# CALENDAR ITEM C36

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# CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FINAL REPORT AND CLOSING STATEMENT FOR THE LONG BEACH UNIT ANNUAL PLAN (JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008), LONG BEACH UNIT, WILMINGTON OIL FIELD, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

#### **APPLICANT:**

City of Long Beach Long Beach Gas and Oil Department Attn: Mr. Christopher Garner, Director 211 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 500 Long Beach, CA 90802

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Long Beach has submitted to the California State Lands Commission (Commission) the Final Report and Closing Statement of the FY 2007-2008 Annual Plan, Long Beach Unit, covering the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. This report provides the actual performance for the full Fiscal Year 07/08.

There were no modifications to the original budget of \$395.6 million during the fiscal year. Also, there were no changes made to the amount or distribution of funds between the five budget categories.

The average oil and gas rates for Fiscal Year 07/08 were reported to be 28,578 bbls/day of oil (1,939 bbls/day less than originally estimated) and 13,048 MCF/day of gas (2,976 MCF/day more than forecast). The reason for the less than anticipated oil production rate was a greater than expected decline in production from existing wells and lower than anticipated initial oil rates from new wells. The higher than estimated gas rate was due to higher than anticipated production from Island Grissom Shallow Gas well completions. The cumulative recoveries and injection through June 30, 2008 are as follows:

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Oil Production 970,399,000 Barrels
Gas Production 258,695,000 MCF
Water Production 7,043,508,000 Barrels
Water Injection 9,023,699,000 Barrels

Cumulative Injection - Gross Production Ratio is 1.126 bbls/bbl.

Total expenditures for the Unit were \$348.9 million, which was \$46.7 million less than the approved budget for Fiscal Year 07/08. The lower expenditures were primarily the result of less than anticipated drilling costs, realized through increased drilling efficiency and drilling less expensive wells. Also contributing were lower electrical costs due to the use of a greater percentage of less expensive electricity generated by the Unit power plant.

Net profit for the 07/08 fiscal year was \$596.0 million, which was \$522.7 million more than the approved budget estimate. The approved budget forecast used an oil price of \$40.00/bbl and a gas price of \$6.00/Mcf. The actual prices averaged \$87.48/bbl of oil and \$6.81/Mcf of gas for the fiscal year.

The actual oil and gas prices, expenditures, and net profit for Fiscal Year 07/08 are shown in the table below.

MILLION DOLLARS							
ACTUAL ACTUAL ACTUAL ACTUAL ACTUAL FIRST SECOND THIRD FOURTH TOTAL QUARTER QUARTER FY07/08 FY 07/08 FY 07/08 FY 07/08 YEAR 07/0							
Oil Revenue	175.9	212.5	225.5	298.6	912.5		
Gas Revenue	7.7	6.6	7.5	10.6	32.4		
Expenditures	86.1	89.8	90.9	82.1	348.9		
Net Profit	97.5	129.3	142.1	227.1	596.0		
Original Budget Net Profit*	13.3	20.1	19.2	20.7	73.3		
Change	84.2	109.2	122.9	206.4	522.7		
Oil Price \$/BBL	67.17	80.95	87.43	113.24	87.48		
Gas Price \$/MCF	6.77	5.56	6.10	8.69	6.81		

Commission staff has reviewed the Final Report and Closing Statement for the Annual Plan, including production, injection, expenditures and revenue figures, and has prepared Exhibits A and B, attached hereto, to represent graphically the actual fiscal year performance compared to the approved budget.

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#### OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines [Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15060(c)(3)], the staff has determined that this activity is not subject to the provisions of the CEQA because it is not a "project" as defined by the CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, sections 15060 (c)(3) and 15378.

#### **EXHIBITS:**

- A. Fiscal Year 07/08 Financial Performance, Annual Plan vs. Budget.
- B. Fiscal Year 07/08 Oil Rate, Annual Plan vs. Budget.
- C. Letter from the City of Long Beach requesting approval of the Final Closing Statement.

#### PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A (not a "development project" subject to the Act)

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

#### **CEQA FINDING:**

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15060(c)(3) BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15378.

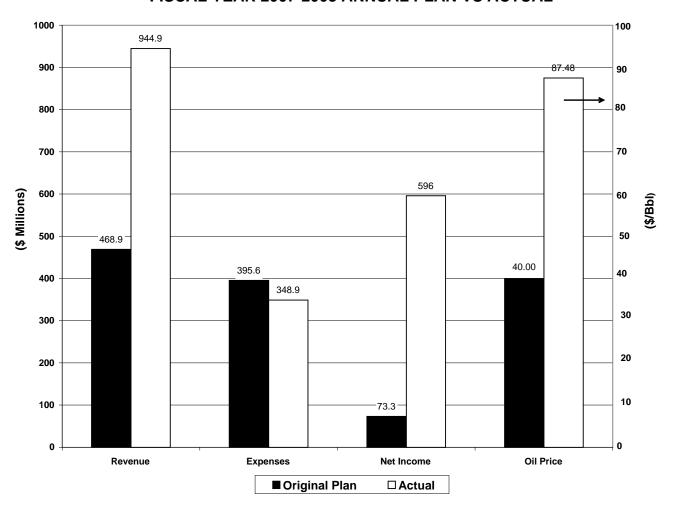
#### **AUTHORIZATION:**

APPROVE THE FINAL REPORT AND CLOSING STATEMENT FOR THE LONG BEACH UNIT ANNUAL PLAN, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008, LONG BEACH UNIT, WILMINGTON OIL FIELD, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

# Exhibit A W 17161

# **LBU Financial Performance**

## FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 ANNUAL PLAN VS ACTUAL

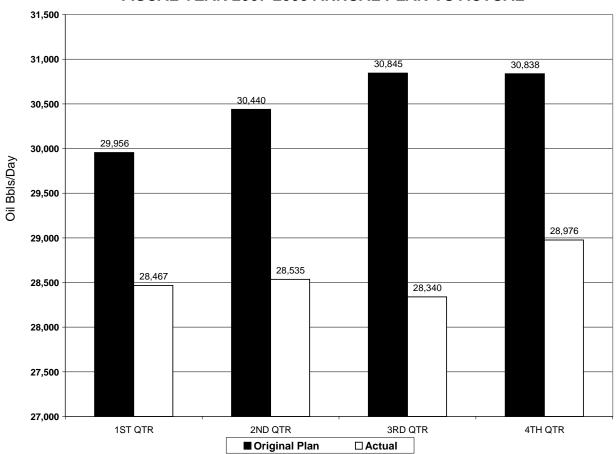


## **Exhibit B**

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#### LBU OIL RATE PERFORMANCE

## FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 ANNUAL PLAN VS ACTUAL



#### **EXHIBIT C**



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OIL OPERATIONS . OIL PRODUCTION / SUBSIDENCE

November 3, 2008

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE FINAL REPORT AND CLOSING

STATEMENT FOR THE ANNUAL PLAN (JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH

**JUNE 30, 2008)** 

Dear Mr. Scott:

In accordance with provisions of Part IV, Section C, of the Annual Plan, we are submitting this final report and closing statement for the Annual Plan covering the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. This report contains a reconciliation of Unit activities by Category.

#### **DEVELOPMENT DRILLING**

The Development Drilling Category provides funding for all drilling and redrilling activity, as well as maintenance and replacements for drilling equipment within the Unit.

#### **Operations Review**

During the Plan period 55 new wells were completed. Occidental also fulfilled its obligation of drilling a deep zone well (C-250), as agreed upon in the "Gas Incentive Agreement" signed in May 2005. The encouraging production from this deep zone well has resulted in several additional deep zone wells planned for the Annual Plan period 2008-2009. The following is a listing of both new completions and redrills by zone:

	N	New Completions				Redrills		
Zone	Prod	Inj	Total	Prod	Inj	Total		
Tar	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Ranger	6	2	8	18	6	24		
Terminal	2	1	3	2	8	10		
UP-Ford	1	4	5	2	2	4		
237	1	0	1	0	0	0		
Totals	10	7	17	22	16	38		

On June 30, 2008, the total number of wells in the Unit was 1,339, of which 861 were producers and 478 were injectors. Excluded from these totals are the abandoned wells.

