OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1624 West Adams - Suite 202 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Minutes of Meeting December 17. 1969

Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman

Mr. Kenneth G. Bentson, Vice Chairman

Mr. George T. Siler, Member Mr. Lucien B. Owens, Member

Mr. Frank E. Moore, Member Mr. John Bannister, Executive Secretary

Mr. James R. Scurlock, Geologist

Dr. Willard Pye, University of Arizona

Chairman Ralph Bilby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of meeting of November 19, 1969 were approved as written.

The Executive Secretary advised that many of the smaller departments will not be required to appear before the appropriations committees of the Legislature this year unless they are requesting a large increase in personnel or any particular item. Discussion was held as to the meeting with Governor Williams to discuss future needs of the Commission. Meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. for informal meeting with the Governor.

Meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Reports of the Executive Secretary and Geologist were accepted.

The Executive Secretary advised that the salary plan recommended by the Personnel Commission and approved by the Oil and Gas Conservation Commissioners, has now been implemented with monies made available by the resignation of the Administrative Assistant.

The Executive Secretary advised that the department is proceeding as fast as possible with the salt project. All necessary wells have been sampled and the waters are being analyzed. Initial report from the testing laboratory should be delivered to the Commission after January 1, 1970, at which time copies of the report will be delivered to persons who attended the initial meeting on the project and a further meeting of these parties will then be scheduled.

Discussion was held on the report prepared by the Executive Secretary at the direction of the Commission on various incentives that might be used to encourage exploratory drilling within the State.

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Hearing on Case 39, application of Consolidated Oil and Gas, Inc., to multicomplete its Shell No. 2 Navajo well, originally rescheduled to be heard at 10:00 a.m. on January 21, 1970, has been dismissed at their request.

Chairman Bilby wished the Commission and staff a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

APPROVED January 21, 1969

Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman