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## APPROVAL, LEASE TO MIAMI AND ERIE CANAL LANDS IN CITY OF DEFIANCE, DEFIANCE COUNTY, OHIO, FOR USE OF THE MAUMEE VALLEY OIL COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 7, 1930.

HON. A. T. CONNAR, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication of even date herewith, with which you submit for my examination and approval a certain lease in triplicate by which you, as superintendent of public works and as director of said department, have leased and demised to the Maumee Valley Oil Company, Unincorporated, of Defiance, Ohio, which firm consists of W. J. Patten and W. M. Bowen, whose signatures appear on said lease, a certain parcel of abandoned Miami and Erie Canal lands located in the city of Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio, and more particularly described as follows:

“Beginning at a point in the easterly line of said canal property that is thirty-six (36) feet north of the northerly line of Fourth street in said city, and being the northeast corner of a tract of land leased to Byron G. Beatty under date of May 18, 1927, and running thence westerly parallel with the northerly line of Fourth street, ninety-four (94) feet to the northwest corner of the said Beatty lease; thence northerly parallel with the easterly line of said canal property ninety-six (96) feet, more or less, to the southerly line produced of a lease granted to King and Fink under date of October 1, 1926; thence easterly with the southerly line of said King and Fink lease ninety-four (94) feet to the easterly line of said canal property; thence southerly ninety-six (96) feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, reserving therefrom fourteen (14) feet off the easterly side thereof for a driveway for the use of the State of Ohio and its lessees, and containing exclusive of said reservation seven thousand, seven hundred and sixty (7,760) square feet, more or less.”

By said lease which is for gasoline, oil storage and general business purposes you have also granted to said lessees certain rights with respect to the location of gasoline storage tank and the right to lay down and maintain gasoline pipes along the right of way mentioned in said lease.

Upon examination of said lease, which is one for a term of ninety-nine years renewable forever and at an annual rental of six per cent upon the present appraised value of said property, subject to revaluation for rental purposes at the end of each period of fifteen years, I find that said lease has been executed in conformity with the provisions of Section 18 of the act passed by the 86th General Assembly under date of March 25, 1925, 111 O. L. 208, and that said lease, in its provisions, is in conformity to other statutes of this state relating to the execution of leases of this kind.

Said lease is accordingly hereby approved as to legality and form, which approval is evidenced by my authorized signature endorsed upon said lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,

*Attorney General.*