23. DEFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS, SOVEREIGN LAND AT WEST SHERMAN ISLAND, SACRAMENTO AND SOLANO COUNTIES; DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY - W 9841, PRC 4973.

After consideration of Calendar Item 21 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION GRANTS TO DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY A DFFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS UNDER HYDROCARBON GAS LEASE PRC 4973, FROM NOVEMBER 21, 1975, THROUGH NOVEMBER 21, 1976. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE ARE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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21.

DEFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS

LEASE:

PRC 4973.

LESSEE:

Dow Chemical Company 3636 Richmond Avenue Houston, Texas 77027

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

3,048 acres, more or less, of sovereign land at West Sherman Island, Sacramento and Solano Counties.

ISSUED:

November 21, 1974.

PREVIOUS DEFERMENTS:

None.

THIS DEFERMENT:

November 21, 1975, through November 21, 1976.

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Hydrocarbon gas lease was issued on November 21, 1974, to Dow Chemical Company. Dow Chemical submitted the only qualified bid of 42% royalty on all dry gas, gas liquids and liquid hydrocarbons produced. The lease provides that lessee shall commence drilling operations within one year of date of issuance.

The lessee's proposed drilling operations require the construction of a pile supported platform at the specified drillsite. The lessee has been unable to acquire all required agency permits for the proposed construction operations to permit drilling to be commenced by November 21, 1975. Section 23(c) of the lease provides that the lessee shall be allowed reasonable time following the execution of the lease within which to secure the necessary permission from all Federal and State agencies as shall be legally required for the construction of

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any drilling platform or associated structure, and upon securing of such permission, a further reasonable time, determined with regard to the nature of the filled lands or structures to be constructed within which to commence operations for the drilling of such well or wells. All rentals (\$5.00 per acre per year) have been paid to date. The lessee, Dow Chemical Company, has requested a one-year deferment of the primary drilling term.

EXHIBIT:

A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION GRANT TO DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY A DEFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS UNDER HYDROCARBON GAS LEASE PRC 4973, FROM NOVEMBER 21, 1975, THROUGH NOVEMBER 21, 1976. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE ARE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.