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meals or banquets to the members of Parent Teachers' Associations, or church or W. P. A. clubs or groups.

Respectfully,
HERBERT S. DUFFY,
Attorney General.

3487.

APPROVAL—LEASE, RESERVOIR LAND, STATE OF OHIO, THROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSIONER TO GAIL SESLER, LANCASTER, OHIO, DESIGNATED LAND, SUMMERLAND BEACH, BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO, FOR BOATHOUSE AND DOCKLANDING PURPOSES, ANNUAL RENTAL, \$28.00.

Columbus, Ohio, January 3, 1939.

Hon. L. Woodeell, Conservation Commissioner, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my examination and approval a reservoir land lease in triplicate executed by you as Conservation Commissioner of the State of Ohio, for and on behalf of said State, to one Gail Sesler of Lancaster, Ohio.

By this lease, which is one for a stated term of fifteen years and which provides for an annual rental of \$28.00, payable in semiannual installments of \$14.00 each, there is leased and demised to the lessee above named the right to occupy and use for cottage site, boathouse and docklanding purposes that portion of the state reservoir property that is included in Lot No. 12, of the Abdalla, Van Gundy and Heibert's Subdivision of C. M. Wagner's Allotment of lands at Summerland Beach, Buckeye Lake, said subdivision being part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 27, Town 17, Range 8, Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio.

This lease is one executed by you under the authority conferred upon you by Section 471, General Code, which, among other things, provides that no state lands in or adjacent to Buckeye Lake shall ever be sold but that the Conservation Commissioner may lease such lands, including marginal strips and marsh lands around said lakes, the outer slopes of artificial embankments, islands, borrow pits and state lands adjacent thereto as he deems proper under the laws governing the leasing of canal lands. The laws relating to the leasing of canal lands therein referred to are those provided for by Section 13965, General Code. In

this view, it appears that you are authorized to execute this lease with respect to the stated term of the same and the annual rental therein provided for, such rental being six per cent of the appraised value of the property.

Upon examination of this lease, I find that the same has been properly executed by you as Conservation Commissioner, acting for and on behalf of the State of Ohio, and by Gail Sesler, the lessee therein named. And inasmuch as I further find that the provisions of this lease and the conditions and restrictions therein provided for are in conformity with all statutory enactments relating to leases of this kind, I am approving this lease as to legality and form, as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon the lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,

Attorney General.

3488.

APPROVAL—CANAL LAND LEASE, STATE OF OHIO, THROUGH DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, RIGHT TO LAY AND MAINTAIN STEEL PIPE GAS MAIN ACROSS AND UNDER OHIO CANAL LANDS AS DESIGNATED, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY, OHIO, ANNUAL RENTAL, \$12.00.

Columbus, Ohio, January 3, 1939.

Hon. Carl G. Wahl, Director, Department of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir: You have submitted for my examination and approval a canal land lease in triplicate executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said department to The East Ohio Gas Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

By this lease, which is one for a stated term of fifteen years and which provides for an annual rental of \$12.00, there is leased and demised to The East Ohio Gas Company the right to lay and maintain one two-inch steel pipe gas main across and under the bed and banks of the abandoned Ohio Canal lands situated in Lawrence Township, Stark County, Ohio, and crossing said canal property at or near Station