



EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016 – 28

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIR OF THE STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD TO SIGN CERTAIN DOCUMENTS ON GOVERNOR'S BEHALF

WHEREAS, the State Mineral and Energy Board (hereafter "Board"), created by Act No. 93 of the 1936 Regular Session and continued through La. R.S. 30:121 *et seq.*, is authorized through La. R.S. 30:124 to lease for development and production of minerals, oil, and gas the lands belonging to the State of Louisiana and the lands to which title is held in the public, including road beds, water bottoms, and lands adjudicated to the state at tax sale;

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 30:129, the Board has full supervision of all mineral leases granted by the State of Louisiana, and the general authority to take any action for the protection of the interests of the state, institute actions to annul a lease upon any legal ground, and enter into agreements and amend leases;

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 30:128 expressly prohibits and provides penalties for the transfer or assignment of any lease of minerals or mineral rights owned by the State of Louisiana without the Board's approval;

WHEREAS, prior to the creation of the Board, certain state leases and other agreements pertaining to the development and production of mineral, oil, and gas were executed on behalf of the State of Louisiana by the Governor and, therefore, those leases and agreements contain language which require the signature of the Governor prior to any transfer of interests therein; and

WHEREAS, the chair of the Board has been authorized to sign such leases and agreements on behalf of the governor pursuant to Executive Orders issued by former governors.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: With respect to documents presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board pursuant to La. R.S. 30:128 for approval of the right to transfer or assign a lease of minerals or mineral rights owned by the State of Louisiana which require the signature of the Governor prior to any transfer of interests therein, and which the Board has approved the transfer or assignment, the chair of the Board is authorized and directed to sign the document on behalf of the Governor.


SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 28th day of June, 2016.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE