MINUTE ITEM

15. APPROVAL OF NEW WELLS "STATE 2879" 15-6 AND "STATE 2879" 16-6, STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2879.1, POINT CONCEPTION OFFSHORE, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY; UNION OIL COMPANY - PRC 2879.1.

After consideration of Calendar Item 13 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 2879" 15-6 AND "STATE 2879" 16-6, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2879.1, UNION OIL COMPANY, LESSEE, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

Attachment: Calendar Item 13 (1 page)

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APPROVAL OF NEW WELLS "STATE 2879" 15-6 AND "STATE 2879" 16-6, STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2879.1, POINT CONCEPTION OFFSHORE, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY; UNION OIL COMPANY

Union Oil Company has submitted an application to drill two new producing wells from onshore locations under State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 2879.1, Santa Barbara 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 extensive geologic data and experience in control of operations.

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. Further, the wells will be subject to any additional requirements as specified by the South Central Regional Commission.

Based upon an engineering and economic evaluation by Union and concurred in by the Division, the proposed wells would produce resources unrecoverable from currently producing wells. Deferment of approval of these wells would cause an ultimate loss of natural resources and of income to the State.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE APPROVAL OF DRILLING AND COMPLETING NEW WELLS "STATE 2879" 15-6 AND "STATE 2879" 16-6, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2879.1, UNION OIL COMPANY, LESSEE, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.