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TO:	MEMBERS OF THE STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY
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April 9, 2025

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. **45923** through **45929** 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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OPENING OF BIDS

April 9, 2025

A public meeting for the purpose of opening sealed bids was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 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.

Ms. Patterson read the following announcement:

House Bill No. 24 (Act 17) was passed by the Louisiana State Legislature during the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session, allowing for the increase of certain administrative fees associated with the State of Louisiana's mineral leasing process due to inflationary adjustments. During its February 2025 meeting, the State Mineral and Energy Board adopted Resolution No. 25-02-005, granting the Office of Mineral Resources the authority to implement the following fee increases:

- The application for lease fee will increase from \$400 to \$600.
- The request to furnish proof of publication will increase from \$20 to \$35.
- State lease transfers or assignments will increase from \$100 to \$175, per State Lease No.
- The application for a storage lease will increase from \$50 to \$100.

In accordance with the terms of Resolution No. 25-02-005, these fee increases will take effect on June 1, 2025. This announcement can also be found on the Office of Mineral Resources website.

She then read the letters of notification certifying the legal sufficiency of the advertisement of Tract Nos. 45923 through 45928 which were published for today's lease sale.

Ms. Patterson stated that no tracts advertised were withdrawn, and there were no letters of protest received.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 45923
(Entire: 55.000 acres)

Bidder	:	Cypress Energy Partners, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$115,500.00
Annual Rental	:	\$57,750.00
Royalties	:	22.5% on oil and gas
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Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45924(1)
(Entire: 37.630 acres)

Bidder	:	Stamper, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$192,891.38
Annual Rental	:	\$96,445.69
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Additional Consideration	:	None

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Cash Payment	:	\$141,112.50
Annual Rental	:	\$70,556.25
Royalties	:	26.1% on oil and gas
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Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45925
(Portion: 212.910 acres)

Bidder	:	Cypress Energy Partners, LLC.
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$37,259.25
Annual Rental	:	\$18,629.63
Royalties	:	20% on oil and gas
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Additional Consideration	:	None

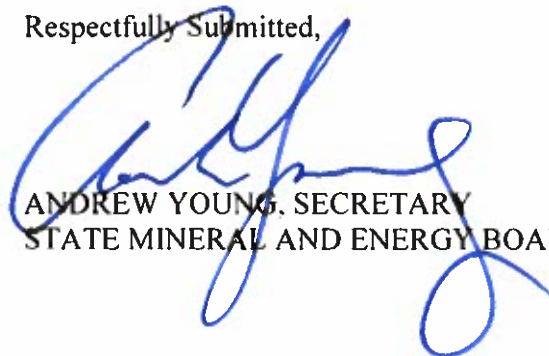
Tract 45926
(Portion: 266.200 acres)

Bidder	:	Cypress Energy Partners, LLC.
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$46,585.00
Annual Rental	:	\$23,292.50
Royalties	:	20% on oil and gas
	:	20% 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 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
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REGULAR MEETING APRIL 9, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, beginning at 9:39 a.m. in the LaBelle Room of the LaSalle Building, 617 N. 3rd Street, First Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I. Call to Order

Mr. 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
Andrew Young, Secretary Gray's Designee
Robert D. Watkins
Magnus J. "Jake" Arceneaux IV
Matthew G. Moncla
Charles W. "Wes" Shepherd Sr.
Benjamin C. Bienvenu
Richard A. Nelson, Governor Landry's Designee
Clifton Dale Sittig (*arrived at 10:00 a.m. during the Audit Report*)

The following members were recorded as absent:

Billy A. Busbice, Jr.

The Chairman announced that a quorum was established.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Approval of the March 12, 2025 Minutes

The Chairman stated that the next order of business was the approval of the March 12, 2025 Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Hollenshead to adopt the March 12, 2025 Minutes as submitted, and to waive reading said minutes in entirety. His motion was seconded by Mr. Watkins and unanimously adopted by the Board. No public comments were made at this time.

V. 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) Audit Report – Presented by Taletha Shorter, Audit Director, Mineral Income Division
- c) Nomination and Tract Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Energy Lands Director, Energy Lands 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

April 9, 2025
(Resolution No. 25-04-001)

I. GEOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING STAFF REVIEW

According to the SONRIS database, there are 962 active State Leases containing approximately 418,027 acres. Since the last Lease Review Report, the Geological and Engineering Division reviewed 98 leases covering approximately 52,380 acres for lease maintenance and development.

