

MINUTE ITEM

3/31/66

32. APPLICATIONS FOR PROSPECTING PERMITS FOR GEOTHERMAL ENERGY, SONOMA COUNTY; DECCAXAGON CORPORATION, W.O. 5364, P.R.C. 3395.2, AND GIANNACCHINI, ET AL., W.O. 5102, P.R.C. 3396.2.

After consideration of Calendar Item 6 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted, with Commissioner Anderson voting No:

THE COMMISSION MODIFIES ITS RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 21, 1965, MINUTE ITEM 16, PAGE 11,792, IN RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF DECCAXAGON CORPORATION, AND MINUTE ITEM 17, PAGE 11,797, IN RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF CEASER GIANNACCHINI, ET AL., TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE AMENDED PROSPECTING PERMIT FORM AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON MARCH 31, 1966.

Attachment

Calendar Item 6 (1 page)

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APPLICATIONS FOR PROSPECTING PERMITS FOR GEOTHERMAL ENERGY, SONOMA COUNTY: DECCAXAGON CORPORATION (W.O. 5364), AND GIANNECCHINI, ET AL. (W.O. 5102).

This item originally appeared on the January 26, 1966, agenda, but the Commission acted to defer the item at the request of the Senate Fact Finding Committee on Natural Resources. Further deferment was rescinded on March 1, 1966.

On October 21, 1965 (Minute Items 16 and 17, pages 11,792 and 11,797), the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to issue prospecting permits for geothermal energy and related products to Deccaxagon Corporation and to Ceaser Giannecchini, et al., on certain lands in Sonoma County. Both applicants are the surface owners of the land included in their respective applications and both are exercising the preferential right of the surface owner to a prospecting permit as provided by Section 6893 of the Public Resources Code. The form of permit authorized in both instances was the form approved by the Commission on April 29, 1965.

The applicants have requested a modification of the form of permit authorized to provide for this divided ownership. The modification is desirable to protect the State against liability in connection with permittee's operations. It is proposed that the permits not be executed in their present form, and that instead the amended form of prospecting permit for geothermal energy considered by the Commission in Calendar Item No. 3 of this agenda be substituted in order to afford the applicants the benefits of the provisions that protect their surface rights.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION MODIFY ITS RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 21, 1965, MINUTE ITEM 16, PAGE 11,792, IN RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF DECCAXAGON CORPORATION, AND MINUTE ITEM 17, PAGE 11,797, IN RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF CEASER GIANNECCHINI, ET AL., TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE AMENDED PROSPECTING PERMIT FORM AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON MARCH 31, 1966.