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ASSIGNMENT OF 50-PERCENT STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRC 410, PRC 429 AND PRC 1466 RINCON OIL FIELD, VENTURA COUNTY

ASSIGNOR:

BUSH OIL COMPANY

Attn: Mr. Harvey L. Bryant

P.O. Box 1538

Taft, California 93268

- ASSIGNOR:

Tenneco Oil Company

P.O. Box 9909

Bakersfield, California 93389

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 410 (50 acres) PRC 429 (80 acres) and PRC 1466 (1,175 acre) are located on tide and submerged lands near Rincon Point, Ventura County.

ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION:

Bush Oil Company has requested approval for assignment of 50 percent of its interest in State Oil and Gas Leases PRC 410, PRC 429 and PRC 1466 to Tenneco Oil Company. Tenneco Oil Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tenneco, Inc., and authorized to conduct business in California. Bush has advised that the assignments are being requested to provide additional capital for the continued development of the leases.

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LEASE INFORMATION:

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State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 410 was issued on April 17, 1929, to Pan-American Petroleum Company. Lease PRC 429 was issued on April 21, 1931, pursuant to Chapter 303, Statutes of 1921, to Sea Cliff Development Company. Lease PRC 1466 was issued on August 29, 1955 to Richfield Oil Corporation. Through various assignments, the leases were acquired in 1987 by Bush Oil Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Berry Petroleum Company.

On September 23, 1987, the Commission approved an amendment of the leases modifying royalty terms, requiring certain specific development and operating conditions and increasing the security required to guarantee performance of all of the terms and conditions of the leases and the amendment.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

- A. Assignment forms have been executed by Bush and Tenneco and are on file in the Long Beach Office of the Commission.
- B. Tenneco is qualified to hold State leases.
- C. Filing fees and processing costs have been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. Assignment Sections of the leases.
- B. P.R.C. Section 6804.

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N/A.

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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 Guidelines.

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

EXHIBIT:

A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- 1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GEOR PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15378.
- 2. CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF 50 PERCENT OF BUSH OIL COMPANY'S INTEREST IN STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRC 410, PRC 429 AND PRC 1466 TO TENNECO OIL COMPANY WITH THE ASSIGNEE TO BE BOUND BY ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASES AND THE AMENDMENTS THERETO.

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