II. BOARD REVIEW

1. Mr. Jason Talbot with the Office of Mineral Resources (OMR) gave a report to the Board on Henergy Oil & Gas LLC (Henergy), lessee and field operator of State Lease No. 173 located in Caddo Pine Island Field, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Mr. Talbot reported that at the February 12, 2025 State Mineral and Energy Board Meeting, the Board deferred further lease discussions to occur between OMR and Henergy within sixty (60) days.

Mr. Talbot further reported that lease discussions included the release of non-productive acreage by Henergy and their return to their well plug and abandonment obligations.

Mr. Talbot stated that OMR has contacted Henergy to schedule a meeting and is awaiting a reply.

This item was for informational purposes and no action was required by the Board.

III. FORCE MAJEURE

1. Key Operating Oil and Gas, LLC/Sibley Investments (Key/Sibley) requested an additional six (6) months on their previous recognized force majeure status affecting State Lease Nos. 17277, 17278, 17279, 18043, and 18194 in Chandeleur Sound Block 71.

Mr. Talbot further reported that Key/Sibley are working toward a gas pipeline replacement necessary for gas lifting their wells.

OMR recommended that the Board grant Key/Sibley an additional six (6) month extension to their current force majeure status for the aforementioned leases located in the Chandeleur Sound Block 71 field.

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Young and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board accepted OMR's recommendation and granted Key Operating Oil and Gas, LLC/Sibley Investments an additional six (6) month extension to their current force majeure status for State Lease Nos. 17277, 17278, 17279, 18043, and 18194 in Chandeleur Sound Block 71. Speakers were Mr. Si Latiolais, Land Manager for Key Operating Company and Mr. Mike LeBlanc, representing Instream, formerly EnLink Midstream. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-04-001)**

2. Mr. Talbot reported that Mr. Nigel Solida, President of Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC (TGC) and other TGC representatives met with OMR on March 20, 2025 to discuss the status of TGC's unpaid royalties and the Board's questions from its meeting on March 12, 2025, in reference to State Lease Nos. 1268, 16392, 16393, 16432, 16569, 16570, 16664, and 20436.

Mr. Talbot further reported that TGC provided the requested documentation, and OMR found TGC's documents and answers satisfactory.

This item was for informational purposes, and no action was required by the Board.

b) AUDIT REPORT
April 9, 2025
(Resolution No. 25-03-002)

The Board heard the report of Ms. Taletha Shorter, Audit Director, on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, relative to the following:

As of March 31, 2025, field audit collections totaled \$121,159.71 in royalty exceptions. In the month of March, 2 audits were closed. The current number of open royalty audits is 34.

Royalties collected in March 2025 totaled \$12,365,963.41. Fiscal Year to Date totaled \$99,107,670.13, as compared to last year's Fiscal Year to Date Royalties of \$121,572,270.43 as of March 31, 2024.

Monthly state royalty reports submitted in March totaled 228 which include 71 SR1s for oil, 135 SR2s for gas and 22 SR5s for plant products.

Items on the report were as follows:

1. Installment payment plan request from Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC for outstanding royalty.

Nigel Solida and David Rush of Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC appeared before the Board to discuss, in detail, the proposed installment payment plan currently presented for outstanding royalties. No Board action was taken as this was an informative discussion only.

2. Staff report to the Board that the election for April 2025 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.

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Young, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge and approve the election of the April 2025 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. 25-04-002)**

c) NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT

April 9, 2025
(Resolution No. 25-04-003)

The Board heard the report of Mr. Greg Roberts on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, relative to nominations received in the Office of Mineral Resources for the June 11, 2025 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 seven (7) tracts that were nominated for the April 9th, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale.

By comparison, OMR received fourteen (14) nominations for advertisement concerning the April 10, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale.

II. FUTURE LEASE SALE

- A. Ten (10) nominations for advertisement were received by OMR for the June 11, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale.

Staff recommended that the Board grant authority to advertise the ten (10) nominations received by OMR for the June 11, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale.

