

MINUTE ITEM

21. APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO EXISTING PIER, OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 427.1, SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC., RINCON FIELD, VENTURA COUNTY - W.O. 3522.

After consideration of Calendar Item 46 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION:

1. FINDS THAT THE PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE EXISTING PIER WILL NOT UNREASONABLY INTERFERE WITH THE MAINTENANCE OR USE OF THE LANDS INVOLVED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES OR PROTECTION OF SHORE PROPERTIES; AND
2. AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION BY THE SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC., OF AN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING PIER ON STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 427.1, RINCON OIL FIELD, VENTURA COUNTY, AT THE LOCATION SPECIFIED AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED.

Attachment

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46.

APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO EXISTING PIER, OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 427.1, SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC., RINCON FIELD, VENTURA COUNTY - W.O. 3522.

Oil and Gas Lease No. 48, Rincon Field, Ventura County, was issued to General Petroleum Corporation on May 19, 1930, for a period of 20 years, and on May 19, 1950, was extended and renewed for a period of 10 years as P.R.C. 427.1. On May 13, 1958 (Minute Item 4, page 4010), in accordance with the provisions of Section 6827 of the Public Resources Code, the Commission authorized the issuance of a new lease to General Petroleum Corporation in exchange for Oil and Gas Lease Extension and Renewal P.R.C. 427.1.

The new lease provides for a term of five years and for so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities, or lessee shall be conducting producing, drilling, deepening, repairing, redrilling or other necessary lease or well maintenance operations on the leased land, all other terms and conditions of existing Lease P.R.C. 427.1 remaining unchanged and in full force and effect. On November 4, 1957, the Commission authorized modification of the terms of Lease P.R.C. 427.1 by the substitution of the terms of Section 6873 of the Public Resources Code, in order for the lessee to take advantage of the more favorable operating and development conditions specified.

On November 19, 1959, the Board of Directors of Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc., owners of all of the outstanding shares of capital stock of General Petroleum Corporation, resolved that General Petroleum Corporation be merged into Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc.

Thirty-five wells have been drilled into the lease area. Currently 33 wells are active, one well has been abandoned, and one well is being redrilled. Because of the limited onshore space available for surface locations, all wells have been drilled from a pier constructed on the lease.

Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc., has submitted an application to construct a timber addition to the existing pier, approximately 196 feet long with a maximum width of 11 feet, in order that the entire length of the pier, which at present varies in width, will be the same width. This will result in more efficient operations. The project proposal submitted has been reviewed and approved by the staff.

The U. S. Corps of Engineers authorized the construction of the addition to the pier.

The application was referred to the Department of Natural Resources and to the office of the Attorney General, as required under Section 6818 of the Public Resources Code. The Department of Natural Resources reported that an examination of this application indicates no possible interference

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with the recreational use of the lands littoral to the tide and submerged lands involved. The office of the Attorney General advised that there is no legal objection, provided specified requirements of the Public Resources Code are met. These are included in the terms of the lease.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE EXISTING PIER WILL NOT UNREASONABLY INTERFERE WITH THE MAINTENANCE OR USE OF THE LANDS INVOLVED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES OR PROTECTION OF SHORE PROPERTIES; AND
2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION BY THE SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC., OF AN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING PIER ON STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 427.1, RINCON OIL FIELD, VENTURA COUNTY, AT THE LOCATION SPECIFIED AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED.