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### Department of Insurance Office of the Commissioner

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To: All Admitted Insurance Companies, Licensees and Interested Parties  
Re: Electronic Signatures

This Bulletin is to notify all persons and entities licensed or authorized to transact business in the State of Louisiana of authorization to use electronic signatures in transacting the business of insurance. Act No. 244 of the 2001 Louisiana Legislative Session, effective July 1, 2001, enacts the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, which provides for the use of electronic signatures. Prior to Act No. 244, Act No. 1304 of the 1999 Louisiana Legislative Session, effective July 12, 1999, authorized the use of electronic signatures, subject to the commissioner of insurance promulgating a rule to regulate the use of electronic signatures. Because Act No. 244 governs the use of electronic signatures, it prescribes the necessary guidelines and limitations; therefore, no rule will be promulgated by the commissioner of insurance.

For the purposes of this Bulletin, the following terms are defined pursuant to Act 244 (R.S. 9:2602) as follows:

**Electronic Signature** Can electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record.

**Electronic** Relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

**Person** Can individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, governmental agency, public corporation, or any other legal or commercial entity.

**Record** Information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

Act. No. 244 (R.S. 9:2601, et seq.) provides the necessary guidelines for insurers, agents, and other persons regulated by the Louisiana Department of Insurance to follow with respect to the use of electronic signatures in the business of insurance.

- The Act does not require a signature to be created, generated, sent, communicated, received, stored, or otherwise processed or used by electronic means or in electronic form.
- The Act only applies to transactions between parties who have each consented to conduct transactions by electronic means.

- LSA-R.S. 9:2605 provides for use of electronic signatures and variation by agreement.
- LSA-R.S. 9:2607 provides for legal recognition of electronic signatures.
- LSA-R.S. 9:2609 provides for attribution and effect of electronic signatures.
- LSA-R.S. 9:2611 provides for notarization and acknowledgement by electronic signature.
- LSA-R.S. 9:2613 provides for the admissibility of an electronic signature into evidence in a proceeding.
- R.S. 9:2618 provides for acceptance and distribution of electronic records by governmental agencies in this state.

Please be guided accordingly.

J. Robert Wooley  
Acting Commissioner

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### Department of Natural Resources Office of Conservation

#### Orphaned Oilfield Sites

Office of Conservation records indicate that the Oilfield Sites listed in the table below have met the requirements as set forth by Section 91 of Act 404, R.S. 30:80 et seq., and as such are being declared Orphaned Oilfield Sites.

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Shores	Caddo Pine Island	S	Shores	1	990442
City of Shreveport	Shreveport	S	City of Shreveport	1	990443
City of Shreveport	Shreveport	S	City of Shreveport	2	990444
Bobbie J. Langston	Caddo Pine Island	S	H C Langston Et Al	3	053445
Bobbie J. Langston	Caddo Pine Island	S	H C Langston Et Al	4	057294
Bobbie J. Langston	Caddo Pine Island	S	H C Langston Et Al SWD	1	973013
Cecil Brand	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hemperly-Hitchcock N	11	165009
Cecil Brand	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hemperly-Hitchcock N	1	165951
Cecil Brand	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hemperly-Hitchcock N	9	187254
Cecil Brand	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hemperly-Hitchcock N	2	189212
Cecil Brand	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hemperly-Hitchcock N	3	190805

Cecil Brand	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hemperly-Hitchcock N	4	190847
Cecil Brand	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hemperly-Hitchcock N	10	191380
Cecil Brand	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hemperly-Hitchcock N	5	201986
Cecil Brand	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hemperly-Hitchcock N	6	201987
Cecil Brand	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hemperly-Hitchcock N	7	204854
Cecil Brand	Caddo Pine Island	S	Hemperly-Hitchcock N	8	204855
Eurovest Oil & Gas, Inc.	Serena	M	Serena SWD	1	970216
Eurovest Oil & Gas, Inc.	Serena	M	E 2 SUD; White	1	118087
Gulf States Petroleum Corp.	Patterson	L	DISC B 2 RB SUB; Martin	1	096962
Gulf States Petroleum Corp.	Patterson	L	Martin	1-D	098741
Harold Gauging Service, Inc.	St. Martinville	L	VUA; Conoco Fee Fournet D	5	034514
Harold Gauging Service, Inc.	St. Martinville	L	E Fournet SWD	2	056681
Harold Gauging Service, Inc.	St. Martinville	L	VUB; Elmer Fournet Conoco Fee E	4	067037
Harold Gauging Service, Inc.	St. Martinville	L	VUA; Cocono Fee Fournet D	7	088971
Harold Gauging Service, Inc.	St. Martinville	L	VUB; Elmer Fournet Conoco Fee E	5	176939
Harold Gauging Service, Inc.	St. Martinville	L	VUA; Conoco Fee Fournet D	8	180521
Harold Gauging Service, Inc.	St. Martinville	L	VUA; Conoco Fee Fournet D	9	186552
Harold Gauging Service, Inc.	St. Martinville	L	VUA; Conoco Fee Fournet D	10	192342
Harold Gauging Service, Inc.	St. Martinville	L	Elmer Fournet E	2	206322
Precio Energy, LLC	Leeville	L	GG RA SUA; SL 13604	1	212506
Northwest Oil & Gas	Caddo Pine Island	S	Kopecky	1	186247
Northwest Oil & Gas	Caddo Pine Island	S	Posey-Dowty	1	184566

Felix J. Bourdreaux  
Commissioner

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### Department of Natural Resources Office of the Secretary

#### Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et seq., notice is given that 16 claims in the amount of \$41,846.65 were received for payment during the period January 1, 2002 - February 28, 2002. There were 16 claims paid and 0 claims denied.