Based upon Staff's recommendation, and on motion of Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and by unanimous vote of the Board, 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. 25-04-003)**

d) LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT

April 9, 2025

(Resolution No. 25-04-004, 25-04-005 and 25-04-010)

1. Aquest Energy, LLC (Aquest) requested an extension of the primary term of State Lease No. 22077 for an additional two (2) years. State Lease No. 22077, effective June 8, 2022, provides for a three (3) year primary term. As per Article 2(B) of State Lease No. 22077, if the Lessee is not in default, they may apply to the Board for an extension of the primary term by up to two (2) additional years.

Mr. Roberts reported that the leased premises are located in St. Bernard Parish within the Chandeleur Sound Block 71 Field. In July 2023, Aquest was informed that Third Coast, the owner of the pipeline servicing gas production from Block 71 Field, was experiencing mechanical issues, rendering the pipeline incapable of transporting gas. The lack of pipeline infrastructure in the Block 71 Field has forced Aquest to suspend development of State Lease No. 22077.

He further reported that Staff had reviewed State Lease No. 22077 and confirmed that Aquest is not in default of its terms.

Staff recommended that the Board grant a two (2) year extension of the primary term for State Lease No. 22077 and that all other terms of the Lease remain unchanged.

Upon motion of Mr. Sittig, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the Board voted unanimously to grant a two (2) year extension of the primary term for State Lease No. 22077 and that all other terms of the Lease will remain unchanged. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-04-004)**

2. 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 Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 27 Field, the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 28 Field, the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 41 Field, and Shell Point Field, all being located in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

Staff recommended that the Board grant the request of RFP Resources, LLC to negotiate Operating Agreements covering the subject lands and to temporarily remove said land from commerce.

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Young, the Board voted unanimously to grant Staff the authority to negotiate with RFP Resources, LLC for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce located in the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 27 Field, the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 28 Field, the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 41 Field, and Shell Point Field, all being located in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-04-005)**

3. An update on development of the process for submitting and evaluating proposals for carbon sequestration and wind energy production on state-owned land.

This item was informational only, and no action was necessary by the Board. Mr. Patrick Theophilus, President of Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, and LLC, spoke from the public.

4. House Bill No. 24 (Act 17) which was passed by the Louisiana State Legislature during the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session, allowing for the increase of certain administrative fees associated with the State of Louisiana's mineral leasing process due to inflationary adjustments.

Mr. Roberts reported that during its February 2025 meeting, the State Mineral and Energy Board adopted Resolution No. 25-02-005, granting the Office of Mineral Resources the authority to implement the following fee increases:

- The application for lease fee will increase from \$400 to \$600
- The request to furnish proof of publication will increase from \$20 to \$35
- State lease transfers or assignments will increase from \$100 to \$175, per State Lease Number
- The application for a storage lease will increase from \$50 to \$100

Mr. Roberts further stated that, in accordance with the terms of Resolution No. 25-02-005, these fee increases will take effect on June 1, 2025.

This item was informational only, and no action was necessary by the Board. There were no comments from the public on this matter.

5. A request by Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, LLC for consent to develop hydrocarbon storage caverns in Iberia Parish, Louisiana, pursuant to Operating Agreement A0309 as required by Louisiana Administrative Code Title 43, Part XVII, § 315(B)(1)(b).

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

Upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted OMR Staff the authority to approve or deny the consent request by Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, LLC to develop hydrocarbon storage caverns in Iberia Parish, Louisiana, pursuant to Operating Agreement A0309 as required by Louisiana Administrative Code Title 43, Part XVII, § (B)(1)(b) as discussed in Executive Session. Speakers on behalf of Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, LLC were Marjorie McKeithen, Attorney with Jones Walker, and Michael LeBlanc. **(Resolution No. 25-04-010)**

e) DOCKET REVIEW REPORT
April 9, 2025
(Resolution No(s). 25-04-006 through 25-04-009)

The Board heard the report from Greg Roberts on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, relative to the following:

- Category A: State Agency Leases
There were no items in this category
- Category B: State Lease Transfers
Docket Item Nos. 1 through 4
- 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 Staff's recommendation, and upon motion of Mr. Watkins, duly seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following recommendations:

- Category B: State Lease Transfers
Docket Item Nos. 1 through 4
(Resolution No. 25-04-006 through No. 25-04-009)

VI. 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 a roll call of the Board Members, the Board went into Executive Session at 10:52 a.m.

