

10. APPLICATION FOR PERMITS TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, WISTER WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, IMPERIAL COUNTY; ATLANTIC OIL COMPANY - W 9267, PRC 4700.1; W 9268, PRC 4701.1.

During consideration of Calendar Item 8 attached, the Executive Officer read into the record a telegram received at 9:23 a.m. that morning from Harriet Allen, Sierra Club Southern California Regional Conservation Committee Chairman, urging that the request for permits be denied for two reasons: (1) That certain Federal land areas are not subject to geothermal leasing under the Geothermal Steam Act; and (2) that the Sierra Club opposes action that would impair present protective restrictions on wildlife areas, claiming that industry has not solved technological problems of land displacement emission of gas particulates, odors and noise which jeopardize wildlife and wildlife habitat. The Executive Officer pointed out that the objections were not valid, as all of the problems mentioned would be controlled under the permit issued by the Commission, and, further, that before any leases would be issued following successful discovery operations under the prospecting permits, a further environmental impact study would be required.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND CARRIED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

THE COMMISSION:

1. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6371 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 66 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF, FINDS THAT THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES IN THE AREAS UNDER APPLICATION WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT DETRIMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT.
2. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6904 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE TO ATLANTIC OIL COMPANY OF TWO PERMITS TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ON LANDS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED, FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 31, 1972, THROUGH AUGUST 30, 1975, IN THE STANDARD FORM OF PERMIT APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON MAY 29, 1969 (MINUTE ITEM 48, PAGE 660), SUBJECT TO ALL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS INCORPORATED IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 66.

Attachment:

Calendar Item 8 (3 pages)

CALENDAR ITEM

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO PROSPECT FOR  
GEOHERMAL RESOURCES

APPLICANT: Atlantic Oil Company.

LOCATION: Wister Waterfowl Management Area, Imperial County.

TYPE OF LAND: Proprietary land; surface under the management of the  
Department of Fish and Game.

ACREAGE: W 9267: 1,854 acres more or less.

W 9268: 2,039 acres more or less.

Total: 3,893 acres more or less.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

- a. Application approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
- b. Land has not been classified as known geothermal resources land.
- c. Statutory filing fees, permit fees, and expense deposits have been submitted by the applicant.
- d. Consent has been obtained from the Department of Fish and Game.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The surface of the State proprietary lands applied for is under the management of the Department of Fish and Game (Wister Unit of the Imperial Wildlife Area). Pursuant to Section 6924 of the Public Resources Code, the Commission may issue permits in such areas with the consent of the department involved. No drilling will be permitted within the area under application. The drillsites will be located outside of the Wister Unit, and the wells will be directionally drilled into the lands included in the permits.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Pursuant to Section 6371 of the Public Resources Code, Environmental Impact Report No. 66 has been prepared by the State Lands Division, which is on file in the office of the Commission, and by reference made a part hereof, and is available for public review. The report concludes that the proposed operations will not have a significant detrimental environmental effect.

EXHIBITS: A. Land Description. B. Location Map.

CALENDAR ITEM NO. 8. (CONTD)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6371 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 66 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF, FIND THAT THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES IN THE AREAS UNDER APPLICATION WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT DETRIMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT.
2. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6904 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE TO ATLANTIC OIL COMPANY OF TWO PERMITS TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ON LANDS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED, FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 31, 1972, THROUGH AUGUST 30, 1975, IN THE STANDARD FORM OF PERMIT APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON MAY 29, 1969 (MINUTE ITEM 48, PAGE 660), SUBJECT TO ALL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS INCORPORATED IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 66.

Attachment: Exhibit "A"

EXHIBIT "A"

W 9267  
W 9268

Those certain parcels of State proprietary land situated within Imperial Wildlife Area, Wister Unit, in Imperial County, State of California, described as follows:

- W 9267: That portion of south half of north half and of south half of Section 10, situated west of State Highway 111; that portion of northwest quarter and of south half of Section 14, situated west of State Highway 111; east half, east half of west half and northwest quarter of northwest quarter of Section 15; north half of northeast quarter and southeast quarter of northeast quarter of Section 22; south half, and that portion of north half of Section 23, situated west of State Highway 111; that portion of southwest quarter of Section 24, situated west of State Highway 111; in Township 10 South, Range 13 East, S.B.M., containing 1,854 acres more or less.
- W 9268: That portion of Section 25, situated west of State Highway 111; Section 26 (all); Section 36 (all); in Township 10 South, Range 13 East; west half of Section 6 in Township 11 South, Range 14 East, S.B.M., containing 2,039 acres more or less.