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AMENDMENT OF ROYALTY ON GAS PAYMENT PROVISIONS OF STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRO 410, PRO 429 AND PRO 1466.

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Norris Oil Co. 9454 Wilshire Blud., Suite 314 Beverly Hills, California 90212-2994

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

State Oil and Gas Leases PRC 410, PRC 429 and PRC 1466 contain a total of 1,305 acres of tide and submerged lands located within the Rincon Oil Field of the Santa Barbara Channel in Ventura County.

APPROVAL REQUESTED:

Approval of lease amendment modifying payment clause of each lease to provide that, when paid in money, royalty on gas shall be due no later than the 15th day of the second calendar month in which the gas is produced.

SUMMARY:

Norris Oil Co. is the present lessee and operator of the above three State leases. Norris' share of the gas production is purchased by Santa Fe Energy Products Company (gas processing plant). This company provides Norris with accounting information about the 25th day of the month following the production which is also the time when royalty payments are due the State. Norris maintains that it

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takes several weeks to process this information, so they request that the date upon which monthly royalty payments are due be extended to 45 days following production rather than the 25 day period currently provided in the State leases.

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N/A.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

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

EXHIBIT:

A. Lease Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- 1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEOAL 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. APPROVE AMENDMENTS OF STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRO 410, PRO 429 AND PRO 1466 TO PROVIDE THAT, WHEN PAID IN MONEY, THE ROYALTY ON GAS SHALL BE DUE AND PAYABLE NO LATER THAN THE 15TH DAY OF THE SECOND CALENDAR MONTH FOLLOWING THE CALENDAR MONTH IN WHICH THE GAS IS PRODUCED.

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