MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 26which is approved as Minute Item No. 26 by the State Lands Commission by a vote of 2to <u>0</u> at its 2/28/83meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM 26 :

2/24/83 PRC 6163 Priddy

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATORY PERMIT PRC 6163

APPLICANT: GRI Operator Corporation 2300 County Center Drive, Suite 264 Santa Rosa, CA 95401

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION: 686 acres of reserved mineral land near the Geysers, Lake and Mendocino Counties.

LAND USE: Drill three temperature gradient holes to a depth of 2,000 feet. The purpose of the testing will be to evaluate the geothermal potential of State lands as well as adjacent federal and private lands.

TERM OF PROPOSED EXTENSION: Six months.

PREREQUISITE FEES: The required processing fee has been deposited by the applicant.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES: P.R.C.: Div. 6, Section 6909.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- 1. The permit was authorized by the Commission at its May 1982 meeting for a period of six months. The permit went into effect on August 9, 1982.
- 2. GRI was not able to drill the holes prior to expiration of the permit.
- 3. This project is exempt from CEQA because it is within the purview of 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905, Class 6, which exempts the collection of data for information purposes where minimal or no disturbance of State land is involved.
- 4. This project is situated on reserved mineral lands not identified as possessing significant environmental fues A staff review of available environmental information indicates no reason to identify the subject lands as having such values at this time.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description.B. Location Map.
- IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:
- 1. FIND THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT AS IT HAS BEEN EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIRE-MENTS OF CEQA AS A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, CLASS 6 (P.R.C. 21084; CAC 15100, ET. SEQ.)
- 2. AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATION PERMIT PRC 6163 FOR SIX MONTHS TO GRI OPERATOR CORPORATION, TO DRILL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT HOLES ON RESERVED MINERAL LANDS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A".

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EXHIBIT "A"

LAND DEJCRIPTION

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Three parcels in T12N, R9W, MDM, Lake and Mendocino Counties, described as follows:

PARCEL 1

E-1/2 of Section 16, containing about 331 acres.

PARCEL 2

SE-1/4 of Section 22, containing about 179 acres.

PARCEL 3

NW-1/4 of Section 27, containing about 176 acres.

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