Case No.

7362

Application

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March 4, 1982

State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Mr. Joe D. Ramey

Gentlemen:

Re: CASE NO. 7362
Order No. R-6809

Gentlemen:

In reference to the subject case, R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., commenced drilling its #1 Hillger at a location of 1650' FSL & 2240' FEL (NW/4 of SE/4) of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico on December 22, 1981. This well was drilled to a total depth of 4500' in the Cherry Canyon and was plugged and abandoned on January 2, 1982.

Please include this letter in your file for the subject case.

Sincerely yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

Richard A. Mendenhall

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November 25, 1981

Re: CASE NO. 7362
ORDER NO. R-6809-A

Mr. Conrad E. Coffield
Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield
& Hensley
Attorneys at Law
P. O. Box 3580
Midland, Texas 79702

Applicant:

R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Yours very truly,

JOE D. RAMEY
Director

JDR/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCD x
Artesia OCD x
Aztec OCD

Other

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. 7362
Order No. R-6809-A

APPLICATION OF R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

It appearing to the Commission that Order No. R-6809, dated October 20, 1981, does not correctly state the intended order of the Commission,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Finding No. (11) on Page 2 of Order No. R-6809 and Order No. (9) on Pages 4 and 5 of said Order No. R-6809 are hereby corrected to reflect charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) of $3300.00 per month while drilling and $335.00 per month while producing.

(2) That the corrections set forth in this order be entered nunc pro tunc as of October 20, 1981.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 24th day of November, 1981.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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November 6, 1981

State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Case #7362; Order #R-6809
Eddy County, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Joe D. Ramey

Gentlemen:

Please include the enclosed letter from R. A. Mendenhall to the Working Interest Owners for the subject Case in you files.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

Richard A Mendenhall By LSJ
Richard A. Mendenhall

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To All Working Interest Owners

Re: Eddy County, New Mexico
NW/SE 40 Acres
Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

Gentlemen:

Today we received from Union Oil Company of California your interests in the Carlsbad Working Interest Unit. We are enclosing Page 3 to Exhibit "A" of the Operating Agreement we sent to you on November 2, 1981. Please attach this page to your copy of the Agreement.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

Richard A. Mendenhall

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Interest:	Carlsbad Working Interest	x	62%	=	Net Working Interest In NW/SE 40 Acres, Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico

Union Oil Company of California
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702
Attention: District Land Manager
Interest: 51.68224 WI x 62% = 32.042989

Wagner & Brown
P. O. Box 1714
Midland, Texas 79702
Interest: 1.31589 WI x 62% = 0.815852

David J. Sorenson
P. O. Box 1453
Roswell, New Mexico 88201
Interest: 1.33367 WI x 62% = 0.826875

Martin Yates III
207 South 4th Street
Artesia, New Mexico 88210
Interest: 2.11017 WI x 62% = 1.308305

Neilson Enterprises, Inc.
P. O. Box 370
Cody, Wyoming 82414
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Snyder,
Secretary-Treasurer
Interest: 1.05364 WI x 62% = 0.653257

Pennzoil Company
P. O. Box 1828
Midland, Texas 79702
Attention: Kenneth Medlock
Interest: 17.09088 WI x 62% = 10.596346

T. J. Sivley
Drawer GG
212 Booker Building
Artesia, New Mexico 88210
Interest: 1.77647 WI x 62% = 1.101411

Amoco Production Company
P. O. Box 3092
Houston, Texas 77001
Interest: 11.57989 WI x 62% = 7.179532

Getty Oil Company
Midland National Bank Tower
Midland, Texas 79701
Interest: 3.68451 WI x 62% = 2.284396

C & K Petroleum, Inc.
600 C & K Building
Midland, Texas 79701
Interest: 1.31590 WI x 62% = 0.815858

James L. Pierce
518 Petroleum Building
Midland, Texas 79701
Interest: .11119 WI x 62% = 0.068938

B. R. Greathouse Estate
c/o Midland National Bank
P. O. Box 2097
Midland, Texas 79702
Attention: Trust Officer
Interest: .77835 WI x 62% = 0.482577

Mrs. Helen Greathouse
105 Metro Building
Midland, Texas 79701
Interest: .77836 WI x 62% = 0.482583

Wainoco Oil & Gas Company
1200 Smith Street, Suite 1500
Houston, Texas 77002
Interest: 3.94399 WI x 62% = 2.445274

G. Dee Williamson
P. O. Box 2206
Roswell, New Mexico 88201
Interest: .80020 WI x 62% = 0.496124

Lanita C. Williamson
3014 North Edgewood
Roswell, New Mexico 88201
Interest: .35564 WI x 62% = 0.220497

Charles D. Olmsted
P. O. Box 669
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
Interest: .08891 WI x 62% = 0.055124

Glenn G. Stiff
P. O. Box 341
Roswell, New Mexico 88201
Interest: .08891 WI x 62% = 0.055124

J. C. Davis, Jr.
203 Petroleum Building
Midland, Texas 79701
Interest: .11119% x 62% = 0.068938

Total: 100.00 WI x 62% = 62.0000

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November 3, 1981

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Union Oil Company of California
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Linda H. Hicks

Re: Eddy County, New Mexico
Carlsbad Working Interest Unit

Gentlemen:

By action of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico Case No. 7362 Order No. R-6809, R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., has the right to drill its proposed test in the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E. It is necessary to acquire from you as operator of the Carlsbad Working Interest Unit a correct list of all parties involved and each owner's working interest in the Unit.

Please verify the enclosed list. If it is not correct, please make necessary corrections, indicate the current working interest for each owner and return to us in the enclosed envelope at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

Richard A. Mendenhall

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R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.
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SUITE 230 WESTERN UNITED LIFE BUILDING, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701
915/683-5334

November 5, 1981

State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Division
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Joe D. Ramey

Re: Case #7362; Order # R-6809
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are copies of all data furnished to the various parties that are connected with the referenced Case and Order for your files as follows:

1. Letter of Transmittal dated November 2, 1981, from R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., (RAMAL) to Working Interest Owners containing the following:

   A. Order of the Oil Conservation Commission #R-6809 for Case #7362 dated October 20, 1981
   B. AAPL FORM 610-1977 Operating Agreement dated November 2, 1981, by and between R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et al, as Non-Operators, covering the proposed well to be drilled 1650' FSL and 2240' FEL (J) in Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico. Such Agreement contains Exhibits A,C & D
   C. AFE for Drilling and Completing the subject well

2. Letter dated November 3, 1981, from RAMAL to Union Oil Company of California

3. Letter dated November 5, 1981, from RAMAL to Union Oil Company of California

Very truly yours,

Richard A. Mendenhall

Enclosures (6)

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November 5, 1981

Ms. Linda H. Hicks
Union Oil Company of California
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702

Re: Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Hicks:

It would be most appreciated if you could furnish to this office any and/or all title opinion data involving your leases for the lands located north of the Pecos River in the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

We thank you for your help.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

Richard A. Mendenhall

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To All Working Interest Owners Of
The Carlsbad Working Interest Unit

Re: Eddy County, New Mexico
Proposed Well (4500')
R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd.
#1 Hillger
1650' FSL & 2440' FEL, Section 10
T-22-S, R-27-E

Gentlemen:

You were all advised by letter of September 10, 1981, of the scheduled hearing with the full Oil Conservation Commission on September 29, 1981, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. A copy of the Order Number R-6809 is enclosed which grants R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., the right to drill the proposed test and pool all interests in the NW/4 of the SE/4 necessary for this well. The Commission advised this office today of an error in the above Order for paragraph 11 on page 2 and in paragraph 9 on page 4. The monthly drilling rate of $2500 and the monthly producing rate of $275 have been changed to $3300 and $335, respectively. This correction by telephone is being followed up by a letter from the Commission, and when it is received, we will furnish a copy to each of you.

Aerial photographs taken in 1969 (USDA #DEO-IKK-447EC dated 2-27-69) and 1977 (USDA Photo #35015-177-247X dated 2-24-77), which were submitted to the Commission on September 29, 1981, as Exhibits 4 and 4a, show that the ownership of lands in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E, should be 24.8 acres (62%) on the north side and 15.2 acres (38%) on the south side of the Pecos River. Therefore, your working interest for the proposed well will be your working interest for the Carlsbad Unit times 62%.

The proposed test is scheduled to be drilled to 4500' to evaluate the Esperanza Tracy Sand Field pay at an approximate depth of 3425' and the excellent shows encountered by Union Oil Company of California in its #1 Tracy (C location

on the enclosed map) from 4286' to 4330' and from 4434' to 4471' and in its #1 Federal "AJ" (G location) from 4253' to 4391'. Both wells are located in Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E.

By this letter you are each offered the opportunity to join in the drilling of this test. If you desire not to join, then by order of the Oil Conservation Commission, the Operator is allowed to recover all of its cost plus 200%. Enclosed please find an AFE (estimated cost to drill) and an Operating Agreement for this well. If you desire to join, please execute the AFE and the signature page of the Operating Agreement and return to the above address. Upon receiving all signatures for the Operating Agreement, we shall furnish you a copy of such data.

Per Paragraph 4 on page 3 of the above mentioned Order, your election to join or not to join should be received in this office on or before December 3, 1981. For those electing to join, you shall be invoiced for your share of all drilling costs prior to spudding of the well. A rig is scheduled to drill this test around December 15, 1981. Please indicate at the bottom of this letter your desire to join or not to join in the proposed test and your working interest in the Carlsbad Working Interest Unit and return to the above address.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

Richard A. Mendenhall

RAM/lsj

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I desire to join / not to join (Please circle one.) in drilling the subject well. My working interest in the Carlsbad Unit is _____.

Signed By: _____ Date: _____

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 7362
Order No. R-6809

APPLICATION OF R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 29, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 20th day of October, 1981, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Delaware Mountain Group formation underlying the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Esperanza-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at a standard location thereon.

(4) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

(5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the oil

and gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.

(6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(7) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.

(8) That any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

(9) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

(10) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(11) That $2500.00 per month while drilling and $275.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

(13) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is

dedicated on or before February 1, 1982, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Delaware Mountain Group formation underlying the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Esperanza-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of February, 1982, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Delaware Mountain Group formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of February, 1982, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

(2) That R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(3) That after the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.

(4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(5) That the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

(6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:

(A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.

(9) That $2500.00 per month while drilling and $275.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby

authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

(11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.

(13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Chairman

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MODEL FORM OPERATING AGREEMENT

OPERATING AGREEMENT

DATED

November 2, 1981,

OPERATOR R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

CONTRACT AREA 1650' FSL and 2240' FEL (J)

Section 10,T-22-S, R-27-E

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GUIDANCE IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGREEMENT:

1. Title Page - Fill in blank as applicable.

2. Preamble, Page 1 - Name of Operator.

3. Article II - Exhibits:
   (a) Indicate Exhibits to be attached.
   (b) If it is desired that no reference be made to Non-discrimination, the reference to Exhibit "F" should be deleted.

4. Article IV.A - Title Examination - Select option as agreed to by the parties.

5. Article IV.B - Loss of Title - If "Joint Loss" of Title is desired, the following changes should be made:
   (a) Delete Articles IV.B.1 and IV.B.2.
   (b) Article IV.B.3 - Delete phrase "other than those set forth in Articles IV.B.1 and IV.B.2 above."
   (c) Article VII.F. - Change reference at end of the first grammatical paragraph from "Article IV.B.2" to "Article IV.B.3."

6. Article V - Operator - Enter name of Operator.

7. Article VI.A - Initial Well:
   (a) Date of commencement of drilling.
   (b) Location of well.
   (c) Obligation depth.

8. Article VI.B.2.(b) - Subsequent Operations - Enter penalty percentage as agreed to by parties.

9. Article VII.D.1. - Limitation of Expenditures - Select option as agreed to by parties.

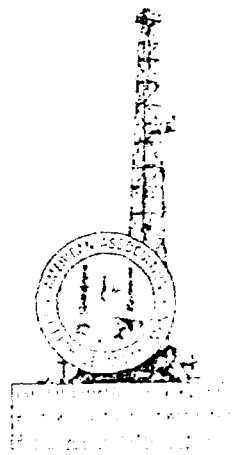
10. Article VII.D.3. - Limitation of Expenditures - Enter limitation of expenditure of Operator for single project and amount above which Operator may furnish information AFE.

11. Article VII.E. - Royalties, Overriding Royalties and Other Payments - Enter royalty fraction as agreed to by parties.

12. Article X. - Claims and Lawsuits - Enter claim limit as agreed to by parties.

13. Article XIII. - Term of Agreement:
   (a) Select Option as agreed to by parties.
   (b) If Option No. 2 is selected, enter agreed number of days in two (2) blanks.

14. Signature Page - Enter effective date.



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OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. _____, hereinafter designated and referred to as "Operator", and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter referred to individually herein as "Non-Operator", and collectively as "Non-Operators",

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are owners of oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests in the land identified in Exhibit "A", and the parties hereto have reached an agreement to explore and develop these leases and/or oil and gas interests for the production of oil and gas to the extent and as hereinafter provided:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I.
DEFINITIONS

As used in this agreement, the following words and terms shall have the meanings here ascribed to them:

A. The term "oil and gas" shall mean oil, gas, casinghead gas, gas condensate, and all other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons and other marketable substances produced therewith, unless an intent to limit the inclusiveness of this term is specifically stated.

B. The terms "oil and gas lease", "lease" and "leasehold" shall mean the oil and gas leases covering tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by the parties to this agreement.

C. The term "oil and gas interests" shall mean unleased fee and mineral interests in tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by parties to this agreement.

D. The term "Contract Area" shall mean all of the lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests intended to be developed and operated for oil and gas purposes under this agreement. Such lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests are described in Exhibit "A".

E. The term "drilling unit" shall mean the area fixed for the drilling of one well by order or rule of any state or federal body having authority. If a drilling unit is not fixed by any such rule or order, a drilling unit shall be the drilling unit as established by the pattern of drilling in the Contract Area or as fixed by express agreement of the Drilling Parties.

F. The term "drillsite" shall mean the oil and gas lease or interest on which a proposed well is to be located.

G. The terms "Drilling Party" and "Consenting Party" shall mean a party who agrees to join in and pay its share of the cost of any operation conducted under the provisions of this agreement.

H. The terms "Non-Drilling Party" and "Non-Consenting Party" shall mean a party who elects not to participate in a proposed operation.

Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.

ARTICLE II.
EXHIBITS

The following exhibits, as indicated below and attached hereto, are incorporated in and made a part hereof:

☒ A. Exhibit "A", shall include the following information:
(1) Identification of lands subject to agreement,
(2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths or formations,
(3) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement,
(4) Oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject to this agreement,
(5) Addresses of parties for notice purposes.

☐ ~~B. Exhibit "B", Form of Lease.~~

☒ C. Exhibit "C", Accounting Procedure.

☒ D. Exhibit "D", Insurance.

☐ ~~E. Exhibit "E", Gas Balancing Agreement.~~

☐ ~~F. Exhibit "F", Non-Discrimination and Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities.~~

If any provision of any exhibit, except Exhibit "E", is inconsistent with any provision contained in the body of this agreement, the provisions in the body of this agreement shall prevail.

ARTICLE III.
INTERESTS OF PARTIES

A. Oil and Gas Interests:

If any party owns an unleased oil and gas interest in the Contract Area, that interest shall be treated for the purpose of this agreement and during the term hereof as if it were a leased interest under the form of oil and gas lease attached as Exhibit "B". As to such interest, the owner shall receive royalty on production as prescribed in the form of oil and gas lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Such party shall, however, be subject to all of the provisions of this agreement relating to lessees, to the extent that it owns the lessee interest.

B. Interest of Parties in Costs and Production:

Exhibit "A" lists all of the parties and their respective percentage or fractional interests under this agreement. Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and material acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned by the parties as their interests are shown in Exhibit "A". All production of oil and gas from the Contract Area, subject to the payment of lessor's royalties shall also be owned by the parties in the same manner during the term hereof; provided, however, this shall not be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby.

ARTICLE IV.
TITLES

A. Title Examination:

Title examination shall be made on the drillsite of any proposed well prior to commencement of drilling operations or, if the Drilling Parties so request, title examination shall be made on the leases and or oil and gas interests included, or planned to be included, in the drilling unit around such well. The opinion will include the ownership of the working interest, minerals, royalty, overriding royalty and production payments under the applicable leases. At the time a well is proposed, each party contributing leases and or oil and gas interests to the drillsite, or to be included in such drilling unit, shall furnish to Operator all abstracts (including Federal Lease Status Reports), title opinions, title papers and curative material in its possession free of charge. All such information not in the possession of or made available to Operator by the parties, but necessary for the examination of title, shall be obtained by Operator. Operator shall cause title to be examined by attorneys on its staff or by outside attorneys. Copies of all title opinions shall be furnished upon request to each party hereto. The cost incurred by Operator in this title program shall be borne as follows:

☐ Option No. 1: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be a part of the administrative overhead as provided in Exhibit "C," and shall not be a direct charge, whether performed by Operator's staff attorneys or by outside attorneys.

☒ Option No. 2: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and fees paid outside attorneys for title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be borne by the Drilling Parties in the proportion that the interest of each Drilling Party bears to the total interest of all Drilling Parties as such interests appear in Exhibit "A". Operator shall make no charge for services rendered by its staff attorneys or other personnel in the performance of the above functions.

Each party shall be responsible for securing curative matter and pooling amendments or agreements required in connection with leases or oil and gas interests contributed by such party. The Operator shall be responsible for the preparation and recording of Pooling Designations or Declarations as well as the conduct of hearings before Governmental Agencies for the securing of spacing or pooling orders. This shall not prevent any party from appearing on its own behalf at any such hearing.

No well shall be drilled on the Contract Area until after (1) the title to the drillsite or drilling unit has been examined as above provided, and (2) the title has been approved by the examining attorney or title has been accepted by all of the parties who are to participate in the drilling of the well.

B. Loss of Title:

1. Failure of Title: Should any oil and gas interest or lease, or interest therein, be lost through failure of title, which loss results in a reduction of interest from that shown on Exhibit "A", this agreement, nevertheless, shall continue in force as to all remaining oil and gas leases and interests, and

(a) The party whose oil and gas lease or interest is affected by the title failure shall bear alone the entire loss and it shall not be entitled to recover from Operator or the other parties any development

or operating costs which it may have theretofore paid, but there shall be no monetary liability on its part to the other parties hereto for drilling, development, operating or other similar costs by reason of such title failure; and

(b) There shall be no retroactive adjustment of expenses incurred or revenues received from the operation of the interest which has been lost, but the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, as of the time it is determined finally that title failure has occurred, so that the interest of the party whose lease or interest is affected by the title failure will thereafter be reduced in the Contract Area by the amount of the interest lost; and

(c) If the proportionate interest of the other parties hereto in any producing well theretofore drilled on the Contract Area is increased by reason of the title failure, the party whose title has failed shall receive the proceeds attributable to the increase in such interests (less costs and burdens attributable thereto) until it has been reimbursed for unrecovered costs paid by it in connection with such well; and

(d) Should any person not a party to this agreement, who is determined to be the owner of any interest in the title which has failed, pay in any manner any part of the cost of operation, development, or equipment, such amount shall be paid to the party or parties who bore the costs which are so refunded; and

(e) Any liability to account to a third party for prior production of oil and gas which arises by reason of title failure shall be borne by the party or parties in the same proportions in which they shared in such prior production; and

(f) No charge shall be made to the joint account for legal expenses, fees or salaries, in connection with the defense of the interest claimed by any party hereto, it being the intention of the parties hereto that each shall defend title to its interest and bear all expenses in connection therewith.

2. Loss by Non-Payment or Erroneous Payment of Amount Due: If, through mistake or oversight, any rental, shut-in well payment, minimum royalty or royalty payment, is not paid or is erroneously paid, and as a result a lease or interest therein terminates, there shall be no monetary liability against the party who failed to make such payment. Unless the party who failed to make the required payment secures a new lease covering the same interest within ninety (90) days from the discovery of the failure to make proper payment, which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, effective as of the date of termination of the lease involved, and the party who failed to make proper payment will no longer be credited with an interest in the Contract Area on account of ownership of the lease or interest which has terminated. In the event the party who failed to make the required payment shall not have been fully reimbursed, at the time of the loss, from the proceeds of the sale of oil and gas attributable to the lost interest, calculated on an acreage basis, for the development and operating costs theretofore paid on account of such interest, it shall be reimbursed for unrecovered actual costs theretofore paid by it (but not for its share of the cost of any dry hole previously drilled or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following as is necessary to effect reimbursement:

(a) Proceeds of oil and gas, less operating expenses, theretofore accrued to the credit of the lost interest, on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs;

(b) Proceeds, less operating expenses, thereafter accrued attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, of that portion of oil and gas thereafter produced and marketed (excluding production from any wells thereafter drilled) which, in the absence of such lease termination, would be attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, the proceeds of said portion of the oil and gas to be contributed by the other parties in proportion to their respective interests; and

(c) Any monies, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, that may be paid by any party who is, or becomes, the owner of the interest lost, for the privilege of participating in the Contract Area or becoming a party to this agreement.

3. Other Losses: All losses incurred, other than those set forth in Articles IV.B.1. and IV.B.2. above, shall not be considered failure of title but shall be joint losses and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

ARTICLE V.
OPERATOR

A. DESIGNATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OPERATOR:

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. shall be the Operator of the Contract Area, and shall conduct and direct and have full control of all operations on the Contract Area as permitted and required by, and within the limits of, this agreement. It shall conduct all such operations in a good and workmanlike manner, but it shall have no liability as Operator to the other parties for losses sustained or liabilities incurred, except such as may result from gross negligence or willful misconduct.

B. Resignation or Removal of Operator and Selection of Successor:

1. Resignation or Removal of Operator: Operator may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to Non-Operators. If Operator terminates its legal existence, no longer owns an interest in the Contract Area, or is no longer capable of serving as Operator, it shall cease to be Operator without any action by Non-Operator, except the selection of a successor. Operator may be removed if it fails or refuses to carry out its duties hereunder, or becomes insolvent, bankrupt or is placed in receivership, by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more Non-Operators owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of Operator. Such resignation or removal shall not become effective until 7:00 o'clock A.M. on the first day of the calendar month following the expiration of ninety (90) days after the giving of notice of resignation by Operator or action by the Non-Operators to remove Operator, unless a successor Operator has been selected and assumes the duties of Operator at an earlier date. Operator, after effective date of resignation or removal, shall be bound by the terms hereof as a Non-Operator. A change of a corporate name or structure of Operator or transfer of Operator's interest to any single subsidiary, parent or successor corporation shall not be the basis for removal of Operator.

2. Selection of Successor Operator: Upon the resignation or removal of Operator, a successor Operator shall be selected by the Parties. The successor Operator shall be selected from the parties owning an interest in the Contract Area at the time such successor Operator is selected. If the Operator that is removed fails to vote or votes only to succeed itself, the successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of the Operator that was removed.

C. Employees:

The number of employees used by Operator in conducting operations hereunder, their selection, and the hours of labor and the compensation for services performed, shall be determined by Operator, and all such employees shall be the employees of Operator.

D. Drilling Contracts:

All wells drilled on the Contract Area shall be drilled on a competitive contract basis at the usual rates prevailing in the area. If it so desires, Operator may employ its own tools and equipment in the drilling of wells, but its charges therefor shall not exceed the prevailing rates in the area and the rate of such charges shall be agreed upon by the parties in writing before drilling operations are commenced, and such work shall be performed by Operator under the same terms and conditions as are customary and usual in the area in contracts of independent contractors who are doing work of a similar nature.

ARTICLE VI.
DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Initial Well:

~~On or before the ____ day of _____, 19__~~ As soon as a rig is made available, Operator shall commence the drilling of a well for oil and gas at the following location:

A legal location in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico (1650' FSL & 2240' FEL, J)

and shall thereafter continue the drilling of the well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Esperanza Field pay at an approximate depth of 3425', and to a depth of 4500' to test all shows reported in offsetting Delaware Mountain Group tests,

unless granite or other practically impenetrable substance or condition in the hole, which renders further drilling impractical, is encountered at a lesser depth, or unless all parties agree to complete or abandon the well at a lesser depth.

Operator shall make reasonable tests of all formations encountered during drilling which give indication of containing oil and gas in quantities sufficient to test, unless this agreement shall be limited in its application to a specific formation or formations, in which event Operator shall be required to test only the formation or formations to which this agreement may apply.

If, in Operator's judgment, the well will not produce oil or gas in paying quantities, and it wishes to plug and abandon the well as a dry hole, it shall first secure the consent of all parties and shall plug and abandon same as provided in Article VI.E.1. hereof.

B. Subsequent Operations:

1. Proposed Operations: Should any party hereto desire to drill any well on the Contract Area other than the well provided for in Article VI.A., or to rework, deepen or plug back a dry hole drilled at the joint expense of all parties or a well jointly owned by all the parties and not then producing in paying quantities, the party desiring to drill, rework, deepen or plug back such a well shall give the other parties written notice of the proposed operation, specifying the work to be performed, the location, proposed depth, objective formation and the estimated cost of the operation. The parties receiving such a notice shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice within which to notify the parties wishing to do the work whether they elect to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. If a drilling rig is on location, notice of proposal to rework, plug back or drill deeper may be given by telephone and the response period shall be limited to twenty-four (24) hours. Failure of a party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. Any notice or response given by telephone shall be promptly confirmed in writing.

2. Operations by Less than All Parties: If any party receiving such notice as provided in Article VI.B.1. or VI.E.1. elects not to participate in the proposed operation, then, in order to be entitled to the benefits of this article, the party or parties giving the notice and such other parties as shall elect to participate in the operation shall, within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the twenty-four (24) hour period where the drilling rig is on location, as the case may be) actually commence work on the proposed operation and complete it with due diligence. Operator shall perform all work for the account of the Consenting Parties; provided, however, if no drilling rig or other equipment is on location, and if Operator is a Non-Consenting Party, the Consenting Parties shall either: (a) request Operator to perform the work required by such proposed operation for the account of the Consenting Parties, or (b) designate one (1) of the Consenting Parties as Operator to perform such work. Consenting Parties, when conducting operations on the Contract Area pursuant to this Article VI.B.2., shall comply with all terms and conditions of this agreement.

If less than all parties approve any proposed operation, the proposing party, immediately after the expiration of the applicable notice period, shall advise the Consenting Parties of (a) the total interest of the parties approving such operation, and (b) its recommendation as to whether the Consenting Parties should proceed with the operation as proposed. Each Consenting Party, within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of such notice, shall advise the proposing party of its desire to (a) limit participation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A", or (b) carry its proportionate part of Non-Consenting Parties' interest. The proposing party, at its election, may withdraw such proposal if there is insufficient participation, and shall promptly notify all parties of such decision.

The entire cost and risk of conducting such operations shall be borne by the Consenting Parties in the proportions they have elected to bear same under the terms of the preceding paragraph. Consenting Parties shall keep the leasehold estates involved in such operations free and clear of all liens and encumbrances of every kind created by or arising from the operations of the Consenting Parties. If such an operation results in a dry hole, the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well at their sole cost, risk and expense. If any well drilled, reworked, deepened or plugged back under the provisions of this Article results in a producer of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, the Consenting Parties shall complete and equip the well to produce at their sole cost and risk, and the well shall then be turned over to Operator and shall be operated by it at the expense and for the account of the Consenting Parties. Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of any such well by Consenting Parties in accordance with the provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, and the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-Consenting Party's interest in the well and share of production therefrom until the proceeds of the sale of such share, calculated at the well, or market value thereof if such share is not sold (after deducting production taxes, royalty, overriding royalty and other interests existing on the effective date hereof, payable out of or measured by the production from such well accruing with respect to such interest until it reverts) shall equal the total of the following:

(a) 300% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of any newly acquired surface equipment beyond the wellhead connections (including, but not limited to, stock tanks, separators, treaters, pumping equipment and piping), plus 100% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of operation of the well commencing with first production and continuing until each such Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest shall revert to it under other provisions of this Article, it being agreed that each Non-Consenting Party's share of such costs and equipment will be that interest which would have been chargeable to each Non-Consenting Party had it participated in the well from the beginning of the operation; and

(b) 300 % of that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling reworking, deepening, or plugging back, testing and completing, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C., and

300 % of that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the well-head connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had participated therein.

Gas production attributable to any Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest upon such Party's election, shall be sold to its purchaser, if available, under the terms of its existing gas sales contract. Such Non - Consenting Party shall direct its purchaser to remit the proceeds receivable from such sale direct to the Consenting Parties until the amounts provided for in this Article are recovered from the Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest. If such Non - Consenting Party has not contracted for sale of its gas at the time such gas is available for delivery, or has not made the election as provided above, the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive and sell such Non-Consenting Party's share of gas as hereinabove provided during the recoupment period.

During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's share of production, or the proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of all production, severance, gathering and other taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's share of production.

In the case of any reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling operation, the Consenting Parties shall be permitted to use, free of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of all such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon abandonment of a well after such reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equipment to the owners thereof, with each party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of salvage.

Within sixty (60) days after the completion of any operation under this Article, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an inventory of the equipment in and connected to the well, and an itemized statement of the cost of drilling, deepening, plugging back, testing, completing, and equipping the well for production; or, at its option, the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed statement of monthly billings. Each month thereafter, during the time the Consenting Parties are being reimbursed as provided above, the Party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities incurred in the operation of the well, together with a statement of the quantity of oil and gas produced from it and the amount of proceeds realized from the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding month. In determining the quantity of oil and gas produced during any month, Consenting Parties shall use industry accepted methods such as, but not limited to, metering or periodic well tests. Any amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with any such operation which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein shall be credited against the total unreturned costs of the work done and of the equipment purchased, in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as above provided; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting party.

If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest the amounts provided for above, the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall automatically revert to it, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-Consenting Party shall own the same interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production therefrom as such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be charged with and shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of the operation of said well in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the Accounting Procedure, attached hereto.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that without the mutual consent of all parties, no wells shall be completed in or produced from a source of supply from which a well located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, unless such well conforms to the then-existing well spacing pattern for such source of supply.

The provisions of this Article shall have no application whatsoever to the drilling of the initial well described in Article VI.A. except (a) when Option 2, Article VII.D.1., has been selected, or (b) to the reworking, deepening and plugging back of such initial well, if such well is or thereafter shall prove to be a dry hole or non-commercial well, after having been drilled to the depth specified in Article VI.A.

C. **Right to Take Production in Kind:**

Each party shall have the right to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in preparing and treating oil for marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditure incurred in the taking in kind or separate disposition by any party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any

party taking its share of production in kind shall be required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it uses.

Each party shall execute such division orders and contracts as may be necessary for the sale of its interest in production from the Contract Area, and, except as provided in Article VII.B., shall be entitled to receive payment direct from the purchaser thereof for its share of all production.

In the event any party shall fail to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of the oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, Operator shall have the right, subject to the revocation at will by the party owning it, but not the obligation, to purchase such oil and gas or sell it to others at any time and from time to time, for the account of the non-taking party at the best price obtainable in the area for such production. Any such purchase or sale by Operator shall be subject always to the right of the owner of the production to exercise at any time its right to take in kind, or separately dispose of, its share of all oil and gas not previously delivered to a purchaser. Any purchase or sale by Operator of any other party's share of oil and gas shall be only for such reasonable periods of time as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the particular circumstances, but in no event for a period in excess of one (1) year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Operator shall not make a sale, including one into interstate commerce, of any other party's share of gas production without first giving such other party thirty (30) days prior written notice of such intended sale.

In the event one or more parties' separate disposition of its share of the gas causes split-stream deliveries to separate pipelines and/or deliveries which on a day-to-day basis for any reason are not exactly equal to a party's respective proportionate share of total gas sales to be allocated to it, the balancing or accounting between the respective accounts of the parties shall be in accordance with any Gas Balancing Agreement between the parties hereto, whether such Agreement is attached as Exhibit "E", or is a separate Agreement.

D. Access to Contract Area and Information:

Each party shall have access to the Contract Area at all reasonable times, at its sole risk to inspect or observe operations, and shall have access at reasonable times to information pertaining to the development or operation thereof, including Operator's books and records relating thereto. Operator, upon request, shall furnish each of the other parties with copies of all forms or reports filed with governmental agencies, daily drilling reports, well logs, tank tables, daily gauge and run tickets and reports of stock on hand at the first of each month, and shall make available samples of any cores or cuttings taken from any well drilled on the Contract Area. The cost of gathering and furnishing information to Non-Operator, other than that specified above, shall be charged to the Non-Operator that requests the information.

E. Abandonment of Wells:

1. Abandonment of Dry Holes: Except for any well drilled pursuant to Article VI.B.2., any well which has been drilled under the terms of this agreement and is proposed to be completed as a dry hole shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. Should Operator, after diligent effort, be unable to contact any party, or should any party fail to reply within forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays) after receipt of notice of the proposal to plug and abandon such well, such party shall be deemed to have consented to the proposed abandonment. All such wells shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of the parties who participated in the cost of drilling of such well. Any party who objects to the plugging and abandoning such well shall have the right to take over the well and conduct further operations in search of oil and/or gas subject to the provisions of Article VI.B.

2. Abandonment of Wells that have Produced: Except for any well which has been drilled or reworked pursuant to Article VI.B.2. hereof for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reimbursed as therein provided, any well which has been completed as a producer shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. If all parties consent to such abandonment, the well shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of all the parties hereto. If, within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the proposed abandonment of such well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of any well, those wishing to continue its operation shall tender to each of the other parties its proportionate share of the value of the well's salvable material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. Each abandoning party shall assign to the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, quality, or fitness for use of the equipment and material, all of its interest in the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the leasehold estate as to, but only as to, the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes an oil and gas interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-abandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production, for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the interval or inter-

vals of the formation or formations covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached as Exhibit "B". The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the "drilling unit" upon which the well is located. The payments by, and the assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentages of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment of interest in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the operation of or production from the well in the interval or intervals then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon request, Operator shall continue to operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and charges contemplated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of the separate ownership of the assigned well.

ARTICLE VII.
EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES

A. Liability of Parties:

The liability of the parties shall be several, not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible only for its obligations, and shall be liable only for its proportionate share of the costs of developing and operating the Contract Area. Accordingly, the liens granted among the parties in Article VII.B. are given to secure only the debts of each severally. It is not the intention of the parties to create, nor shall this agreement be construed as creating, a mining or other partnership or association, or to render the parties liable as partners.

B. Liens and Payment Defaults:

Each Non-Operator grants to Operator a lien upon its oil and gas rights in the Contract Area, and a security interest in its share of oil and/or gas when extracted and its interest in all equipment, to secure payment of its share of expense, together with interest thereon at the rate provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". To the extent that Operator has a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State, Operator shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the obtaining of judgment by Operator for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any Non-Operator in the payment of its share of expense, Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such Non-Operator's share of oil and/or gas until the amount owed by such Non-Operator, plus interest has been paid. Each purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon Operator's written statement concerning the amount of any default. Operator grants a like lien and security interest to the Non-Operators to secure payment of Operator's proportionate share of expense.

If any party fails or is unable to pay its share of expense within sixty (60) days after rendition of a statement therefor by Operator, the non-defaulting parties, including Operator, shall, upon request by Operator, pay the unpaid amount in the proportion that the interest of each such party bears to the interest of all such parties. Each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall, to obtain reimbursement thereof, be subrogated to the security rights described in the foregoing paragraph.

C. Payments and Accounting:

Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, Operator shall promptly pay and discharge expenses incurred in the development and operation of the Contract Area pursuant to this agreement and shall charge each of the parties hereto with their respective proportionate shares upon the expense basis provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Operator shall keep an accurate record of the joint account hereunder, showing expenses incurred and charges and credits made and received.

Operator, at its election, shall have the right from time to time to demand and receive from the other parties payment in advance of their respective shares of the estimated amount of the expense to be incurred in operations hereunder during the next succeeding month, which right may be exercised only by submission to each such party of an itemized statement of such estimated expense, together with an invoice for its share thereof. Each such statement and invoice for the payment in advance of estimated expense shall be submitted on or before the 20th day of the next preceding month. Each party shall pay to Operator its proportionate share of such estimate within fifteen (15) days after such estimate and invoice is received. If any party fails to pay its share of said estimate within said time, the amount due shall bear interest as provided in Exhibit "C" until paid. Proper adjustment shall be made monthly between advances and actual expense to the end that each party shall bear and pay its proportionate share of actual expenses incurred, and no more.

D. Limitation of Expenditures:

1. Drill or Deepen: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled or deepened, except any well drilled or deepened pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this Agreement, it being understood that the consent to the drilling or deepening shall include:

☐ Option No. 1: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening, testing, completing and equipping of the well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

☒ Option No. 2: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening and testing of the well. When such well has reached its authorized depth, and all tests have been completed, Operator shall give immediate notice to the Non-Operators who have the right to participate in the completion costs. The parties receiving such notice shall have Twenty-four (24) hours in which to elect to participate in the setting of casing and the completion attempt. Such election, when made, shall include consent to all necessary expenditures for the completing and equipping of such well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities. Failure of any party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the completion attempt. If one or more, but less than all of the parties, elect to set pipe and to attempt a completion, the provisions of Article VI.B.2. hereof (the phrase "reworking, deepening or plugging back" as contained in Article VI.B.2. shall be deemed to include "completing") shall apply to the operations thereafter conducted by less than all parties.

2. Rework or Plug Back: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be reworked or plugged back except a well reworked or plugged back pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement, it being understood that the consent to the reworking or plugging back of a well shall include consent to all necessary expenditures in conducting such operations and completing and equipping of said well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

3. Other Operations: Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of Ten thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($10,000.00) except in connection with a well, the drilling, reworking, deepening, completing, recompleting, or plugging back of which has been previously authorized by or pursuant to this agreement; provided, however, that, in case of explosion, fire, flood or other sudden emergency, whether of the same or different nature, Operator may take such steps and incur such expenses as in its opinion are required to deal with the emergency to safeguard life and property but Operator, as promptly as possible, shall report the emergency to the other parties. If Operator prepares "Authority for Expenditures" for its own use, Operator, upon request, shall furnish copies of its "Authority for Expenditures" for any single project costing in excess of Ten thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($10,000.00).

E. Royalties, Overriding Royalties and Other Payments:

Each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, all royalties due on its share of production and shall hold the other parties free from any liability therefor. If the interest of any party in any oil and gas lease covered by this agreement is subject to any overriding royalty, production payment, or other charge such party shall assume and alone bear all such obligations and shall account for or cause to be accounted for, such interest to the owners thereof.

F. Rentals, Shut-in Well Payments and Minimum Royalties:

Rentals, shut-in well payments and minimum royalties which may be required under the terms of any lease shall be paid by the party or parties who subjected such lease to this agreement at its or their expense. In the event two or more parties own and have contributed interests in the same lease to this agreement, such parties may designate one of such parties to make said payments for and on behalf of all such parties. Any party may request, and shall be entitled to receive, proper evidence of all such payments. In the event of failure to make proper payment of any rental, shut-in well payment or minimum royalty through mistake or oversight where such payment is required to continue the lease in force, any loss which results from such non-payment shall be borne in accordance with the provisions of Article IV.B.2.

Operator shall notify Non-Operator of the anticipated completion of a shut-in gas well, or the shutting in or return to production of a producing gas well, at least five (5) days (excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays), or at the earliest opportunity permitted by circumstances, prior to taking such action, but assumes no liability for failure to do so. In the event of failure by Operator to so notify Non-Operator, the loss of any lease contributed hereto by Non-Operator for failure to make timely payments

of any shut-in well payment shall be borne jointly by the parties hereto under the provisions of Article IV.B.3.

G. Taxes:

Beginning with the first calendar year after the effective date hereof, Operator shall render for ad valorem taxation all property subject to this agreement which by law should be rendered for such taxes, and it shall pay all such taxes assessed thereon before they become delinquent. Prior to the rendition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator information as to burdens (to include, but not be limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on leases and oil and gas interests contributed by such Non-Operator. If the assessed valuation of any leasehold estate is reduced by reason of its being subject to outstanding excess royalties, overriding royalties or production payments, the reduction in ad valorem taxes resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of such leasehold estate, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such reduction. Operator shall bill other parties for their proportionate share of all tax payments in the manner provided in Exhibit "C".

If Operator considers any tax assessment improper, Operator may, at its discretion, protest within the time and manner prescribed by law, and prosecute the protest to a final determination, unless all parties agree to abandon the protest prior to final determination. During the pendency of administrative or judicial proceedings, Operator may elect to pay, under protest, all such taxes and any interest and penalty. When any such protested assessment shall have been finally determined, Operator shall pay the tax for the joint account, together with any interest and penalty accrued, and the total cost shall then be assessed against the parties, and be paid by them, as provided in Exhibit "C".

Each party shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, gathering and other taxes imposed upon or with respect to the production or handling of such party's share of oil and/or gas produced under the terms of this agreement.

H. Insurance:

At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a self-insurer for liability under said compensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall be an amount equivalent to the premium which would have been paid had such insurance been obtained. Operator shall also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D", attached to and made a part hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted and to maintain such other insurance as Operator may require.

In the event Automobile Public Liability Insurance is specified in said Exhibit "D", or subsequently receives the approval of the parties, no direct charge shall be made by Operator for premiums paid for such insurance for Operator's fully owned automotive equipment.

ARTICLE VIII.
ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST

A. Surrender of Leases:

The leases covered by this agreement, insofar as they embrace acreage in the Contract Area, shall not be surrendered in whole or in part unless all parties consent thereto.

However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any lease or in any portion thereof, and other parties do not agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or implied warranty of title, all of its interest in such lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and equipment which may be located thereon and any rights in production thereafter secured, to the parties not desiring to surrender it. If the interest of the assigning party includes an oil and gas interest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not desiring to surrender an oil and gas lease covering such oil and gas interest for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the land covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Upon such assignment, the assigning party shall be relieved from all obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the acreage assigned and the operation of any well thereon, and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the lease assigned and its equipment and production other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The parties assignee shall pay to the party assignor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any wells and equipment on the assigned acreage. The value of all material shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. If the assignment is in favor of more than one party, the assigned interest shall

be shared by the parties assignee in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the interest of all parties assignee.

Any assignment or surrender made under this provision shall not reduce or change the assignor's or surrendering parties' interest, as it was immediately before the assignment, in the balance of the Contract Area; and the acreage assigned or surrendered, and subsequent operations thereon, shall not thereafter be subject to the terms and provisions of this agreement.

B. Renewal or Extension of Leases:

If any party secures a renewal of any oil and gas lease subject to this Agreement, all other parties shall be notified promptly, and shall have the right for a period of thirty (30) days following receipt of such notice in which to elect to participate in the ownership of the renewal lease, insofar as such lease affects lands within the Contract Area, by paying to the party who acquired it their several proper proportionate shares of the acquisition cost allocated to that part of such lease within the Contract Area, which shall be in proportion to the interests held at that time by the parties in the Contract Area.

If some, but less than all, of the parties elect to participate in the purchase of a renewal lease, it shall be owned by the parties who elect to participate therein, in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all parties participating in the purchase of such renewal lease. Any renewal lease in which less than all parties elect to participate shall not be subject to this agreement.

Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal lease shall be given an assignment of its proportionate interest therein by the acquiring party.

The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal leases whether they are for the entire interest covered by the expiring lease or cover only a portion of its area or an interest therein. Any renewal lease taken before the expiration of its predecessor lease, or taken or contracted for within six (6) months after the expiration of the existing lease shall be subject to this provision; but any lease taken or contracted for more than six (6) months after the expiration of an existing lease shall not be deemed a renewal lease and shall not be subject to the provisions of this agreement.

The provisions in this Article shall apply also and in like manner to extensions of oil and gas leases.

C. Acreage or Cash Contributions:

While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash toward the drilling of a well or any other operation on the Contract Area, such contribution shall be paid to the party who conducted the drilling or other operation and shall be applied by it against the cost of such drilling or other operation. If the contribution be in the form of acreage, the party to whom the contribution is made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling Parties in the proportions said Drilling Parties shared the cost of drilling the well. If all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall become a part of the Contract Area and be governed by the provisions of this agreement. If less than all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall not become a part of the Contract Area. Each party shall promptly notify all other parties of all acreage or money contributions it may obtain in support of any well or any other operation on the Contract Area.

If any party contracts for any consideration relating to disposition of such party's share of substances produced hereunder, such consideration shall not be deemed a contribution as contemplated in this Article VIII.C.

D. Subsequently Created Interest:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII.E. and VIII.G., if any party hereto shall, subsequent to execution of this agreement, create an overriding royalty, production payment, or net proceeds interest, which such interests are hereinafter referred to as "subsequently created interest", such subsequently created interest shall be specifically made subject to all of the terms and provisions of this agreement, as follows:

1. If non-consent operations are conducted pursuant to any provision of this agreement, and the party conducting such operations becomes entitled to receive the production attributable to the interest out of which the subsequently created interest is derived, such party shall receive same free and clear of such subsequently created interest. The party creating same shall bear and pay all such subsequently created interests and shall indemnify and hold the other parties hereto free and harmless from any and all liability resulting therefrom.

2. If the owner of the interest from which the subsequently created interest is derived (1) fails to pay, when due, its share of expenses chargeable hereunder, or (2) elects to abandon a well under provisions of Article VI.E. hereof, or (3) elects to surrender a lease under provisions of Article VIII.A. hereof, the subsequently created interest shall be chargeable with the pro rata portion of all expenses hereunder in the same manner as if such interest were a working interest. For purposes of collecting such chargeable expenses, the party or parties who receive assignments as a result of (2) or (3) above shall have the right to enforce all provisions of Article VII.B. hereof against such subsequently created interest.

E. Maintenance of Uniform Interest:

For the purpose of maintaning uniformity of ownership in the oil and gas leasehold interests covered by this contract, and notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, no party shall sell, encumber, transfer or make other disposition of its interest in the leases embraced within the Unit area and in wells, equipment and production unless every such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party shall be made expressly subject to this agreement, and shall be made without prejudice to the rights of the other parties.

If at any time the interest of any party is divided among and owned by four or more co-owners, Operator may, at its discretion, require such co-owners to appoint a single trustee or agent with full authority to receive notices, approve expenditures, receive billings for and approve and pay such party's share of the joint expenses, and to deal generally with, and with power to bind, the co-owners of such party's interests within the scope of the operations embraced in this contract; however, all such co-owners shall enter into and execute all contracts or agreements for the disposition of their respective shares of the oil and gas produced from the Unit Area and they shall have the right to receive, separately, payment of the sale of proceeds thereof.

F. Waiver of Right to Partition:

If permitted by the laws of the state or states in which the property covered hereby is located, each party hereto owning an undivided interest in the Contract Area waives any and all rights it may have to partition and have set aside to it in severalty its undivided interest therein.

G. Preferential Right to Purchase:

ARTICLE IX.
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION

This agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, a relationship of partnership or an association for profit between or among the parties hereto. Notwithstanding any provisions herein that the rights and liabilities hereunder are several and not joint or collective, or that this agreement and operations hereunder shall not constitute a partnership, if, for Federal income tax purposes, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, each party hereby affected elects to be excluded from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as permitted and authorized by Section 761 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Operator is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of each party hereby affected such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States or the Federal Internal Revenue Service, including specifically, but not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements, and the data required by Federal Regulations 1.761. Should there be any requirement that each party hereby affected give further evidence of this election, each such party shall execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be required by the Federal Internal Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. No

such party shall give any notices or take any other action inconsistent with the election made hereby. If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Contract Area is located or any future income tax laws of the United States contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, under which an election similar to that provided by Section 761 of the Code is permitted, each party hereby affected shall make such election as may be permitted or required by such laws. In making the foregoing election, each such party states that the income derived by such party from Operations hereunder can be adequately determined without the computation of partnership taxable income.

ARTICLE X.
CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS

Operator may settle any single damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the expenditure does not exceed Five Thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($5,000.00) and if the payment is in complete settlement of such claim or suit. If the amount required for settlement exceeds the above amount, the parties hereto shall assume and take over the further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is delegated to Operator. All costs and expense of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be at the joint expense of the parties. If a claim is made against any party or if any party is sued on account of any matter arising from operations hereunder over which such individual has no control because of the rights given Operator by this agreement, the party shall immediately notify Operator, and the claim or suit shall be treated as any other claim or suit involving operations hereunder.

ARTICLE XI.
FORCE MAJEURE

If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by force majeure to carry out its obligations under this agreement, other than the obligation to make money payments, that party shall give to all other parties prompt written notice of the force majeure with reasonably full particulars concerning it; thereupon, the obligations of the party giving the notice, so far as they are affected by the force majeure, shall be suspended during, but no longer than, the continuance of the force majeure. The affected party shall use all reasonable diligence to remove the force majeure situation as quickly as practicable.

The requirement that any force majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes, lockouts, or other labor difficulty by the party involved, contrary to its wishes; how all such difficulties shall be handled shall be entirely within the discretion of the party concerned.

The term "force majeure", as here employed, shall mean an act of God, strike, lockout, or other industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightning, fire, storm, flood, explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint or inaction, unavailability of equipment, and any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension.

ARTICLE XII.
NOTICES

All notices authorized or required between the parties, and required by any of the provisions of this agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be given in writing by United States mail or Western Union telegram, postage or charges prepaid, or by teletype, and addressed to the party to whom the notice is given at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A". The originating notice given under any provision hereof shall be deemed given only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed, and the time for such party to give any notice in response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail or with the Western Union Telegraph Company, with postage or charges prepaid, or when sent by teletype. Each party shall have the right to change its address at any time, and from time to time, by giving written notice hereof to all other parties.

ARTICLE XIII.
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subjected hereto for the period of time selected below; provided, however, no party hereto shall ever be construed as having any right, title or interest in or to any lease, or oil and gas interest contributed by any other party beyond the term of this agreement.

[X] Option No. 1: So long as any of the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement remain or are continued in force as to any part of the Contract Area, whether by production, extension, renewal or otherwise, and/or so long as oil and/or gas production continues from any lease or oil and gas interest.

☐ Option No. 2: In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled under any provision of this agreement, results in production of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, this agreement shall continue in force so long as any such well or wells produce, or are capable of production, and for an additional period of _____ days from cessation of all production; provided, however, if, prior to the expiration of such additional period, one or more of the parties hereto are engaged in drilling or reworking a well or wells hereunder, this agreement shall continue in force until such operations have been completed and if production results therefrom, this agreement shall continue in force as provided herein. In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled hereunder, results in a dry hole, and no other well is producing, or capable of producing oil and/or gas from the Contract Area, this agreement shall terminate unless drilling or reworking operations are commenced within _____ days from the date of abandonment of said well.

It is agreed, however, that the termination of this agreement shall not relieve any party hereto from any liability which has accrued or attached prior to the date of such termination.

ARTICLE XIV.
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. Laws, Regulations and Orders:

This agreement shall be subject to the conservation laws of the state in which the committed acreage is located, to the valid rules, regulations, and orders of any duly constituted regulatory body of said state; and to all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders.

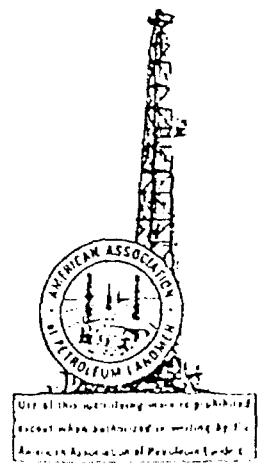
B. Governing Law:

The essential validity of this agreement and all matters pertaining thereto, including, but not limited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the law of the state in which the Contract Area is located. If the Contract Area is in two or more states, the law of the state where most of the land in the Contract Area is located shall govern.

ARTICLE XV.
OTHER PROVISIONS

A. If the operator is required hereunder to pay ad valorem taxes based in whole or in part upon separate valuations of each party's working interest, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, charges to the joint account shall be made and paid by the parties hereto in accordance with the percentage of tax value generated by each party's working interest.

B. When there is no party in default hereunder, and after a period of one(1) year from the date of this agreement, should any of the Non-Operators be of the opinion that it can operate the Unit Area more economically than Operator, such Non-Operators shall give thirty (30) days' written notice to Operator, and subject to the requirements set forth hereafter in this Section, on the first day of the calendar month following the end of such thirty (30) day period, said Non-Operator shall take charge of such operations under the terms of this agreement. Prior to such Non-Operator being permitted to exercise such right to assume operations, said Non-Operator must agree, in writing, to maintain the average production trend, and efficiency rate as had been established by the Operator, and must agree, in writing, to immediately reduce operating expenses by not less than ten percent (10%) and to continue to operator the Unit Area on such agreed basis. In like manner and upon like notice, any then Non-Operator shall have the right to assume operations hereunder, providing it receives approval of a total of more than 50% in interest of the working interest owners.



ARTICLE XVI.
MISCELLANEOUS

This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of 2 day of November, 1981.

OPERATOR

R. A. Mendenhall Associates Ltd.,

_____

By Richard A. Mendenhall, General Partner

NON-OPERATORS

Union Oil Company of California

ATTEST:

_____ By: _____

Wagner & Brown

ATTEST:

_____ By: _____

_____ _____

David J. Sorenson Martin Yates III

Nielson Enterprises, Inc.

ATTEST:

_____ By: _____

Pennzoil Company

ATTEST:

_____ By: _____

_____ _____

T. J. Sivley J. C. Davis, Jr.

Amoco Production Company

ATTEST:

_____ By: _____

Getty Oil Company

ATTEST:

_____ By: _____

C & K Petroleum, Inc.

ATTEST:

_____

By: _____

ATTEST:

_____

B. R. Greathouse Estate
c/o Midland National Bank

By: _____

_____
James L. Pierce

_____
Mrs. Helen Greathouse

ATTEST:

_____

Wainoco Oil & Gas Company

By: _____

_____
G. Dee Williamson

_____
Lanita C. Williamson

_____
Charles D. Olmsted

_____
Glenn G. Stiff

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State on this day personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person whose name is suscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this ____ day of _____, 1981.

My Commission Expires:

_____

_____
Notary Public in and for _____, County, _____.

CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State on this day personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that the same was the act of the said _____, a corporation, and that he executed the same as the act of such corporation for the purposes and consideration therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

Given under my hand and seal of office this ____ day of _____, 1981.

My Commission Expires:

_____

_____
Notary Public in and for _____, County, _____.

PARTNERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MIDLAND

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State on this day personally appeared RICHARD A. MENDENHALL, GENERAL PARTNER of R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD., known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that the same was the acot of the said R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD., a Texas limited partnership, and that he executed the same as the act of such limited partnership for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 2nd day of November, 1981.

(Lynda J. Stokes)
Notary Public in and for Midland County, Texas

My Commission Expires:
5-13-85

EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of the Operating Agreement by and between R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et al, as Operator, Said Operating Agreement dated November 2, 1981.

LANDS AND DEPTHS SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT

All lands which are owned by R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., and Union Oil Company of California et al will be committed by each to the Drilling Unit located in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico, from surface of the ground to and including all depths down to 4500'.

PARTIES TO AGREEMENT, ADDRESSES AND INTERESTS

R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd.
Suite 230 Western United Life Building
Midland, Texas 79701

NW/SE 40 acres 38%

Union Oil Company of California et al
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702

NW/SE 40 acres 62% **

** See Exhibit "A" Page 2 for addresses and individual interests.

Union Oil Company of California
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702
Attention: District Land Manager
Interest: _____

Wagner & Brown
P. O. Box 1714
Midland, Texas 79702
Interest: _____

David J. Sorenson
P. O. Box 1453
Roswell, New Mexico 88201
Interest: _____

Martin Yates III
207 South 4th Street
Artesia, New Mexico 88210
Interest: _____

Neilson Enterprises, Inc.
P. O. Box 370
Cody, Wyoming 82414
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Snyder,
Secretary-Treasurer
Interest: _____

Pennzoil Company
P. O. Box 1828
Midland, Texas 79702
Attention: Kenneth Medlock
Interest: _____

T. J. Sivley
Drawer GG
212 Booker Building
Artesia, New Mexico 88210
Interest: _____

Amoco Production Company
P. O. Box 3092
Houston, Texas 77001
Interest: _____

Getty Oil Company
Midland National Bank Tower
Midland, Texas 79701
Interest: _____

C & K Petroleum, Inc.
600 C & K Building
Midland, Texas 79701
Interest: _____

James L. Pierce
518 Petroleum Building
Midland, Texas 79701
Interest: _____

B. R. Greathouse Estate
c/o Midland National Bank
P. O. Box 2097
Midland, Texas 79702
Attention: Trust Officer
Interest: _____

Mrs. Helen Greathouse
105 Metro Building
Midland, Texas 79701
Interest: _____

Wainoco Oil & Gas Company
1200 Smith Street, Suite 1500
Houston, Texas 77002
Interest: _____

G. Dee Williamson
P. O. Box 2206
Roswell, New Mexico 88201
Interest: _____

Lanita C. Williamson
3014 North Edgewood
Roswell, New Mexico 88201
Interest: _____

Charles D. Olmsted
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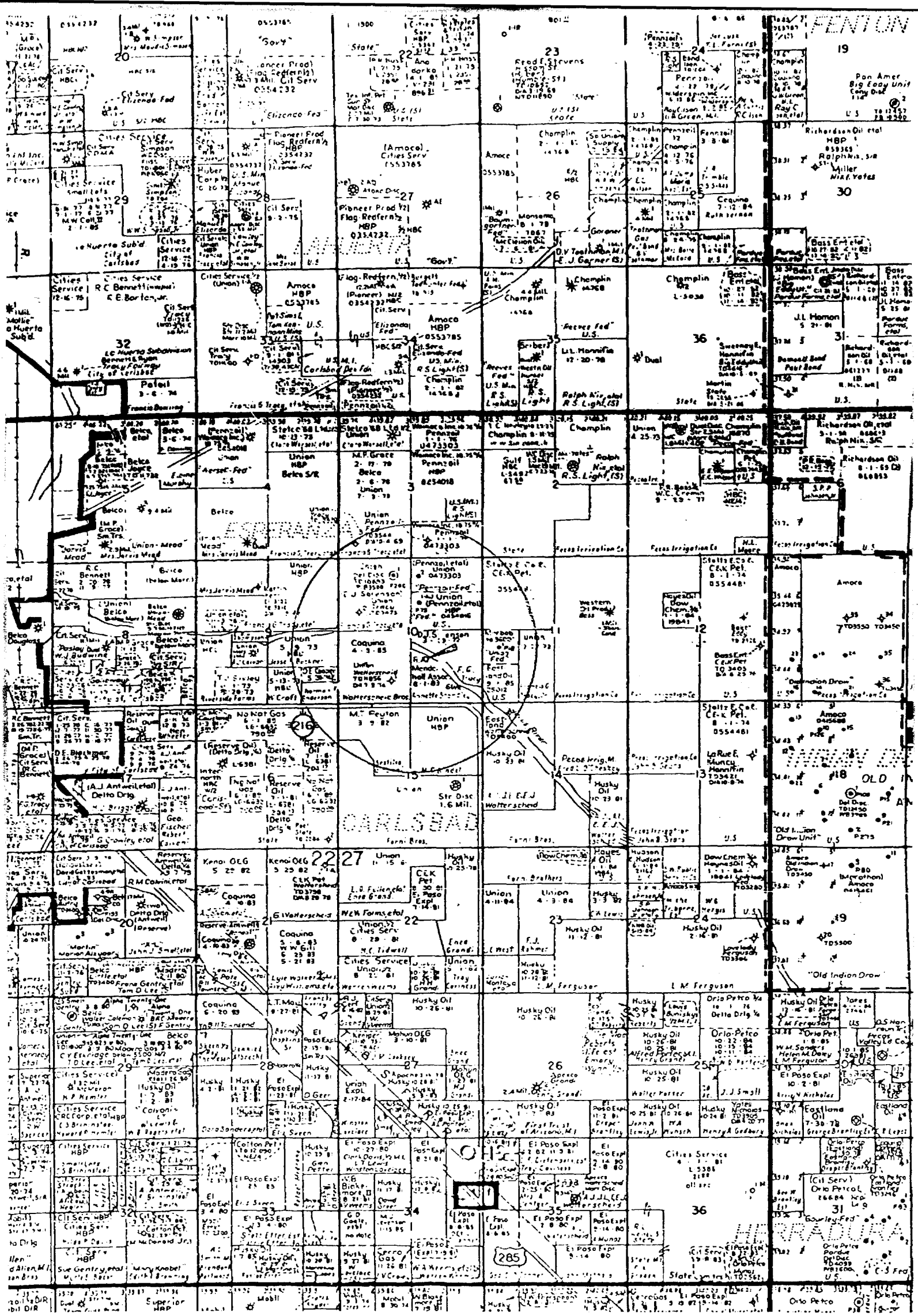

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EXHIBIT "C"

Attached to and made a part of Operating Agreement dated November 2, 1981 between R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et., as Non-Operators

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE
JOINT OPERATIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Definitions

"Joint Property" shall mean the real and personal property subject to the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached.

"Joint Operations" shall mean all operations necessary or proper for the development, operation, protection and maintenance of the Joint Property.

"Joint Account" shall mean the account showing the charges paid and credits received in the conduct of the Joint Operations and which are to be shared by the Parties.

"Operator" shall mean the party designated to conduct the Joint Operations.

"Non-Operators" shall mean the parties to this agreement other than the Operator.

"Parties" shall mean Operator and Non-Operators.

"First Level Supervisors" shall mean those employees whose primary function in Joint Operations is the direct supervision of other employees and/or contract labor directly employed on the Joint Property in a field operating capacity.

"Technical Employees" shall mean those employees having special and specific engineering, geological or other professional skills, and whose primary function in Joint Operations is the handling of specific operating conditions and problems for the benefit of the Joint Property.

"Personal Expenses" shall mean travel and other reasonable reimbursable expenses of Operator's employees.

"Material" shall mean personal property, equipment or supplies acquired or held for use on the Joint Property.

"Controllable Material" shall mean Material which at the time is so classified in the Material Classification Manual as most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies of North America.

2. Statement and Billings

Operator shall bill Non-Operators on or before the last day of each month for their proportionate share of the Joint Account for the preceding month. Such bills will be accompanied by statements which identify the authority for expenditure, lease or facility, and all charges and credits, summarized by appropriate classifications of investment and expense except that items of Controllable Material and unusual charges and credits shall be separately identified and fully described in detail.

3. Advances and Payments by Non-Operators

Unless otherwise provided for in the agreement, the Operator may require the Non-Operators to advance their share of estimated cash outlay for the succeeding month's operation. Operator shall adjust each monthly billing to reflect advances received from the Non-Operators.

Each Non-Operator shall pay its proportion of all bills within fifteen (15) days after receipt. If payment is not made within such time, Operator may elect to go to a bank of his choice and borrow money to pay * or the maximum contract rate permitted by the applicable usury laws in the state in which the Joint Property is located, whichever is the lesser, plus attorney's fees, court costs, and other costs in connection with the collection of unpaid amounts. * the unpaid balance. The Non-Operator is obligated to pay to the Operator the monies borrowed plus the expense and interest to acquire such.

4. Adjustments

Payment of any such bills shall not prejudice the right of any Non-Operator to protest or question the correctness thereof; provided, however, all bills and statements rendered to Non-Operators by Operator during any calendar year shall conclusively be presumed to be true and correct after twenty-four (24) months following the end of any such calendar year, unless within the said twenty-four (24) month period a Non-Operator takes written exception thereto and makes claim on Operator for adjustment. No adjustment favorable to Operator shall be made unless it is made within the same prescribed period. The provisions of this paragraph shall not prevent adjustments resulting from a physical inventory of Controllable Material as provided for in Section V.

5. Audits

A. Non-Operator, upon notice in writing to Operator and all other Non-Operators, shall have the right to audit Operator's accounts and records relating to the Joint Account for any calendar year within the twenty-four (24) month period following the end of such calendar year; provided, however, the making of an audit shall not extend the time for the taking of written exception to and the adjustments of accounts as provided for in Paragraph 4 of this Section I. Where there are two or more Non-Operators, the Non-Operators shall make every reasonable effort to conduct joint or simultaneous audits in a manner which will result in a minimum of inconvenience to the Operator. Operator shall bear no portion of the Non-Operators' audit cost incurred under this paragraph unless agreed to by the Operator.

6. Approval by Non-Operators

Where an approval or other agreement of the Parties or Non-Operators is expressly required under other sections of this Accounting Procedure and if the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached contains no contrary provisions in regard thereto, Operator shall notify all Non-Operators of the Operator's proposal, and the agreement or approval of a majority in interest of the Non-Operators shall be controlling on all Non-Operators.

II. DIRECT CHARGES

Operator shall charge the Joint Account with the following items:

1. **Rentals and Royalties**

   Lease rentals and royalties paid by Operator for the Joint Operations.

2. **Labor**

   A. (1) Salaries and wages of Operator's field employees directly employed on the Joint Property in the conduct of Joint Operations.

   (2) Salaries of First Level Supervisors in the field.

   (3) Salaries and wages of Technical Employees directly employed on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates.

   B. Operator's cost of holiday, vacation, sickness and disability benefits and other customary allowances paid to employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. Such costs under this Paragraph 2B may be charged on a "when and as paid basis" or by "percentage assessment" on the amount of salaries and wages chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. If percentage assessment is used, the rate shall be based on the Operator's cost experience.

   C. Expenditures or contributions made pursuant to assessments imposed by governmental authority which are applicable to Operator's costs chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II.

   D. Personal Expenses of those employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II.

3. **Employee Benefits**

   Operator's current costs of established plans for employees' group life insurance, hospitalization, pension, retirement, stock purchase, thrift, bonus, and other benefit plans of a like nature, applicable to Operator's labor cost chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II shall be Operator's actual cost not to exceed twenty per cent (20%).

4. **Material**

   Material purchased or furnished by Operator for use on the Joint Property as provided under Section IV. Only such Material shall be purchased for or transferred to the Joint Property as may be required for immediate use and is reasonably practical and consistent with efficient and economical operations. The accumulation of surplus stocks shall be avoided.

5. **Transportation**

   Transportation of employees and Material necessary for the Joint Operations but subject to the following limitations:

   A. If Material is moved to the Joint Property from the Operator's warehouse or other properties, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance from the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point where like material is normally available, unless agreed to by the Parties.

   B. If surplus Material is moved to Operator's warehouse or other storage point, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance to the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point unless agreed to by the Parties. No charge shall be made to the Joint Account for moving Material to other properties belonging to Operator, unless agreed to by the Parties.

   C. In the application of Subparagraphs A and B above, there shall be no equalization of actual gross trucking cost of $200 or less excluding accessorial charges.

6. **Services**

   The cost of contract services, equipment and utilities provided by outside sources, except services excluded by Paragraph 9 of Section II and Paragraph 1. ii of Section III. The cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly engaged on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates. The cost of professional consultant services or contract services of technical personnel not directly engaged on the Joint Property shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless previously agreed to by the Parties.

7. **Equipment and Facilities Furnished by Operator**

   A. Operator shall charge the Joint Account for use of Operator owned equipment and facilities at rates commensurate with costs of ownership and operation. Such rates shall include costs of maintenance, repairs, other operating expense, insurance, taxes, depreciation, and interest on investment not to exceed average commercial rates currently prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property.

   B. In lieu of charges in Paragraph 7A above, Operator may elect to use average commercial rates prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property less 20%. For automotive equipment, Operator may elect to use rates published by the Petroleum Motor Transport Association.

8. **Damages and Losses to Joint Property**

   All costs or expenses necessary for the repair or replacement of Joint Property made necessary because of damages or losses incurred by fire, flood, storm, theft, accident, or other cause, except those resulting from Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Operator shall furnish Non-Operator written notice of damages or losses incurred as soon as practicable after a report thereof has been received by Operator.

9. **Legal Expense**

   Expense of handling, investigating and settling litigation or claims, discharging of liens, payment of judgments and amounts paid for settlement of claims incurred in or resulting from operations under the agreement or necessary to protect or recover the Joint Property, except that no charge for services of Operator's legal staff or fees or expense of outside attorneys shall be made unless previously agreed to by the Parties. All other legal expense is considered to be covered by the overhead provisions of Section III unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, except as provided in Section I, Paragraph 3.

10. Taxes

All taxes of every kind and nature assessed or levied upon or in connection with the Joint Property, the operation thereof, or the production therefrom, and which taxes have been paid by the Operator for the benefit of the Parties.

11. Insurance

Net premiums paid for insurance required to be carried for the Joint Operations for the protection of the Parties. In the event Joint Operations are conducted in a state in which Operator may act as self-insurer for Workmen's Compensation and/or Employers Liability under the respective state's laws, Operator may, at its election, include the risk under its self-insurance program and in that event, Operator shall include a charge at Operator's cost not to exceed manual rates.

12. Other Expenditures

Any other expenditure not covered or dealt with in the foregoing provisions of this Section II, or in Section III, and which is incurred by the Operator in the necessary and proper conduct of the Joint Operations.

III. OVERHEAD

1. Overhead - Drilling and Producing Operations

i. As compensation for administrative, supervision, office services and warehousing costs, Operator shall charge drilling and producing operations on either:

(X) Fixed Rate Basis, Paragraph 1A, or
( ) Percentage Basis, Paragraph 1B.

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, such charge shall be in lieu of costs and expenses of all offices and salaries or wages plus applicable burdens and expenses of all personnel, except those directly chargeable under Paragraph 2A, Section II. The cost and expense of services from outside sources in connection with matters of taxation, traffic, accounting or matters before or involving governmental agencies shall be considered as included in the Overhead rates provided for in the above selected Paragraph of this Section III unless such cost and expense are agreed to by the Parties as a direct charge to the Joint Account.

ii. The salaries, wages and Personal Expenses of Technical Employees and/or the cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly employed on the Joint Property shall ( ) shall not (X) be covered by the Overhead rates.

A. Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates per well per month:

Drilling Well Rate $ 3,330.00
Producing Well Rate $ 335.00

(2) Application of Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis shall be as follows:

(a) Drilling Well Rate

[1] Charges for onshore drilling wells shall begin on the date the well is spudded and terminate on the date the drilling or completion rig is released, whichever is later, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

[2] Charges for offshore drilling wells shall begin on the date when drilling or completion equipment arrives on location and terminate on the date the drilling or completion equipment moves off location or rig is released, whichever occurs first, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days

[3] Charges for wells undergoing any type of workover or recompletion for a period of five (5) consecutive days or more shall be made at the drilling well rate. Such charges shall be applied for the period from date workover operations, with rig, commence through date of rig release, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

(b) Producing Well Rates

[1] An active well either produced or injected into for any portion of the month shall be considered as a one-well charge for the entire month.

[2] Each active completion in a multi-completed well in which production is not commingled down hole shall be considered as a one-well charge providing each completion is considered a separate well by the governing regulatory authority.

[3] An inactive gas well shut in because of overproduction or failure of purchaser to take the production shall be considered as a one-well charge providing the gas well is directly connected to a permanent sales outlet.

[4] A one-well charge may be made for the month in which plugging and abandonment operations are completed on any well.

[5] All other inactive wells (including but not limited to inactive wells covered by unit allowable, lease allowable, transferred allowable, etc.) shall not qualify for an overhead charge.

(3) The well rates shall be adjusted as of the first day of April each year following the effective date of the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached. The adjustment shall be computed by multiplying the rate currently in use by the percentage increase or decrease in the average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Production Workers for the last calendar year compared to the calendar year preceding as shown by the index of average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Fields Production Workers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or the equivalent Canadian index as published by Statistics Canada, as applicable. The adjusted rates shall be the rates currently in use, plus or minus the computed adjustment.

~~B. Overhead - Percentage Basis~~

(1) ~~Operator~~ shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates:

(a) Development

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Development of the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraph 9 of Section II and all salvage credits.

(b) Operating

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Operating the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraphs 1 and 9 of Section II, all salvage credits, the value of injected substances purchased for secondary recovery and all taxes and assessments which are levied, assessed and paid upon the mineral interest in and to the Joint Property.

(2) Application of Overhead - Percentage Basis shall be as follows:
For the purpose of determining charges on a percentage basis under Paragraph 1B of this Section III, development shall include all costs in connection with drilling, redrilling, deepening or any remedial operations on any or all wells involving the use of drilling crew and equipment; also, preliminary expenditures necessary in preparation for drilling and expenditures incurred in abandoning when the well is not completed as a producer, and original cost of construction or installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset, except Major Construction as defined in Paragraph 2 of this Section III. All other costs shall be considered as Operating.

2. Overhead - Major Construction

To compensate Operator for overhead costs incurred in the construction and installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets, and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset required for the development and operation of the Joint Property, Operator shall either negotiate a rate prior to the beginning of construction, or shall charge the Joint Account for Overhead based on the following rates for any Major Construction project in excess of $ * :

A. * % of total costs if such costs are more than $ * but less than $ * ; plus

B. * % of total costs in excess of $ * but less than $1,000,000; plus

C. * % of total costs in excess of $1,000,000. * Negotiable if necessary.

Total cost shall mean the gross cost of any one project. For the purpose of this paragraph, the component parts of a single project shall not be treated separately and the cost of drilling and workover wells shall be excluded.

3. Amendment of Rates

The Overhead rates provided for in this Section III may be amended from time to time only by mutual agreement between the Parties hereto if, in practice, the rates are found to be insufficient or excessive.

IV. PRICING OF JOINT ACCOUNT MATERIAL PURCHASES, TRANSFERS AND DISPOSITIONS

Operator is responsible for Joint Account Material and shall make proper and timely charges and credits for all material movements affecting the Joint Property. Operator shall provide all Material for use on the Joint Property; however, at Operator's option, such Material may be supplied by the Non-Operator. Operator shall make timely disposition of idle and/or surplus Material, such disposal being made either through sale to Operator or Non-Operator, division in kind, or sale to outsiders. Operator may purchase, but shall be under no obligation to purchase, interest of Non-Operators in surplus condition A or B Material. The disposal of surplus Controllable Material not purchased by the Operator shall be agreed to by the Parties.

1. Purchases

Material purchased shall be charged at the price paid by Operator after deduction of all discounts received. In case of Material found to be defective or returned to vendor for any other reason, credit shall be passed to the Joint Account when adjustment has been received by the Operator.

2. Transfers and Dispositions

Material furnished to the Joint Property and Material transferred from the Joint Property or disposed of by the Operator, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, shall be priced on the following bases exclusive of cash discounts:

A. New Material (Condition A)

(1) Tubular goods, except line pipe, shall be priced at the current new price in effect on date of movement on a maximum carload or barge load weight basis, regardless of quantity transferred, equalized to the lowest published price f.o.b. railway receiving point or recognized barge terminal nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(2) Line Pipe

(a) Movement of less than 30,000 pounds shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(b) Movement of 30,000 pounds or more shall be priced under provisions of tubular goods pricing in Paragraph 2A (1) of this Section IV.

(3) Other Material shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store or f.o.b. railway receiving point nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

B. Good Used Material (Condition B)

Material in sound and serviceable condition and suitable for reuse without reconditioning:

(1) Material moved to the Joint Property

(a) At eighty percent (80) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV.

(2) Material moved from the Joint Property

(a) At eighty percent (80) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as new Material, or

(b) at sixty-five percent (65%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as good used Material at seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price.

The cost of reconditioning, if any, shall be absorbed by the transferring property.

C. Other Used Material (Condition C and D)

(1) Condition C

Material which is not in sound and serviceable condition and not suitable for its original function until after reconditioning shall be priced at fifty percent (50%) of current new price as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV. The cost of reconditioning shall be charged to the receiving property, provided Condition C value plus cost of reconditioning does not exceed Condition B value.

(2) Condition D

All other Material, including junk, shall be priced at a value commensurate with its use or at prevailing prices. Material no longer suitable for its original purpose but usable for some other purpose, shall be priced on a basis comparable with that of items normally used for such other purpose. Operator may dispose of Condition D Material under procedures normally utilized by the Operator without prior approval of Non-Operators.

D. **Obsolete Material**

Material which is serviceable and usable for its original function but condition and/or value of such Material is not equivalent to that which would justify a price as provided above may be specially priced as agreed to by the Parties. Such price should result in the Joint Account being charged with the value of the service rendered by such Material.

E. Pricing Conditions

(1) Loading and unloading costs may be charged to the Joint Account at the rate of fifteen cents (15¢) per hundred weight on all tubular goods movements, in lieu of loading and unloading costs sustained, when actual hauling cost of such tubular goods are equalized under provisions of Paragraph 5 of Section II.

(2) Material involving erection costs shall be charged at applicable percentage of the current knocked-down price of new Material.

3. Premium Prices

Whenever Material is not readily obtainable at published or listed prices because of national emergencies, strikes or other unusual causes over which the Operator has no control, the Operator may charge the Joint Account for the required Material at the Operator's actual cost incurred in providing such Material, in making it suitable for use, and in moving it to the Joint Property; provided notice in writing is furnished to Non-Operators of the proposed charge prior to billing Non-Operators for such Material. Each Non-Operator shall have the right, by so electing and notifying Operator within ten days after receiving notice from Operator, to furnish in kind all or part of his share of such Material suitable for use and acceptable to Operator.

4. Warranty of Material Furnished by Operator

Operator does not warrant the Material furnished. In case of defective Material, credit shall not be passed to the Joint Account until adjustment has been received by Operator from the manufacturers or their agents.

V. INVENTORIES

The Operator shall maintain detailed records of Controllable Material.

1. Periodic Inventories, Notice and Representation

At reasonable intervals, Inventories shall be taken by Operator of the Joint Account Controllable Material. Written notice of intention to take inventory shall be given by Operator at least thirty (30) days before any inventory is to begin so that Non-Operators may be represented when any inventory is taken. Failure of Non-Operators to be represented at an inventory shall bind Non-Operators to accept the inventory taken by Operator.

2. Reconciliation and Adjustment of Inventories

Reconciliation of a physical inventory with the Joint Account shall be made, and a list of overages and shortages shall be furnished to the Non-Operators within six months following the taking of the inventory. Inventory adjustments shall be made by Operator with the Joint Account for overages and shortages, but Operator shall be held accountable only for shortages due to lack of reasonable diligence.

3. Special Inventories at the expense of the requesting party

Special Inventories may be taken whenever there is any sale or change of interest in the Joint Property. It shall be the duty of the party selling to notify all other Parties as quickly as possible after the transfer of interest takes place. In such cases, both the seller and the purchaser shall be governed by such inventory.

4. Expense of Conducting Periodic Inventories

The expense of conducting periodic Inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless agreed to by the Parties.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE
DRILLING

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OPERATOR R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. WELL NAME #1 Hillger

LOCATION 1650' FSL & 2240' FEL, Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

CO/PARISH Eddy STATE New Mexico

AFE # _____ PROSPECT # Esperanza PROPOSED WELL DEPTH 4500'

DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	DRILLING	ACTUAL
PERMITS & SURVEYING		$ 550	$
DIRT WORK, ROADS - PAD - PITS - SURFACE DAMAGE		20,000	
CONTRACT DRILLING FT @ $ /FT			
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DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE 9 DAYS @ $ 6,000 /DAY		54,000	
DAYWORK W/O DRILLPIPE DAYS @ $ /DAY			
FUEL			
WATER		7,500	
BITS		8,420	
CASING CREWS & TOOLS		500	
CEMENT & SERVICE - SURFACE sx		3,500	
- INTERMEDIATE sx			
- sx			
- sx			
CORE & ANALYSIS			
DRILLING FLUIDS		7,000	
DRILL STEM TEST 2 TEST @ $3250 /TEST		6,500	
ELECTRIC LOGS - RUN 1		7,300	
- RUN 2		---	
- RUN 3		---	
- RUN 4		---	
MUD LOGGER DAYS @ $ /DAY		---	
PIT LINER		1,500	
RENTAL TOOLS		---	
SUPERVISION - ENGINEERING 5 DAYS @ $350 /DAY + EXP		1,750	
SUPERVISION - GEOLOGICAL 5 DAYS @ $350 /DAY + EXP		1,750	
TRUCKING		15,500	
MISC. LABOR		---	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		12,200	
OVERHEAD		1,200	
TAX			
TOTAL INTANGIBLE DRILLING COST (1)		$ 149,170	$
DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)			
CASING HEAD		$ 1,250	$
SURFACE CASING 500 FT 8-5/8" SIZE @ $ 13.50/FT		6,750	
INTERMEDIATE CASING FT SIZE @ $ /FT			
TRUCKING		250	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		1,750	
TAX			
TOTAL TANGIBLE DRILLING COST (2)		$ 10,000	$
TOTAL DRILLING COST (1 + 2)		$ 159,170	$
DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT)			
CEMENT & SERVICES		$ 3,000	$
LOCATION CLEAN UP DAY RIG TIME +		6,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		1,000	
TOTAL INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT (3)		$ 10,000	$
TOTAL DRY HOLE COST (1 + 2 + 3)		$ 169,170	$

OWNER	%

PREPARED BY DATE

Richard A. Mendenhall November 2, 1981

OPERATOR APPROVAL DATE

Richard A. Mendenhall November 2, 1981

PARTNER INTEREST DRY HOLE COST

PARTNER APPROVAL DATE

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DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	FLOWING	PUMPING	ACTUAL
DIRT WORK, SURFACE DAMAGES, LEGAL		$	$ 8,000	$
DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE 1 DAYS @ $6,000 /DAY			6,000	
COMPLETION UNIT 5 DAYS @ $1,500 /DAY			7,500	
CEMENT & SERVICE - PRODUCTION sx			4,000	
CASING CREW & TOOLS			2,250	
ELECTRIC LOG			1,500	
PERFORATION			1,500	
ROUSTABOUT LABOR				
STIMULATION $ ACID $ FRAC			3,000	
SUPERVISION - ENG. DAYS @ $ /DAY + EXP			3,500	
TRUCKING			1,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)			4,000	
OVERHEAD			1,200	
RENTAL EQUIPMENT: PACKER, BOP, TEST TANK, ETC.			2,500	
INFLATION FACTOR				
TOTAL INTANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (4)		$	$ 45,950	$
DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)				
PRODUCTION CASING 4500 FT 5½" SIZE @ $ 7.96 /FT		$	$ 35,820	$
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
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FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
PRODUCTION TUBING 4500 FT 2-3/8" SIZE @ $ 3.95 /FT			17,775	
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
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FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
HANGER ASSEMBLY			1,750	
X-MAS TREE				
PACKER & PRODUCTION ACCESSORIES			5,000	
SUCKER RODS FT SIZE @ $ /FT			7,500	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)			6,500	
GUYLINE-ANCHOR			400	
INFLATION FACTOR				
TOTAL TANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (5)		$	$ 74,745	$
TOTAL COST THROUGH X-MAS TREE (4+5)		$	$ 120,695	$

OWNER	%	PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT			
		STORAGE TANKS 2-210 Bbl + 1 285 Bbl	$	$ 11,850	$
		WALKWAYS & STAIRWAYS		---	
		SEPARATORS		---	
		DEHYDRATORS		---	
		TREATING EQUIPMENT		5,000	
		METERS & REGULATING EQUIPMENT		---	
		FIELD PIPELINES		6,000	
		LEASING BLDG - DWELLING		---	
		FACILITY INSTALLATIONS		5,000	
		MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		6,000	
		PUMPING UNIT & ENGINE		32,000	
		HEATER/TREATER		7,000	
		INFLATION FACTOR		---	
		TOTAL PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT (6)	$	$ 72,850	$
		TOTAL COMPLETION COST (4 + 5 + 6)	$	$ 193,545	$
		TOTAL DRILLING & COMPLETION COST (1+2+4+5+6)	$	$ 352,715	$

PREPARED BY	DATE	OPERATOR APPROVAL	DATE
Richard A. Mendenhall	November 2, 1981	Richard A Mendenhall	November 2, 1981
PARTNER INTEREST	COMPLETION COST	PARTNER APPROVAL	DATE

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
STATE LAND OFFICE BLDG.
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
29 September 1981

COMMISSION HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. CASE 7362

BEFORE: Commissioner Ramey
Commissioner Arnold

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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Q. Mr. Mendenhall, was this change that you've noted because of the topographic conditions out there?

A. It is.

Q. Is that still within an orthodox location --

A. It is.

Q. -- for this well? Mr. Mendenhall, are

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A. Yes.

Q. And do you have a recommendation to the Commission as to the penalty and as to the cost of supervision which you would like to have included in an order in your favor in this case?

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It should be noted that the drilling rates are prorated over the period taken to drill the well, and we anticipate this well will take much less than a month to drill.

MR. RAMEY: Excuse me, what were those rates again, $3350?

A. $3330 for the monthly drilling rate and $335 for a producing well rate.

MR. RAMEY: Thank you.

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A. Yes, they were.

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A. It most surely would.

MR. COFFIELD: Mr. Chairman, I have no other questions of Mr. Mendenhall on direct examination.

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QUESTIONS BY MR. NUTTER:

Q. Mr. Mendenhall, you mentioned that four parties have agreed to the communitization. Now were those working interest owners or non-working interest?

A. Non-working interest owners.

Q. How about the working interest? How much of the working interest is communitized?

A. Not non-working interest partners. They were the non-operating working interest partners.

Q. Okay, they're non-operating working interest owners.

A. Right. Pardon me.

Q. So with those four agreeing to the well, how many -- what percent of the working interest is still outstanding?

A. We have not been furnished the percent of what these actual people have. We were only given the names and we were not furnished the actual breakdown of what each one owns.

MR. COFFIELD: If I might make a clarification here, Mr. Nutter.

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MR. COFFIELD: Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Okay. Now, the 62 percent that's northeast of the river, is that the land that you control or is that the unit lands that -- that Union controls?

A. That's what Union controls.

Q. So you just have the 38 percent on the south --

A. Yes, sir.

Q. -- side of the river.

A. Within that 40-acre unit, uh-huh.

Q. Now these four parties that agreed to participate in the well, are they unit owners in the Union acreage on the northeast or are they interest owners on the -- in the acreage to the southwest of the river?

A. In the north.

Q. Okay, so you do have a portion of the unit owners agreeing.

A. Right.

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A. Now we have not heard back from everybody. We have requested they notify us by last Friday, but with mail service, we may have more answers in the mail by the time we get back. These are the only four which we have seen.

Q. And how about royalty interest, is it common through here or is there a variation of royalty ownership also?

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A. I do not have that.

