

837.

LEASE—CANAL LAND, STATE TO SOCONY-VACUUM OIL COMPANY, INC., VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, GRANT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A PIPE LINE ACROSS AND UNDER THE BED AND EMBANKMENTS OF ABANDONED MIAMI AND ERIE CANAL, DESIGNATED PORTION, SALEM TOWNSHIP, AUGLAIZE COUNTY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 1, 1939.

HON. CARL G. WAHL, *Director, Department of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR: This is to acknowledge the receipt of your recent communication with which you submit for my examination and approval a certain canal land lease in triplicate executed by the State of Ohio, through you as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said department, to Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, Inc., of Vandalia, Illinois. By this lease instrument, which is one for a stated term of fifteen years, and which provides for an annual rental of \$12.00, payable in semi-annual installments of \$6.00 each in advance, permission is granted to the grantee to construct and maintain a pipe line across and under the bed and embankments of the abandoned Miami and Erie Canal, at or near Station 5536 + 19, of F. W. Turner's Survey of said canal, located in Section 1, Township 5 south, Range 4 east, in Salem Township, Auglaize County, Ohio.

Upon examination of this lease, I find that the same has been properly executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said department, acting on behalf of the State of Ohio, and by the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, Inc., by authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors of said corporation.

Upon examination of the provisions of the lease and of the conditions and restrictions therein contained, I find that the same are in conformity with the provisions of Sections 14178-27 et seq., General Code, and with other statutory enactments relating to leases of this kind.

I am accordingly approving the lease, as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon the lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof.

Respectfully,

THOMAS J. HERBERT,  
*Attorney General.*