

MINUTE ITEM

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23. REQUEST FOR DEFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS, OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 2198.1, OFFSHORE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY; STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA AND SHELL OIL COMPANY - W.O. 6028.

After consideration of Calendar Item 23 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO GRANT TO STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA AND SHELL OIL COMPANY A DEFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS UNDER STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 2198.1 THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 1966. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE ARE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Attachment

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State Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 2198.1, containing approximately 3,840 acres of tide and submerged lands offshore Santa Barbara County, was issued on October 14, 1958, to Standard Oil Company of California and Humble Oil & Refining Company, pursuant to competitive public bidding. The lease is now held by Standard Oil Company and Shell Oil Company, with Standard designated as operator.

Under the terms of the lease, the lessees were not required to commence operations for the drilling of a well until October 14, 1961. However, prior to this date the lessees, at a cost of approximately \$1,500,000, drilled and abandoned four wells on the lease. In addition, the lessees paid \$770,837.70 as a cash bonus when the lease was issued, and have incurred evaluation expenses, geological and geophysical costs, and lease rentals.

The last test well drilled on the lease was suspended January 4, 1961. The Commission has granted deferments of the drilling requirements since August 28, 1961.

An application has been received from Standard Oil Company of California, operator, requesting an additional deferment of drilling requirements for a six-month period extending from April 14, 1966, through October 13, 1966.

In 1965, Standard, as operator, conducted a seismic program in areas adjoining this lease. A portion of the survey, completed on August 4, included a shot line extended to cross the leased area. The seismic data is being processed and will be integrated into the study of the geological data obtained from the four wells previously drilled on the lease. It is believed that at least an additional six-month deferment will be necessary to process the data and complete the aforementioned study.

In conformance with the current Commission practice of granting deferments for periods not in excess of six months,

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO GRANT TO STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA AND SHELL OIL COMPANY A DEFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS UNDER STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 2198.1 THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 1966. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE ARE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.