

above-described leases to be effective October 28, 1951. The corporation has also furnished satisfactory quitclaim deeds as required under the lease terms.

Paragraphs 2 of said leases provide specifically that any portions of unearned rentals paid in advance shall be refundable to the lessee, wherefore the corporation is entitled to a refund of the last annual rentals in their entirety as well as to 84/365th's of the second annual rentals which will be unearned as of the termination date.

Inasmuch as the leases were let under the Public Resources Code, such refunds may be made under the provisions of Section 6816, Public Resources Code, which appropriates deposits in the State Lands Act Fund for the payment of refunds authorized by the Commission and approved by the State Board of Control.

22. (SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION, UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA - W.O. 1061, P.R.C. 627.)

On June 21, 1951 (Minute Page 1397, Item 17), the Commission authorized the granting of a permit to the Union Oil Company of California for the conduct of geophysical exploration operations on tide and submerged lands between Point Dume, Los Angeles County, and Dana Point, Orange County. Operations under this permit were initiated September 4, 1951, and to date (September 19, 1951) approximately forty shots have been discharged, five of which were within one to one and one-half miles of a tideland structure (Huntington Beach Pier). Continuous inspection by the Division of State Lands has shown that there were no detectable effects on the Huntington Beach Pier, and no fish have been killed, this latter observation being confirmed by the inspector of the Division of Fish and Game.

The operating permit as authorized by the Commission does not permit the placing of any shots within one nautical mile of any structure. In view of the fact that no effects could be detected on a structure from shots fired at a distance of one mile, the permittee has requested permission for the firing of controlled, observed shots at distances up to 0.25 nautical miles from structures on the basis that the data from such experimental shots will furnish realistic limits for shot placement in future geophysical exploration permits. The staff concurs with the suggestion of the permittee for the firing of controlled, experimental shots.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, PERMITTEE UNDER GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT P.R.C. 627, TO FIRE NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SHOTS AT DISTANCES NOT CLOSER THAN 0.25 NAUTICAL MILES FROM ANY STRUCTURE, ON THE CONDITION THAT SUCH SHOTS WILL BE PLACED AND FIRED ONLY WITH THE SPECIFIC CONSENT OF AN INSPECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF STATE LANDS AND THAT ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT P.R.C. 627 SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

23. (APPLICATION FOR LEASE, TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS, NAPA RIVER, NAPA COUNTY, STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA - W.O. 1188, P.R.C. 654.)

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE TO THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA A LEASE OF CERTAIN TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS IN NAPA RIVER, NAPA

COUNTY, FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF A WHARF AND BULKHEAD, FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN YEARS, AT AN ANNUAL RENTAL OF \$50.00, WITH RIGHT OF RENEWAL FOR TWO ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF TEN YEARS EACH AT SUCH TERMS AS MAY BE DETERMINED PRIOR TO EACH RENEWAL, PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 TO BE FURNISHED.

The existing wharf and bulkhead have been in use for some time. The area of State land occupied is of such small area and such value as to require the minimum annual rental. Filing fee and expense deposit have been received.

24. (UNITED STATES VS. CALIFORNIA, TIDELANDS CONTROVERSY - W.O. 721.) At this point the Commission went into executive session with the Senate Tidelands Committee. Lieutenant Governor Knight was present for a brief summary by Mr. Mattoon of the current situation in Washington, but left at 5.00 p.m. to attend a meeting for which he had made a prior commitment. All others in attendance remained for the entire discussion. Mr. Dean stated that Attorney General Edmund G. Brown had indicated his interest in the meeting, but was unable to attend because of a prior commitment.

Mr. Mattoon reported that the Operating Stipulation for the next year has been signed, and contains two points of special interest: (1) The operating allowance for the State Lands Commission has been increased from \$12,000 to \$14,000 per month; (2) Authorization is given to release over-riding royalties.

Senator Breed stated that he felt some special attempt should be made to arouse "grass roots" sentiment in favor of a Constitutional amendment covering the principle of State's rights; although the State Lands Commission agreed that such a procedure would have its approval, it favored having the California delegation in Congress make the decision as to the time of initiating action.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.