Loran Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

26666	46978	Cameron
26839	46968	Cameron
28319	46829	Lafourche
28527	46855	Plaquemines
29041	47045	St Tammany

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

2914.055	8923.505	Plaquemines
2915.003	9042.131	Terrebonne
2921.050	8946.070	Plaquemines
2923.067	9039.925	Terrebonne
2926.200	9033.900	Terrebonne
2930.575	9006.742	Jefferson
2930.664	9007.476	Jefferson
2940.010	9254.020	Cameron
2942.864	9304.435	Cameron
2945.751	9309.300	Cameron

A list of claimants and amounts paid can be obtained from Verlie Wims, Administrator, Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 44277, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 or you can call (225)342-0122.

Jack C. Caldwell  
Secretary

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### Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners and Examiners Calcasieu River Waterway

#### Hearing Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953.A.(2)(a), notice is hereby given that the Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners and Examiners, Calcasieu River Waterway, will conduct a public hearing, as requested by a significant number of interested persons, at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at the Board Room of the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District, 150 Marine Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 70601 with respect to the Board's Notice of Intent published in the February 20, 2002 Louisiana Register.

All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to present data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at said public hearing.

James L. Robinson  
Captain, USCG (Ret.)  
Board Designee

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**Department of Social Services  
Office of Community Services**

Opportunities for Public Review of Intended  
Uses of Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)  
Funds for the 2002-2003 FY

The Department of Social Services (DSS) announces opportunities for public review of the state's pre-expenditure report on intended uses of Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003. The proposed FY 2002-2003 SSBG Intended Use Report has been developed in compliance with the requirements of Section 2004 of the Social Security Act, as amended, and includes information on the types of activities to be supported and the categories or characteristics of individuals to be served through use of the state allocation of SSBG funds. Section 2004 of the Social Security Act further requires that the SSBG pre-expenditure report shall be "made public within the State in such manner as to facilitate comment by any person." The Department of Social Services (DSS) as the designated State Services Agency will continue to administer programs funded under the Social Services Block Grant in accordance with applicable statutory requirements and federal regulations. The DSS/Office of Community Services (OCS) will be responsible for provision of social services, by direct delivery and vendor purchase, through use of federal SSBG funds. Estimated SSBG expenditures for SFY 2002-2003 total \$43,721,839.

Louisiana through the DSS Office of Community Services will utilize its allotted funds to provide comprehensive social services on behalf of children and families in fulfillment of legislative mandates for child protection and child welfare programs. These mandated services, and certain other essential social services, are provided without regard to income (WRI) to individuals in need. Individuals to be served also include low-income persons as defined in the Intended Use Report who meet eligibility criteria for services provided through SSBG funding.

Services designated for provision through SSBG funding for State Fiscal Year 2002-2003 are:

A. Adoption (pre-placement to termination of parental rights)

B. Child Protection (investigation of child abuse/neglect reports, assessment, evaluation, social work intervention, shelter care, counseling, referrals, and follow-up)

C. Day Care for Children (direct care for portion of the 24-hour day)

D. Family Services (social work intervention subsequent to validation of a report of child abuse/neglect, counseling to high risk groups)

E. Foster Care/Residential Habilitation Services (foster, residential care, and treatment on a 24-hour basis)

Definitions for the proposed services are set forth in the Intended Use Report.

Persons eligible for SSBG funded services include:

A. Persons without regard to income, who are in need of Adoption Services, Child Protection, Family Services, and Foster Care/Residential Habilitation services.

B. Individuals without regard to income who are recipients of Title IV-E Adoption Assistance.

C. Recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and those persons whose needs were taken into account in determining the needs of TANF recipients.

D. Low-income persons (income eligibles) whose gross monthly income is not more than 125% of the poverty level. A family of four with gross monthly income of not more than \$1885 would qualify as income eligible for services.

E. Persons receiving Title XIX (Medicaid) benefits and certain Medicaid applicants identified in the proposed plan as group eligibles.

The proposed SSBG intended Use Report for SFY 2002-2003 will be available for public review at OCS parish and regional offices Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Copies are available without charge by telephone request to (225) 342-1553 or by writing the Assistant Secretary, Office of Community Services, Box 3318, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Inquiries and comments on the proposed plan may be submitted until Friday, May 17, 2002, to the Assistant Secretary, OCS, at the above address.

A public hearing on the proposed SSBG Intended Use Report for State Fiscal Year 2002-2003 is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2002, at the Office of Community Services, Training Room 652, Commerce Building, 333 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge.

At the public hearing all interested persons will have the opportunity to provide recommendations on the proposed SSBG plan, orally or in writing. Written comments will be accepted through Friday, May 17, 2002.

Post expenditure reports for the SSBG program for State Fiscal Years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are included in the SSBG Intended Use Report for SFY 2002-2003 and are available for public review at the Office of Community Services, 333 Laurel Street, Room 646, Baton Rouge.

Gwendolyn P. Hamilton  
Secretary

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**Department of Social Services**  
**Office of the Secretary**  
**Bureau of Licensing**

Meeting Schedule

The Louisiana Advisory Committee on Child Care Facilities and Child Placing Agencies will meet on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 10:30 a.m. These meetings are open to the public and are held at the office of the Department of Social Services, Bureau of Licensing,

located at 2751 Wooddale Blvd, Suite 330, Baton Rouge LA 70806.

Gwendolyn Hamilton  
Secretary

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