

STATE OF LOUISIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

BATON ROUGE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 92 - 54

WHEREAS, Louisiana's oil and gas industry is severely depressed; resulting in the loss of thousands of jobs; and

WHEREAS, failed energy policies of the past have resulted in a lack of demand for natural gas, the cleanest burning, least polluting and most efficient fuel available; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Natural Gas Marketing Board, within the Department of Economic Development, will facilitate Louisiana's taking the lead in marketing what is arguably its most valuable natural resource.

NOW THEREFORE I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby create and establish the Natural Gas Marketing Board within the Department of Economic Development, and do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Natural Gas Marketing Board is hereby created and established within the Department of Economic Development.

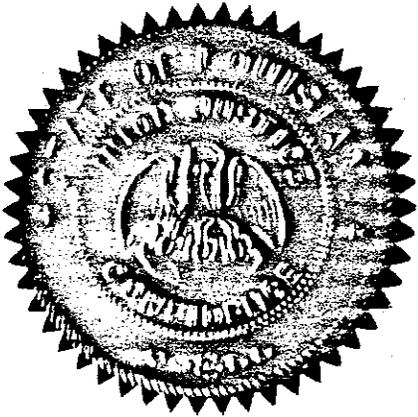
SECTION 2: The duties and functions of the Natural Gas Marketing Board include, but are not limited to, promoting new markets for natural gas, such as gas air-conditioning and conversion of fleet vehicles to compressed natural gas or propane; providing incentives for utilities to make natural gas available for business and home use in all parts of the state; providing incentives for consumers of energy to convert, where feasible, to natural gas, and exploring the economic consequences of converting heating and cooling systems of public buildings to natural gas.

SECTION 3: The Chairman of the Board shall be John P. Laborde, Chief Executive Officer of Tidewater, Inc., and members shall include Kevin Reilly, Secretary of the Department of Economic Development, along with representative(s) of the Department of Natural Resources, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas and others whom the Governor or Chairman deem appropriate to the goals and responsibilities of the Board.

SECTION 4: The Board will be located in the Department of Economic Development, although meetings may take place at other locations. The Board will secure reasonable funding from the State to employ an administrative assistant and to otherwise effectively conduct its business.

SECTION 5: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the state, or of any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Natural Gas Marketing Board in implementing the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 6: The provisions of this Executive Order are effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, or rescinded by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 24th day of July, 1992.

Edwin Edwards
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

Joseph S. Kitley
SECRETARY OF STATE