#### **Budget to Actual Variance**

The Development Drilling Category had a budget of \$92,600,000, of which \$77,943,000 or 84.2 percent was expended. The Plan provided funds for 58 new and redrilled wells to be drilled with three full-time drilling rigs. In November 2007, one drilling rig was dropped, but because of improved efficiencies of the remaining two drill rigs, 55 wells were either drilled or redrilled during the Plan period. The improved drilling efficiency was the result of using top drive rigs, the utilization of rotary steerable drilling technology, and using more efficient drilling crews.

Using two rigs, versus three, contributed to lower than planned expenditures in this Category. However, the reduced spending was mainly driven by changes in the well mix. A higher number of injectors, generally less expensive than producers, were completed, and there was a shift away from hydraulic fractured stimulation completions to lower cost, open hole completions. The Plan also included \$8.9 million for drilling rig maintenance, drilling support and drill rig upgrades; however, only \$5.9 million was spent.

#### **OPERATING EXPENSE**

The Operating Expense Category provides funding for the ongoing cost of day-to-day well production and injection operations necessary for producing, processing, and delivering crude oil and gas, for all electric power costs and abandonment costs.

#### **Operations Review**

- Unit oil shipments during the Plan period averaged 28,578 bbls/day, which was 1,939 bbls/day lower than estimated in the Plan. The base oil rate decline was higher than expected, and the new wells averaged lower initial oil rates than anticipated. The number of wells shut-in for voidage and repair was in line with historic levels.
- Gas production averaged 13,048 mcf/day, which was 2,976 mcf/day higher than estimated in the Plan. This is attributable to higher than forecasted production from the Grissom Shallow Gas.
- Water injection averaged 988,321 bbls/day, which was 1,922 bbls/day lower than originally estimated in the Plan. Gross production averaged 924,422 bbls/day, which was 54,636 bbls/day lower than estimated.

- The average price for Unit crude was \$87.48/bbl during the Plan period. The Plan was based on \$40.00/bbl crude. The average price for Unit gas was \$6.81/mcf, and the Plan was based on \$6.00/mcf.
- The Plan included \$842,000 for the well and facility abandonment expenses. Actual abandonment expense totaled \$345,000 and was lower than forecasted because well abandonment expenses were minimal.

#### **Budget to Actual Variance**

The Operating Expense Category was budgeted at \$118,700,000, of which \$91,961,000, or 77.5 percent, was expended. The lower spending level was primarily related to lower than forecasted electricity costs and fewer investment well work projects being completed. Lower electricity costs were the result of using more electricity generated by the Unit power plant than was anticipated in the Plan, as well as lower SCE tariffs. Fifteen investment well work projects were completed at an average cost of \$230,000 per project. The Plan included the assumption that 23 investment well work projects would be completed at an average cost of \$250,000 per project.

#### FACILITIES, MAINTENANCE, AND PLANT

The Facilities, Maintenance, and Plant Category provides funds for maintenance, repairs, upgrades, additions of surface facilities and pipelines, and costs for general field services.

#### **Operations Review**

Projects with significant expenditures during the fiscal year include the following:

- Amine Plant
- Facility Capacity Expansion
- Vapor Recovery Upgrade
- Grissom Injection Piping
- Grissom Culvert Piping to Cellar #1
- White Produced Water Piping
- White Oil & Gas Exit Lines
- Chaffee Produced Water Piping
- JL-2 Pipeline Encasement
- Pier J 18" Wet Oil & 14" Gas Line Repairs

- Pier J-2 to J-6 & Tank Farm Piping
- Walking/Working Surfaces Hazards

#### **Budget to Actual Variance**

The Facilities, Maintenance, and Plant Category was budgeted at \$96,600,000, of which \$95,338,000, or 98.7 percent, was expended.

