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**Attachments:** OGL Rules Hearing-BRL.pdf

At the July 30, 2009, Board of University and School Lands meeting, the Board requested comments on a proposed rule requiring that any royalty payor proposing to withhold payments due to an alleged title dispute place those royalties in an escrow account. The proposed rule applies to only minerals managed by the Board.

The purpose of the rule is to provide assurance that funds are available once the title dispute is resolved.

Attached is a notice of hearing to take oral comments to be held on Thursday, August 27, 2009, at 3:00 PM. Written comments will also be considered when received by September 15, 2009. The proposed rule is included within the notice.

The proposed rule is being promulgated under the Board's rule making authority. The Board's authority to adopt rules related to oil and gas leasing activity is exempt from Chapter 28-32 N.D.C.C. rulemaking requirements.

The information contained in this email is not intended to convey all the circumstances surrounding this mineral interest and further research may be necessary.