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

Minutes of Meeting
November 16, 1979

Present:
Mr. Hal Butler, Vice Chairman
Mr. Johnny Gregovich, Member
Mr. L. A. Palmer, Member

Absent:
Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman
Dr. J. Dale Nations, Member

The regular Commission meeting of September 20, 1979 was called
to order by Vice Chairman Hal Butler at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Butler ad-
vised that Chairman Ralph Bilby was not present because his
commercial plane flight had been repeatedly delayed.

Minutes of the meeting of September 21, 1979 were approved as
written.

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

After discussion, the Executive Secretary was authorized to ad-
vice the Chairmen of the Natural Resources Committees of the
Arizona Senate and House of Representatives of the Commission's
desire that Arizona Revised Statutes 32-1121.3 be revised to
eliminate oil, gas and geothermal explorationists from the re-
quirements of using licensed drilling contractors. This is
deemed necessary because there are no qualified oil and gas
drilling contractors in the State of Arizona and the forty-five
day delay in issuing a license to an out-of-state driller is a
hindrance and serves no purpose.

Dr. Fellows advised on the geothermal project undertaken by the
Department of Geology and Mineral Technology, Geothermal Sec-
tion, University of Arizona. Reports are being prepared on
seven areas - Clifton-Morenci, Hyder Valley, Kingman, Verde
Valley, Willcox, Yuma and Tonopah-Marquahala. For the next year,
it is planned to concentrate on the population centers to de-
termine their geothermal potentials.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED
January 18, 1980

[Signature]
Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman

Also present:
Dr. Larry D. Fellows
State Geologist