

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Transfer and Assignment fee
change

#15-07-052

(DOCKET REVIEW COMMITTEE)

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 30:128 charges the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) with responsibility for considering requests to transfer and assign leases of minerals and mineral rights owned by the State; and

WHEREAS, no transfer or assignment of such a lease is valid without approval of the Board; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 30:128 authorizes the Board to charge a fee of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars as compensation for the costs of preparing and docketing transfers and assignments of such leases; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 30:135 requires that the Office of Mineral Resources (OMR) provide the necessary staff functions to assist the Board in its leasing, supervisory and related activities; and

WHEREAS, this statutory mandate includes and necessarily requires that OMR review, research, determine the propriety of and process requested transfers and assignments; and

WHEREAS, OMR each month receives numerous requests to transfer and assign such leases; and

WHEREAS, the processing of requests to transfer and assign such leases requires the time, effort and industry of OMR Staff; and

WHEREAS, application by OMR Staff of the fee provision set forth in La. R.S. 30:128 requires clarification; and

WHEREAS, OMR Staff recommends that the Board adopt the following application of the fee provision set forth in La. R.S. 30:128:

The Board shall impose the statutorily authorized fee in the amount of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for reviewing, researching and processing requested transfers and assignments of leases of minerals or mineral rights owned by the state. This fee shall be applied to each state lease for which an interest is requested to be transferred or assigned. This fee is non-refundable and due upon submission to OMR of the request for transfer or assignment.

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ON MOTION of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Sanders, after discussion and careful consideration, the foregoing OMR Staff recommendation was offered and unanimously accepted by the Docket Review Committee.

WHEREAS, after discussion and careful consideration of the foregoing OMR Staff recommendation and action of the Docket Review Committee;

ON MOTION of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Sanders, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board:

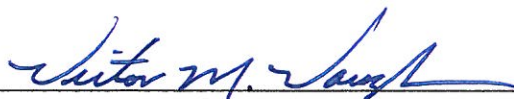
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board hereby adopts the following application of the fee provision set forth in La. R.S. 30:128:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board directs OMR Staff to immediately commence applying this fee to each state lease for which a transfer or assignment is requested.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 8th day of July, 2015 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of said Board and is now in full force and effect.



**Victor M. Vaughn, Executive Officer
State Mineral and Energy Board**

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