#### UNIT FIELD LABOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE

The Unit Field Labor and Administrative Category provides funding for salaries, benefits, training, and other expenses of all Unit personnel, and costs for other Unit support activities. Unit support activities include costs for professional and temporary services, data processing and general office equipment and materials, Unit Operator billable costs, Oxy Long Beach, Inc. billable costs, management projects, extraordinary losses and claims, and prior year adjustments.

#### **Budget to Actual Variance**

The Unit Field Labor and Administrative Category was budgeted at \$57,100,000, of which \$50,990,000, or 89.3 percent, was expended.

The Unit Field Labor and Administrative Category spending was below the forecasted amount primarily due to lower than projected benefits costs.

#### TAXES, PERMITS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD

The Taxes, Permits, and Administrative Overhead Category provides funding for specific taxes, permits, licenses, land leases, and all administrative overhead costs for the Unit.

#### **Budget to Actual Variance**

The Taxes, Permits, and Administrative Overhead Category was budgeted at \$30,600,000, of which \$32,680,000 or 106.8 percent, was expended.

The Taxes, Permits, and Administrative Overhead Category spending exceeded the forecasted amount primarily due to the increases in both property and production taxes.

#### SUMMARY

The Long Beach Unit Annual Plan budget for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 was \$395,600,000, of which \$348,912,000 or 88.2 percent was expended. Fiscal year profit of \$596,034,000 was \$522,734 more than the \$73,300,000 originally estimated in the Plan. Contributing to the higher than anticipated profits was the high price of crude oil during the Plan period. Unit crude oil averaged \$87.48/bbl during the Plan period, while the budget was based on \$40.00/bbl.

Significant effort was made during the Plan period to maintain Unit strategic investment initiatives that began during the previous fiscal year. Drilling efficiencies were realized resulting in 55 of 58 forecast wells being drilled faster and less expensively. In addition, projects were implemented to repair and upgrade the Unit's facility infrastructure.

#### **BUDGET RECONCILIATION**

Attached are the June 2008 Budget Statement for Fiscal Year Projects; Annual Plan Economic Projections; Major Planning Assumptions; rates and volumes of oil, gas, and water production and water injection by location and zone; and an end-of-the-period report of number of wells.

Sincerely

Christopher J. Garner

Director

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Enclosures

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#### **Economic Projections**

					ACCURATION	DIDOET	O/ ACTUAL
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% ACTUAL
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	TOTAL	TOTAL	OVER/UNDER(-)
(Data in Thousands of \$)	QUARTER	QUARTER	QUARTER	QUARTER	FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR	BUDGET
	FY07/08	FY07/08	FY07/08	FY07/08	FY07/08	FY07/08	FY07/08
ESTIMATED REVENUE							
Oil Revenue	\$175,919	\$212,515	\$225,482	\$298,600	\$912,518	\$446,784	104.2%
Gas Revenue	\$7,668	\$6,624	\$7,493	\$10,643	\$32,428	\$22,118	46.6%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$183,588	\$219,140	\$232,975	\$309,243	\$944,946	\$468,902	101.5%
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES							
Development Drilling	\$21,404	\$19,632	\$21,463	\$15,445	\$77,943	\$92,645	-15.9%
Operating Expense	\$23,988	\$21,946	\$24,469	\$21,558	\$91,961	\$118,660	-22.5%
Facilities & Maintenance	\$20,309	\$27,157	\$21,280	\$26,591	\$95,338	\$96,550	-1.3%
Unit Field Labor & Admin	\$12,265	\$12,777	\$15,495	\$10,453	\$50,990	\$57,116	-10.7%
Taxes, Permits & Admin. Overhead	\$8,156	\$8,316	\$8,160	\$8,048	\$32,680	\$30,599	6.8%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$86,122	\$89,828	\$90,867	\$82,095	\$348,912	\$395,570	-11.8%
NET PROFIT	\$97,466	\$129,312	\$142,108	\$227,149	\$596,034	\$73,332	712.8%