Upon a roll call of the Board Members, the Board reconvened in open session at 12:19 p.m. for consideration of the following matters discussed in Executive Session:

- a. A discussion of potential terms for a settlement agreement regarding a title dispute with the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, LLC related to the water bottom beneath Bayou Goreau, located in the DISC 12 RA SUA in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Sittig, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to make a settlement offer based on the terms discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-04-011)**

- b. A discussion of potential terms for a settlement agreement regarding a title dispute with Nowotney, et al and Cattle Farms, et al related to the water bottoms within unit tracts 1A, 1B, 3A, 3B, and 3C in the WB 8-11 RA SU in the West Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to make a settlement offer based on the terms discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-04-012)**

- c. A discussion regarding Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, LLC and its operations in Iberia Parish, Louisiana pursuant to Operating Agreement A0309, dated December 09, 2009

Upon motion of Mr. Sittig, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to renegotiate AO309 in order to reshape or replace it entirely with a new agreement as discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-04-013)**

- d. A discussion of the matter entitled: Hall Ponderosa v. State, Docket No. 35585, 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish and request for the Attorney General's office to be given authority relative to settlement negotiations

Upon motion of Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to make a settlement offer based on the terms discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-04-014)**

- e. A discussion of the matter entitled: Healthy Gulf v. Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, et al, Case No. C-759686, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

This item was informational only, and no Board action was taken.

- f. A discussion and update of negotiations with BPX Operating Company regarding a demand for payment of royalties for properties located within the unit tracts HA RB SUU, HA RA SUGG, HA RB SUL, HA RA SUW, HA RB SUFF, HA RB SUV, HA RB SU68

Upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to allow BPX to open a third-party escrow account associated with suspended production payments involving the production payments from Unit Tracts HA RB SUU, HA RA SUGG, HA RB SUL, HA RA SUW, HA RB SUFF, HA RB SUV, HA RB SU68 based on the terms discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-04-015)**

- g. Technical Briefing on Bids

VII. Awarding of Leases

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

Mr. Talbot reported that seven (7) tracts were up for bid at today's lease sale with a total of five (5) bids received.

The following were Staff's recommendations on the two (2) tracts Mr. Talbot discussed in detail:

Upon review of the single bid received on Tract No. 45923, Staff recommended rejecting the bid of Cypress Energy Partners, LLC for insufficient consideration.

Upon review of the competitive bids received on Tract No. 45924, Staff recommended accepting the bid of Stamper, LLC.

Staff reported that the remaining two (2) bids received on the tracts were recommended for approval at today's lease sale.

Upon motion of Mr. Watkins, and seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, the Board voted to accept Staff's recommendations regarding the following bids and award leases on the following tracts:

Tract 45923
(Entire: 55.000 acres)

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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.

VIII. New Business

- a. A presentation by Wayne Landry of United World Energy Corp regarding Natural Gas Electricity Enhancements

This item was informational only. No Board action was taken.

X. Announcements

Mr. Young stated that the total cash payments received for the April 9, 2025 Lease Sale totaled \$276,735.63, bringing the fiscal year-to-date total to \$5,688,915.99.

XI. Adjournment

The Chairman then called for a roll call vote, as there was no further business to come before the Board.

Upon a roll call vote of the Board Members, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-001 [LEASE REVIEW REPORT]

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Jason Talbot of the Office of Mineral Resources reported that Key Operating Oil and Gas, LLC/Sibley Investments (Key/Sibley) requested the following:

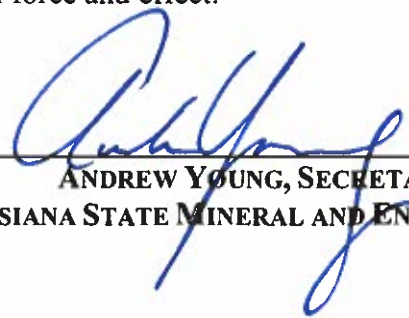
An additional six (6) months on Key/Sibley's previous recognized force majeure status affecting State Lease Nos. **17277, 17278, 17279, 18043, and 18194** in Chandeleur Sound Block 71, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, and that they are working toward a gas pipeline replacement necessary for gas lifting their wells.

