

SPECIAL DOCKET

**STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD
DOCKET REVIEW COMMITTEE**

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

DECEMBER 13, 2011

**A. STATE AGENCY LEASES
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

La. R.S. 30:151 identifies the term “agency” as a levee district, drainage district, road district, school district, school board, or other board, commission, parish, municipality, state university, state college, state penal or charitable institution or agency, unit or institution of the state or subdivision thereof.

La. R.S. 30:155 provides that, if an agency doesn’t want the Mineral and Energy Board to do its mineral leasing, it may do its own mineral leasing, the lease given must still be approved by the State Mineral and Energy Board under R.S. 30:158.

La. R.S. 30:156 provides that, if an agency wants to mineral lease its own property, it must follow the same leasing process as the State does, including advertising, sealed bids, etc.

La. R.S. 30:158 provides that, if a mineral lease given by an agency of its own property is not approved by the Mineral and Energy Board, it is an absolutely void lease.

Pursuant to the above statutory authority, listed below are leases given by state agencies and submitted for State Mineral and Energy Board approval. The staff examines the documents submitted to make sure that the agency follows all of the steps this office goes through in leasing State owned acreage and that the document has been properly notarized.

No items received for this category.

**B. STATE LEASE TRANSFERS
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

La. R.S. 30:128 (A) provides that no transfer or assignment in relation to any lease of minerals or mineral rights owned by the state shall be valid unless approved by the State Mineral and Energy Board. Additionally, transfers or assignments shall not be granted to prospective leaseholders that are not currently registered with the office of mineral resources.

This sections deals with such transfers of interest in state mineral leases in the form of assignments of rights, subleases, and stipulations of interest. It also deals with transfers such as mergers or changes of names, which act as an assignment of interest to the newly named or emerging entity from a merger. Accompanying each of the items submitted in this section was an Ownership Transfer Form (formerly called a Form B) listing the pre- transfer ownership interest in the lease and the post- transfer ownership interest. Each document is carefully checked by the staff to ensure that the interest transfer figures are consistent, that our ownership records are complete and that all form requirements are met.

No items received for this category.

**C. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES STATE AGENCY
LEASE TRANSFERS
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

The State Agency Leases require that any transfer of interest be approved by the Agency prior to the transfer. By Co-operative Endeavor Agreement, dated effective December 18, 2009, the Office of Mineral Resources has assumed responsibility for the administration of all State Agency Leases awarded by or on behalf of the said Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

This section deals with transfers of interests in those State Agency Leases for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries now under administration by the Office of Mineral Resources as staff of the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and for which approval by the Board is being requested. Accompanying each item submitted in this section was an Ownership Transfer Form (Form-B) listing the pre-transfer and post-transfer interest of all party lease owners in the lease(s) herein set forth. Each document is carefully checked by the staff to ensure that the interest transfer figures are consistent with and reflect the interest in our records; and further, that all form requirements are met.

No items received for this category.

**D. ADVERTISED PROPOSALS
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

La. R.S. 30:129.1 provides that certain types of agreements entered into by the State with respect to its mineral leasing activity must be advertised within a specific time of the State Mineral and Energy Board meeting at which those agreements will be acted on.

These items are called advertised items. They consist of unitization agreements, lease amendments, gas production contracts, amendments, compromise agreements and other types of agreements. These items are checked by the staff to make sure that the contents of the agreement correctly reflect the understanding of all parties, that the form is authentic and properly notarized and that the items have met the statutory advertisement requirements.

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| 1. | AMENDMENT OF UNITIZATION (11-42)
AGREEMENT | <u>STATE LEASE NOS. 19199,</u>
<u>19200, 19202, 19203, 19204,</u>
<u>19205, 19206, 19207 and</u>
<u>19232, Lake Salvador Field,</u>
St. Charles and Lafourche
Parishes, Louisiana |
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An Amendment of Unitization Agreement by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board and Mack Energy Company, whereas said parties agree to a six (6) month extension for the drilling of a second well in the ExPert Oil & Gas, L.L.C.- Lake Salvador VUA, affecting State Lease Nos. 19199, 19200, 19202, 19203, 19204, 19205, 19206, 19207 and 19232, Lake Salvador Field, St. Charles and Lafourche Parishes, Louisiana, for a consideration of \$97,890.12 and a commitment to drill 2nd Well before June 13, 2012 or pay an additional \$48,945.06 and release all acreage outside the producing areas, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.