MR. COFFIELD: It's our understanding, if I may say what I understand about it, Mr. Nutter, it's our understanding that the Union Oil Company, et al, the interest lies under one lease, so it's our belief , although we do not believe the title has been examined on that, so --

Q. Is it a fee lease?

MR. COFFIELD: Yes, sir, fee lease, but Union says the royalty ownership is likewise common throughout the north part of the tract.

Q. Now, Mr. Mendenhall, the first well that

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A. The Union Forni Well is located down here in Section 15 at this particular location here, which would be the northeast of the southeast of Section 15.

Q. Okay, that's the lowermost well on your Exhibit --

A. Right.

Q. -- Number One.

A. Uh-huh.

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(Hearing concluded.)

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The only change in the river's boundary, as shown by these two photos, is within the circled area in the upper lefthand photo. This may not be as evident on these Xeroxed photos as it is on the original map, which we can show you, if you desire, but it appears a land body, such as a sand bar, is present on the south part of the river in 1977, Exhibit Four-A photo, that was not present in 1969, and this may be due to a high river level at that time, as the original photo indicates that directly beneath the water surface a land body does appear to exist at that time.

And using the 1969 photo, Exhibit Four, calculations by myself suggest that the ownership for the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter is 52 percent for the north side of the river and 38 percent for the south side of the river.

John West Engineering Company, a licensed engineering group out of Hobbs, New Mexico, was employed by myself to stake our No. 1 Hilger and to survey the area of interest.

I was advised by John West that he in turn had been doing work for Union of California and found that the ownership to be 25.008 acres, or 62.43 percent on the north side of the river, and 15.049 acres, or 37.56 percent on the south side of the river.

It is recommended that the ownership, percent ownership, be set at 62 percent for the north side of the river and 38 percent for the south side of the river, and it should also be noted that the location for the No. 1 Hilger, as shown on Exhibit Three, AFE, has been changed due to surface conditions and the new location now is 1650 from the south, which is as previously, but it has been moved 100 feet further west, or 2240 feet from the east line.

Q. Mr. Mendenhall, was this change that you've noted because of the topographic conditions out there?

A. It is.

Q. Is that still within an orthodox location --

A. It is.

Q. -- for this well? Mr. Mendenhall, are

you asking to be named as operator in connection with this application?

A Yes.

Q And do you have a recommendation to the Commission as to the penalty and as to the cost of supervision which you would like to have included in an order in your favor in this case?

A Because of the risk, gentlemen, involved in drilling this proposed test, R. A. Mendenhall Associates has requested a penalty of 200 percent for drilling and completion in its operating agreement, and requests the Commission grant it the 200 percent statutory maximum penalty.

A monthly drilling rate $3300 and a producing well rate of $335 is requested. These rates are based on the rate that R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Limited, is currently being charged by other operators, or is charging in its own operation.

These charges are in line with other companies and I have contacted personally Amoco, who is charging $4640 a month for a drilling rate, and $440 for a producing well rate; Cities Service is charging $400 and -- pardon me, $4480 per month drilling rate and $448 producing rate; Conoco, $3100 a month drilling rate, and $310 a month producing rate; and Getty, $3500 drilling well rate and $350

per month producing well rate.

It should be noted that the drilling rates are prorated over the period taken to drill the well, and we anticipate this well will take much less than a month to drill.

MR. RAMEY: Excuse me, what were those rates again, $3350?

A $3330 for the monthly drilling rate and $335 for a producing well rate.

MR. RAMEY: Thank you.

Q Mr. Mendenhall, were these Exhibits One through Four prepared by you or under your supervision?

A Yes, they were.

Q And in your expert opinion is it your opinion that the granting of this application would be in the interest of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights?

A It most surely would.

MR. COFFIELD: Mr. Chairman, I have no other questions of Mr. Mendenhall on direct examination.

MR. RAMEY: Any questions of the witness, Mr. Nutter?

QUESTIONS BY MR. NUTTER:

Q. Mr. Mendenhall, you mentioned that four parties have agreed to the communitization. Now were those working interest owners or non-working interest?

A. Non-working interest owners.

Q. How about the working interest? How much of the working interest is communitized?

A. Not non-working interest partners. They were the non-operating working interest partners.

Q. Okay, they're non-operating working interest owners.

A. Right. Pardon me.

Q. So with those four agreeing to the well, how many -- what percent of the working interest is still outstanding?

A. We have not been furnished the percent of what these actual people have. We were only given the names and we were not furnished the actual breakdown of what each one owns.

MR. COFFIELD: If I might make a clarification here, Mr. Nutter.

The other interest owners that showed up, other than Union in this particular instance, we have been told by Union arrises by virtue of their participation

in a working interest unit, and Union has not seen fit at this point yet to advise us as to just exactly what percentage of interest beneficially these parties have.

They have no interest of record.

MR. NUTTER: So they have an interest in that unit of which Union is the operator.

MR. COFFIELD: Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Okay. Now, the 62 percent that's northeast of the river, is that the land that you control or is that the unit lands that -- that Union controls?

A. That's what Union controls.

Q. So you just have the 38 percent on the south --

A. Yes, sir.

Q. -- side of the river.

A. Within that 40-acre unit, uh-huh.

Q. Now these four parties that agreed to participate in the well, are they unit owners in the Union acreage on the northeast or are they interest owners on the -- in the acreage to the southwest of the river?

A. In the north.

Q. Okay, so you do have a portion of the unit owners agreeing.

A. Right.

Q And some other interest is still outstanding of the 62 percent.

A Now we have not heard back from everybody. We have requested they notify us by last Friday, but with mail service, we may have more answers in the mail by the time we get back. These are the only four which we have seen.

Q And how about royalty interest, is it common through here or is there a variation of royalty ownership also?

A The royalty under ours is 100 percent by the Hilgers (sic).

Q And how about the 62 percent in the northwest? What happens to that royalty ownership?

A I do not have that.

MR. COFFIELD: It's our understanding, if I may say what I understand about it, Mr. Nutter, it's our understanding that the Union Oil Company, et al, the interest lies under one lease, so it's our belief , although we do not believe the title has been examined on that, so --

Q Is it a fee lease?

MR. COFFIELD: Yes, sir, fee lease, but Union says the royalty ownership is likewise common throughout the north part of the tract.

Q Now, Mr. Mendenhall, the first well that

was drilled in here was that old Union Forni Well. What was the location of it?

A The Union Forni Well is located down here in Section 15 at this particular location here, which would be the northeast of the southeast of Section 15.

Q Okay, that's the lowermost well on your Exhibit --

A Right.

Q -- Number One.

A Uh-huh.

MR. NUTTER: That's all I have, thank you.

MR. RAMEY: Any other questions? The witness may be excused.

Do you have anything further, Mr. Coffield?

MR. COFFIELD: No, sir.

MR. RAMEY: All right. The Commission will take the case under advisement and the hearing is adjourned.

(Hearing concluded.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me* that the said transcript is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability.

Sally W. Boyd CSR

* REPORTER'S NOTE:

This hearing was recorded by Florene Davidson of the Commission's staff in the absence of the reporter. Thereafter, and using the tapes provided by her, the reporter transcribed the said hearing.

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October 21, 1981

Re: CASE NO. 7362
ORDER NO. R-6809

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R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Yours very truly,

JOE D. RAMEY
Director

JDR/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

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Other

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 7362
Order No. R-6809

APPLICATION OF R. A. MENDENHALL
ASSOCIATES, LTD. FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 29, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 20th day of October, 1981, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Delaware Mountain Group formation underlying the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Esperanza-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at a standard location thereon.

(4) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

(5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the oil

and gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.

(6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(7) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.

(8) That any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

(9) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

(10) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(11) That $2500.00 per month while drilling and $275.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

(13) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is

dedicated on or before February 1, 1982, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Delaware Mountain Group formation underlying the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Esperanza-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of February, 1982, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Delaware Mountain Group formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of February, 1982, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

(2) That R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(3) That after the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.

(4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(5) That the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

(6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:

(A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.

(9) That $2500.00 per month while drilling and $275.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby

authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

(11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.

(13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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December 17, 1981

State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Mr. Joe D. Ramey

Gentlemen:

Re: Case #7362; Order #R-6809
Eddy County, New Mexico

Please find enclosed two letters from R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., to the working interest owners of the Carlsbad Working Interest Unit concerning the subject Case. Please include these letters in the file for this Case.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

Richard A. Mendenhall By LSJ
Richard A. Mendenhall

RAM/lsj

Enclosures

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.
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December 15, 1981

To The Working Interest Owners
Carlsbad Working Interest Unit

Re: Eddy County, New Mexico
RAMAL #1 Hillger
Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E
J Location

Gentlemen:

Each of you as shown on the list below has elected to join in the drilling of the subject well. Union Oil of California has furnished to this office the working interest assigned to each of you. If should you find your interest to be incorrect, please contact Union Oil of California for verification. The drillsite has been prepared, and we have been advised that a drilling rig should move on to the location within the next few days. Therefore, an invoice has been prepared and enclosed in this letter for your share in the expenses for the dry hole portion of this well. We would appreciate your immediate payment. Your working interest as shown opposite your name has been further reduced to 62% of this interest to be assigned to this well.

Company	Working Interest In Carlsbad Unit	Working Interest In Well
David J. Sorenson	1.33367	.826875
Martin Yates, III	2.11017	1.308305
T. J. Sivley	1.77647	1.101411
Amoco Production Company	11.57989	7.179532
C & K Petroleum, Inc.	1.31590	.815858
Wainoco Oil & Gas Company	3.94399	2.445274
G. Dee Williamson	.80020	.496124
Lanita C. Williamson	.35564	.220497
Charles D. Olmsted	.08891	.055124
Glenn G. Stiff	.08891	.055124

Also, please find enclosed a copy of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission's corrections for the drilling and producing well overhead rates for this well. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

R. A. Mendenhall
Original Signed

Richard A. Mendenhall

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December 15, 1981

To The Working Interest Owners
Carlsbad Working Interest Unit

Re: Eddy County, New Mexico
RAMAL #1 Hillger
Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E
J Location

Gentlemen:

Each of you on the list below have either indicated you do not desire to join or have not responded to the request dated November 2, 1981, to join in the drilling of the subject well. Union Oil Company of California has furnished to this office the working interest assigned to each of you. If you should find your interest to be incorrect, please contact Union Oil Company of California for verification. Although each of you will neither be involved in the expense and/or be a part of the actual drilling and completion of this well nor enjoy any revenue until after 300% of the actual drilling and completion is recovered (as provided under the Operating Agreement dated November 2, 1981, and as set forth in the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission provisions dated October 20, 1981), we ask that you sign and return one copy of the signature page of the Operating Agreement provided to you on anticipation that this well will pay out, and you will become a working interest owner. Your working interest as shown opposite of your name has been further reduced to 62% of this interest to be assigned to this well.

Company	Working Interest In Carlsbad Unit	Working Interest In Well After Payout
Union Oil Comany Of California	51.68224	32.042989
Neilson Enterprises, Inc.	1.05364	0.653257
Pennzoil Company	17.09088	10.596346
Getty Oil Company	3.68451	2.284396
James L. Pierce	0.11119	0.068938
B. R. Greathouse Estate	0.77835	0.482577
Helen Greathouse	0.77836	0.482583
Wagner & Brown	1.31589	0.815852
J. C. Davis, Jr.	0.11119	0.068938

Also, please find enclosed a copy of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission's corrections for the drilling and producing well overhead rates for this well.

Very truly yours,

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COMMUNICATION SUMMARY

9-04-80	RAMAL TO UNION 76	Requested farmout
10-02-80	UNION 76 TO RAMAL	Turn down farmout request
12-24-80	RAMAL TO UNION 76	Requested Joint drilling operations
4-02-81	UNION 76 TO RAMAL	Turn down Joint drilling operations request
5-05-81	RAMAL TO UNION 76	Formal Joint Drilling Operations request (AFE and Operating Agreement submitted)
6-9-81	UNION 76 TO RAMAL	Letter advising that proposal being evaluated

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Case No. 7362 Exhibit No. 2
Submitted by MENDENHALL
Hearing Date 9-29-81

Exhibit 2 of 4

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES LTD.
OIL & GAS SUITE 230 ... STERN UNITED LIFE BUILDING, MIDLAND, T AS 79701 915/683-5334

September 4, 1980

Union Oil of California
Midland District
500 North Marienfeld
Midland, Texas 79701

Re: Eddy County, New Mexico
Section 10, Twp 22S, Rge 27E
(SE/NW, S/2 of NE/4 and that
Part NE of the Pecos River in
SE/4)

Gentlemen:

I own an oil and gas lease on the lands located southwest of the Pecos River in the SE/4 of Section 10, Township 22S, Range 27E. This letter is a request for a "Farmout" on your above captioned lands. On or before June, 1981, depending on rig availability, I will cause a well to be drilled at a location of my choice to evaluate the Delaware Sand and Cherry Canyon reservoirs. Each well drilled would earn an eighty-acre proration to the base of the formation drilled. A ninety-day option between each well would be observed to earn 80 acres. If production is established in one or more of the wells drilled, you would retain a 1/16th of 7/8ths override during payout; after payout of all wells drilled (dry holes and producers), you would have an option to convert such override to a 25% working interest.

I would appreciate an early reply so that I may schedule a rig.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

R. A. Mendenhall
Original Signed

Richard A. Mendenhall

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Union Oil Company of California
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File = Esperanza Prospect File, Eddy Co., NM

UNION 76

Robert V. Lockhart
District Land Manager
Midland District

October 2, 1980

R. A. Mendenhall Asso., Ltd.
Suite 230 - Western United Life Bldg.
Midland, Texas 79701

Attn: Mr. Richard Mendenhall

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

Farmout Request
Carlsbad Prospect (7382)
Eddy County, New Mexico
Pt. Lse.'s #77181, 77187, 77385
Section 10, T-22S, R-27E, (SE/NW, S/2 of NE/4 and that Part NE of the Pecos River in SE/4)

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of yesterday, October 1, 1980, wherein I advised you that Union is presently waiting on a rig to drill a 4500' Delaware test in the NE/4 of Section 10.

We may wish to consider a farmout proposal on the captioned acreage after completion of our proposed test, depending upon its performance.

Yours very truly,

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Mel C. Jones
Landman

MCJ:ib

December 24, 1980

Union Oil Company of California
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702

Re: Farmout Request
Carlsbad Prospect (7382)
Eddy County, New Mexico
Pt. Lse.'s #77181, 77187, 77385
Section 10, T-22S, R-27E, (SE/NW, S/2 of NE/4 and that Part NE of the Pecos River in SE/4)

Gentlemen:

On September 4, 1980, I submitted to you a request for a farmout on certain Union Oil Company of California (Union) acreage in the subject section; by letter of October 2, 1980, you advised me that Union planned to drill a test well in the NE/4 of said section (which has now been completed as a Delaware test). By this letter it is requested that considerations be given by both Union and myself to 1) acquiring a joint farmout from Coquina Oil Corporation (SW/4 of the captioned Section 10) for a 4000' Delaware Sand test to be located in the NE/4 of the SW/4, and 2) forming a 40-acre drilling unit consisting of joint lands owned in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10.

It appears by utilizing aerial photographs, topographic maps and a planimeter that the 100-acre oil and gas lease owned by Union and the 60-acre oil and gas lease owned by myself is as shown on the attached plat.

I recommend to Union that 1) Union and I share in Coquina Oil Corporation farmout, if successfully acquired, on a 50-50 basis, and 2) that we share in the 40-acre drilling unit expense on a basis of 70% to Union and 30% to myself with each retaining and being responsible for its own net revenue obligations.

On subsequent drilling operations in the SE/4 of Section 10, more particularly the S/2 of the SE/4 of Section 10, drilling units could be set up on percentages as shown on the attached map, or if so desired, I would consider swapping Union's 2 acres in the SW/4 of the SE/4 for 2 acres of my lease in the SE/4 of the SE/4, thereby giving a 100% operation of a well, if drilled, in the SW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10.

Please review this and advise me of your ideas. I would like to have drilling operations to begin in the first half of year 1981. Drilling title opinions are current through November 7, 1980, on my 60-acre oil and gas lease.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

R. A. Mendenhall
Original Signed

Richard A. Mendenhall

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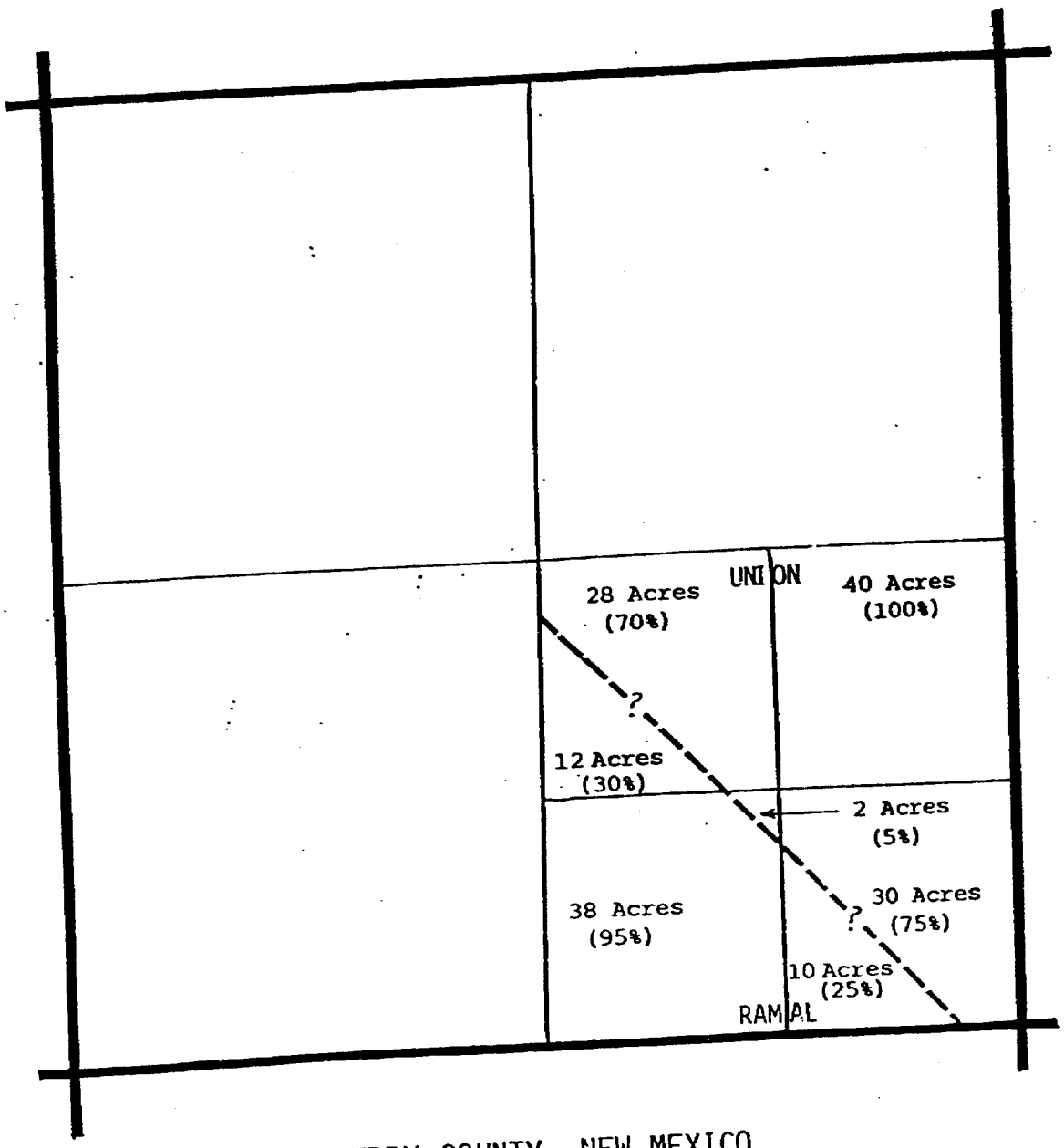
Attachment



EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Sec. 10, Twp 22S, Rge 37E

1" = 1000'

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UNION 76

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April 2, 1981

R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd.
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Midland, Texas 79701
Attention: Mr. Richard Mendenhall

Re: Proposed Joint Operating Agreement
Carlsbad Prospect (7382)
SE/4 Sec. 10, T-22-S, R-27-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

Please be advised that Union Oil Company of California, as Operator of the Carlsbad W.I. Unit, does not wish to pursue formation of your proposed joint operating agreement in the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico, as proposed in your letter of December 24, 1980.

Sincerely yours,

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Linda H. Hicks
Landman

LHH/s

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Coquina Oil Company
P.O. Drawer 2960
Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Mr. Jim Shaw

Re: Optional Farmout Request
SW/4 Section 10, T-23-S, R-27-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that Union Oil Company of California does not wish to pursue the farmout request as set forth in our letter dated March 5, 1981.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Linda H. Hicks
Landman

LHH/s

cc. Richard Mendenhall

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R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.
OIL & GAS
SUITE 230 WESTERN UNITED LIFE BUILDING, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701
915/683-5334

May 5, 1981

Union Oil of California
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Mr. Robert V. Lockhart

Re: Proposed Well
R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd.
#1 Tracy
1980' FEL & 2310' FSL, Section 10,
T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County,
New Mexico

Gentlemen:

It is recommended that Union Oil of California and R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., join in the drilling of the subject well as soon as possible to test the equivalent Esperanza Field pay at an approximate depth of 3425 feet.

The working interest in the 40-acre tract to be assigned to this well is 70% to Union Oil of California and 30% to R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. Abstract data does not show any metes or bounds for the properties located in the subject area; however, in utilizing topographic maps, aerial photographs and a planimeter, the division and/or interest of property based on 40-acre proration units is as shown on the attached map.

Enclosed please find an AFE for both drilling and completion and an A.A.P.L. Form 610-Model Form Operating Agreement-1977 for your signatures.

