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Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,  
*Attorney General.*

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627.

APPROVAL—LEASE EXECUTED BY THE STATE OF OHIO  
TO THE OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR LAND IN SALEM  
AND ROSS TOWNSHIPS, JEFFERSON COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 20, 1937.

HON. L. WOODDELL, *Conservation Commissioner, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR: In and by a communication over the signature of the Chief of the Bureau of Inland Lakes and Parks directed to me under date of May 18, 1937, there has been transmitted to me for my examination and approval a certain lease in triplicate executed by you as Conservation Commissioner, to The Ohio Power Company.

By this lease, which is one for a stated term of fifteen years and which provides for the payment of a nominal annual rental of one dollar, there is leased and demised to the lessee above named, subject to certain conditions and restrictions therein contained, the right to construct, operate and maintain one rural electric line in, over and through what is known as Jefferson County State Park, located in Salem and Ross Townships, Jefferson County, Ohio. It is agreed that the power line herein authorized constructed shall be constructed on as nearly a straight line as possible from its point of entrance of the park to the point of distribution within the park. It is further agreed by The Ohio Power Company, that no laterals or side lines shall be run off of the main line within the limits of the park, without first securing a permit for such side line or lateral from you as Conservation Commissioner.

Inasmuch as it appears from the terms of this lease that the annual rental to be paid by The Ohio Power Company, for the rights and privileges demised to and conferred upon it by the lease, is the nominal sum of one dollar, it is assumed that the reasons which actuated you in executing this lease were such as have relation to the benefits that will accrue to owners and occupants of properties holding under lease from the state and thereby indirectly benefiting the state in its control and management of Jefferson County State Park and adjacent lands as

a public park and as a part of the public works of the state. In this view, I am of the opinion that you are authorized to execute this lease upon the terms and restrictions which are made a part of the lease and which have obvious relation to the protection of the public and others as against the hazards which may be created by the construction of the electrical power lines provided for in the lease.

An examination of the lease shows that the same has been properly executed by you as Conservation Commissioner, and by the Ohio Power Company, acting by the hands of its Vice President and Secretary, pursuant to the authority of the Board of Directors of said company expressed in a resolution of such Board of Directors under date of April 7, 1937.

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 and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,

*Attorney General.*

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628.

APPROVAL—LEASES OF RESERVOIR LANDS BY THE STATE OF OHIO COVERING SEVERAL PARCELS OF LAND AT INDIAN LAKE, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO, AND EXECUTED TO THE PARTIES NAMED THEREIN, RESPECTIVELY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 20, 1937.

HON. L. WOODDELL, *Conservation Commissioner, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR: You recently submitted for my examination and approval a number of reservoir land leases executed by you as Conservation Commissioner to the several lessees therein named, by which there were leased and demised to the respective lessees therein named a number of parcels of reservoir lands, as therein described, owned by the State at Indian Lake, Logan County.

These leases, designated as to the names of the several lessees and the annual rental provided for therein, are as follows: