This instrument prepared by:

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Send Tax Notice To:

W. C. Rice Oil Co., Inc. 2511 28th Street SW Birmingham, AL 35211

STATUTORY WARRANTY DEED

STATE OF ALABAMA)

NOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

SHELBY COUNTY)

That for and in consideration of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$324,000.00) and other good and valuable consideration to the undersigned JOE L. TIDMORE, a married man, and CHARLES O. TIDMORE, a married man ("Grantors"), in hand paid by W. C. RICE OIL CO., INC. ("Grantee"), the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantors do by these presents grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Grantee the following described real estate (the "Property") situated in Shelby County, Alabama, to-wit:

SEE EXHIBIT A ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

The Property is conveyed subject to the following:

- Taxes and assessments for the year 1997, and subsequent years, which are not yet due and payable;
- (2) Fire district and library district assessments and other assessments, if any, for the current year and all subsequent years thereafter;
- (3) Transmission line permit to Alabama Power Company, recorded in Deed Book 119, Page 108 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama;
- Public road right of way conveyances to Shelby County and to the State of Alabama, recorded in Deed Book 161, Page 39; in Deed Book 237, Page 98; and Deed Book 236, Page 744 in said Probate Office; and
- (5) Mineral and mining rights not owned by Grantors.

And subject to the foregoing, Grantors will warrant and forever defend the right and title to the Property unto Grantee against the claims of all persons owning, holding or claiming by, through or under Grantors, which claims are based upon matters done or suffered by Grantors subsequent to Grantors' acquisition of the Property and prior to the delivery of this deed to Grantee.

THE PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS CONVEYANCE IS NOT THE HOMESTEAD OF GRANTORS OR GRANTORS' SPOUSES.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns forever.

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Joe J. Tidmore

Charles O. Tidmore

Charles O. Tidmore

STATE OF ALABAMA)

JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Joe L. Tidmore, a married man and Charles O. Tidmore, a married man, whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me, on this day that, being informed of the contents of such conveyance, they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal, this \shi day of July, 1997.

Notary Public

[SEAL]

My commission expires:

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EXHIBIT "A"

Commence at the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 26, Township 21 South, Range 1 West; thence run South 39° 01' East a distance of 1067.56 feet; thence turn an angle of 61° 25' 30" to the left and run a distance of 285.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue in the same direction a distance of 290.35 feet to the Northwest right-of-way of Alabama Highway No. 25; thence turn an angle of 121° 05' to the right and run along said highway right of way a distance of 149.00 feet to Highway 25 Station 172+88; thence turn an angle of 30° 18' to the right and continue along said highway right of way a distance of 172.89 feet to Highway 70 Station 567+131.51; thence turn an angle of 30° 17' 15" to the right to the tangent of a right of way curve and run along said right of way curve (whose Delta Angle is 0° 53' 13" to the left, Radius is 2894.53 feet, Tangent is 22.40 feet, Length of Arc is 44.81 feet); thence turn an angle of 84° 36' 45" to the right from the Tangent of said curve and run a distance of 210.12 feet to the point of beginning. Situated in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 26 Township 21 South, Range 1 West, Huntsville Meridian, Town of Columbiana, Alabama.

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