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This Calendar Item No. 60
was approved as Minute Item
No. 60 by the State Land
Commission by a vote of 3
to 6 at its 7/6/95
meeting.
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PRC 5995

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ACCEPT THE PARTIAL QUITCLAIM OF NEGOTIATED SUBSURFACE (NO SURFACE USE) STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 5995 (152.22 ACRES UNDER LINDSEY SLOUGH), SOLANO COUNTY

LESSEE:

Casex Company
P. O. Drawer 2667
Truckee, California 96160-2667

Pittencrieff America, Inc. P. O. Box 6129 Abilene, TX 79608

BACKGROUND:

State oil and gas lease PRC 5995 (Parcel 1) was issued to Seahawk-Casex on April 29, 1981 and consists of 86 acres of tide, submerged and lands lying in the bed of Lindsey Slough in Solano County, California. PRC 5996 (Parcel 2) was issued to Seahawk-Casex at the same time and consists of 152 acres of tide and submerged lands lying in the bed of Lindsey Slough in Solano County, California.

On September 28, 1983, the State Lands Commission (Commission) approved an agreement to unify the two leases. PRC 5995 was amended to include the lease area of PRC 5996 (Parcel 1 and Parcel 2). Pittencrieff America, Inc., is the successor to Seahawk (Colessee with Casex).

Section 6804.1 of the P.R.C. and Lease Paragraph 26 provide that the lessee may at any time submit a written quitclaim of all rights under the lease or of any portion of the leased lands comprising a ten-acre parcel or multiple thereof in a compact form. The quitclaim will be effective

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when it is filed with the State subject to the continued obligation of the lessee and its surety to pay all accrued rentals and royalties and to abandon all wells drilled on the leased lands to be quitclaimed.

On March 5, 1995, the lessee filed with the Commission a "Quitclaim Deed for State Oil and Gas Lease" (Exhibit "A"). This document was dated March 16, 1995 and quitclaims back to the State all of the lessee's right, title and interest in Parcel 2 of the leased lands.

A review of the Commission's files reveals that no default exists on the Lease, that the lessee has complied with all applicable laws and Lease provisions and has paid all rentals and royalties due under the lease. No wells were drilled into or under Parcel 2.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. P.R.C. 6804.1 and Lease Paragraph 26.

AB 884:

N/A

OTHER PERTINENT 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 CEQA because the activity is not a "project" as defined by the CEQA Statutes and Guidelines.

Authority: P.R.C. 21084 and 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15378.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Quitclaim Deed
- B. Location Map

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- 1. FIND THE ACTIVITY 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. ACCEPT FROM CASEX COMPANY AND PITTENCRIEFF AMERICA, INC.
 (LESSEE) THE QUITCLAIM DEED FOR STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE
 DATED MARCH 16, 1995, WHERE THE LESSEES QUITCLAIM BACK TO
 THE STATE ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN PARCEL 2 OF STATE
 OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 5995.
- 3. RELEASE CASEX COMPANY AND PITTENCRIEFF AMERICA, INC., FROM ALL OBLIGATIONS UNDER STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 5995 WITH RESPECT TO PARCEL 2 EFFECTIVE MARCH 5, 1995, THE FILING DATE OF THE QUITCLAIM DEED.
- 4. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF ANY DOCUMENT NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE COMMISSION'S ACTION.

RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF: State of California State Lands Commission WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO: State Lands Commission 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95825-8202 Attention: Title Unit The State of California is entitled to free recordation pursuant to Government Code Section 27383. No Tax Due. FOR RECORDERS USE ONLY

QUITCLAIM DEED FOR STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE

	5995.1 State Oil and Gas Lease PRC /_ (Lease), covering certain State lands located in
Solano	County, California, was issued by the State of California, acting through the State Lands
Commi	ission (State), on April 29 1981 and was recorded in the Official Records of
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•	ng information if leased lands are located in and Lease is recorded in more than one county r)

Pursuant to the terms of the Lease and Section 6804.1 of the Public Resources Code, Lessee may at any time make and file with the State a written quitclaim or relinquishment of all rights under the Lease or any portion of the Lease comprising a 10-acre parcel or multiple thereof in compact form, or of any separate or distinct zone or geological horizon thereof underlying such 10-acre parcel or multiple thereof.

Acting in accordance with such terms, Lessee does hereby release, remise and forever quitclaim unto the State all of its right, title and interest in and to the State lands or that portion of the State lands held by virtue of the Lease, which lands are or portion is described in the attached Exhibit "A".

Executed on <u>March 16.</u> , 19 95, at _	Indian Wells, Calif	fornia	.•
LESSEE:	ATTEST/		
By: Costro Casex Co.	Mile II		-
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Pittencrieff America, Inc.

CONNIE SMITH ASST CO.

EXHIBIT "A"

The area described below was formerly known as Parcel 2 under the unrecorded State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 5996.1, dated April 29, 1981. Said Lease and acreage were merged into State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 5995.1 by an unrecorded "Agreement Regarding Two State Oil And Gas Leases And Amendment And Modification Of Such State Oil And Gas Leases" dated October 3, 1983. It is intended that the entire acreage under Parcel 2 be quitclaimed, said acreage being described as follows:

All the tide and submerged land lying within the bed of Lindsey Slough, situated in Sections 22, 23, 26, and 27, T5N, R2E, MDM, being bounded on the west by the northerly extension of the west line of the east half of the west half of Section 27, and bounded on the east by the northerly prolongation of the easterly line of the parcel of land described in the assignment of oil and gas lease from Humble Oil and Refining Company to Richfield Corporation, recorded November 15, 1960, in Book 1052 of Official Records, Page 599, Instrument No 22390. Excepting therefrom any portion lying landward of the ordinary highwater mark of Lindsey Slough. The above described Parcel contains 152.22 acres, more or less.

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