

53. (Installation Public Lands Record System - S. D.) The Commission was informed that due to a time limitation in the original agreement, and exhaustion of original allotments made available to Remington Rand, Inc., by contract, for the installation of the Public Lands Record System in the Sacramento office of the Division, it was found necessary in January 1949 to draw a new agreement with the company, providing additional funds to continue the project. This agreement No. LC-240 dated January 25, 1949 and providing \$11,700 for the continuance of the work, was drawn for the signature of Mr. James S. Dean, Chairman of the Commission, thus providing tentative Commission approval for entering into this additional contract. On the basis of work performed, the estimated completion date of this project now is February 1, 1950.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Commission to approve the award of a new contract to Remington Rand, Inc., in the amount of \$11,700.00, providing funds to continue the project of installation of the public lands record system by ratifying the action of the Chairman in executing that agreement LC-240 dated January 25, 1949, between the State of California and Remington Rand Inc.

54. (Renewal Lease for Office Space, Rio Vista, California - S. D.) The Commission was informed that the Division of State Lands has been renting, as office space, the westerly portion of premises at 512 South Fourth Street, Rio Vista, under a year to year lease agreement with J. P. Mortensen. Mr. Mortensen advises that he would consider renewal of the agreement at the rate of \$20.00 monthly, and agreed at this rate to pipe gas into the quarters for hearing purposes.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to enter into a lease agreement with J. P. Mortensen for the rental of the westerly portion of premises at 512 South Fourth Street, Rio Vista, California, said agreement to be for a period of five years at a rental of \$20.00 per month paid in arrears, the total rental payable under this agreement being \$1,200.00. The lease agreement shall be on the standard prescribed State lease form, provide for cancellation by the State on thirty days notice, and be extended by exercise of option by the State for an additional year and be subject to the approval of the Department of Finance.

55. (Possible Legislation with Respect to Public Resources Code and Oil and Gas Leases on Tide and Submerged Land Oil) The Commission was informed that Section 6827 provides that any oil and gas lease awarded to the highest bidder "shall be for a term of 20 years, but such term may be thereafter extended upon such terms and conditions and for such periods of time as the Commission deems for the best interest of the State or as the Legislature might provide". It has been suggested that the word "thereafter" be removed from the Code. This suggestion is made for the reason that because of the uncertainty caused by the tideland litigation, oil operators under State leases have not prosecuted full development because of the risk involved. The operators feel that the Commission should be in a position to grant extensions to the leases at any time before their expiration whereas under one reading of the above quoted provisions it appears that such extensions are not possible until after the 20 year term has expired.