Acquiring a drilling rig is most difficult, therefore, since time is in essence, please execute and return to the above address one copy of the AFE for drilling, one copy of the AFE for completion and one copy of the Operating Agreement by June 3, 1981.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

R. A. Mendenhall
Original Signed

Richard A. Mendenhall

RAM/ls

Enclosures

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE
DRILLING

OPERATOR R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. WELL NAME #1 Tracy

LOCATION 2310' FSL & 1980' FEL, Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

CO/PARISH Eddy STATE Mew Mexico

AFE # _____ PROSPECT # Esperanza PROPOSED WELL DEPTH 3600'

DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	DRILLING	ACTUAL
PERMITS & SURVEYING		$ 500	$
DIRT WORK, ROADS - PAD - PITS - SURFACE DAMAGE		15,000	
CONTRACT DRILLING 3600 FT @ $15.00 /FT		54,000	

DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE 2 DAYS @ $5500.00 /DAY		11,000	

FUEL		250	
WATER		7,500	
BITS		---	
CASING CREWS & TOOLS		450	
CEMENT & SERVICE - SURFACE SX		3,000	
- INTERMEDIATE SX		---	
- SX		---	
- SX		---	
CORE & ANALYSIS		---	
DRILLING FLUIDS		6,000	
DRILL STEM TEST TEST @ /TEST		3,000	
ELECTRIC LOGS - RUN 1		6,000	
- RUN 2		---	
- RUN 3		---	
- RUN 4		---	
MUD LOGGER DAYS @ $ /DAY		---	
PIT LINER		1,500	
RENTAL TOOLS		---	
SUPERVISION - ENGINEERING 5 DAYS @ $300.00 /DAY + EXP		1,500	
SUPERVISION - GEOLOGICAL 5 DAYS @ $300.00 /DAY + EXP		1,500	
TRUCKING		250	
MISC. LABOR		---	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		10,000	
OVERHEAD		---	

INFLATION FACTOR		---	
TOTAL INTANGIBLE DRILLING COST (1)		$ 121,450	$
DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)			
CASING HEAD		$ 1,000	$
SURFACE CASING 500 FT 8-5/8" SIZE @ $ /FT		6,200	
INT. CASING FT SIZE @ $ /FT			
TRUCKING		250	
CATTLEGUARD		1,500	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		600	
INFLATION FACTOR			
TOTAL TANGIBLE DRILLING COST (2)		$ 9,550	$
TOTAL DRILLING COST (1 + 2)		$ 131,000	$
DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT)			
CEMENT & SERVICES		$ 1,000	$
LOCATION CLEAN UP DAY RIG TIME +		6,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		850	
TOTAL INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT (3)		$ 7,850	$
TOTAL DRY HOLE COST (1 + 2 + 3)		$ 138,850	$

OWNER	%

PREPARED BY DATE

Richard A. Mendenhall April 30, 1981

OPERATOR APPROVAL DATE

PARTNER INTEREST DRY HOLE COST

PARTNER APPROVAL DATE

REMARKS:

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE
COMPLETION

OPERATOR R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. WELL NAME #1 Tracy

LOCATION 2310' FSL & 1980' FEL, Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

CO/PARISH Eddy STATE New Mexico

AFE # _____ PROSPECT # Esperanza PROPOSED WELL DEPTH 3600'

DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	FLOWING	PUMPING	ACTUAL
DIRT WORK, SURFACE DAMAGES, LEGAL		$	$ 7,500	$
DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE 1 DAYS @ $ 5,500 /DAY			5,500	
COMPLETION UNIT 5 DAYS @ $ 1,400 /DAY			7,000	
CEMENT & SERVICE - PRODUCTION sx			3,000	
CASING CREW & TOOLS			1,750	
ELECTRIC LOG			1,500	
PERFORATION			1,250	
ROUSTABOUT LABOR				
STIMULATION $ ACID $ FRAC			2,500	
SUPERVISION - ENG. DAYS @ $ /DAY + EXP			3,000	
TRUCKING			1,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)			2,000	
OVERHEAD			1,100	
RENTAL EQUIPMENT: PACKER, BOP, TEST TANK, ETC.			2,000	
INFLATION FACTOR				
TOTAL INTANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (4)		$	$ 39,100	$
DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)				
PRODUCTION CASING 3600 FT 5½" SIZE @ $ 8.50 /FT		$	$ 30,600	$
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
PRODUCTION TUBING 3600 FT 2-3/8" SIZE @ $ 3.35 /FT			12,060	
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
HANGER ASSEMBLY			1,500	
X-MAS TREE				
PACKER & PRODUCTION ACCESSORIES			4,500	
SUCKER RODS FT SIZE @ $ /FT			7,500	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)				
GUYLINE-ANCHOR			400	
INFLATION FACTOR				
TOTAL TANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (5)		$	$ 56,560	$
TOTAL COST THROUGH X-MAS TREE (4+5)		$	$ 95,660	$

OWNER	%	PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT			
		STORAGE TANKS 2-250 Bbl + 1-285 Bbl	$	$ 9,000	$
		WALKWAYS & STAIRWAYS		---	
		SEPARATORS		---	
		DEHYDRATORS		---	
		TREATING EQUIPMENT		5,000	
		METERS & REGULATING EQUIPMENT		---	
		FIELD PIPELINES		6,000	
		LEASING BLDG - DWELLING		---	
		FACILITY INSTALLATIONS		5,000	
		MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		6,000	
		PUMPING UNIT & ENGINE		32,000	
		HEATER/TREATER		7,000	
		INFLATION FACTOR		---	
		TOTAL PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT (6)	$	$ 70,000	$
		TOTAL COMPLETION COST (4 + 5 + 6)	$	$ 165,660	$
		TOTAL DRILLING & COMPLETION COST (1+2+4+5+6)	$	$ 296,660	$

PREPARED BY	DATE	OPERATOR APPROVAL	DATE
Richard A. Mendenhall	April 30, 1981		
PARTNER INTEREST	COMPLETION COST	PARTNER APPROVAL	DATE

REMARKS:

A.A.P.L. FORM 610 - 1977

MODEL FORM OPERATING AGREEMENT

OPERATING AGREEMENT

DATED

May 4 , 19 81 ,

OPERATOR R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, Ltd.

CONTRACT AREA Covering all wells to be drilled in the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

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OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. _____, hereinafter designated and referred to as "Operator", and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter referred to individually herein as "Non-Operator", and collectively as "Non-Operators",

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are owners of oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests in the land identified in Exhibit "A", and the parties hereto have reached an agreement to explore and develop these leases and/or oil and gas interests for the production of oil and gas to the extent and as hereinafter provided:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I.
DEFINITIONS

As used in this agreement, the following words and terms shall have the meanings here ascribed to them:

A. The term "oil and gas" shall mean oil, gas, casinghead gas, gas condensate, and all other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons and other marketable substances produced therewith, unless an intent to limit the inclusiveness of this term is specifically stated.

B. The terms "oil and gas lease", "lease" and "leasehold" shall mean the oil and gas leases covering tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by the parties to this agreement.

C. The term "oil and gas interests" shall mean unleased fee and mineral interests in tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by parties to this agreement.

D. The term "Contract Area" shall mean all of the lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests intended to be developed and operated for oil and gas purposes under this agreement. Such lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests are described in Exhibit "A".

E. The term "drilling unit" shall mean the area fixed for the drilling of one well by order or rule of any state or federal body having authority. If a drilling unit is not fixed by any such rule or order, a drilling unit shall be the drilling unit as established by the pattern of drilling in the Contract Area or as fixed by express agreement of the Drilling Parties.

F. The term "drillsite" shall mean the oil and gas lease or interest on which a proposed well is to be located.

G. The terms "Drilling Party" and "Consenting Party" shall mean a party who agrees to join in and pay its share of the cost of any operation conducted under the provisions of this agreement.

H. The terms "Non-Drilling Party" and "Non-Consenting Party" shall mean a party who elects not to participate in a proposed operation.

Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.

ARTICLE II.
EXHIBITS

The following exhibits, as indicated below and attached hereto, are incorporated in and made a part hereof:

☒ A. Exhibit "A", shall include the following information:
(1) Identification of lands subject to agreement,
(2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths or formations,
(3) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement,
(4) Oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject to this agreement,
(5) Addresses of parties for notice purposes.

☐ B. Exhibit "B", Form of Lease.

☒ C. Exhibit "C", Accounting Procedure.

☒ D. Exhibit "D", Insurance.

☐ E. Exhibit "E", Gas Balancing Agreement.

☐ F. Exhibit "F", Non-Discrimination and Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities.

If any provision of any exhibit, except Exhibit "E", is inconsistent with any provision contained in the body of this agreement, the provisions in the body of this agreement shall prevail.

ARTICLE III.
INTERESTS OF PARTIES

A. Oil and Gas Interests:

If any party owns an unleased oil and gas interest in the Contract Area, that interest shall be treated for the purpose of this agreement and during the term hereof as if it were a leased interest under the form of oil and gas lease attached as Exhibit "B". As to such interest, the owner shall receive royalty on production as prescribed in the form of oil and gas lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Such party shall, however, be subject to all of the provisions of this agreement relating to lessees, to the extent that it owns the lessee interest.

B. Interest of Parties in Costs and Production:

Exhibit "A" lists all of the parties and their respective percentage or fractional interests under this agreement. Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and material acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned by the parties as their interests are shown in Exhibit "A". All production of oil and gas from the Contract Area, subject to the payment of lessor's royalties ~~which will be borne by the Joint Account~~, shall also be owned by the parties in the same manner during the term hereof; provided, however, this shall not be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby* and any burdens of record that as of the date of this Agreement may exist against leasehold estate.

ARTICLE IV.
TITLES

A. Title Examination:

Title examination shall be made on the drillsite of any proposed well prior to commencement of drilling operations or, if the Drilling Parties so request, title examination shall be made on the leases and/or oil and gas interests included, or planned to be included, in the drilling unit around such well. The opinion will include the ownership of the working interest, minerals, royalty, overriding royalty and production payments under the applicable leases. At the time a well is proposed, each party contributing leases and/or oil and gas interests to the drillsite, or to be included in such drilling unit, shall furnish to Operator all abstracts (including Federal Lease Status Reports), title opinions, title papers and curative material in its possession free of charge. All such information not in the possession of or made available to Operator by the parties, but necessary for the examination of title, shall be obtained by Operator. Operator shall cause title to be examined by attorneys on its staff or by outside attorneys. Copies of all title opinions shall be furnished upon request to each party hereto. The cost incurred by Operator in this title program shall be borne as follows:

☐ ~~Option No. 1: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be a part of the administrative overhead as provided in Exhibit "C," and shall not be a direct charge, whether performed by Operator's staff attorneys or by outside attorneys.~~

☒ Option No. 2: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and fees paid outside attorneys for title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be borne by the Drilling Parties in the proportion that the interest of each Drilling Party bears to the total interest of all Drilling Parties as such interests appear in Exhibit "A". Operator shall make no charge for services rendered by its staff attorneys or other personnel in the performance of the above functions.

Each party shall be responsible for securing curative matter and pooling amendments or agreements required in connection with leases or oil and gas interests contributed by such party. The Operator shall be responsible for the preparation and recording of Pooling Designations or Declarations as well as the conduct of hearings before Governmental Agencies for the securing of spacing or pooling orders. This shall not prevent any party from appearing on its own behalf at any such hearing.

No well shall be drilled on the Contract Area until after (1) the title to the drillsite or drilling unit has been examined as above provided, and (2) the title has been approved by the examining attorney or title has been accepted by all of the parties who are to participate in the drilling of the well.

B. Loss of Title:

1. Failure of Title: Should any oil and gas interest or lease, or interest therein, be lost through failure of title, which loss results in a reduction of interest from that shown on Exhibit "A", this agreement, nevertheless, shall continue in force as to all remaining oil and gas leases and interests, and

(a) The party whose oil and gas lease or interest is affected by the title failure shall bear alone the entire loss and it shall not be entitled to recover from Operator or the other parties any development

or operating costs which it may have theretofore paid, but there shall be no monetary liability on its part to the other parties hereto for drilling, development, operating or other similar costs by reason of such title failure; and

(b) There shall be no retroactive adjustment of expenses incurred or revenues received from the operation of the interest which has been lost, but the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, as of the time it is determined finally that title failure has occurred, so that the interest of the party whose lease or interest is affected by the title failure will thereafter be reduced in the Contract Area by the amount of the interest lost; and

(c) If the proportionate interest of the other parties hereto in any producing well theretofore drilled on the Contract Area is increased by reason of the title failure, the party whose title has failed shall receive the proceeds attributable to the increase in such interests (less costs and burdens attributable thereto) until it has been reimbursed for unrecovered costs paid by it in connection with such well; and

(d) Should any person not a party to this agreement, who is determined to be the owner of any interest in the title which has failed, pay in any manner any part of the cost of operation, development, or equipment, such amount shall be paid to the party or parties who bore the costs which are so refunded; and

(e) Any liability to account to a third party for prior production of oil and gas which arises by reason of title failure shall be borne by the party or parties in the same proportions in which they shared in such prior production; and

(f) No charge shall be made to the joint account for legal expenses, fees or salaries, in connection with the defense of the interest claimed by any party hereto, it being the intention of the parties hereto that each shall defend title to its interest and bear all expenses in connection therewith.

2. Loss by Non-Payment or Erroneous Payment of Amount Due: If, through mistake or oversight, any rental, shut-in well payment, minimum royalty or royalty payment, is not paid or is erroneously paid, and as a result a lease or interest therein terminates, there shall be no monetary liability against the party who failed to make such payment. Unless the party who failed to make the required payment secures a new lease covering the same interest within ninety (90) days from the discovery of the failure to make proper payment, which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, effective as of the date of termination of the lease involved, and the party who failed to make proper payment will no longer be credited with an interest in the Contract Area on account of ownership of the lease or interest which has terminated. In the event the party who failed to make the required payment shall not have been fully reimbursed, at the time of the loss, from the proceeds of the sale of oil and gas attributable to the lost interest, calculated on an acreage basis, for the development and operating costs theretofore paid on account of such interest, it shall be reimbursed for unrecovered actual costs theretofore paid by it (but not for its share of the cost of any dry hole previously drilled or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following as is necessary to effect reimbursement:

(a) Proceeds of oil and gas, less operating expenses, theretofore accrued to the credit of the lost interest, on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs;

(b) Proceeds, less operating expenses, thereafter accrued attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, of that portion of oil and gas thereafter produced and marketed (excluding production from any wells thereafter drilled) which, in the absence of such lease termination, would be attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, the proceeds of said portion of the oil and gas to be contributed by the other parties in proportion to their respective interests; and

(c) Any monies, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, that may be paid by any party who is, or becomes, the owner of the interest lost, for the privilege of participating in the Contract Area or becoming a party to this agreement.

3. Other Losses: All losses incurred, other than those set forth in Articles IV.B.1. and IV.B.2. above, shall not be considered failure of title but shall be joint losses and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

ARTICLE V.
OPERATOR

A. DESIGNATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OPERATOR:

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. shall be the Operator of the Contract Area, and shall conduct and direct and have full control of all operations on the Contract Area as permitted and required by, and within the limits of, this agreement. It shall conduct all such operations in a good and workmanlike manner, but it shall have no liability as Operator to the other parties for losses sustained or liabilities incurred, except such as may result from gross negligence or willful misconduct.

B. Resignation or Removal of Operator and Selection of Successor:

1. Resignation or Removal of Operator: Operator may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to Non-Operators. If Operator terminates its legal existence, no longer owns an interest in the Contract Area, or is no longer capable of serving as Operator, it shall cease to be Operator without any action by Non-Operator, except the selection of a successor. Operator may be removed if it fails or refuses to carry out its duties hereunder, or becomes insolvent, bankrupt or is placed in receivership, by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more Non-Operators owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of Operator. Such resignation or removal shall not become effective until 7:00 o'clock A.M. on the first day of the calendar month following the expiration of ninety (90) days after the giving of notice of resignation by Operator or action by the Non-Operators to remove Operator, unless a successor Operator has been selected and assumes the duties of Operator at an earlier date. Operator, after effective date of resignation or removal, shall be bound by the terms hereof as a Non-Operator. A change of a corporate name or structure of Operator or transfer of Operator's interest to any single subsidiary, parent or successor corporation shall not be the basis for removal of Operator.

2. Selection of Successor Operator: Upon the resignation or removal of Operator, a successor Operator shall be selected by the Parties. The successor Operator shall be selected from the parties owning an interest in the Contract Area at the time such successor Operator is selected. If the Operator that is removed fails to vote or votes only to succeed itself, the successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of the Operator that was removed.

C. Employees:

The number of employees used by Operator in conducting operations hereunder, their selection, and the hours of labor and the compensation for services performed, shall be determined by Operator, and all such employees shall be the employees of Operator.

D. Drilling Contracts:

All wells drilled on the Contract Area shall be drilled on a competitive contract basis at the usual rates prevailing in the area. If it so desires, Operator may employ its own tools and equipment in the drilling of wells, but its charges therefor shall not exceed the prevailing rates in the area and the rate of such charges shall be agreed upon by the parties in writing before drilling operations are commenced, and such work shall be performed by Operator under the same terms and conditions as are customary and usual in the area in contracts of independent contractors who are doing work of a similar nature.

ARTICLE VI.
DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Initial Well:

On or before the As soon as a rig is made available day of _____, 19 81, Operator shall commence the drilling of a well for oil and gas at the following location:

A legal location in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10, T22S, R27E, Eddy County, New Mexico

and shall thereafter continue the drilling of the well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Esperanza Field pay at an approximate depth of 3425'

unless granite or other practically impenetrable substance or condition in the hole, which renders further drilling impractical, is encountered at a lesser depth, or unless all parties agree to complete or abandon the well at a lesser depth.

Operator shall make reasonable tests of all formations encountered during drilling which give indication of containing oil and gas in quantities sufficient to test, unless this agreement shall be limited in its application to a specific formation or formations, in which event Operator shall be required to test only the formation or formations to which this agreement may apply.

If, in Operator's judgment, the well will not produce oil or gas in paying quantities, and it wishes to plug and abandon the well as a dry hole, it shall first secure the consent of all parties and shall plug and abandon same as provided in Article VI.E.1. hereof.

B. Subsequent Operations:

1. Proposed Operations: Should any party hereto desire to drill any well on the Contract Area other than the well provided for in Article VI.A., or to rework, deepen or plug back a dry hole drilled at the joint expense of all parties or a well jointly owned by all the parties and not then producing in paying quantities, the party desiring to drill, rework, deepen or plug back such a well shall give the other parties written notice of the proposed operation, specifying the work to be performed, the location, proposed depth, objective formation and the estimated cost of the operation. The parties receiving such a notice shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice within which to notify the parties wishing to do the work whether they elect to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. If a drilling rig is on location, notice of proposal to rework, plug back or drill deeper may be given by telephone and the response period shall be limited to ~~forty-eight (48)~~ twenty-four (24) hours, ~~exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays~~. Failure of a party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. Any notice or response given by telephone shall be promptly confirmed in writing.

2. Operations by Less than All Parties: If any party receiving such notice as provided in Article VI.B.1. or VI.E.1. elects not to participate in the proposed operation, then, in order to be entitled to the benefits of this article, the party or parties giving the notice and such other parties as shall elect to participate in the operation shall, within ~~sixty (60)~~ thirty (30) days after the expiration of the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the ~~forty-eight (48)~~ twenty-four (24) hour period where the drilling rig is on location, as the case may be) actually commence work on the proposed operation and complete it with due diligence. Operator shall perform all work for the account of the Consenting Parties; provided, however, if no drilling rig or other equipment is on location, and if Operator is a Non-Consenting Party, the Consenting Parties shall either: (a) request Operator to perform the work required by such proposed operation for the account of the Consenting Parties, or (b) designate one (1) of the Consenting Parties as Operator to perform such work. Consenting Parties, when conducting operations on the Contract Area pursuant to this Article VI.B.2., shall comply with all terms and conditions of this agreement.

If less than all parties approve any proposed operation, the proposing party, immediately after the expiration of the applicable notice period, shall advise the Consenting Parties of (a) the total interest of the parties approving such operation, and (b) its recommendation as to whether the Consenting Parties should proceed with the operation as proposed. Each Consenting Party, within ~~forty-eight (48)~~ twenty-four (24) hours ~~(exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays)~~ after receipt of such notice, shall advise the proposing party of its desire to (a) limit participation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A", or (b) carry its proportionate part of Non-Consenting Parties' interest. The proposing party, at its election, may withdraw such proposal if there is insufficient participation, and shall promptly notify all parties of such decision.

The entire cost and risk of conducting such operations shall be borne by the Consenting Parties in the proportions they have elected to bear same under the terms of the preceding paragraph. Consenting Parties shall keep the leasehold estates involved in such operations free and clear of all liens and encumbrances of every kind created by or arising from the operations of the Consenting Parties. If such an operation results in a dry hole, the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well at their sole cost, risk and expense. If any well drilled, reworked, deepened or plugged back under the provisions of this Article results in a producer of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, the Consenting Parties shall complete and equip the well to produce at their sole cost and risk, and the well shall then be turned over to Operator and shall be operated by it at the expense and for the account of the Consenting Parties. Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of any such well by Consenting Parties in accordance with the provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, and the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-Consenting Party's interest in the well and share of production therefrom until the proceeds of the sale of such share, calculated at the well, or market value thereof if such share is not sold (after deducting production taxes, royalty, overriding royalty and other interests existing on the effective date hereof, payable out of or measured by the production from such well accruing with respect to such interest until it reverts) shall equal the total of the following:

(a) ~~100~~ 200% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of any newly acquired surface equipment beyond the wellhead connections (including, but not limited to, stock tanks, separators, treaters, pumping equipment and piping), plus 100% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of operation of the well commencing with first production and continuing until each such Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest shall revert to it under other provisions of this Article, it being agreed that each Non-Consenting Party's share of such costs and equipment will be that interest which would have been chargeable to each Non-Consenting Party had it participated in the well from the beginning of the operation; and

(b) 300 % of that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling reworking, deepening, or plugging back, testing and completing, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C.; and

300 % of that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the well-head connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had participated therein.

