



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: JANUARY 8, 2014

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 January 8, 2014, 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 an Act of Correction by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board, acting under the authority for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana and BHP Billiton Petroleum Properties, LP, whereas said parties desire to amend, correct and conform Paragraph 6(d)(i), whereas said paragraph of State Agency Lease incorrectly read... "Each semi-annual payment shall be at the rate of twenty-five dollars (\$50.00) per acre for the number of acres then covered by this lease, but no payment shall be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), **AND** is hereby being corrected to read... "Each semi-annual payment shall be at the rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per acre for the number of acres then covered by this lease, but no payment shall be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), affecting State Agency Lease No. 20949, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 14-1.
2. A request for final approval of a Lease Amendment by and between the State of Louisiana, through the State Mineral and Energy Board, Hilcorp Energy I, L.P., Swift Energy Operating, LLC and XH, LLC, whereas said parties desire to amend

said leases to include a Force Majeure Provision and other required clauses, affecting State Lease No. 1753, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 14-2.

3. A request for final approval of a Lease Amendment by and between the State of Louisiana, through the State Mineral and Energy Board, Hilcorp Energy I, L.P. Swift Energy Operating, LLC and XH, LLC, whereas said parties desire to amend said leases to include a Force Majeure Provision and other required clauses, affecting State Lease No. 2376, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 14-3.
4. A request for final approval of an Act of Correction by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board, acting under the authority for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana, EOG Resources, Inc. and MCX Exploration (Louisiana), Ltd., whereas said parties desire to amend, correct and conform Paragraph 6(d)(i), whereas said paragraph of State Agency Lease incorrectly read... "Each semi-annual payment shall be at the rate of twenty-five dollars (\$50.00) per acre for the number of acres then covered by this lease, but no payment shall be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), **AND** is hereby being corrected to read... "Each semi-annual payment shall be at the rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per acre for the number of acres then covered by this lease, but no payment shall be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), affecting State Agency Lease Nos. 20961, 20962, 20963 and 20964, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 14-4.
5. A request by New Century Exploration, et al, for an extension of time until July 13, 2014 affecting that certain Voluntary Unit Agreement with the State Mineral and Energy Board in the Gillis-English Bayou field, pertaining to State Lease Nos. 21010 and 20675, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.
6. A notice by Dynamic Offshore Resources to exercise their option to extend the primary term of State Lease No. 19718 for an additional six months.
7. A request by Texas Petroleum Investment Company (TPIC) for a 90 day extension on authority granted at the October 9, 2013 meeting to negotiate with the Staff for two Operating Agreement covering portions of former State Lease No. 4409, Breton Sound Block 20 Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and that the acreage in question be deemed unavailable for leasing until April 9, 2014, or until an operating agreement is confected and placed on the Mineral and Energy Board Docket for approval, whichever occurs first.

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8. A request by Staff for an additional ninety (90) days beyond the previously granted extension of time by the Board at the July 10, 2013 meeting, to negotiate with PetroHawk for an Operating Agreement, in the Swan Lake Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and that the acreage in question be deemed unavailable for leasing until April 9, 2014, or until an operating agreement is perfected and placed on the Mineral and Energy Board Docket for approval, whichever occurs first.
9. A request by Palm Energy Offshore, LLC (Palm), for authority to negotiate with Staff for two operating agreements on acreage situated in the West Delta Area, Block 52, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.
10. A report to the Board for its consideration regarding the feasibility of legislation regarding electronic transfers of such items as bonus payments in the leasing program. Subsequently, if successful, the Board may consider an online bidding program for mineral leasing.

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).