Lake Fortuna Field in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-10-009)**

e) Docket Review Report
October 9, 2024
(Resolution Nos. 24-10-010 through 24-10-023)

The Board heard the report from Greg Roberts on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, relative to the following:

Category A: State Agency Lease
There were no items for this category

Category B: State Lease Transfers
Docket Item Nos. 1 thru 14

Category C: Department of Wildlife & Fisheries State Agency Lease
There were no items for this category

Category D: Advertised Proposals
There were no items for this category

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

Category B: State Lease Transfers
Docket Item Nos. 1 through 14
(Resolution No. 24-10-010 through 24-10-023)

VII. An update and review of approved Operating Agreements for Carbon Capture and Sequestration on State owned lands and water-bottoms and for property owned by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Mr. Byron Miller, Administrator of the Geology and Engineering Division, provided this update and review to the Board. No action by the Board was required.

VIII. Executive Session

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. Busbice, and a roll call of the Board Members, the Board went into Executive Session at 11:19 a.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Busbice, and a roll call of the Board Members, the Board reconvened in open session at 12:48 p.m. for consideration of the following matters discussed in Executive Session:

a. A discussion of proposed terms for an Operating Agreement with Highlander Oil & Gas, LLC covering land located within the Bayou Long Field in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to accept the terms proposed by Highlander Oil & Gas, LLC, in principle, subject to drafting of an appropriate instrument, execution thereof, proper advertisement, and placement on the Docket for final approval. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-10-024)**

b. A discussion of proposed terms for an Operating Agreement with Energy Limited Partners, L.L.C. covering land located within the Empire Field in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, and a roll call of the Board, with Mr. Moncla recusing himself, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to accept the terms provided by Energy Limited Partners, L.L.C., in principle, subject to drafting of an appropriate instrument, execution thereof, proper advertisement, and placement on the Docket for final approval. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-10-025)**

c. A discussion of ExPert Oil & Gas LLC's offer to settle the outstanding issues regarding the mineral production audit for the period of 6/2007 through 12/2010

Upon motion of Mr. Busbice, seconded by Mr. White, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to accept the settlement offer of ExPert Oil & Gas LLC as discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-10-026)**

d. A request for authority to begin settlement negotiations in the suit entitled: Aethon v. Moss and Magnolia et al, Docket No. 634,344A, 1st Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. White, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to begin settlement negotiations based upon the terms as discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-10-027)**

e. A discussion of ongoing legal matters with counsel from the Attorney General's office

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

f. Technical Briefing on the Bids

Mr. Hollenshead recused himself from this Executive Session discussion of the technical briefing on the bids.

IX. Awarding of Leases

Mr. Jason Talbot presented the Staff's recommendations to the Board:

Staff reported that between September and October, a total of eight (8) tracts received bids with Tract 45851 having competitive bidding, all other tracts received single bids.

Staff recommends accepting the bid of Harrison Family Properties, LLC on Tract 45851. All other bids received on the remaining tracts were also recommended for approval at today's lease sale.

Upon motion of Mr. Watkins, and seconded by Mr. White, and a roll call of the Board, with Mr. Hollenshead recusing himself, the Board voted to accept Staff's recommendations regarding the following bids and award leases on the following tracts:

Tract 45841
(Entire: 372 acres)

Bidder	:	Mark A. O'Neal & Associates, Inc.
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$225,060.00
Annual Rental	:	$112,530.00
Royalties	:	22.25% on oil and gas
	:	22,25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45842
(Entire: 12 acres)

Bidder	:	Mark A. O'Neal & Associates, Inc.
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$24,000.00
Annual Rental	:	$12,000.00
Royalties	:	25% on oil and gas
	:	25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45845
(Portion: 278.0 +/- acres)

Bidder	:	Castex Energy 2021, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$55,600.00
Annual Rental	:	$27,800.00
Royalties	:	20% on oil and gas
	:	20% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45850
(Entire: 5.060 acres)

Bidder	:	James P. Hesterly, Jr. Inc.
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$18,975.00
Annual Rental	:	$9,487.50
Royalties	:	25% on oil and gas
	:	25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	Exhibit A & Resolution are attached to the Opening of the Bids Minutes

Tract 45851(1)
(Entire: 15 acres)

Bidder	:	Harrison Family Properties, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$37,500.00
Annual Rental	:	$18,750.00
Royalties	:	25.5% on oil and gas
	:	25.5% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45852
(Portion: +-4.547 acres)

