

IN THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI

ORDER FIXING MAINTENANCE FEE ASSESSMENTS

ORDER NO. 232-2018

THIS MATTER came on for hearing before the State Oil and Gas Board of Mississippi (the "Board") on the 18th day of April, 2018, on the motion of said Board to fix the maintenance fee assessment; and

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. §53-1-73 reads as follows:

For the purposes of paying the costs and expenses incurred in connection with the administration and enforcement of the Oil and Gas Conservation Laws of the State of Mississippi and of the rules, regulations and orders of the State Oil and Gas Board, there is hereby levied and assessed against each barrel of oil produced in the State of Mississippi a charge not to exceed sixty (60) mills on each barrel of such oil sold, and against each one thousand (1,000) cubic feet of gas produced and sold a charge not to exceed six (6) mills on each one thousand (1,000) cubic feet of gas. The State Oil and Gas Board shall fix the amount of such charge in the first instances, and may, from time to time, change, reduce or increase the amount thereof, as in its judgment the charges against the fund may require, but the amounts fixed by the Board shall not exceed the limits hereinabove prescribed; and it shall be the duty of the board to make collection of such assessments.

WHEREAS, since May 12, 1948, the Board has on ten (10) separate occasions exercised its authority provided pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §53-1-73 by reviewing and effectively changing the maintenance fee assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Board last re-examined and changed the maintenance fee assessments on May 21, 1997.

WHEREAS, the Board entered into Executive Session during the April 18, 2018 Board Meeting wherein a motion was made to consider additional changes to the maintenance fee assessments, subsequent to further re-examination of the costs and expenses incurred in connection with the administration and enforcement of the Oil and Gas Conservation Laws of the State of Mississippi and of the rules, regulations and orders of the State Oil and Gas Board; and

WHEREAS, after careful and due consideration, the motion of the Board to change the maintenance fee assessment was unanimously carried.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the State Oil and Gas Board of Mississippi, as follows:

(1) That a charge of thirty-five (35) mills be and the same is hereby fixed and levied on and against each barrel of oil produced, saved and sold in the State of Mississippi from and after June 1, 2018, and that a charge of four (4) mills be and the same is hereby fixed and levied on and against each one thousand (1,000) cubic feet of gas produced, saved and sold within the State of Mississippi from and after June 1, 2018.

(2) That the charges so fixed, levied and assessed hereinabove shall be payable monthly and shall be remitted to and received by the Board on or before the 25th day of the month next following that in which the production occurs out of which said levy, charge or assessment arises.

(3) That the person or persons owning any interests (working interests, royalty interest, payment out of production or any other interest) in the oil or gas subject to the charge, levy or assessment hereinabove made against the same shall be liable for such charge in proportion to their respective ownership thereof at the time of production of the same.

SO ORDERED this the 16th day of May, 2018.

STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI

By: _____

CHAIRMAN