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## APPROVAL—OIL AND GAS LEASE TO LAND IN MILLWOOD TOWNSHIP, GUERNSEY COUNTY, OHIO—OHIO FUEL GAS COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 18, 1936.

HON. JOSEPH T. TRACY, *Auditor of State, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my examination and approval a certain lease in duplicate in and by which the state of Ohio, acting through you as Auditor of State and in consideration of the payment of \$160.00 by the lessee therein named and the contract and agreement of the lessee to pay the royalties therein provided, grants, demises and leases to The Ohio Fuel Gas Company, therein named as the lessee, all of the oil deposits and natural gas in place in and under a tract of land located in Millwood Township in Guernsey County, Ohio, which tract of land is more particularly described as being the northeast quarter of Section 16 in said township and in Range 7 of the original survey of said lands. In and by this lease, there is further granted and demised to said lessee the right to use so much only of the surface of the land as may be reasonably necessary to carry on the work of prospecting for, extracting, piping, storing and removing such oil and natural gas, together with the right to obtain from creeks or other sources of water on said lands a sufficient supply of water to carry on said operations.

The royalties to be paid to the state under this lease are such as are customary in this field, as I am advised, and no reason is seen why, on any view, the lease should not be approved so far as the royalty payments therein provided are concerned.

This lease, which is one for a term of one year and for so much longer thereafter as oil or gas is found in paying quantities, has been properly executed and acknowledged by you as Auditor of State and by The Ohio Fuel Gas Company by the hand of its Vice President. Upon examination of the lease, I find that the provisions thereof and the conditions and restrictions therein contained are in conformity with the provisions of section 3209-1, General Code, under the authority of which this lease is executed, and with other statutory enactments relating generally to the execution of leases. I am, accordingly, approving this lease as to legality and form, as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon the lease and upon the duplicate copy thereof, both of which are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,  
*Attorney General.*