Bidder	:	Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$14,213.92
Annual Rental	:	$7,106.96
Royalties	:	23% on oil and gas
	:	23% on other minerals

Additional Consideration: The portion bid represents that tract within the description representing a portion of Unit Tract 7 from Redoak Lake Field HA RA SUS Plat of Survey Recorded with1he State of Louisiana and adopted February 11, 2022, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Energy and Natural Resources, but insofar and only insofar as to the portion of Unit Tract 7 comprising all of Tract 7 as more particularly outlined on a survey plat dated May 11, 2023 attached as "Exhibit A Concursus Plat HA RA SUS" to the Petition in Concursus filed May 12, 2023, being found of record in Red River Parish, Louisiana in that certain Concursus Proceeding captioned "Chesapeake Operating, LLC, et al, vs. Jans Minerals, LLC., et al" and assigned Docket No. 38305 in the 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish, Louisiana, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources. Department of Energy and Natural Resources.

<u>Tract 45854</u>
(Entire: 8.194 acres)

Bidder	:	USG Properties Haynesville, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$24,991.70
Annual Rental	:	$12,495.85
Royalties	:	25% on oil and gas
	:	25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

<u>Tract 45857</u>
(Entire: 4 acres)

Bidder	:	Stamper, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	$10,000.00
Annual Rental	:	$5,000.00
Royalties	:	23.5% on oil and gas
	:	23.5% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

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.

X. New Business

a. Update on LDENR's Offshore Wind Roadmap initiative

Mr. Andrew Young, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Mineral Resources and Secretary to the State Mineral and Energy Board, provided the Board with an update on LDENR's Offshore Wind Roadmap initiative. No Board action was required.

XI. Announcements

Mr. Young stated that the total cash payments received for the September lease that was canceled totaled $323,635.00 and the total cash payments received for the October 9, 2024 Lease Sale totaled $95,705.62 bringing the fiscal year-to-date total to $2,906,737.14.

The Announcements were presented to the Board after the awarding of the leases. Mr. Young's update under New Business was then presented to the Board. Following Mr. Young's update under New Business, the Board re-visited Executive Session Item VIII b. A discussion of proposed terms for an Operating Agreement with Energy Limited Partners, L.L.C. covering land located within the Empire Field in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, for clarification that Mr. Moncla recused himself from voting on this item and a roll call vote of the Board.

XII. Adjournment

The Chairman then stated that there being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Busbice, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-001
[REGULAR MEETING]

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Trust Authority was created in Act 727 of the 2024 Regular Session to identify and address financial challenges facing energy and natural resource-related development in the state; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 727, the Natural Resources Trust Authority is empowered and governed by the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2024, State Mineral and Energy Board passed Resolution No. 24-08-006 proclaiming its support for the Natural Resources Trust Authority; and

WHEREAS, the State Mineral and Energy Board endorses the implementation the Natural Resources Trust Authority in coordination with the Department of Energy and Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Act 727 authorizes the Natural Resources Trust Authority to form an executive committee to act in furtherance of its purpose; and

WHEREAS, the State Mineral and Energy Board finds that an executive committee is necessary to develop the Natural Resources Trust Authority and that members of the State Mineral and Energy Board have volunteered to serve on said committee; and

WHEREAS, Act 727 grants authority to the Undersecretary of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources to employ, appoint, remove, assign, and promote personnel as is necessary for the efficient administration of the Natural Resources Trust Authority; and

WHEREAS, the State Mineral and Energy Board finds that an executive director would benefit the efficient implementation and administration of the Natural Resources Trust Authority;

ON MOTION of Mr. Busbice, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, 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 hereby offers its approval and continuous support to the Department of Energy and Natural Resources in its implementation of the Natural Resources Trust Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State Mineral and Energy Board members Tyler Gray, Sidney Degan, Matthew Moncla, and Charles "Wes" Shepherd shall serve on the Natural Resources Trust Authority executive committee pursuant to Act 727; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board acknowledges and endorses the authority of the Undersecretary pursuant to Act 727 to employ an executive director and other staff to benefit efficient implementation and administration of the Natural Resources Trust Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive committee and the executive director shall work together to develop and implement the Natural Resources Trust Authority and update the State Mineral and Energy Board on their progress at the next meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board and thereafter from time to time as necessary or beneficial for the administration of the Natural Resources Trust Authority.

CERTIFICATE

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Andrew Young

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STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-002
[LEASE REVIEW REPORT]

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

WHEREAS, Staff reported that Extex Operating Company (Extex) requested that the Board allow for a seventh consecutive gas shut-in payment to be made on **State Lease No. 18010** located in the Little Lake Field, Jefferson Parish; and

WHEREAS, Staff reported that the lease was previously qualified to make six (6) semi-annual gas shut-in payments and that Extex made the sixth payment on May 25, 2024 covering the lease until November 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Staff further reported that Extex has requested that an upcoming seventh payment be recognized and accepted by the Board and that without the allowance of a seventh gas shut-in payment, a portion of the lease will otherwise expire; and

WHEREAS, the Staff recommended that the Board approve the request by Extex Operating Company to allow a seventh consecutive gas shut-in payment to be made on **State Lease No. 18010** located in the Little Lake Field, Jefferson Parish.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board approves the request by Extex Operating Company to recognize and accept a seventh payment on or before November 25, 2024 from Extex Operating Company on **State Lease No. 18010** located in the Little Lake Field, St. Bernard Parish.

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-003
[LEASE REVIEW REPORT]

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

WHEREAS, Staff reported that Texas Petroleum Investment (TPIC) requested that the Board allow for late shut-in payments for **Operating Agreement A0322** and **State Lease Nos. 6646 and 6647** in the Rigolets Field, St. Bernard Parish; and

WHEREAS, Staff reported that TPIC's access and use of a field gas transmission pipeline continues to be disallowed by Entergy Gas Distribution, the owner; and

WHEREAS, Staff further reported that language in **Operating Agreement A0322** requires that all additional shut-in payments be approved by the Board, and without the allowance for shut-in payments, **Operating Agreement A0322 and State Lease Nos. 6646 and 6647** will otherwise expire; and

WHEREAS, the Staff recommended that the Board recognize and allow TPIC to make late shut-in payments for **Operating Agreement A0322 and State Lease Nos. 6646 and 6647**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board approves the request to recognize and allow Texas Petroleum Investment to make late shut-in payments for **Operating Agreement A0322 and State Lease Nos. 6646 and 6647** in the Rigolets Field, St. Bernard Parish.

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-004
[LEASE REVIEW REPORT]

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

WHEREAS, Staff provided an update on force majeure conditions previously recognized by the Board in November 2023 and affecting the following:

Sibley Petroleum/Key Operating Oil & Gas, LLC (Sibley/Key), **State Lease Nos. 17277, 17278, 17279, 18043, and 18194** in Chandeleur Sound Blk 71; and

Cox Oil, LLC and Cox Operating LLC (Cox), **State Lease Nos. 2220, 2221, 4039, 4047, and 16158** in Eloi Bay and Half Moon Lake Fields; and

WHEREAS, Staff reported that the gas transmission pipeline previously utilized by Sibley/Key and Cox for these state leases was shut-in for needed repairs by its owner, Third Coast Midstream, causing the field operators to be without gas to lift their oil wells resulting in a cessation of production; and

WHEREAS, Staff further reported that due to high repair cost, Talos Third Coast, LLC, decided to discontinue the use of the gas transmission pipeline; and

WHEREAS, Staff reported that Sibley/Key requested that Staff recognize the action of Third Coast Midstream as a force majeure event beginning in November 2023 for both Sibley/Key and Cox's state leases listed above; and

WHEREAS, the Staff recommended that the force majeure event continue to be recognized until March 30, 2025 to allow additional time for continued negotiations by Sibley Petroleum/Key Operating Oil & Gas, LLC for **State Lease Nos. 17277, 17278, 17279, 18043, and 18194** in Chandeleur Sound Blk 71, and Cox Oil, LLC and Cox Operating LLC for **State Lease Nos. 2220, 2221, 4039, 4047, and 16158** in Eloi Bay and Half Moon Lake Fields.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board hereby recognizes and extends the force majeure event until March 30, 2025 for Sibley Petroleum/Key Operating Oil & Gas, LLC for **State Lease Nos. 17277, 17278, 17279, 18043, and 18194** in Chandeleur Sound Blk 71, and Cox Oil, LLC and Cox Operating LLC, for State Lease Nos. **2220, 2221, 4039, 4047, and 16158** in Eloi Bay and Half Moon Lake Fields.

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LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-004
[LEASE REVIEW REPORT]

ADDENDUM

During the October 2024 Board meeting, Office of Mineral Resources staff mistakenly named Talos Third Coast as being the owner of a pipeline previously utilized to supply gas to state lessees in Chandeleur Sound Blk. 71 and the Eloi Bay and Half Moon Lake Fields. Upon information and belief, the correct name of the pipeline-owning entity subject of the report is Third Coast LLC. Talos Third Coast had no involvement with the issue subject of Resolution No. 24-10-004.

Office of Mineral Resources staff verbally corrected the record during the Lease Review Report at the November 13, 2024 Board meeting.

Andrew Young

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-005
[NOMINATION & TRACT]

WHEREAS, Mr. Greg Roberts reported that fifteen (15) tracts were nominated for the November 13, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale, and that six (6) tracts were nominated for the December 11, 2024, and requested that same be advertised pending staff review;

ON MOTION of Mr. Busbice, 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 tracts for the November 13, 2024 and the December 11, 2024 Mineral Lease Sales;

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 9th day of October, 2024, 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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-006
[AUDIT]

WHEREAS, a recoupment request was made by Talos Third Coast, LLC on **State Lease Nos. 19774, 20625, and 20850** for an overpayment in the amount of $39,961.83; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, 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 deferred this item for consideration at the November 13, 2024 meeting.

CERTIFICATE

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-007
[AUDIT]

WHEREAS, Staff reported to the Board that the election of the October 2024 gas royalty is to be paid on a processed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Secretary Gray, 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 acknowledged and approved that the election of the October 2024 gas royalty is to be paid on a processed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement.

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-008
[LEGAL AND TITLE CONTROVERSY]

WHEREAS, Staff reported that on October 13, 2021, the State of Louisiana ("State"), the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission ("DWF"), acting through their authorized agent, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board ("Board"), entered into an Operating Agreement with Air Products Blue Energy LLC ("Air Products") to allow Air Products to inject and store carbon dioxide into and beneath property owned by the State and DWF; and

WHEREAS, Staff reported that the property covered by the Operating Agreement includes three (3) separate Specific Areas of Interest more particularly described in Exhibits "B", "C" and "D" attached to the Operating Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Staff continued that Article 3.1 of the Operating Agreement states, "With respect to the termination and maintenance provisions set forth in the remainder of Article 3, each Specific Area of Interest shall be treated as completely separate areas"; and

WHEREAS, Staff further reported that Article 3.2 of the Operating Agreement allows for an Initial Term of three (3) years following the Effective Date and states that the Operating Agreement "shall terminate at the end of the Initial Term with respect to a Specific Area of Interest on which Air Products has failed to apply for a permit to construct a Class VI injection well"; and

WHEREAS, Staff reported that the Operating Agreement permits an extension of the Initial Term upon a timely showing of good cause by Air Products and confirmation of same by the State; and

WHEREAS, Staff reported that Air Products submitted a timely letter to the Board, dated July 12, 2024, requesting a two-year extension of the Initial Term for Areas of Interest "A" and "C" and purporting to show cause warranting said extension, and thereafter submitted a supplemental letter, dated September 4, 2024, providing additional grounds for cause; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommended that the Board confirm the timely showing of good cause by Air Products regarding the development of Specific Areas "A" and "C" and approve the two-year extension of the Initial Term; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Busbice, 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 accepts Staff's recommendation and hereby confirms a showing of good cause by Air Products Blue Energy, LLC regarding the development of Specific Areas "A" and "C" of the Operating Agreement and approves the extension of the Initial Term for an additional two (2) years.

CERTIFICATE

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-010-009
[LEGAL AND TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT]

WHEREAS, the State Mineral and Energy Board received a request from RFP Resources, LLC to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) considers an Operating Agreement on land located in the Lake Fortuna Field in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in response to this request, OMR Staff offered the following recommendation for consideration by the 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. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, after discussion and careful consideration, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby accepts Staff's recommendation to grant the Staff authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement with RFP Resources, LLC for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce located in the Lake Fortuna Field in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

CERTIFICATE

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Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-010
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 1 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 1, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC to Corral Oil & Gas, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 22184**, Red River Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-011
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 2 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 2, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC to Corral Oil & Gas, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 22185**, Red River Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-012
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 3 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment and Correction of Assignment was presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 3, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment and Correction of Assignment from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC to Corral Oil & Gas, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 22194**, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-013
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 4 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 4, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from EnSight IV Energy Partners, LLC to Quantent Energy Partners Assets LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 22003** and **Operating Agreement "A0398"**, DeSoto and Red River Parishes, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-014
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 5 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 5, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from BPX Operating Company to EnSight Haynesville Partners II, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 19756**, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, **LIMITED TO** the HA RA SUKK, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

