WHEREAS the regulations for the disposal of petroleum and natural gas rights on Indian Reserves in the western provinces and the Northwest Territories, approved by Order in Council dated the 7th day of February, 1927, provide for the granting of leases of such rights comprising an area not exceeding 1920 acres, for a period of twenty-one years, renewable, subject to the payment of rental at the rate of One dollar an acre per annum.

AND WHEREAS the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs reports that the regulations for the disposal of petroleum and natural gas rights in effect on Dominion Lands provide for a payment of rental of fifty cents an acre for the first year, and for each subsequent year a rental at the rate of One dollar per acre, payable in advance.

AND WHEREAS the Superintendent General reports that for more effective administration it would appear to be advisable that the regulations in effect on Indian reserves should be uniform as nearly as may be possible, with those on Dominion lands.

THEREFORE, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, is pleased to order that section one of the regulations for the disposal of petroleum and natural gas rights on Indian Reserves in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, above referred to, be and it is hereby amended as follows,-

"The petroleum and natural gas rights on "any Indian Reserve in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, "Alberta, British Columbia or the Northwest "Territories may be leased to applicants at "a rental of fifty cents an acre for the first "year, and for each subsequent year a rental "at the rate of One dollar an acre, payable "yearly in advance, provided that such petroleum "and natural gas rights have been released or "surrendered to His Majesty in trust, in accord-"ance with the provisions of subsection one of *section 49 of the Indian Act. The term of "the lease shall be for twenty-one years, "renewable for a further term of twenty-one "years, provided the lessee can furnish evidence "satisfactory to the Superintendent General to "show that during the term of the lease he has "complied fully with the provisions of such "lease and with the provisions of the regula-"tions in force from time to time during the "currency of the lease."

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