WHEREAS, the Staff recommended that the Board grant Key/Sibley an additional six (6) month extension to their current force majeure status for the aforementioned leases located in the Chandeleur Sound Block 71 field.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board accepts staff's recommendation and hereby grants an additional six (6) months force majeure status to Key Operating Oil and Gas, LLC/Sibley Investments affecting State Lease Nos. **17277, 17278, 17279, 18043, and 18194** located in Chandeleur Sound Block 71, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

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 April, 2025, of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice and in compliance with law, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of said Board and is now in full force and effect.



ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-002
[AUDIT]

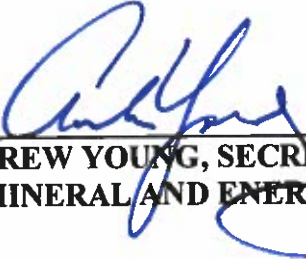
WHEREAS, Staff reported to the State Mineral and Energy Board that the election of the April 2025 gas royalty is to be paid on a processed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Young, 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 April 2025 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.

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 April, 2025 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. 25-04-003
[NOMINATION & TRACT]

WHEREAS, Mr. Greg Roberts reported that ten (10) tracts were nominated for the June 11, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale and requested that same be advertised pending Staff review;

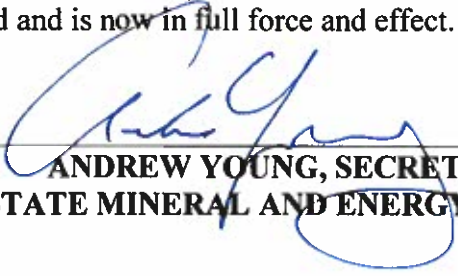
ON MOTION of Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the following recommendation was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board after discussion and careful consideration:

That the State Mineral and Energy Board grant approval to advertise all such tract(s) for the June 11, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby approve and authorize the advertising of all such tracts received by the 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 April, 2025, 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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STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-004 [LEGAL AND TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT]

WHEREAS, a request was received by the State Mineral and Energy Board from Aquest Energy, LLC (Aquest) to extend the primary term for two (2) years within **State Lease No. 22077**, effective June 8, 2022, provides for a three (3) year primary term. As per Article 2(B) of **State Lease No. 22077**, if the Lessee is not in default, they may apply to the Board for an extension of the primary term by up to two (2) additional years; and

WHEREAS, Staff reported that the leased premises are located in St. Bernard Parish within the Chandeleur Sound Block 71 Field. In July 2023, Aquest was informed that Third Coast, the owner of the pipeline servicing gas production from Block 71 Field, was experiencing mechanical issues, rendering the pipeline incapable of transporting gas. The lack of pipeline infrastructure in the Block 71 Field has forced Aquest to suspend development of **State Lease No. 22077**.

WHEREAS, Staff reported that they have reviewed **State Lease No. 22077** and confirmed that Aquest is not in default of its terms.

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

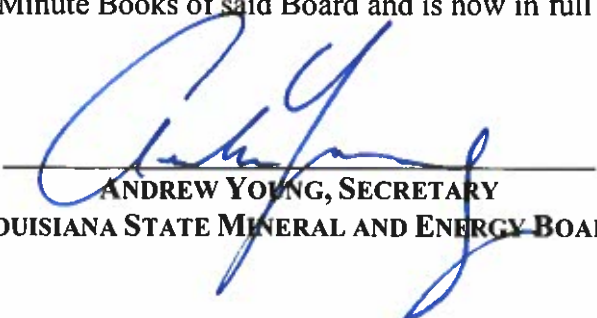
That the Board approve the request from Aquest Energy, LLC to extend the primary term for two (2) years within **State Lease No. 22077**, being located in the Chandeleur Sound Block 71 Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby approve the request by Aquest Energy, LLC to extend the primary term for two (2) years **State Lease No. 22077**, being located in the Chandeleur Sound Block 71 Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, and that all other terms of the Lease will remain unchanged.

CERTIFICATE

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ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-005 [LEGAL AND TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT]

WHEREAS, the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) received a request from 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 Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 27 Field, the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 28 Field, the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 41 Field, and Shell Point Field, all being located in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana; and

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

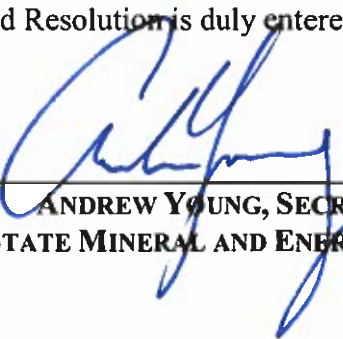
That the Board grant the Staff authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove the subject land from commerce.

