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No. 31 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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DEFERMENT OF DRILLING OBLIGATION
STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 4002,
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

APPLICANT:

Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
P.O. Box 5050
San Ramon, CA 94583-0905

AREA, TYPE AND LOCATION OF STATE LAND:

State oil and gas lease PRC 4002 contains approximately 600 acres of submerged lands located immediately south of State oil and gas lease PRC 2199, in the Gaviota area, Santa Barbara County.

LEASE INFORMATION:

The lease was issued on August 28, 1968 to Standard Oil Company of California, now Chevron U.S.A. Inc., for a competitive cash bonus bid of \$61,200. In early 1986, Chevron conducted an extensive 3-D geophysical survey covering the subject lease as well as adjoining Federal and State lands. As a result of preliminary interpretation of the geophysical data, a prospect has been identified on Lease PRC 4002 and several adjoining federal and State leases.

Chevron is continuing its review and evaluation of the 3-D survey data and has requested a one-year extension of the present deferment of its drilling obligation through December 31, 1991, to evaluate the prospect for an unitized (Federal and State) exploratory drilling project.

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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 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. 21056 and 14 Cal. Code Regs. 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. CODE REGS. 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15378.
2. APPROVE A DEFERMENT OF THE DRILLING OBLIGATION UNDER STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 4002 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1991.