Gas production attributable to any Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest upon such Party's election, shall be sold to its purchaser, if available, under the terms of its existing gas sales contract. Such Non - Consenting Party shall direct its purchaser to remit the proceeds receivable from such sale direct to the Consenting Parties until the amounts provided for in this Article are recovered from the Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest. If such Non - Consenting Party has not contracted for sale of its gas at the time such gas is available for delivery, or has not made the election as provided above, the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive and sell such Non-Consenting Party's share of gas as hereinabove provided during the recoupment period.

During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's share of production, or the proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of all production, severance, gathering and other taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's share of production.

In the case of any reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling operation, the Consenting Parties shall be permitted to use, free of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of all such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon abandonment of a well after such reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equipment to the owners thereof, with each party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of salvage.

Within sixty (60) days after the completion of any operation under this Article, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an inventory of the equipment in and connected to the well, and an itemized statement of the cost of drilling, deepening, plugging back, testing, completing, and equipping the well for production; or, at its option, the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed statement of monthly billings. Each month thereafter, during the time the Consenting Parties are being reimbursed as provided above, the Party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities incurred in the operation of the well, together with a statement of the quantity of oil and gas produced from it and the amount of proceeds realized from the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding month. In determining the quantity of oil and gas produced during any month, Consenting Parties shall use industry accepted methods such as, but not limited to, metering or periodic well tests. Any amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with any such operation which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein shall be credited against the total unreturned costs of the work done and of the equipment purchased, in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as above provided; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting party.

If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest the amounts provided for above, the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall automatically revert to it, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-Consenting Party shall own the same interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production therefrom as such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be charged with and shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of the operation of said well in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the Accounting Procedure, attached hereto.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that without the mutual consent of all parties, no wells shall be completed in or produced from a source of supply from which a well located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, unless such well conforms to the then-existing well spacing pattern for such source of supply.

The provisions of this Article shall have no application whatsoever to the drilling of the initial well described in Article VI.A. except (a) when Option 2, Article VII.D.1., has been selected, or (b) to the reworking, deepening and plugging back of such initial well, if such well is or thereafter shall prove to be a dry hole or non-commercial well, after having been drilled to the depth specified in Article VI.A.

C. Right to Take Production in Kind:

Each party shall have the right to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in preparing and treating oil for marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditure incurred in the taking in kind or separate disposition by any party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any

party taking its share of production in kind shall be required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it uses.

Each party shall execute such division orders and contracts as may be necessary for the sale of its interest in production from the Contract Area, and, except as provided in Article VII.B., shall be entitled to receive payment direct from the purchaser thereof for its share of all production.

In the event any party shall fail to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of the oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, Operator shall have the right, subject to the revocation at will by the party owning it, but not the obligation, to purchase such oil and gas or sell it to others at any time and from time to time, for the account of the non-taking party at the best price obtainable in the area for such production. Any such purchase or sale by Operator shall be subject always to the right of the owner of the production to exercise at any time its right to take in kind, or separately dispose of, its share of all oil and gas not previously delivered to a purchaser. Any purchase or sale by Operator of any other party's share of oil and gas shall be only for such reasonable periods of time as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the particular circumstances, but in no event for a period in excess of one (1) year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Operator shall not make a sale, including one into interstate commerce, of any other party's share of gas production without first giving such other party thirty (30) days prior written notice of such intended sale.

In the event one or more parties' separate disposition of its share of the gas causes split-stream deliveries to separate pipelines and/or deliveries which on a day-to-day basis for any reason are not exactly equal to a party's respective proportionate share of total gas sales to be allocated to it, the balancing or accounting between the respective accounts of the parties shall be in accordance with any Gas Balancing Agreement between the parties hereto, whether such Agreement is attached as Exhibit "E", or is a separate Agreement.

D. Access to Contract Area and Information:

Each party shall have access to the Contract Area at all reasonable times, at its sole risk to inspect or observe operations, and shall have access at reasonable times to information pertaining to the development or operation thereof, including Operator's books and records relating thereto. Operator, upon request, shall furnish each of the other parties with copies of all forms or reports filed with governmental agencies, daily drilling reports, well logs, tank tables, daily gauge and run tickets and reports of stock on hand at the first of each month, and shall make available samples of any cores or cuttings taken from any well drilled on the Contract Area. The cost of gathering and furnishing information to Non-Operator, other than that specified above, shall be charged to the Non-Operator that requests the information.

E. Abandonment of Wells:

1. Abandonment of Dry Holes: Except for any well drilled pursuant to Article VI.B.2., any well which has been drilled under the terms of this agreement and is proposed to be completed as a dry hole shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. Should Operator, after diligent effort, be unable to contact any party, or should any party fail to reply within forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays) after receipt of notice of the proposal to plug and abandon such well, such party shall be deemed to have consented to the proposed abandonment. All such wells shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of the parties who participated in the cost of drilling of such well. Any party who objects to the plugging and abandoning such well shall have the right to take over the well and conduct further operations in search of oil and/or gas subject to the provisions of Article VI.B.

2. Abandonment of Wells that have Produced: Except for any well which has been drilled or reworked pursuant to Article VI.B.2. hereof for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reimbursed as therein provided, any well which has been completed as a producer shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. If all parties consent to such abandonment, the well shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of all the parties hereto. If, within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the proposed abandonment of such well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of any well, those wishing to continue its operation shall tender to each of the other parties its proportionate share of the value of the well's salvable material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. Each abandoning party shall assign to the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, quality, or fitness for use of the equipment and material, all of its interest in the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the leasehold estate as to, but only as to, the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes an oil and gas interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-abandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production, for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the interval or inter-

vals of the formation or formations covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached as Exhibit "B". The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the "drilling unit" upon which the well is located. The payments by, and the assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentages of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment of interest in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the operation of or production from the well in the interval or intervals then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon request, Operator shall continue to operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and charges contemplated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of the separate ownership of the assigned well.

ARTICLE VII.
EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES

A. Liability of Parties:

The liability of the parties shall be several, not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible only for its obligations, and shall be liable only for its proportionate share of the costs of developing and operating the Contract Area. Accordingly, the liens granted among the parties in Article VII.B. are given to secure only the debts of each severally. It is not the intention of the parties to create, nor shall this agreement be construed as creating, a mining or other partnership or association, or to render the parties liable as partners.

B. Liens and Payment Defaults:

Each Non-Operator grants to Operator a lien upon its oil and gas rights in the Contract Area, and a security interest in its share of oil and or gas when extracted and its interest in all equipment, to secure payment of its share of expense, together with interest thereon at the rate provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". To the extent that Operator has a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State, Operator shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the obtaining of judgment by Operator for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any Non-Operator in the payment of its share of expense, Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such Non-Operator's share of oil and or gas until the amount owed by such Non-Operator, plus interest has been paid. Each purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon Operator's written statement concerning the amount of any default. Operator grants a like lien and security interest to the Non-Operators to secure payment of Operator's proportionate share of expense.

If any party fails or is unable to pay its share of expense within sixty (60) days after rendition of a statement therefor by Operator, the non-defaulting parties, including Operator, shall, upon request by Operator, pay the unpaid amount in the proportion that the interest of each such party bears to the interest of all such parties. Each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall, to obtain reimbursement thereof, be subrogated to the security rights described in the foregoing paragraph.

C. Payments and Accounting:

Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, Operator shall promptly pay and discharge expenses incurred in the development and operation of the Contract Area pursuant to this agreement and shall charge each of the parties hereto with their respective proportionate shares upon the expense basis provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Operator shall keep an accurate record of the joint account hereunder, showing expenses incurred and charges and credits made and received.

Operator, at its election, shall have the right from time to time to demand and receive from the other parties payment in advance of their respective shares of the estimated amount of the expense to be incurred in operations hereunder during the next succeeding month, which right may be exercised only by submission to each such party of an itemized statement of such estimated expense, together with an invoice for its share thereof. Each such statement and invoice for the payment in advance of estimated expense shall be submitted on or before the 20th day of the next preceding month. Each party shall pay to Operator its proportionate share of such estimate within fifteen (15) days after such estimate and invoice is received. If any party fails to pay its share of said estimate within said time, the amount due shall bear interest as provided in Exhibit "C" until paid. Proper adjustment shall be made monthly between advances and actual expense to the end that each party shall bear and pay its proportionate share of actual expenses incurred, and no more.

D. Limitation of Expenditures:

1. Drill or Deepen: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled or deepened, except any well drilled or deepened pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this Agreement, it being understood that the consent to the drilling or deepening shall include:

☐ Option No. 1: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening, testing, completing and equipping of the well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

☒ Option No. 2: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening and testing of the well. When such well has reached its authorized depth, and all tests have been completed, Operator shall give immediate notice to the Non-Operators who have the right to participate in the completion costs. The parties receiving such notice shall have ~~forty-eight (48)~~ twenty four (24) hours ~~(exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays)~~ in which to elect to participate in the setting of casing and the completion attempt. Such election, when made, shall include consent to all necessary expenditures for the completing and equipping of such well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities. Failure of any party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the completion attempt. If one or more, but less than all of the parties, elect to set pipe and to attempt a completion, the provisions of Article VI.B.2. hereof (the phrase "reworking, deepening or plugging back" as contained in Article VI.B.2. shall be deemed to include "completing") shall apply to the operations thereafter conducted by less than all parties.

2. Rework or Plug Back: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be reworked or plugged back except a well reworked or plugged back pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement, it being understood that the consent to the reworking or plugging back of a well shall include consent to all necessary expenditures in conducting such operations and completing and equipping of said well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

3. Other Operations: Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of Ten thousand and no/100~~-------~~ Dollars ($ 10,000.00) except in connection with a well, the drilling, reworking, deepening, completing, recompleting, or plugging back of which has been previously authorized by or pursuant to this agreement; provided, however, that, in case of explosion, fire, flood or other sudden emergency, whether of the same or different nature, Operator may take such steps and incur such expenses as in its opinion are required to deal with the emergency to safeguard life and property but Operator, as promptly as possible, shall report the emergency to the other parties. If Operator prepares "Authority for Expenditures" for its own use, Operator, upon request, shall furnish copies of its "Authority for Expenditures" for any single project costing in excess of ~~Ten thousand and no/100----------~~ Dollars ($ 10,000.00).

E. Royalties, Overriding Royalties and Other Payments:

Each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, all royalties ~~XXXX

of any shut-in well payment shall be borne jointly by the parties hereto under the provisions of Article IV.B.3.

G. Taxes:

Beginning with the first calendar year after the effective date hereof, Operator shall render for ad valorem taxation all property subject to this agreement which by law should be rendered for such taxes, and it shall pay all such taxes assessed thereon before they become delinquent. Prior to the rendition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator information as to burdens (to include, but not be limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on leases and oil and gas interests contributed by such Non-Operator. If the assessed valuation of any leasehold estate is reduced by reason of its being subject to outstanding excess royalties, overriding royalties or production payments, the reduction in ad valorem taxes resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of such leasehold estate, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such reduction. Operator shall bill other parties for their proportionate share of all tax payments in the manner provided in Exhibit "C".

If Operator considers any tax assessment improper, Operator may, at its discretion, protest within the time and manner prescribed by law, and prosecute the protest to a final determination, unless all parties agree to abandon the protest prior to final determination. During the pendency of administrative or judicial proceedings, Operator may elect to pay, under protest, all such taxes and any interest and penalty. When any such protested assessment shall have been finally determined, Operator shall pay the tax for the joint account, together with any interest and penalty accrued, and the total cost shall then be assessed against the parties, and be paid by them, as provided in Exhibit "C".

Each party shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, gathering and other taxes imposed upon or with respect to the production or handling of such party's share of oil and/or gas produced under the terms of this agreement.

H. Insurance:

At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a self-insurer for liability under said compensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall be an amount equivalent to the premium which would have been paid had such insurance been obtained. Operator shall also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D", attached to and made a part hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted and to maintain such other insurance as Operator may require.

In the event Automobile Public Liability Insurance is specified in said Exhibit "D", or subsequently receives the approval of the parties, no direct charge shall be made by Operator for premiums paid for such insurance for Operator's fully owned automotive equipment.

ARTICLE VIII.
ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST

A. Surrender of Leases:

The leases covered by this agreement, insofar as they embrace acreage in the Contract Area, shall not be surrendered in whole or in part unless all parties consent thereto.

However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any lease or in any portion thereof, and other parties do not agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or implied warranty of title, all of its interest in such lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and equipment which may be located thereon and any rights in production thereafter secured, to the parties not desiring to surrender it. If the interest of the assigning party includes an oil and gas interest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not desiring to surrender an oil and gas lease covering such oil and gas interest for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the land covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Upon such assignment, the assigning party shall be relieved from all obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the acreage assigned and the operation of any well thereon, and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the lease assigned and its equipment and production other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The parties assignee shall pay to the party assignor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any wells and equipment on the assigned acreage. The value of all material shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. If the assignment is in favor of more than one party, the assigned interest shall

be shared by the parties assignee in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the interest of all parties assignee.

Any assignment or surrender made under this provision shall not reduce or change the assignor's or surrendering parties' interest, as it was immediately before the assignment, in the balance of the Contract Area; and the acreage assigned or surrendered, and subsequent operations thereon, shall not thereafter be subject to the terms and provisions of this agreement.

B. Renewal or Extension of Leases:

If any party secures a renewal of any oil and gas lease subject to this Agreement, all other parties shall be notified promptly, and shall have the right for a period of thirty (30) days following receipt of such notice in which to elect to participate in the ownership of the renewal lease, insofar as such lease affects lands within the Contract Area, by paying to the party who acquired it their several proper proportionate shares of the acquisition cost allocated to that part of such lease within the Contract Area, which shall be in proportion to the interests held at that time by the parties in the Contract Area.

If some, but less than all, of the parties elect to participate in the purchase of a renewal lease, it shall be owned by the parties who elect to participate therein, in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all parties participating in the purchase of such renewal lease. Any renewal lease in which less than all parties elect to participate shall not be subject to this agreement.

Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal lease shall be given an assignment of its proportionate interest therein by the acquiring party.

The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal leases whether they are for the entire interest covered by the expiring lease or cover only a portion of its area or an interest therein. Any renewal lease taken before the expiration of its predecessor lease, or taken or contracted for within six (6) months after the expiration of the existing lease shall be subject to this provision; but any lease taken or contracted for more than six (6) months after the expiration of an existing lease shall not be deemed a renewal lease and shall not be subject to the provisions of this agreement.

The provisions in this Article shall apply also and in like manner to extensions of oil and gas leases.

C. Acreage or Cash Contributions:

While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash toward the drilling of a well or any other operation on the Contract Area, such contribution shall be paid to the party who conducted the drilling or other operation and shall be applied by it against the cost of such drilling or other operation. If the contribution be in the form of acreage, the party to whom the contribution is made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling Parties in the proportions said Drilling Parties shared the cost of drilling the well. If all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall become a part of the Contract Area and be governed by the provisions of this agreement. If less than all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall not become a part of the Contract Area. Each party shall promptly notify all other parties of all acreage or money contributions it may obtain in support of any well or any other operation on the Contract Area.

If any party contracts for any consideration relating to disposition of such party's share of substances produced hereunder, such consideration shall not be deemed a contribution as contemplated in this Article VIII.C.

D. Subsequently Created Interest:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII.E. and VIII.G., if any party hereto shall, subsequent to execution of this agreement, create an overriding royalty, production payment, or net proceeds interest, which such interests are hereinafter referred to as "subsequently created interest", such subsequently created interest shall be specifically made subject to all of the terms and provisions of this agreement, as follows:

1. If non-consent operations are conducted pursuant to any provision of this agreement, and the party conducting such operations becomes entitled to receive the production attributable to the interest out of which the subsequently created interest is derived, such party shall receive same free and clear of such subsequently created interest. The party creating same shall bear and pay all such subsequently created interests and shall indemnify and hold the other parties hereto free and harmless from any and all liability resulting therefrom.

2. If the owner of the interest from which the subsequently created interest is derived (1) fails to pay, when due, its share of expenses chargeable hereunder, or (2) elects to abandon a well under provisions of Article VI.E. hereof, or (3) elects to surrender a lease under provisions of Article VIII.A. hereof, the subsequently created interest shall be chargeable with the pro rata portion of all expenses hereunder in the same manner as if such interest were a working interest. For purposes of collecting such chargeable expenses, the party or parties who receive assignments as a result of (2) or (3) above shall have the right to enforce all provisions of Article VII.B. hereof against such subsequently created interest.

E. Maintenance of Uniform Interest:

For the purpose of maintaining uniformity of ownership in the oil and gas leasehold interests covered by this agreement, and notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, no party shall sell, encumber, transfer or make other disposition of its interest in the leases embraced within the Contract Area and in wells, equipment and production unless such disposition covers either:

1. the entire interest of the party in all leases and equipment and production; or

2. an equal undivided interest in all leases and equipment and production in the Contract Area.

Every such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party shall be made expressly subject to this agreement, and shall be made without prejudice to the right of the other parties.

If, at any time the interest of any party is divided among and owned by four or more co-owners, Operator, at its discretion, may require such co-owners to appoint a single trustee or agent with full authority to receive notices, approve expenditures, receive billings for and approve and pay such party's share of the joint expenses, and to deal generally with, and with power to bind, the co-owners of such party's interests within the scope of the operations embraced in this agreement; however, all such co-owners shall have the right to enter into and execute all contracts or agreements for the disposition of their respective shares of the oil and gas produced from the Contract Area and they shall have the right to receive, separately, payment of the sale proceeds hereof.

F. Waiver of Right to Partition:

If permitted by the laws of the state or states in which the property covered hereby is located, each party hereto owning an undivided interest in the Contract Area waives any and all rights it may have to partition and have set aside to it in severalty its undivided interest therein.

~~**G. Preferential Right to Purchase:**~~

~~Should any party desire to sell all or any part of its interests under this agreement, or its rights and~~ interests in the Contract Area, it shall promptly give written notice to the other parties, with ~~full~~ information concerning its proposed sale, which shall include the name and address of ~~the~~ prospective purchaser (who must be ready, willing and able to purchase), the purchase ~~price~~, and all other terms of the offer. The other parties shall then have an optional prior ~~right~~, for a period of ten (10) days after receipt of the notice, to purchase on the same terms and conditions the interest which the other party proposes to sell; and, if this optional right is exercised, the purchasing parties shall share the purchased interest in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all purchasing parties. However, there shall be no preferential right to purchase in those cases where any party wishes to mortgage its interests, or to dispose of its interests by merger, reorganization, consolidation, or sale of all or substantially all of its assets to a subsidiary or parent company or to a subsidiary of a parent ~~company, or to any company in which any one party owns a majority of the stock~~.

ARTICLE IX.
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION

This agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, a relationship of partnership or an association for profit between or among the parties hereto. Notwithstanding any provisions herein that the rights and liabilities hereunder are several and not joint or collective, or that this agreement and operations hereunder shall not constitute a partnership, if, for Federal income tax purposes, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, each party hereby affected elects to be excluded from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as permitted and authorized by Section 761 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Operator is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of each party hereby affected such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States or the Federal Internal Revenue Service, including specifically, but not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements, and the data required by Federal Regulations 1.761. Should there be any requirement that each party hereby affected give further evidence of this election, each such party shall execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be required by the Federal Internal Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. No

such party shall give any notices or take any other action inconsistent with the election made hereby. If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Contract Area is located or any future income tax laws of the United States contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, under which an election similar to that provided by Section 761 of the Code is permitted, each party hereby affected shall make such election as may be permitted or required by such laws. In making the foregoing election, each such party states that the income derived by such party from Operations hereunder can be adequately determined without the computation of partnership taxable income.

ARTICLE X.
CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS

Operator may settle any single damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the expenditure does not exceed Five Thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($ 5,000.00) and if the payment is in complete settlement of such claim or suit. If the amount required for settlement exceeds the above amount, the parties hereto shall assume and take over the further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is delegated to Operator. All costs and expense of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be at the joint expense of the parties. If a claim is made against any party or if any party is sued on account of any matter arising from operations hereunder over which such individual has no control because of the rights given Operator by this agreement, the party shall immediately notify Operator, and the claim or suit shall be treated as any other claim or suit involving operations hereunder.

ARTICLE XI.
FORCE MAJEURE

If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by force majeure to carry out its obligations under this agreement, other than the obligation to make money payments, that party shall give to all other parties prompt written notice of the force majeure with reasonably full particulars concerning it; thereupon, the obligations of the party giving the notice, so far as they are affected by the force majeure, shall be suspended during, but no longer than, the continuance of the force majeure. The affected party shall use all reasonable diligence to remove the force majeure situation as quickly as practicable.

The requirement that any force majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes, lockouts, or other labor difficulty by the party involved, contrary to its wishes; how all such difficulties shall be handled shall be entirely within the discretion of the party concerned.

The term "force majeure", as here employed, shall mean an act of God, strike, lockout, or other industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightning, fire, storm, flood, explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint or inaction, unavailability of equipment, and any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension.

ARTICLE XII.
NOTICES

All notices authorized or required between the parties, and required by any of the provisions of this agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be given in writing by United States mail or Western Union telegram, postage or charges prepaid, or by teletype and addressed to the party to whom the notice is given at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A". The originating notice given under any provision hereof shall be deemed given only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed, and the time for such party to give any notice in response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail or with the Western Union Telegraph Company, with postage or charges prepaid, or when sent by teletype. Each party shall have the right to change its address at any time, and from time to time, by giving written notice hereof to all other parties.

