

MINUTE ITEM

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9. APPROVAL OF NEW WELLS "STATE 91" S-901 AND S-902, STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 91.1, HUNTINGTON BEACH OFFSHORE, ORANGE COUNTY; SIGNAL OIL AND GAS COMPANY - PRC 91.1.

After consideration of Calendar Item 8 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE APPROVAL OF DRILLING AND COMPLETING NEW WELLS "STATE 91" S-901 AND "STATE 91" S-902, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY SIGNAL OIL AND GAS COMPANY, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 91.1, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

Attachment:

Calendar Item 8 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

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PRC 91.1

APPROVAL OF NEW WELLS "STATE 91" S-901 AND S-902, STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 91.1, HUNTINGTON BEACH OFFSHORE, ORANGE COUNTY; SIGNAL OIL AND GAS COMPANY.

Signal Oil and Gas Company has submitted an application to drill two new producing wells from onshore locations under State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 91.1, Orange County. The wells will be completed within an area of producing wells, and will be drilled into an area that has been thoroughly explored and for which there exists considerable geologic control and knowledge.

The proposed wells will be drilled from an onshore screened site designed for minimum visual impact upon the area. The drilling site will contain facilities for an ultimate total of 14 new wells. Such wells are part of the 91.1 Main Zone Unit plan for secondary development, and will replace 50 townlot wells and associated production facilities. An eight-foot slump-stone wall will enclose the site, and upon completion of drilling activities (approx. 14 months) no equipment or production facilities will be visible.

The drilling and completion programs have been reviewed by the State Lands Division, and have been determined to be in accordance with good engineering practices and the rules and regulations of the Commission. The State Division of Oil and Gas has approved the drilling of these wells. A use permit has been issued by the City of Huntington Beach for the surface operations.

Based upon an engineering and economic evaluation by Signal and concurred in by the Division, the proposed wells would produce resources unrecoverable from currently producing wells, and, in addition, would provide the best development spacing for waterflood operations. Deferment of approval of these wells would cause an ultimate loss of natural resources and of income to the State.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE APPROVAL OF DRILLING AND COMPLETING NEW WELLS "STATE 91" S-901 AND "STATE 91" S-902, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY SIGNAL OIL AND GAS COMPANY, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 91.1, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.