

Mr. Thomas N. Holm appeared on behalf of Mr. Haight and requested that the State approve the permit so that the U. S. Corps of Engineers can then make the necessary determination.

In response to a question by Mr. Motschman as to whether the State would control the length of the boom, the Executive Officer informed him that the State has initial control because it will be on State lands, but that the State will issue the permit only for whatever length the U. S. Corps of Engineers approves.

Mr. Holm, in response to an inquiry, was informed that if additional structures were proposed later, separate permits would be required.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE THE PLANS SUBMITTED BY DANIEL P. HAIGHT (D.B.A. MILL CREEK LOGGING CO.) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LOG RE-LOAD ON STATE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS LEASED TO HIM UNDER P.R.C. 792.1, PROVIDED THE U. S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS INDICATES THAT IT WILL ISSUE A PERMIT.

6. (DEFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS, OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 735.1, MONTALVO AREA, VENTURA COUNTY.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"State Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 735.1, issued June 30, 1952 to the Standard Oil Company of California, pursuant to competitive public bidding, provides in part that within 30 days after the completion of the first well the lessee shall commence operations for the drilling of the next well, and operations for the drilling of each succeeding well thereafter shall be commenced within 30 days from and after the date of the completion of the preceding well. Four wells have been completed to production to date, with the completion of the fifth well 'State' D-4 scheduled for September 18, 1955. Therefore, the commencement of the next succeeding well would nominally be required to start on or before October 18. The surface locations for all wells drilled to date under this lease have been located landward of a road known as Ocean Drive, paralleling the ordinary high water mark. The subsurface ownership of the road area has been guaranteed by a title insurance policy to be vested in the upland lessors to the Standard Oil Company. However, recent adjudications in Ventura County have raised the possibility that the road subsurface is actually vested in the County of Ventura. Therefore, the Standard Oil Company of California has initiated proceedings with the County of Ventura to acquire any county subsurface rights, which proceedings are reasonably anticipated to be completed during October.

"Because of the risks involved and of the time spent and the nearness of the completion of the negotiations, Standard Oil Company would prefer not to undertake any work on drilling new wells through the lands in question until all title transfers have been formalized. This solution of the problem would avoid delays and necessity of installation of productive facilities along the ocean front if all new wells required under the State lease were relocated

so as to start seaward of Ocean Drive. Therefore, Standard Oil Company, as lessee under P.R.C. 735.1, has requested the grant of an additional period of 30 days from and after the completion of well 'State' D-4 for the commencement of the next succeeding well as provided for in the lease."

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO GRANT THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, LESSEE UNDER STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 735.1, AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 17, 1955 FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE DRILLING OF THE WELL SUCCEEDING WELL "STATE" D-4 AS PROVIDED FOR IN OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 735.1.

7. (REQUEST FOR DELAY TO COMMENCE DRILLING, MONTEREY OIL COMPANY - P.R.C. 1550.1) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"A request dated September 26, 1955 has been received from the Monterey Oil Company, the operator under Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 1550.1, that the Commission grant the Lessee an initial extension of at least one (1) year beyond the initial sixty (60) days provided in the lease for the commencement of the drilling of the first well, in order to permit the lessee and the Commission to complete their studies and plans, and to permit the lessee to obtain necessary permits and approvals from applicable governmental agencies with respect to the offshore structure to be used for the initial well."

"This lease provides in Exhibit 'A', paragraph 2, as follows:

"2. The term "commence operations" as used herein is hereby defined to be the actual penetration of the ground with a drilling bit. In the event that any required well is to be drilled from filled lands, the Lessee shall be allowed by the Commission additional time prior to commencement of operations, not to exceed two years, to secure any necessary permission from such federal and state agencies as may be required legally, and to place the filled lands."

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PERMIT TO THE JOINT LESSEES OF LEASE P.R.C. 1550.1, MONTEREY OIL COMPANY, HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY, AND SEABOARD OIL COMPANY, CONSENTING TO EXTENSION FOR ONE YEAR OR UNTIL OCTOBER 16, 1956 OF THE TIME DURING WHICH LESSEES ARE TO "COMMENCE OPERATIONS" UNDER THE TERMS OF SAID LEASE.

8. (BID FOR MINERAL EXTRACTION LEASE, EUREKA SLOUGH, HUMBOLDT COUNTY - W. O. 2124, P.R.C. 1564.1.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"One bid for a lease to permit extraction of sand, gravel and fill material from a portion of the bed of Eureka Slough, Humboldt County, has been received from Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., in accordance with an offer for standard lease bid, pursuant to the Rules and