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Young, 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 on land located in the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 27 Field, the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 28 Field, the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 41 Field, and Shell Point Field, all being located in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

CERTIFICATE

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ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-006
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 1 from the April 9, 2025 Meeting, being an Assignment, was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, 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 E&P Respeku LLC and E&P Honesteco, LLC to New Horizon Oil and Gas, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 22100**, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

New Horizon Oil and 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

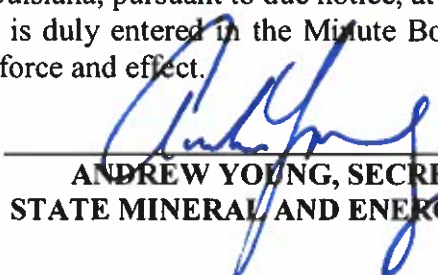
failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof 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 April, 2025 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. 25-04-007
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 2 from the April 9, 2025 Meeting, being an Assignment, was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, 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 Mark A. O'Neal & Associates, Inc. to SWN Production (Louisiana), LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 22258**, Red River Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

SWN Production (Louisiana), 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

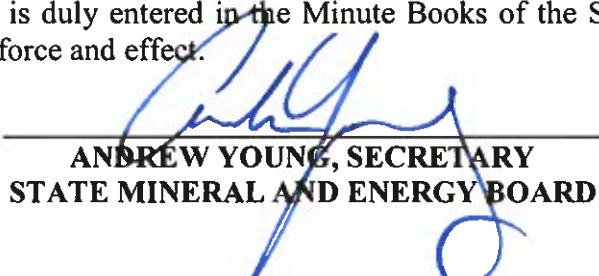
failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof 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

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ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-007



Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-008
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 3 from the April 9, 2025 Meeting, being an Assignment, was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, 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 from Viceroy Petroleum, LP, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest to the following in the proportions set out below:

Tri-Star CBI LLC	99.00%
Tri-Star OPCO LLC	1.00%

in and to **State Lease No. 340**, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, **INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR AS TO** that certain tract of land designated as "Cote Blanche Island Dome Area" outline on the map attached to said Assignment, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Tri-Star OPCO 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:

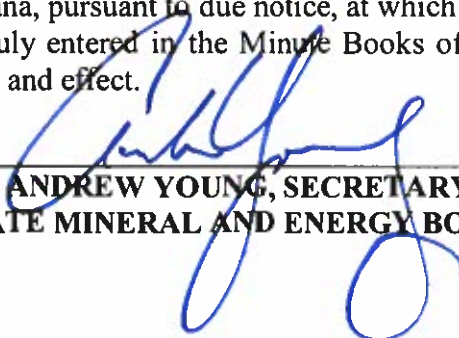
- (1) That all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument;
- (2) That failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the basic lease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

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STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-009
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 4 from the April 9, 2025 Meeting, being an Assignment, was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, 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:

A Wellbore Assignment from Harrison Family Properties, LLC to Basin Ventures II, LLC, an undivided 50% of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 22241**, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Harrison Family Properties, 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

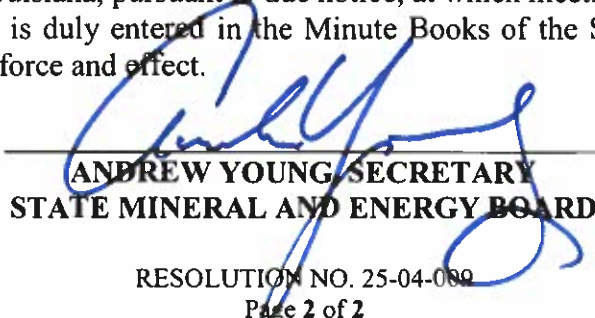
failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof 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 April, 2025 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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-089

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Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-010 [LEGAL AND TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT]

WHEREAS, a request was received by the State Mineral and Energy Board from Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, LLC for consent to develop hydrocarbon storage caverns in Iberia Parish, Louisiana, pursuant to Operating Agreement A0309 as required by Louisiana Administrative Code Title 43, Part XVII, § 315(B)(1)(b); and

WHEREAS, this matter was deferred to allow further discussion between the Board Members and Staff during Executive Session and was revisited after Executive Session; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Watkins, 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 after careful consideration and lengthy discussion in Executive Session, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board hereby grants OMR staff the authority to approve or deny the consent request by Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, LLC to develop hydrocarbon storage caverns in Iberia Parish, Louisiana, pursuant to Operating Agreement A0309 as required by Louisiana Administrative Code Title 43, Part XVII, § 315(B)(1)(b).

