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TO: STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: FREDERICK D. HECK
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OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES

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DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2014

LEGAL AND TITLE CONTROVERSY COMMITTEE AGENDA

A special meeting of the Legal and Title Controversy Committee of the State Mineral and Energy Board will be held on February 26, 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 a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release by and between the State of Louisiana through the State Mineral and Energy Board, The Allbritton Cattle Company, LLC, et al and Leon K. Poche, et al, whereas said parties desire to settle all claims, issues and defenses, affecting the State's mineral royalty interests in the bed and bottoms of Rolling Lake Bayou, that lie within Section 8, Township 13 North, Range 11 West, affecting State Lease Nos. 19125 and 19832, DeSoto and Red River Parishes, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 14-6.
2. A request by QEP Energy Company for authority to negotiate with Staff for an Operating Agreement covering approximately 600 acres of title disputed lands located in Sections 12, 13 and 14, Township 14 North, Range 12 West, Red River Parish, Louisiana, until May 12, 2014 or until an operating agreement is confected and placed on the Mineral and Energy Board Docket for approval, whichever occurs first.

3. A request by the Staff to the Board to direct Petrohawk Properties, LP to take the funds presently in Escrow Account at JPMorgan Chase Bank and re-deposit said funds and any future royalty revenue attributable to the said disputed acreage in the registry of the court under the following case: Chesapeake Louisiana, L.P. vs. The State Mineral and Energy Board of Louisiana et al, Docket No. 35525, 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish, Louisiana. Such deposit shall be accomplished by way of Petrohawk Properties, LP, filing a concursus proceeding in an intervention, reconventional, or third party demand within the previously-noted Chesapeake lawsuit. A prior Board resolution dated April 11, 2012 directed that the disputed funds attributable to production to Tract 5 of the HA RB SUVV; Wellman 20-13-11 H-1, in Section 20, Township 13 North, Range 11 West, located in Thorn Lake Field, Red River Parish, Louisiana be held in escrow with no end date. The present request is to redirect funds held presently in the named account and any future royalty funds attributable to the disputed acreage into the registry of the court, pending outcome of litigation or settlement.
4. A request by Castex Energy, Inc. to amend State Lease No. 17895, whereas to include an oil shut-in provision and other language in our current lease form not included in SL 17895.
5. A request by Staff asking the Board to rescind Resolution passed on May 14, 2008 authorizing the allocation of funds derived from mineral exploration on Section 16, Township 22 South, previously erroneously marked as T225, Range 18 East and also erroneously granting the mineral revenues to Veazey and Associates LLC.
6. The adoption of a Resolution by the State Mineral and Energy Board approving that the chair of the Board has authority to issue for the governor the call of a meeting of the Board when those special or impractical circumstances contemplated in Executive Order No. BJ-2008-31 arise and when the Board does not have the opportunity to meet and approve of such authorization.
7. A discussion in executive session of the suit entitled: Phillip E. Henderson, et al v The State Mineral and Energy Board of Louisiana, Docket No. 627,902, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
8. A discussion in executive session of the suit entitled: Earl Willard Cook, Hope Henry Cook, Billy Cook, and Van R. Cook v. The State of Louisiana, through the Louisiana State Land Office; John Lavin, Director of Louisiana State Lands Office and Petrohawk Properties, L.P., Docket No. C-137192, 26th JDC, Parish of Bossier, Louisiana.

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).