

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1645 West Jefferson Street
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Minutes of Meeting
January 18, 1980

Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman
Dr. J. Dale Nations, Member
Mr. Johnny Gregovich, Member
Mr. L. A. Palmer, Member

The regular Commission meeting of January 18, 1980 was called to order by Chairman Ralph Bilby at 10:00 a.m.

Guests were introduced by the Executive Secretary.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Charles Williams, Manager of Western Operations for Anschutz Corporation, who gave an in-depth presentation of the Anschutz Corporation's operations and plans for exploration in Arizona.

Minutes of the meeting of November 16, 1979 were approved as written.

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

The Executive Secretary advised that the Commission budget request for 1980-81 has been reviewed by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Department of Administration Budget Office, with few changes made. The budget request will now be presented to the Legislature for consideration.

The Executive Secretary advised that a bill which was introduced and failed to pass the last session of the Legislature, giving the Commission statutory authority to make natural gas pricing determinations, as mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, will be introduced in the upcoming session of the Legislature by Senator Boyd Tenney and Representative Bill Lewis.

After discussion, Member Dale Nations made a motion that the Resolution adopted by the Commission on September 21, 1979, be reversed. The Resolution endorsed the principal and intent of Arizona Revised Statutes 27-555 regarding the leasing of state lands for oil and gas exploration as now written until oil and/or gas production is discovered on state or private lands. The motion was seconded but failed to pass.

Chairman Bilby introduced a letter from Mr. Hal Butler, whose

term as a member of the Commission has expired. It was moved and passed that the Chairman write a letter to Mr. Butler, expressing the appreciation of the entire Commission for his services and regretting his departure, and that both letters become a part of the record of the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

APPROVED March 21, 1980



Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman

Also Present:

Senator Boyd Tenney
Senator Stan Turley
Representative Bill Lewis
Dr. Larry Fellows, State Geologist
Dr. H. Wesley Peirce, Bureau of
Geology & Mineral Technology
Mr. A. K. Doss, State Land Department