

67. MORATORIUM ON NEW DRILLING FOR OIL AND GAS, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - W-9000

The Chairman asked the Executive Officer if he had any information with regard to the temporary injunction and restraining order against new drilling, without a public hearing, on Santa Barbara County oil and gas leases.

The Executive Officer reported that this question was under consideration, and had been the subject of a conference with the Office of the Attorney General.

Deputy Attorney General Warren J. Abbott reported on a lawsuit that had been filed on this matter, and suggested that the Commission might want to consider being included in the case.

The Chairman directed that if, after the Commission has more precise knowledge, it appears desirable to join in the lawsuit, the matter will be considered again, and if necessary the Commission will convene a special meeting for consideration of the matter.