

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1645 West Jefferson Street
Suite 420
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Minutes of Meeting
December 16, 1977

Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman
Mr. Hal Butler, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert A. Gallaher, Member
Mr. Norman D. Levitt, Member

Absent:

Dr. J. Dale Nations, Member

The regular Commission meeting of December 16, 1977 was called to order by Chairman Ralph Bilby at 10:00 a.m. in Room 421, 1645 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 1977 was tabled as the transcribed copy of the minutes was not at hand.

Reports of Executive Secretary, Enforcement Section and Geology Section were accepted.

Executive Secretary advised that Kerr-McGee Corporation did not follow through with its tentative request for a hearing to allow infill drilling in the Dineh-bi-Keyah field. This was probably due to inclement winter weather and it is anticipated that a hearing will be requested at a later date.

Status of the budget requested by the Commission for 1978-1979 was discussed.

Executive Secretary reviewed several proposed legislative bills involving the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission which are being prepared for introduction at the next session of the Legislature.

Executive Secretary advised that representatives of Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona and the Executive Secretary and the Director of the Geology Section of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission held a planning session to formulate plans for a formal request to the State Legislature for funds for the compilation and acquisition of geologic and other resource information to assess the natural resources of the State. Arizona Resources Information Systems of the Department of Revenue, the Department of Mineral Resources, Department of Transportation, Land Department and Water Commission have been invited to join in the request for this project. If the request is granted, a contract will be

made with the Board of Regents for the services of the Board of Geology and Mineral Technology for the work, with the funds to be controlled by the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

Another project has been proposed by Arizona Resources Information System for a geothermal development to be made on state land, the lease to be granted by the State Land Department and drilling to be under the direction of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Should the drilling be successful, the well would revert to the State Land Department and subsequently be put up for bid. This would serve as a test of the state laws governing geothermal development.

The next meeting of the Commission will be February 17, 1978.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED February 17, 1978



Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman