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TO: STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD MEMBERS

**FROM: GREG ROBERTS
ENERGY LANDS DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES**

DATE: APRIL 9, 2025

LEGAL AND TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT

1. Aquest Energy, LLC requests an extension of the primary term of State Lease No. 22077 for an additional two (2) years. State Lease No. 22077, effective June 8, 2022, provides for a three (3) year primary term. As per Article 2(B) of State Lease No. 22077, if the Lessee is not in default, they may apply to the Board for an extension of the primary term by up to two (2) additional years.
2. A request by RFP Resources, LLC to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land located in the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 27 Field, the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 28 Field, the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 41 Field, and Shell Point Field, all being located in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.
3. An update on development of the process for submitting and evaluating proposals for carbon sequestration and wind energy production on state-owned land.
4. House Bill No. 24 (Act 17) was passed by the Louisiana State Legislature during the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session, allowing for the increase of certain administrative fees associated with the State of Louisiana's mineral leasing process due to inflationary adjustments.

During its February 2025 meeting, the State Mineral and Energy Board adopted Resolution No. 25-02-005, granting the Office of Mineral Resources the authority to implement the following fee increases:

- The application for lease fee will increase from \$400 to \$600.
- The request to furnish proof of publication will increase from \$20 to \$35.
- State lease transfers or assignments will increase from \$100 to \$175, per State Lease No.
- The application for a storage lease will increase from \$50 to \$100.

In accordance with the terms of Resolution No. 25-02-005, these fee increases will take effect on June 1, 2025.

5. A request by Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, LLC for consent to develop hydrocarbon storage caverns in Iberia Parish, Louisiana pursuant to Operating Agreement A0309 as required by Louisiana Administrative Code Title 43, Part XVII, § 315(B)(1)(b).