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 April, 2025, of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice and in compliance with law, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of said Board and is now in full force and effect.

A blue ink signature of Andrew Young is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



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RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-011
[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

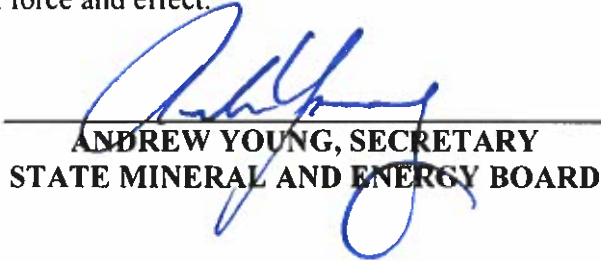
WHEREAS, a discussion of potential terms for a settlement agreement regarding a title dispute with the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, LLC, related to the water bottom beneath Bayou Goreau, located in the DISC 12 RA SUA in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana was held in Executive Session; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Sittig, 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 make a settlement offer based on the terms discussed in Executive Session.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of April, 2025 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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STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-012
[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

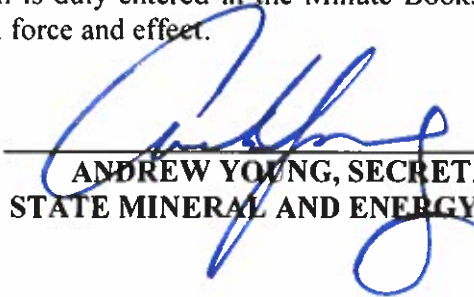
WHEREAS, a discussion of potential terms for a settlement agreement regarding a title dispute with Nowotney, et al and Cattle Farms, et al related to the water bottoms within unit tracts 1A, 1B, 3A, 3B, and 3C in the WB 8-11 RA SU in the West Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana was held in Executive Session; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, 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 make a settlement offer based on the terms discussed in Executive Session.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of April, 2025 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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RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-013
[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

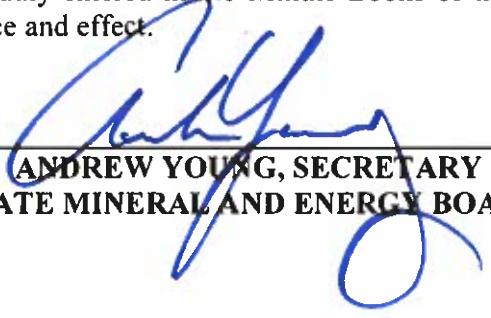
WHEREAS, a discussion regarding Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, LLC and its operations in Iberia Parish, Louisiana pursuant to Operating Agreement A0309, dated December 09, 2009 was held in Executive Session; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Sittig, 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 does hereby grant authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to renegotiate A0309 in order to reshape or replace it entirely with a new agreement as discussed in Executive Session.

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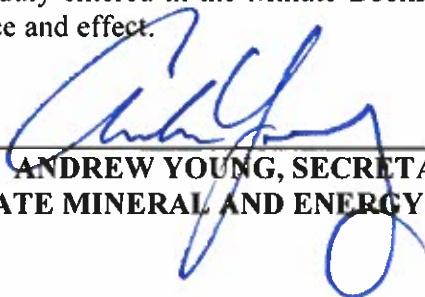
WHEREAS, a discussion of the matter entitled: Hall Ponderosa v. State, Docket No. 35585, 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish and request for the Attorney General's office to be given authority relative to settlement negotiations was held in Executive Session; and

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-015
[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

ON MOTION OF Mr. Watkins, duly seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, the following Resolution was adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board ("Board"):