<u>BPX Operating Company</u> is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-015
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 6 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 6, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from BHP Billiton Properties (N.A), LP to QEP Energy Company, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease Nos. 6856, 19760, 19762 and 19766**, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo and Red River Parishes, Louisiana, **INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR AS State Lease No. 6856** lies within the HA RA SUHH, **State Lease No. 19760** lies within the HA RA SUV, **State Lease No. 19762** lies within the HA RA SU68 and **State Lease No. 19766** lies within the HA RA SUO, described on Exhibits attached, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-016
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 7 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 7, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from QEP Energy Company, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest 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 Nos. 6708, 6856 and 19787**, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-017
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 8 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 8, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from QEP Energy Company, of all Assignor's right, title and interest 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 Nos. 19760, 19762 and 20510**, Bienville 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-018
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 9 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 9, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from QEP Energy Company, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest 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 Nos. 5664, 6037, 16125, 16438, 17161 and 18370**, 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-019
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No.10 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 10, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from QEP Energy Company, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest 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 Nos. 17914, 17948, 19398, 19460, 19765, 19766 and Operating Agreements A0339, A0340, A0341, A0342, A0343 and A0344**, Red River 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-020
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 11 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 11, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

> An Assignment from Mark A. O'Neal & Associates, Inc. to Hilcorp Energy I, L.P., of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease Nos. 22211 and 22212**, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.
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> Hilcorp Energy I, L.P. is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-021
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 12 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 12, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from Excelsior Exploration, Inc. to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 22219**, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-022
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No.13 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 13, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from Pride Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. to Pay Venture, L.L.C., of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 22174**, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-023
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 14 from the October 9, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 approval of Docket Item No. 14, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from Pay Venture, L.L.C., of all of Assignor's right, title and interest to the following in the proportions set out below:

Neon Moon Enterprises, LLC	3.0%
Brooks Energy Holdings, LLC	3.0%
Dyret Energy, LLC	10.0%
CGH Ventures LLC	1.0%
LA Ventures LLC	5.0%
TBS Exploration, Inc.	1.0%
ROR Productions, L.L.C.	.05%
White Feathers Investments, L.L.C.	2.0%
Roseau Investments, LLC	1.0%
Palesolar Energy, LLC	2.0%
Martin Mouton, LLC	1.0%
MZ Production Company, L.L.C.	2.0%
Rusco Production Company	5.0%
Barton Operating, L.L.C	2.0%
John D. D'Avy Energy Companies, LLC	2.0%
Double J. Prospects, LLC	1.0%
WLB LA Ventures LLC	2.0%
Fleur De Lis Acquisitions, LLC	2.0%
Coastal Oaks Holdings LLC	39.5%
Hard Eight Investments LLC	10.0%
Grand Oaks LLC	5.0%

in and to **State Lease No. 22174**, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 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 on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-024
[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

WHEREAS, a discussion of proposed terms for an Operating Agreement with Highlander Oil & Gas, LLC covering land located within the Bayou Long Field in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana was held in Executive Session; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, 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 accept the terms proposed by Highlander Oil & Gas, LLC, in principle, subject to drafting of an appropriate instrument, execution thereof, proper advertisement, and placement on the Docket for final approval.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-025
[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

WHEREAS, a discussion of proposed terms for an Operating Agreement with Energy Limited Partners, L.L.C. covering land located within the Empire Field in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana was held in Executive Session; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and a roll call of the Board, with Mr. Moncla recusing himself, 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 accept the terms provided by Energy Limited Partners, L.L.C., in principle, subject to drafting of an appropriate instrument, execution thereof, proper advertisement, and placement on the Docket for final approval.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
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RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-026
[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

WHEREAS, a discussion of ExPert Oil & Gas LLC's offer to settle the outstanding issues regarding the mineral production audit for the period of 6/2007 through 12/2010 was held in Executive Session; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Busbice, seconded by Mr. White, 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 accept the settlement offer of ExPert Oil & Gas LLC as discussed in Executive Session.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of October, 2024 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
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RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-027
[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

WHEREAS, a request for authority to begin settlement negotiations in the suit entitled: Aethon v. Moss and Magnolia et al, Docket No. 634,344A, 1st Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana was discussed in Executive Session; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. White, 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 begin settlement negotiations based upon the terms as discussed in Executive Session.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of October, 2024 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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