

21. (SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION, HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY - P.R.C. 718.1, W.O. 1236.) On April 18, 1952 (Minute Page 1544, Item 35), the Commission authorized the issuance to Humble Oil & Refining Company of a permit for the conduct of submarine geophysical exploration operations on those tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the Commission lying westerly of the westerly limits of the City of Santa Barbara, as extended, and southerly of a line drawn due west from Point Estero, San Luis Obispo County. This permit was extended subsequently to a terminal date of January 13, 1953. Under the permit as authorized, 45-pound open shots may be fired up to 0.5 nautical miles offshore and 0.5 nautical miles from a marine structure, with the specific approval of the Division of State Lands inspector, and only when there are no onshore structures within 1.0 nautical miles of the shot location. The General Petroleum Corporation, upon behalf of the Humble Oil & Refining Company as permittee, has made application for special permission to discharge 45-pound open shots not closer than 0.5 nautical miles from the ordinary high-water mark, and not closer than 1000 feet to the submarine oil loading line of the Tidewater Associated Oil Company at Gaviota, and not closer than 2000 feet to the Shell Oil Company submarine oil loading line at Capitan, Santa Barbara County. Copies of agreements with the Tidewater Associated Oil Company and the Shell Oil Company, concurring in the conduct of explosive operations in the vicinity of submarine oil loading lines within the limitations specified above, have been furnished.

Mr. Joe B. Hudson, of the Humble Oil & Refining Company, and Mr. K. Vanderweg, of the General Petroleum Corporation, appeared before the Commission for a brief discussion with reference to the condition requiring that geophysical exploration be kept one mile from onshore structures at all times. There was some question as to the interpretation of this rule, in that the term "structure" was not clearly defined, and Mr. Hudson indicated that his company would like a liberal interpretation made of this term. Mr. Hortig stated that in interpreting this rule it has been the policy of the Division to consider anything occupied by persons as being a structure. It was concluded that the present policy of having the inspector of the State Lands Commission make the required interpretations and decisions was the only possible one. Both Messrs. Hudson and Vanderweg complimented the Commission on the way the entire problem of conducting geophysical exploration has been handled, and indicated their satisfaction with the cooperation they have been given.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PERMIT THE HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY TO CONDUCT SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS UNDER PERMIT P.R.C. 718 BY DISCHARGING 45-POUND OPEN SHOTS NOT CLOSER THAN 1000 FEET TO THE TIDE-WATER ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY SUBMARINE LOADING LINE AT GAVIOTA, AND NOT CLOSER THAN 2000 FEET TO THE SHELL OIL COMPANY SUBMARINE OIL LOADING LINE AT CAPITAN, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.

22. (CANCELLATION OF AGREEMENT FOR EASEMENT 313, MINNESOTA OIL COMPANY, HUNTINGTON BEACH.) Agreement for Easement 313, Huntington Beach, issued March 1, 1934, provides that the Lessee shall exercise reasonable diligence in the operation of any wells while production can be obtained in paying quantities. The Minnesota Oil Company, as Lessee under Agreement for Easement 313, has abandoned well Smith No. 1, the only well authorized under the Easement. All royalty payments due and other lease requirements have been met.