Major Planning Assumptions

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	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% ACTUAL
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	TOTAL	TOTAL	OVER/UNDER(-)
	QUARTER	OUARTER	OUARTER	OUARTER	FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR	BUDGET
	FY07/08	FY07/08	FY07/08	FY07/08	FY07/08	FY07/08	FY07/08
OIL PRODUCTION:							
OUARTERLY (1,000 BBL)	2,619	2,625	2,579	2,637	10,431	11,139	
AVERAGE B/D	, ,	28,535	28,340	28,976	28,578	30,517	-6.35%
GAS PRODUCTION:							
QUARTERLY (MMCF)	1,133	1,192	1,229	1,224	4,763	3,676	
AVERAGE MCF/D		12,952	13,501	13,456	13,048	10,072	29.55%
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WATER PRODUCTION:							
QUARTERLY (1,000 BBL)	82,557	80,568	80,449	84,315	326,983	346,218	
AVERAGE B/D		875,738	884,057	926,539	895,844	948,541	-5.56%
WATER INJECTION							
QUARTERLY (1,000 BBL)	92,166	89,374	89,203	90,977	360,737	361,439	
AVERAGE B/D	1,001,804	971,456	980,252	999,748	988,321	990,243	-0.19%
AVG OIL PRICE (\$/BBL)	\$67.17	\$80.95	\$87.43	\$113.24	\$87.48	\$40.00	118.7%
AVG GAS PRICE (\$/MCF)	\$6.77	\$5.56	\$6.10	\$8.69	\$6.81	\$6.00	13.5%

		Oil Pr	<u>oduction</u>	Gas Prod	uction
					Cumulative
		Average B/D	Cumulative Mbbls.	Average MCF/D	MMCF
<b>Location</b>		7/1/07-6/30/08	<u>6/30/08</u>	<u>7/1/07-6/30/08</u>	<u>6/30/08</u>
Grissom		6,628	182,890	5,716	27,509
White		4,632	164,789	1,970	43,152
Chaffee		6,533	210,575	2,205	69,550
Freeman		7,612	268,094	2,305	91,507
Pier J (Inc. THX)		3,173	144,051	852	26,977
	Total	28,578	970,399	13,048	258,695
Reservoir					
Shallow Gas		-	-	4,580	2,241
Tar V		151	1,811	61	755
Ranger		18,915	722,389	5,263	164,245
Terminal		5,541	141,219	1,486	28,507
Union Pacific-Ford		3,476	100,953	1,323	58,573
237		496	4,027	335	4,374
	Total	28,578	970,399	13,048	258,695

		Water 1	Production	Water Injection		
Location		Average B/D 7/1/07-6/30/08	Cumulative Mbbls. 6/30/08	Average B/D 7/1/07-6/30/08	Cumulative Mbbls. 6/30/08	
Grissom		237,419	1,737,885	265,919	2,187,074	
White		139,820	1,307,833	156,201	1,716,551	
Chaffee		163,953	1,165,419	198,536	1,875,270	
Freeman		223,370	1,665,484	215,152	1,798,087	
Pier J (Inc. THX)		131,283	1,166,887	152,513	1,446,717	
	Total	895,844	7,043,508	988,321	9,023,699	
Reservoir						
Shallow Gas		-	-	-	•	
Tar V		1,167	8,753	3,527	21,096	
Ranger		706,435	5,920,647	770,547	7,554,304	
Terminal		133,691	814,746	148,867	1,043,078	
Union Pacific-Ford		54,324	296,030	65,380	405,221	
237		228	3,332	-	-	
	Total	895,844	7,043,508	988,321	9,023,699	

# Number of Wells As of June 30, 2008

By Reservoir

Zone	Producer	Injector	Total
SG	6	0	6
Tar	12	2	14
Ranger	585	336	921
Terminal	163	77	240
UPF	94	63	157
237	1	0	1
Total	861	478	1339

By Islands

Zone	Producer	Injector	Total
Grissom	203	94	297
White	151	101	252
Chaffee	202	125	327
Freeman	212	110	322
Pier J	93	48	141
Total	861	478	1339