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State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama
 Attn: Dr. Berry H. (Nick) Tew, Supervisor
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EXECUTIVE DIVISION

Re: Docket No. 4-25-06-33: Notice of Request for Force Pooling by Saga Petroleum, LLC

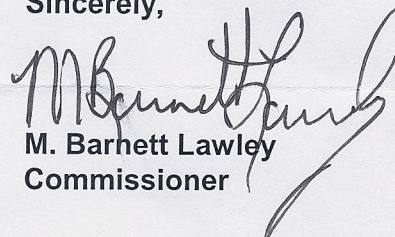
Dear Dr. Tew:

Please be advised that we have reviewed the above referenced petition in connection with the recently held Oil and Gas Board Meeting. Further, we have met with and discussed this petition and additional information with representatives of Saga Petroleum, LLC.

We understand that Saga Petroleum, LLC is seeking approval from the Oil and Gas Board to force pool the state's interest, without risk compensation, in coalbed methane in a unit located in the SE4 of the NW4 of Section 19, Township 19South, Range 8 West, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. Based on our review of this petition, we do not object to being force pooled, providing the state assumes no risk compensation.

Please contact me if I can provide any additional information for you.

Sincerely,



M. Barnett Lawley
 Commissioner

MBL:whb

cc: Ms. Foster C. Arnold, Agent for Saga Petroleum, LLC.

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Exhibit No.	<u>3</u>
Petition By	<u>Saga Petroleum</u>
Item No.	<u>49</u> Date <u>4-25-06</u>
Testimony Of	<u>B. Lawley</u>
Received By	<u>MR</u>

