

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

Minutes of Meeting  
February 17, 1978

Present:

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

The regular Commission meeting of February 17, 1978 was called to order at 10:15 a.m. in Room 421, 1645 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

The minutes of the meeting of December 16, 1977 were approved as written.

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

Executive Secretary reviewed proposed updating of a state geological map which was outlined at the December 16, 1977 meeting of the Commission. The Office of Economic Planning and Development has been requested to seek funding for the first phase of the project, which will involve gathering of information and the preparation of a tectonic map and a Bouguer gravity meter map of the State of Arizona, at an estimated cost of \$258,000.

Executive Secretary advised that a proposal has been submitted to the Four Corners Regional Commission for \$5,000 to be paid to GS Laboratories, which is doing some work for the United States Geological Survey, to extend their work to the Mogollon Rim area. It is anticipated that the Four Corners Regional Commission will approve the proposal on or about March 9, 1978.

Executive Secretary reviewed the legislative bills involving the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission which have been introduced in the current session of the Legislature.

After discussion, the following Resolutions were adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the regulatory authority of the State of Arizona over the production of various energy sources under its jurisdiction now rests in several commissions, agencies, or departments; and

WHEREAS, the authority of the State of Arizona to encourage the development of the various energy sources within the State and to protect the ecology associated therewith, now rests in several commissions, agencies, or departments; and

WHEREAS, due to this fragmentation of authority, it is difficult for the State of Arizona to express its vital interests in energy matters with one strong and consolidated voice in Washington, D.C., or elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1183, introduced January 30, 1978 during the 2nd Regular Session of the 33rd Legislature of the State of Arizona, proposes consolidation of several energy related agencies into one strong central Arizona Department of Energy, which would provide for one regulatory authority over the production of various energy sources, and over the encouragement of development of the various energy sources and the protection of the ecology associated therewith:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, State of Arizona, in regular session on February 17, 1978, endorses the principle and intent of Senate Bill 1183 and urges the enactment into law the principles and intent as therein expressed.

#### RESOLUTION

The United States of America must import one-half of its daily requirements of crude oil. The State of Arizona must import approximately 90% of its daily energy needs. Any action that would reduce the need for importation of energy into the United States and into Arizona would be of great benefit to our State and to our Nation.

Daily, millions of gallons of used petroleum lubrication oils are thrown away and disposed of in such a manner as to be a detriment to the environment and a waste of reusable fuel. It is estimated that 9 million gallons of used petroleum lubricating oils could be saved in Arizona each year.

House Bill 2168, as introduced on January 24, 1978 during the 2nd Regular Session of the 33rd Legislature of the State of Arizona, is designed to encourage the saving, collection and reuse of valuable used petroleum lubricating oils.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, State of Arizona, in regular session on February 17, 1978, endorses the principles and intent of House Bill 2168 and urges the enactment into law the purpose and principle as therein expressed.

Executive Secretary was instructed to submit the prepared resolutions to the Chairman for approval and then transmit copies of the signed resolutions to the legislative members involved.

It was reaffirmed that the regular Commission meetings be the third Friday of every other month.

Executive Secretary advised that Kerr-McGee Corporation intends to request that a hearing be held to coincide with the next regular Commission meeting of April 21, 1978. The purpose of the hearing is to request a change in spacing regulations in the Dineh-bi-Keyah field.

Authorization was granted for the Executive Secretary to attend the Executive Committee meeting of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission in Tampa, Florida on March 3, 1978.

The next meeting of the Commission will be April 21, 1978.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

APPROVED April 21, 1978

  
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Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman