

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 19
was approved as Minute Item
No. 19 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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DEFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS, STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2879

LESSEE/OPERATOR:

Union Oil Company of California
P. O. Box 7600
Los Angeles, California 90051

Attention: K. J. Robertson

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 2879 was issued on April 26, 1962, and contains approximately 5,653 acres of tidelands lying south and offshore Point Conception in Santa Barbara County. It is the westernmost offshore State Oil and Gas Lease in the Santa Barbara Channel and adjacent to the proposed Point Conception State lease area.

SUMMARY:

On November 23, 1982, the State Lands Commission granted Union a deferment of the drilling requirements of State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 2879 until June 1, 1983. Commencing on March 23, 1983, Union drilled 18-6 and 18-6 No. 1 redrill. Both of these exploratory wells were tested extensively and the redrill was finally abandoned on June 17, 1983. In October 1983, the Commission granted to Union a deferment from October 17, 1983 through April 16, 1984.

In a letter dated March 9, 1984, Union stated that a decision to prepare a Development Plan had been made and has requested a 12-month deferment of the drilling obligation. Staff recommends a six-month deferment, until October 25, 1984, conditioned on Union submitting a development plan prior to that time.

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AB 884: N/A.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA, because the activity is not a "project" as defined by CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Authority: P.R.C. 21065 and 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15378.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061, BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15378.
2. APPROVE A DEFERMENT OF THE CONTINUOUS 120-DAY DRILLING OBLIGATION ON STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2879.1 UNTIL OCTOBER 25, 1984, CONDITIONED ON UNION'S SUBMITTING A DEVELOPMENT PLAN PRIOR TO THAT TIME. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

EXHIBIT "A"

VICINITY MAP

PRC 2879

