

22. (SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION, UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA - W.O. 1061, P.R.C. 627.) On June 21, 1951 (Minute Pages 1397-99, Item 17), the Commission authorized the issuance of a permit for the conduct of geophysical operations on tide and submerged lands between Pt. Dume, Los Angeles County, and Dana Point, Orange County, to the Union Oil Company of California. The operating conditions of this permit were amended on July 16, 1951 (Minute Page 1415, Item 13), September 20, 1951 (Minute Page 1452, Item 22), and October 1, 1951, as approved in Item 10 of the current minutes, Minute Page 1461.

Application has again been received from the Union Oil Company of California requesting further modification of the subject permit to allow facilitation of the operations and improvement of geophysical exploration results without creating any additional public hazards. This application is based on the results of the operations which have been conducted since September 4, 1951, and special experimental work conducted with the Division of State Lands on October 9, 1951, pursuant to the authorization of September 20, 1951 (Minute Page 1452, Item 22).

All operations conducted to date have been in strict conformance with the terms and conditions of the permit, and the special tests on October 9, 1951, have shown that the detonations of jetted shots of black powder at distances not closer than 0.25 nautical mile to structures and open shots at distances not closer than 1.0 nautical mile from the ordinary high-water mark, cannot cause any damage to structures or otherwise endanger life or property.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE A REVISED PERMIT TO THE UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, IN THE FORM FOLLOWING, FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION BETWEEN PT. DUME, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND DANA POINT, ORANGE COUNTY, FOR THE PERIOD STARTING NOVEMBER 3, 1951, AND TERMINATING NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 1951; SUCH REVISED PERMIT TO REQUIRE THE PERMITTEE TO COMPLY WITH ANY AND ALL REQUIREMENTS OF ANY PERMIT ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR OPERATIONS IN THE PERMITTED AREA:

DIVISION OF STATE LANDS

PERMIT FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Permission is granted hereby to \_\_\_\_\_ for the conduct of submarine seismograph exploration work between \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and \_\_\_\_\_ (date), inclusive, on those tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission, described as follows:

(description)

The conduct of any operations under this permit is subject to the following specific conditions:

- 1. No explosives shall be discharged under any circumstances except in accordance with the specific terms of this permit.

2. Operations shall be suspended on order of the Division of State Lands whenever and for such time as may be required to establish that the conditions of this permit are being complied with.

3. A copy of the schedule of operations conducted shall be furnished to the Division of State Lands on the fifteenth and last day of each month of operations. Such schedule shall be complete in detail as to location, number, size, and type of placement of shots fired.

4. Specific compliance must be had with any and all requirements of any permit issued by the State Department of Fish and Game for operations in the permitted area.

5. In waters with a depth of less than 17 fathoms, all shots shall be placed beneath the ocean floor ("jet shot") to such a depth that the top of any charge shall be at least 10 feet below said ocean floor, except that no shots shall be fired at any time within 0.25 nautical mile of any structure or within 0.25 nautical mile of the ordinary high-water mark.

6. "Open" shots are permitted only in waters more than 0.25 nautical mile seaward of the ordinary high-water mark and more than 0.25 nautical mile from any structure, and which have a depth of more than 17 fathoms.

7. No shots will be permitted in excess of a standard charge of 45 pounds of black powder, Hercules grade sporting powder, FFFG, or equivalent and no faster, except as hereinafter provided. Charges of 90 pounds of the specified powder may be used for jet shots more than 0.5 nautical mile from any structure and more than 0.5 nautical mile seaward of the ordinary high-water mark and for any open shots. Charges of 90 pounds of the specified powder may be used in open shots in waters of a depth of less than 17 fathoms only when such shot location is more than 0.5 nautical mile from any structure, more than 1.0 nautical mile seaward of the ordinary high-water mark, and when the Department of Fish and Game has given specific approval for the use of such shot.

8. Violations of any of the provisions of this permit or of any permit issued by the State Department of Fish and Game for the same area, may result in immediate suspension of all operations on orders given by the Division of State Lands, and may result in termination of the permit by order of the Executive Officer, State Lands Commission. Such terminated permit may be reinstated only by action of the State Lands Commission.

9. Operations under this permit may be inspected by the Division of State Lands at any reasonable time. Transportation to the location of operations shall be furnished by the permittee to the representative of the Division of State Lands upon advance request. Such transportation shall be furnished from the normal place of embarkation for the vessels operating under this permit.

This permit is revocable at any time by the State Lands Commission.

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RUFUS W. PUTNAM  
Executive Officer

All terms, conditions and provisions of the foregoing permit are accepted by the applicant.

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23. (TIDELANDS - SUITS AGAINST SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR RE ISSUANCE OF LEASES UNDER 1920 ACT - W.O. 721.) There have been five civil actions filed in the District Court of the United States, District of Columbia, by claimants who have made application under the Federal 1920 Mineral Leasing Act on tide and submerged lands now under State lease, to force the Secretary of the Interior to issue Federal leases of such lands. Such applications have been rejected previously by the Secretary of the Interior, and these actions seek to compel issuance of Federal oil and gas leases.

The State's lessees have filed petitions to intervene, and in some of the cases have received permission to intervene.

As stated above, these cases involve tide and submerged lands now under lease by the State, which leases are operated under the oil and gas stipulation whereunder the royalty is impounded. There are many other Mineral Lease Act applications filed on tide and submerged lands which have not gone to court or where the area has not been leased by the State.

Since the State has leased the lands in these five cases, the question is: Should the State try to intervene in these actions?

UPON MOTION DILY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO RELY UPON THE ADVICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON THE QUESTION OF INTERVENING, AND TO REQUEST THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INTERVENE IF IT SEEMS ADVISABLE TO DO SO.

24. (PROPOSED SALE TO ROLAND H. WILEY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, OF 4400.73 ACRES OF LAND IN THE PAHRUMP VALLEY, INYO COUNTY, SECURED BY THE STATE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AT THE REQUEST OF MR. WILEY - S.W.O. 5207.) On May 24, 1951 (Minute Pages 1375-76, Item 21), the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to advertise and receive bids for the sale of 4400.73 acres of land in Pahrump Valley located in T. 21 and 22 N., R. 10 E., S.B.M., Inyo County, at a minimum price of \$2 per acre, giving Mr. Roland H. Wiley of Las Vegas, Nevada, 30 days after opening of bids in which to meet the highest qualified bids, and report the results to the Commission for final action.

Pursuant to said authorization, the Executive Officer, on August 17, 1951, advertised said lands for sale in accordance with the rules and regulations