This instrument prepared by:

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STATUTORY WARRANTY DEED

STATE OF ALABAMA

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

SHELBY COUNTY

That for and in consideration of NINE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$917,000.00) 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 permits to Alabama Power Company recorded in Deed Book 102, Page 138; Deed Book 104, Page 525; and Deed Book 141, Page 198 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; and
- (4) Mineral and mining rights not owned by Grantors, including those recorded in Deed Book 13, Page 180 in said Probate Office.

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

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forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Joe L. Tidmore and Charles O. Tidmore have hereto set their signatures and seals this 15 day of July, 1997.

Joe L. 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 \ day of July, 1997.

Notary Public

[SEAL]

My commission expires:

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Commence at the NW corner of Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 1 West; thence run South along the West line of said Section for 3288.18 feet; thence 89 degrees 05 minutes 34 seconds left run 2930.96 feet to the Southwesterly R/W of U.S. Highway 280; thence 10 degrees 39 minutes 41 seconds left run along said R/W for 189.65 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue last described course for 260.01 feet; thence 89 degrees 51 minutes 25 seconds right run 200.00 feet; thence 90 degrees 08 minutes 35 seconds right run 260.01 feet; thence 89 degrees 51 minutes 25 seconds right run 200.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

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