

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 265

, Approved and Ordered May 28, 2020



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the Petroleum and Natural Gas Drilling Licence and Lease Regulation, B.C. Reg. 10/82, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.



Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 361, s. 133 (2) (e.1)*

Other: *OIC 35/82*

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SCHEDULE

1 The Petroleum and Natural Gas Drilling Licence and Lease Regulation, B.C. Reg. 10/82, is amended by adding the following section:

Continuations in relation to COVID-19 emergency

- 8** (1) In this section:
- “eligible tenure”** means
 - (a) a drilling licence with a term that ends in the specified year, and
 - (b) a lease with a term that ends in the specified year;
 - “specified year”** means the year beginning on June 1, 2020.
- (2) On application by the holder of an eligible tenure, the minister may continue the tenure for a period of one year in respect of all or part of its location.
- (3) An application under subsection (2) must be
- (a) made to the director before the end of the term of the eligible tenure, and
 - (b) accompanied by the rent specified in section 6.2 or 8 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act Fee, Rental and Work Requirement Regulation, as applicable.
- (4) Section 3 (3) is to be read as subject to a continuation under subsection (2) of this section.