

MINUTE ITEM

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PROPOSED SALE OF ROYALTY CRUDE OIL, STATE OIL AND GAS  
LEASES PRC 3120 AND PRC 3242, SOUTH ELLWOOD OFFSHORE FIELD,  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

At the present time, the State is taking in kind and selling to Huntway Refining Company, the State's share of crude oil produced from State Oil and Gas Leases PRC 3120 and PRC 3242, South Ellwood Offshore Field, Santa Barbara County. Huntway Refining Company is paying the State a bonus of \$0.285 per barrel above a base price for the State's share of crude oil produced from State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 3120 and a bonus of \$0.22 per barrel above a base price for the State's share of crude oil produced from State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 3242. The base price is defined as the highest price posted in the South Ellwood Offshore Field on the day of delivery by Mobil Oil Corporation. The contracts for these leases PRC 3120 and PRC 3242 are scheduled to expire on October 1, 1988 and December 1, 1988, respectively. The State's share of production from these leases is approximately 22,000 barrels per month and 49,000 barrels per month, respectively of 21° API gravity crude oil.

Due to the long lead time, including a 180-day notice period to the State's lessee, ARCO Oil and Gas Company, action should be taken at this time to begin the bidding process for another sale.

Section 6815.1 of the P.R.C. governs the sale of this oil and provides, in pertinent part, that when oil is taken in kind by the Commission it shall be sold only to the highest responsible bidder upon competitive public bidding and that the bidding shall be pursuant to specifications and forms adopted by the Commission prior to publication of the notice to bidders. The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the sale of royalty crude oil from the leases listed on Exhibit "A" and

adopt the specifications for the sale that are listed on Exhibit "B". Staff also recommends that the Commission adopt the forms prepared by staff for use in the sale, which are the notice inviting bids, bid proposals, and the crude oil sales contracts, copies of which are on file in the Commission's office in Long Beach.

After the bids are solicited and the highest responsible bidders determined, the staff will return to the Commission with recommendations regarding the award of the sales contracts.

The oil will be delivered without any physical change in the existing oil production and transportation facilities.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA because the activity is not a "project" as defined by CEQA and the State CEQA Guideline.

Authority: P.R.C. 21061 and 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15378.

- EXHIBITS:
- A. State Oil and Gas Leases.
  - B. Specifications for Sales.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 BECAUSE IT IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15378.
2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO OFFER FOR SALE BY COMPETITIVE PUBLIC BIDDING 100 PERCENT OF THE ROYALTY OIL FROM THE STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES LISTED IN EXHIBIT "A".
3. ADOPT THE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN EXHIBIT "B" AND THE REFERENCED FORMS FOR USE IN THE SALE OF THE ROYALTY OIL FROM THE STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES LISTED IN EXHIBIT "A".

EXHIBIT "A"

<u>Lease</u>	<u>Vol. (BBLs/Month)</u>	<u>Notice Period Days</u>	<u>Termination Date Present Contract</u>
PRC 3120 (South Ellwood)	22,000 (21.00)	180	10/88
PRC 3242 (South Ellwood)	49,000 (21.00)	180	12/88

EXHIBIT "B"

The significant specifications set forth in the sell-off bid forms are as follows:

1. Amount

The sales will offer 100 percent of the State's monthly royalty share of crude oil that is made available for sale.

2. Price

The price will be the highest price posted in the South Ellwood Offshore Field for oil of like gravity on the day of delivery by Mobil Oil Corporation, plus a bonus per barrel that is the bid factor. The price for the oil shall be computed to the closest tenth of each degree of API gravity and the closest tenth of a cent per barrel. A minimum bonus bid of 25 cents per barrel above the posted price will be required.

3. Term

Each contract will be for a term of eighteen months.

4. Cash Deposit

Each bidder shall submit with its bid as evidence of good faith, a certified or cashier's check in the amount of \$25,000. Except in the case of the successful bidder, the bid deposit will be returned to each bidder.

5. Surety

An irrevocable letter of credit will be required in an amount equivalent to 60 days production. At the staff's discretion, with approval of the Attorney General's office, an alternate form of security may be submitted.

6. Insurance

The Purchaser will maintain or procure personal liability insurance of at least \$2,000,000 for one person and at least \$4,000,000 for more than one person, and property damage insurance of at least \$4,000,000.

7. Delivery

An agreement providing for the exchange or other disposition of the oil subject to the sales contract must be submitted as evidence establishing the bidder's ability to take the royalty oil at the point of delivery.

8. Selection of Successful Bidders

The successful bidder for each contract shall be the responsible bidder making the highest per barrel bonus bid. In the event that two or more responsible bidders make identical high bids, the successful bidder will be determined by lot among all those responsible bidders making such identical bids.

9. Rejection of Bids

All or any portion of the royalty oil proposed to be sold may be withdrawn by the Commission at any time before the opening of the bids. The Commission also reserves the right to cancel this offer at any time and to reject any or all of the bids.