MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. <u>41</u> was approved as Minute Item No. <u>41</u> by the State Lands Commission by a vote of <u>3</u> to <u>0</u> at its <u>(e/21/84)</u> meeting.

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GAS POOLING AGREEMENT

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Northern Michigan Exploration Company 500 Ming Avenue, Suite ?10 Bakersfield, California 93006

LEASE AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION: 1,240 acres of uplands on the western boundary of the Gray Lodge State Game Refuge in Butte County, California.

LEASE INFORMATION:

State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 6396 was issued to Northern Michigan Exploration Company ("NOMECO") March 24, 1983, and provides for an annual rental of \$10 per acre and a 30 percent flat rate royalty on total production of all oil and gas produced from State-owned lands. No drill sites are available on the State parcel and NOMECO proposes to slant drill one well to bottom on State land from a location on private lands south of the Game Refuge. Section 22 of the lease allows the lessee, with the consent of the State, to unite with others owning or operating lands not belonging to the State in adopting a unit plan of development of the pool or field.

UNIT INFORMATION:

NOMECO has executed a Declaration of Pooling creating a unit containing 160 acres of which 80 acres are private lands and the State lease lands comprise 80 acres. The State's proportionate interest in the unit entitles the State to receive a production allocation of 50 percent of all gas, gas distillate or

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condensate.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS: A Declaration of Pooling has been executed by the State Lessee and is on file in the Office of the Commission.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES: 1. P.R.C.: Sections 6829.2 and 6832.

 Section 22 of State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 6396.

3. 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15378.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15025), 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. Proposed Pool Location.

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 THE DECLARATION OF POOLING BY NORTHERN MICHIGAN EXPLORATION COMPANY, ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION AND HEREBY MADE A PART HEREOF, COVERING OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 6396, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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