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a strong and vital interest in developing its natural resources for the benefit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 30:129 grants the Board full supervision over all mineral leases granted by the State, authorizes the Board to take any action necessary to protect the interests of the State and enter into agreements or amend leases in the manner most beneficial to the State; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 10, 2010, the Board granted Petrohawk Energy Company ("Petrohawk") the authority to suspend royalty and place said royalty into an escrow account for units HA RA SUGG, HA RA SUW, HA RB SU68, HA RB SUFF, HA RB SUL, HA RB SUU, and HA RB SUV ("**Disputed Units**") which are located in the Red River and were identified to have title ownership disputes; and

WHEREAS, the State Leases subject to the title ownership disputes within the Disputed Units are State Lease Nos. 18503, 19830, 19763, 20040, and 20114 ("**Subject Leases**"), which were owned and/or operated by Petrohawk; and

WHEREAS, at the end of 2019, BPX Operating Company ("BPX") acquired the Subject Leases, Disputed Units, and the associated escrow funds from BHP Billiton Petroleum Properties, LP; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 8, 2023, the Board passed a resolution canceling the escrow authority for the Disputed Units and requested that the associated escrow funds be placed in the registry of the court via a concursus; and

WHEREAS, BPX has agreed to file a concursus for the Disputed Units and has demonstrated a good faith effort by filing a concursus on or about February 24, 2025, for the HA RB SUU (SL 19830); and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to the State for the Board to authorize the creation and maintenance of an escrow account for a fixed duration of time, while BPX demonstrates a good faith effort in filing a concursus for each of the Disputed Units.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- I. A) Excluding the HA RB SUU for which a concursus has already been filed, the Board does hereby authorize BPX to suspend the direct payment of royalties to the Office of Mineral Resources ("OMR") in accordance with the royalty payment terms of the applicable Subject Lease(s), and BPX may continue to maintain and deposit conflict acreage funds into the current bank account bearing Account No. 464642698 with JP Morgan Chase Bank (the "Account") throughout the authorized escrow period; and
- B) The escrow authorization granted hereby is for a fixed term of one (1) year, commencing from the effective date of this Resolution; and
- C) The payment of royalties into the escrow account, as provided in Section I(A) hereof, shall be accepted by the Board as the royalty payments due as required by the applicable Subject Lease(s), and BPX shall not be held in default of payment of its royalty obligations owed the State of Louisiana as long as deposits are timely and properly made into the Account as required by this Resolution; and
- D) Throughout the authorized escrow period, BPX shall continue to timely provide fully completed SR-9 Reports to OMR; and
- E) Throughout the authorized escrow period, BPX shall continue to provide a statement of the deposit of funds into the Account to OMR; and
- F) Throughout the authorized escrow period, BPX shall make a good faith effort to file a concursus for each of the Disputed Units; and
- G) This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

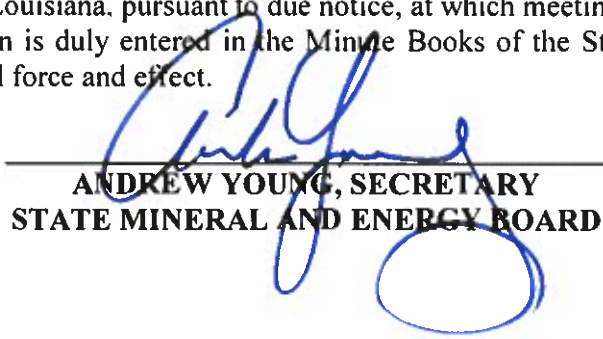
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- II. A) Throughout the authorized escrow period, BPX shall timely deposit the properly calculated and reported royalty payments attributable to the disputed acreage into the Account; and
- B) If the ownership/title dispute is amicably resolved prior to filing a concursus and/or expiration of the authorized escrow period, the royalty payments on the deposit and interest thereon accumulating in the Account shall be timely distributed to the Lessor(s)/Owner(s) in accordance with the negotiated resolution; and
- C) BPX shall neither transfer nor release any funds, including interest, on deposits in the escrow account authorized by this Resolution, without the knowledge and written authorization of OMR; and

- D) The escrow authorization shall automatically terminate for the units listed herein once a concursus is filed for said unit; and
- E) The Board may terminate the escrow authorization granted herein for failure to timely deposit royalty payments and/or failure to provide the documentation required by this Resolution; and
- F) All charges and expenses in connection with the creation and maintenance of the Account authorized hereby are to be borne by BPX.

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