



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: MAY 9, 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 May 9, 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. The adoption of a policy resolution regarding time available for individual comment from the audience relevant to a particular agenda item, as well as total time for all audience comment on a particular agenda item.
2. Public comment regarding series of articles by investigative reporting team for Fox 8 News, New Orleans recently broadcast and published examining mineral leasing of past years, including assignments for leases from the 1930's and 1940's, the individuals involved, their relations and past elected officials having a role in that activity. The leases included State Lease Nos. 195, 309, 335, 340 and 341."
3. A request by Swift Energy Operating, LLC for the waiver of all or a portion of the liquidated damage assessments levied on the late partial releases of the following state leases:
 - (a) State Lease No. 18668 in the amount of \$46,400.00, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana
 - (b) State Lease No. 18669 in the amount of \$46,400.00, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

4. A request by Aspect Resources, LLC and Aspect Energy, LLC for the waiver of all or a portion of the liquidated damage assessments levied on the late assignments of the following state leases:
 - (a) State Lease No. 16046, 16049, and 16051 in the amount of \$1,000.00, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana;
 - (b) State Lease No. 15502 in the amount of \$1,000.00, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana;
 - (c) State Lease No. 15502 in the amount of \$1,000.00, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana;
 - (d) State Lease No. 16505 and 17721 in the amount of \$1,000.00, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana;
 - (e) State Lease No. 16505 in the amount of \$1,000.00, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana;
 - (f) State Lease No. 17721 in the amount of \$1,000.00, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana; and
 - (g) State Lease No. 18529 in the amount of \$1,000.00, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

5. A request by Exco Operating Company, LP and BG US Production Company, LLC for the waiver of all or a portion of the liquidated damage assessment levied on the late partial release of State Lease No. 20356, in the amount of \$3,900.00, Caddo and Desoto Parishes, Louisiana.

6. A request by ORX Exploration, Inc. for the waiver of all or a portion of the liquidated damage assessment levied on the late releases of the following state leases:
 - (a) State Lease No. 19647, in the amount of \$25,600.00, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana
 - (b) State Lease No. 19648, in the amount of \$25,600.00, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana

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7. A request by Trinity Exploration & Production, LLC for an extension of previously granted authority to escrow funds in regard to State Lease No. 20039 for royalties attributable to disputed acreage contained within the HA RA SUBB and allocated to State Lease No. 20039, Red River Parish, Louisiana.
8. A request by Staff to terminate paper mailings of the Notice of Publication produced for each monthly lease sale.
9. A request by PetroQuest Energy, LLC for authority to escrow funds in regard to State Lease No. 20181 for royalties attributable to disputed acreage contained within Unit Tract 3, Bayou Hebert Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana
10. A discussion in executive session of the litigation entitled: Yuma Exploration & Production Co., Inc. v. State Mineral Board, et al, Docket No. 55-891 "B", 25th Judicial District Court, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.
11. A discussion in executive session of the litigation entitled: Comstock Oil & Gas-Louisiana, L.L.C. v. State of Louisiana, Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board, and Louisiana State Land Office, Suit No. 64288, 11th Judicial District Court, Sabine Parish.

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).