



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

TO: STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD MEMBERS

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DATE: JULY 11, 2012

**LEGAL AND TITLE CONTROVERSY COMMITTEE AGENDA**

The regular meeting of the Legal and Title Controversy Committee of the State Mineral and Energy Board will be held on July 11, 2012, following the Audit Committee Meeting, in the LaBelle Room, First Floor, LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Items on the Agenda are as follows:**

1. A request for final approval of a Lease Amendment by and between the State of Louisiana, through the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC, whereas said parties desire to amend said lease to include a Force Majeure Provision and other required clauses, affecting State Lease No. 4237, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 12-17.
2. A request for final approval of a Lease Amendment by and between the State of Louisiana, through the State Mineral and Energy Board, and Stone Energy Offshore, L.L.C., et al, whereas said parties desire to amend any prior shut-in payment clause presently found in said Lease with new oil shut-in payment clause, affecting State Lease No. 17309, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 12-18.
3. A request for final approval of Lease Amendment by and between the State of Louisiana, through the State Mineral and Energy Board, and Stone Energy Offshore, L.L.C., et al, whereas said parties desire to insert an oil and gas well shut-in payment clause to said Operating Agreement,

affecting Operating Agreement "A0285", Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 12-19.

4. A request for final approval of an Operating Agreement by and between the State of Louisiana, through the State Mineral and Energy Board and ExPert Oil & Gas, L.L.C., to create an operating tract for the exploration and development of oil, gas and/or condensate and other liquid hydrocarbons, which proposal allocates to the State a State Production Interest equal to 22.5% before payout, increasing to 23.5% after payout, in and to the Operating Tract, whereas operator desire and intends to obtain production from the Lorio RC SUA, covering a portion of Former State Lease No. 19896, containing 3.0 acres more or less, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 12-20, and for the Board to waive payment of the liquidated damage payment by wire transfer because the payment was made by check and negotiated for deposit.
5. A request by Staff to clarify the meaning of "prospective leaseholder" within La. R.S. 30:123.1 "Registration of prospective leaseholders".
6. A request by Texas Petroleum Investment Company for authority to negotiate with Staff for an Operating Agreement on acreage contained in former State Lease No. 17852. Said acreage is included in the Humblei 13 RB SUA established by Conservation Order No. 483-G-1 and situated in the Big Bayou Pigeon Field in Iberia Parish. Texas Petroleum Investment Company also requests that said acreage be deemed unavailable for leasing while negotiations are ongoing for a period not to exceed the date of the third Mineral and Energy Board Meeting after the Board has authorized negotiations and for authority to escrow funds from the recompletion of the well until final approval of the Operating Agreement.
7. A request by Brammer Engineering Inc. for authority to escrow funds attributable to Unit Tract 7 of the 15000 RC SUA located in Section 36, Township 14 South, Range 5 West, Grand Cheniere Field in Cameron Parish. State Lease No. 20361 covers Unit Tract 7, and said acreage is presently involved in a title dispute.
8. A request by Staff for authority to place Petrogulf III, L.L.C. on demand for failing to file a release of State Lease No. 19359 which terminated on April 1, 2010 and State Lease No. 19698 which terminated on June 11, 2010.

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9. A request by Swift Energy Operating, LLC for authority to negotiate with Staff for an Operating Agreement on a 6.816 acre tract affecting a former portion of State Lease No. 19490 (1W) located in Section 30 and 31, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, lying within the 5000' RA SUA, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish.
10. A request by Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. for authority to negotiate with Staff for a Lease Amendment to State Lease No. 19949 which would include the oil shut-in payment language previously adopted by resolution of the Board at its' April 11, 2012 meeting. Said amendment would be subject to approval of Staff as to form and legality and proper advertisement and placement on the docket for final approval by the Board.

The Committee may discuss other matters as it desires pursuant to La. R.S. 42:7(A)(1)(b)(ii), including matters which may validly be held in executive session pursuant to La. R. S. 42:6, especially 42:6(1)(A)(2)&(6).