

MINUTE ITEM

8/8/66

17. REQUEST FOR DEFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS, P.R.C. 2991.1, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY; UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA - W.O. 6174.

After consideration of Calendar Item 10 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO GRANT TO UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA A DEFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS UNDER OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 2991.1 THROUGH MARCH 13, 1967, WITH ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Attachment

Calendar Item 10 (1 page)

10.

REQUEST FOR DEFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS, P.R.C. 2991, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY; UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA - W.O. 6174.

An application has been received from Union Oil Company of California requesting a deferment of drilling requirements from September 13, 1966, through March 13, 1967.

State Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 2991.1, containing approximately 4,250 acres of tide and submerged lands in Santa Barbara County, was issued on February 28, 1963, to Union Oil Company of California, pursuant to competitive public bidding.

Union has drilled two wells on the lease to date. One was abandoned and the other suspended. The last drilling operations were conducted on November 13, 1965.

Subsequent to the suspension of operations on the last well, the lessee began a geological study of the lease, using the information obtained from the wells. The Commission, since March 13, 1966, has granted a deferment of drilling requirements through September 13, 1966.

Union has determined that the next well it plans to drill will require a floating drilling vessel capable of deep tests. All of such vessels are under contract at the present time and Union has requested an additional six-month deferment within which to obtain such a vessel and commence operations.

In conformance with current Commission practice of granting deferments for periods not in excess of six months,

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO GRANT TO UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA A DEFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS UNDER OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 2991.1 THROUGH MARCH 13, 1967, WITH ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.