MINUTE ITEM

was approved as Minute Item No. 20 by the State Lands Commission by a vote of 2 to 2 at its 2/4/5/6 meeting.

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APPROVAL OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF QUITCLAIM DEEDS-FOR SEVEN GEOTHERMAL LEASES AT THE GEYSERS GEOTHERMAL STEAMFIELD, LAKE, MENDOCINO AND SONOMA COUNTIES

APPLICANT:

Geothermal Resources International, Inc. Attn: Mr. P. A. Hansen 1825 South Grant Street, Suite 900 San Mateo, California 94402

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

Approximately 2,040 acres of reserved mineral land in the northwestern portion of The Geysers Geothermal Steamfield, Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma Counties.

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

State Geothermal Leases PRC's 5862, 5819, 5999, 6080, 6081 and 6114 were leased by competitive bidding between 1980 and 1982 to Aminoil USA, Inc., and later assigned to Geothermal Resources International, Inc. and its subsidiary GRI Exploration Corporation in 1983. Geothermal Lease PRC 5903 was leased by competitive bidding to MSR Public Power Agency, assigned to Aminoil and later assigned to GRI.

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ΓERM:

Terms of the leases provide the lessee must drill a geothermal well within three years of the effective date of the lease or the lease may be cancelled. GRI was granted extensions of this drilling term in order to continue discussions with staff on modifications of the lease terms, but when it became clear that no agreement could be reached, the Commission on September 26, 1985 authorized cancellation of the leases.

GRI has now filed quitclaim deeds for these leases effective November 5, 1985. Staff recommends acceptance of the deeds.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

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 Guidelines.

Authority: P.R.C. 21065 and 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15378.

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N/A.

EXHIBIT:

A. Location Map.

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. ACCEPT THE QUITCLAIM DEEDS FOR STATE GEOTHERMAL LEASES PRC'S 5862, 5819, 5999, 6080, 6081, 6114 AND 5903, AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY FORMS TO REFLECT THIS ACCEPTANCE, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO RECORD THESE DOCUMENTS, IF NECESSARY.