ARTICLE XIII.
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subjected hereto for the period of time selected below; provided, however, no party hereto shall ever be construed as having any right, title or interest in or to any lease, or oil and gas interest contributed by any other party beyond the term of this agreement.

[X] Option No. 1: So long as any of the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement remain or are continued in force as to any part of the Contract Area, whether by production, extension, renewal or otherwise, and/or so long as oil and/or gas production continues from any lease or oil and gas interest.

☐ Option No. 2: In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled under any provision of this agreement, results in production of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, this agreement shall continue in force so long as any such well or wells produce, or are capable of production, and for an additional period of _____ days from cessation of all production; provided, however, if, prior to the expiration of such additional period, one or more of the parties hereto are engaged in drilling or reworking a well or wells hereunder, this agreement shall continue in force until such operations have been completed and if production results therefrom, this agreement shall continue in force as provided herein. In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled hereunder, results in a dry hole, and no other well is producing, or capable of producing oil and/or gas from the Contract Area, this agreement shall terminate unless drilling or reworking operations are commenced within _____ days from the date of abandonment of said well.

It is agreed, however, that the termination of this agreement shall not relieve any party hereto from any liability which has accrued or attached prior to the date of such termination.

ARTICLE XIV.
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. Laws, Regulations and Orders:

This agreement shall be subject to the conservation laws of the state in which the committed acreage is located, to the valid rules, regulations, and orders of any duly constituted regulatory body of said state; and to all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders.

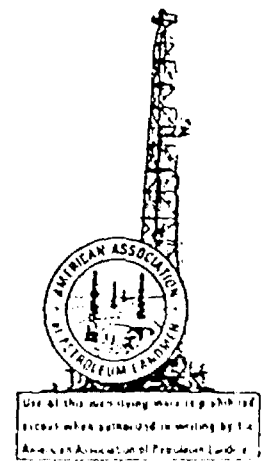
B. Governing Law:

The essential validity of this agreement and all matters pertaining thereto, including, but not limited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the law of the state in which the Contract Area is located. If the Contract Area is in two or more states, the law of the state where most of the land in the Contract Area is located shall govern.

ARTICLE XV.
OTHER PROVISIONS

A. If the operator is required hereunder to pay ad valorem taxes based in whole or in part upon separate valuations of each party's working interest, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, charges to the joint account shall be made and paid by the parties hereto in accordance with the percentage of tax value generated by each party's working interest.

B. When there is no party in default hereunder, and after a period of one(1) year from the date of this agreement, should any of the Non-Operators be of the opinion that it can operate the Unit Area more economically than Operator, such Non-Operators shall give thirty (30) days' written notice to Operator, and subject to the requirements set forth hereafter in this Section, on the first day of the calendar month following the end of such thirty (30) day period, said Non-Operator shall take charge of such operations under the terms of this agreement. Prior to such Non-Operator being permitted to exercise such right to assume operations, said Non-Operator must agree, in writing, to maintain the average production trend, and efficiency rate as had been established by the Operator, and must agree, in writing, to immediately reduce operating expenses by not less than ten percent (10%), and to continue to operator the Unit Area on such agreed basis. In like manner and upon like notice, any then Non-Operator shall have the right to assume operations hereunder, providing it receives approval of a total of more than 50% in interest of the working interest owners.



ARTICLE XVI.
MISCELLANEOUS

This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of 4 day of May, 1981.

OPERATOR

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES Ltd.,

_____ BY _____

RICHARD A. MENDENHALL, GENERAL PARTNER

NON-OPERATORS

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

_____ BY _____

_____ _____

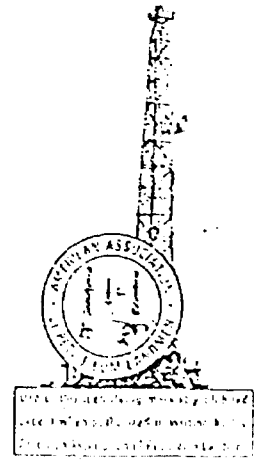


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EXHIBIT "C"

Attached to and made a part of Operating Agreement dated May 4, 1981 between R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et al., as Non-Operators

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE
JOINT OPERATIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Definitions

"Joint Property" shall mean the real and personal property subject to the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached.

"Joint Operations" shall mean all operations necessary or proper for the development, operation, protection and maintenance of the Joint Property.

"Joint Account" shall mean the account showing the charges paid and credits received in the conduct of the Joint Operations and which are to be shared by the Parties.

"Operator" shall mean the party designated to conduct the Joint Operations.

"Non-Operators" shall mean the parties to this agreement other than the Operator.

"Parties" shall mean Operator and Non-Operators.

"First Level Supervisors" shall mean those employees whose primary function in Joint Operations is the direct supervision of other employees and/or contract labor directly employed on the Joint Property in a field operating capacity.

"Technical Employees" shall mean those employees having special and specific engineering, geological or other professional skills, and whose primary function in Joint Operations is the handling of specific operating conditions and problems for the benefit of the Joint Property.

"Personal Expenses" shall mean travel and other reasonable reimbursable expenses of Operator's employees.

"Material" shall mean personal property, equipment or supplies acquired or held for use on the Joint Property.

"Controllable Material" shall mean Material which at the time is so classified in the Material Classification Manual as most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies of North America.

2. Statement and Billings

Operator shall bill Non-Operators on or before the last day of each month for their proportionate share of the Joint Account for the preceding month. Such bills will be accompanied by statements which identify the authority for expenditure, lease or facility, and all charges and credits, summarized by appropriate classifications of investment and expense except that items of Controllable Material and unusual charges and credits shall be separately identified and fully described in detail.

3. Advances and Payments by Non-Operators

Unless otherwise provided for in the agreement, the Operator may require the Non-Operators to advance their share of estimated cash outlay for the succeeding month's operation. Operator shall adjust each monthly billing to reflect advances received from the Non-Operators.

Each Non-Operator shall pay its proportion of all bills within fifteen (15) days after receipt. If payment is not made within such time, the unpaid balance shall bear interest monthly at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum or the maximum contract rate permitted by the applicable usury laws in the state in which the Joint Property is located, whichever is the lesser, plus attorney's fees, court costs, and other costs in connection with the collection of unpaid amounts.

4. Adjustments

Payment of any such bills shall not prejudice the right of any Non-Operator to protest or question the correctness thereof; provided, however, all bills and statements rendered to Non-Operators by Operator during any calendar year shall conclusively be presumed to be true and correct after twenty-four (24) months following the end of any such calendar year, unless within the said twenty-four (24) month period a Non-Operator takes written exception thereto and makes claim on Operator for adjustment. No adjustment favorable to Operator shall be made unless it is made within the same prescribed period. The provisions of this paragraph shall not prevent adjustments resulting from a physical inventory of Controllable Material as provided for in Section V.

5. Audits

A. Non-Operator, upon notice in writing to Operator and all other Non-Operators, shall have the right to audit Operator's accounts and records relating to the Joint Account for any calendar year within the twenty-four (24) month period following the end of such calendar year; provided, however, the making of an audit shall not extend the time for the taking of written exception to and the adjustments of accounts as provided for in Paragraph 4 of this Section I. Where there are two or more Non-Operators, the Non-Operators shall make every reasonable effort to conduct joint or simultaneous audits in a manner which will result in a minimum of inconvenience to the Operator. Operator shall bear no portion of the Non-Operators' audit cost incurred under this paragraph unless agreed to by the Operator.

6. Approval by Non-Operators

Where an approval or other agreement of the Parties or Non-Operators is expressly required under other sections of this Accounting Procedure and if the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached contains no contrary provisions in regard thereto, Operator shall notify all Non-Operators of the Operator's proposal, and the agreement or approval of a majority in interest of the Non-Operators shall be controlling on all Non-Operators.

II. DIRECT CHARGES

Operator shall charge the Joint Account with the following items:

1. **Rentals and Royalties**

   Lease rentals and royalties paid by Operator for the Joint Operations.

2. **Labor**

   A. (1) Salaries and wages of Operator's field employees directly employed on the Joint Property in the conduct of Joint Operations.

   (2) Salaries of First Level Supervisors in the field.

   (3) Salaries and wages of Technical Employees directly employed on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates.

   B. Operator's cost of holiday, vacation, sickness and disability benefits and other customary allowances paid to employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. Such costs under this Paragraph 2B may be charged on a "when and as paid basis" or by "percentage assessment" on the amount of salaries and wages chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. If percentage assessment is used, the rate shall be based on the Operator's cost experience.

   C. Expenditures or contributions made pursuant to assessments imposed by governmental authority which are applicable to Operator's costs chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II.

   D. Personal Expenses of those employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II.

3. **Employee Benefits**

   Operator's current costs of established plans for employees' group life insurance, hospitalization, pension, retirement, stock purchase, thrift, bonus, and other benefit plans of a like nature, applicable to Operator's labor cost chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II shall be Operator's actual cost not to exceed twenty per cent (20%). * or percent most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies of North America.

4. **Material**

   Material purchased or furnished by Operator for use on the Joint Property as provided under Section IV. Only such Material shall be purchased for or transferred to the Joint Property as may be required for immediate use and is reasonably practical and consistent with efficient and economical operations. The accumulation of surplus stocks shall be avoided.

5. **Transportation**

   Transportation of employees and Material necessary for the Joint Operations but subject to the following limitations:

   A. If Material is moved to the Joint Property from the Operator's warehouse or other properties, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance from the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point where like material is normally available, unless agreed to by the Parties.

   B. If surplus Material is moved to Operator's warehouse or other storage point, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance to the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point unless agreed to by the Parties. No charge shall be made to the Joint Account for moving Material to other properties belonging to Operator, unless agreed to by the Parties.

   C. In the application of Subparagraphs A and B above, there shall be no equalization of actual gross trucking cost of $200 or less excluding accessorial charges.

6. **Services**

   The cost of contract services, equipment and utilities provided by outside sources, except services excluded by Paragraph 9 of Section II and Paragraph 1. ii of Section III. The cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly engaged on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates. The cost of professional consultant services or contract services of technical personnel not directly engaged on the Joint Property shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless previously agreed to by the Parties.

7. Equipment and Facilities Furnished by Operator

   A. Operator shall charge the Joint Account for use of Operator owned equipment and facilities at rates commensurate with costs of ownership and operation. Such rates shall include costs of maintenance, repairs, other operating expense, insurance, taxes, depreciation, and interest on investment not to exceed eight per cent (8%) per annum. Such rates shall not exceed average commercial rates currently prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property.

   B. In lieu of charges in Paragraph 7A above, Operator may elect to use average commercial rates prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property less 20%. For automotive equipment, Operator may elect to use rates published by the Petroleum Motor Transport Association.

8. **Damages and Losses to Joint Property**

   All costs or expenses necessary for the repair or replacement of Joint Property made necessary because of damages or losses incurred by fire, flood, storm, theft, accident, or other cause, except those resulting from Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Operator shall furnish Non-Operator written notice of damages or losses incurred as soon as practicable after a report thereof has been received by Operator.

9. **Legal Expense**

   Expense of handling, investigating and settling litigation or claims, discharging of liens, payment of judgments and amounts paid for settlement of claims incurred in or resulting from operations under the agreement or necessary to protect or recover the Joint Property, except that no charge for services of Operator's legal staff or fees or expense of outside attorneys shall be made unless previously agreed to by the Parties. All other legal expense is considered to be covered by the overhead provisions of Section III unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, except as provided in Section I, Paragraph 3.

10. **Taxes**

All taxes of every kind and nature assessed or levied upon or in connection with the Joint Property, the operation thereof, or the production therefrom, and which taxes have been paid by the Operator for the benefit of the Parties.

11. **Insurance**

Net premiums paid for insurance required to be carried for the Joint Operations for the protection of the Parties. In the event Joint Operations are conducted in a state in which Operator may act as self-insurer for Workmen's Compensation and/or Employers Liability under the respective state's laws, Operator may, at its election, include the risk under its self-insurance program and in that event, Operator shall include a charge at Operator's cost not to exceed manual rates.

12. **Other Expenditures**

Any other expenditure not covered or dealt with in the foregoing provisions of this Section II, or in Section III, and which is incurred by the Operator in the necessary and proper conduct of the Joint Operations.

III. OVERHEAD

1. **Overhead - Drilling and Producing Operations**

i. As compensation for administrative, supervision, office services and warehousing costs, Operator shall charge drilling and producing operations on either:

(XX) Fixed Rate Basis, Paragraph 1A, or
( ) Percentage Basis, Paragraph 1B.

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, such charge shall be in lieu of costs and expenses of all offices and salaries or wages plus applicable burdens and expenses of all personnel, except those directly chargeable under Paragraph 2A, Section II. The cost and expense of services from outside sources in connection with matters of taxation, traffic, accounting or matters before or involving governmental agencies shall be considered as included in the Overhead rates provided for in the above selected Paragraph of this Section III unless such cost and expense are agreed to by the Parties as a direct charge to the Joint Account.

ii. The salaries, wages and Personal Expenses of Technical Employees and/or the cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly employed on the Joint Property shall ( ) shall not (X) be covered by the Overhead rates.

A. Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates per well per month:

Drilling Well Rate $ 2500.00
Producing Well Rate $ 275.00

(2) Application of Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis shall be as follows:

(a) Drilling Well Rate

[1] Charges for onshore drilling wells shall begin on the date the well is spudded and terminate on the date the drilling or completion rig is released, whichever is later, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

[2] Charges for offshore drilling wells shall begin on the date when drilling or completion equipment arrives on location and terminate on the date the drilling or completion equipment moves off location or rig is released, whichever occurs first, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days

[3] Charges for wells undergoing any type of workover or recompletion for a period of five (5) consecutive days or more shall be made at the drilling well rate. Such charges shall be applied for the period from date workover operations, with rig, commence through date of rig release, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

(b) Producing Well Rates

[1] An active well either produced or injected into for any portion of the month shall be considered as a one-well charge for the entire month.

[2] Each active completion in a multi-completed well in which production is not commingled down hole shall be considered as a one-well charge providing each completion is considered a separate well by the governing regulatory authority.

[3] An inactive gas well shut in because of overproduction or failure of purchaser to take the production shall be considered as a one-well charge providing the gas well is directly connected to a permanent sales outlet.

[4] A one-well charge may be made for the month in which plugging and abandonment operations are completed on any well.

[5] All other inactive wells (including but not limited to inactive wells covered by unit allowable, lease allowable, transferred allowable, etc.) shall not qualify for an overhead charge.

(3) The well rates shall be adjusted as of the first day of April each year following the effective date of the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached. The adjustment shall be computed by multiplying the rate currently in use by the percentage increase or decrease in the average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Production Workers for the last calendar year compared to the calendar year preceding as shown by the index of average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Fields Production Workers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or the equivalent Canadian index as published by Statistics Canada, as applicable. The adjusted rates shall be the rates currently in use, plus or minus the computed adjustment.

B. Overhead - Percentage Basis

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates:

(a) Development

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Development of the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraph 9 of Section II and all salvage credits.

(b) Operating

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Operating the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraphs 1 and 9 of Section II, all salvage credits, the value of injected substances purchased for secondary recovery and all taxes and assessments which are levied, assessed and paid upon the mineral interest in and to the Joint Property.

(2) Application of Overhead - Percentage Basis shall be as follows:
For the purpose of determining charges on a percentage basis under Paragraph 1B of this Section III, development shall include all costs in connection with drilling, redrilling, deepening or any remedial operations on any or all wells involving the use of drilling crew and equipment; also, preliminary expenditures necessary in preparation for drilling and expenditures incurred in abandoning when the well is not completed as a producer, and original cost of construction or installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset, except Major Construction as defined in Paragraph 2 of this Section III. All other costs shall be considered as Operating.

2. Overhead - Major Construction

To compensate Operator for overhead costs incurred in the construction and installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets, and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset required for the development and operation of the Joint Property, Operator shall either negotiate a rate prior to the beginning of construction, or shall charge the Joint Account for Overhead based on the following rates for any Major Construction project in excess of $_____*:

A. _____* % of total costs if such costs are more than $_____* but less than $_____*; plus

B. _____* % of total costs in excess of $_____* but less than $1,000,000; plus

C. _____* % of total costs in excess of $1,000,000. *To be negotiated if applicable.

Total cost shall mean the gross cost of any one project. For the purpose of this paragraph, the component parts of a single project shall not be treated separately and the cost of drilling and workover wells shall be excluded.

3. Amendment of Rates

The Overhead rates provided for in this Section III may be amended from time to time only by mutual agreement between the Parties hereto if, in practice, the rates are found to be insufficient or excessive.

IV. PRICING OF JOINT ACCOUNT MATERIAL PURCHASES, TRANSFERS AND DISPOSITIONS

Operator is responsible for Joint Account Material and shall make proper and timely charges and credits for all material movements affecting the Joint Property. Operator shall provide all Material for use on the Joint Property; however, at Operator's option, such Material may be supplied by the Non-Operator. Operator shall make timely disposition of idle and/or surplus Material, such disposal being made either through sale to Operator or Non-Operator, division in kind, or sale to outsiders. Operator may purchase, but shall be under no obligation to purchase, interest of Non-Operators in surplus condition A or B Material. The disposal of surplus Controllable Material not purchased by the Operator shall be agreed to by the Parties.

1. Purchases

Material purchased shall be charged at the price paid by Operator after deduction of all discounts received. In case of Material found to be defective or returned to vendor for any other reason, credit shall be passed to the Joint Account when adjustment has been received by the Operator.

2. Transfers and Dispositions

Material furnished to the Joint Property and Material transferred from the Joint Property or disposed of by the Operator, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, shall be priced on the following bases exclusive of cash discounts:

A. New Material (Condition A)

(1) Tubular goods, except line pipe, shall be priced at the current new price in effect on date of movement on a maximum carload or barge load weight basis, regardless of quantity transferred, equalized to the lowest published price f.o.b. railway receiving point or recognized barge terminal nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(2) Line Pipe

(a) Movement of less than 30,000 pounds shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(b) Movement of 30,000 pounds or more shall be priced under provisions of tubular goods pricing in Paragraph 2A (1) of this Section IV.

(3) Other Material shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store or f.o.b. railway receiving point nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

B. Good Used Material (Condition B)

Material in sound and serviceable condition and suitable for reuse without reconditioning:

(1) Material moved to the Joint Property

(a) At seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV.

(2) Material moved from the Joint Property

(a) At seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as new Material, or

(b) at sixty-five percent (65%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as good used Material at seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price.

The cost of reconditioning, if any, shall be absorbed by the transferring property.

C. Other Used Material (Condition C and D)

(1) Condition C

Material which is not in sound and serviceable condition and not suitable for its original function until after reconditioning shall be priced at fifty percent (50%) of current new price as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV. The cost of reconditioning shall be charged to the receiving property, provided Condition C value plus cost of reconditioning does not exceed Condition B value.

(2) Condition D

All other Material, including junk, shall be priced at a value commensurate with its use or at prevailing prices. Material no longer suitable for its original purpose but usable for some other purpose, shall be priced on a basis comparable with that of items normally used for such other purpose. Operator may dispose of Condition D Material under procedures normally utilized by the Operator without prior approval of Non-Operators.

D. Obsolete Material

Material which is serviceable and usable for its original function but condition and/or value of such Material is not equivalent to that which would justify a price as provided above may be specially priced as agreed to by the Parties. Such price should result in the Joint Account being charged with the value of the service rendered by such Material.

E. Pricing Conditions

(1) Loading and unloading costs may be charged to the Joint Account at the rate of fifteen cents (15¢) per hundred weight on all tubular goods movements, in lieu of loading and unloading costs sustained, when actual hauling cost of such tubular goods are equalized under provisions of Paragraph 5 of Section II.

(2) Material involving erection costs shall be charged at applicable percentage of the current knocked-down price of new Material.

3. Premium Prices

Whenever Material is not readily obtainable at published or listed prices because of national emergencies, strikes or other unusual causes over which the Operator has no control, the Operator may charge the Joint Account for the required Material at the Operator's actual cost incurred in providing such Material, in making it suitable for use, and in moving it to the Joint Property; provided notice in writing is furnished to Non-Operators of the proposed charge prior to billing Non-Operators for such Material. Each Non-Operator shall have the right, by so electing and notifying Operator within ten days after receiving notice from Operator, to furnish in kind all or part of his share of such Material suitable for use and acceptable to Operator.

4. Warranty of Material Furnished by Operator

Operator does not warrant the Material furnished. In case of defective Material, credit shall not be passed to the Joint Account until adjustment has been received by Operator from the manufacturers or their agents.

V. INVENTORIES

The Operator shall maintain detailed records of Controllable Material.

1. Periodic Inventories, Notice and Representation

At reasonable intervals, Inventories shall be taken by Operator of the Joint Account Controllable Material. Written notice of intention to take inventory shall be given by Operator at least thirty (30) days before any inventory is to begin so that Non-Operators may be represented when any inventory is taken. Failure of Non-Operators to be represented at an inventory shall bind Non-Operators to accept the inventory taken by Operator.

2. Reconciliation and Adjustment of Inventories

Reconciliation of a physical inventory with the Joint Account shall be made, and a list of overages and shortages shall be furnished to the Non-Operators within six months following the taking of the inventory. Inventory adjustments shall be made by Operator with the Joint Account for overages and shortages, but Operator shall be held accountable only for shortages due to lack of reasonable diligence.

3. Special Inventories

Special Inventories may be taken whenever there is any sale or change of interest in the Joint Property. It shall be the duty of the party selling to notify all other Parties as quickly as possible after the transfer of interest takes place. In such cases, both the seller and the purchaser shall be governed by such inventory.

4. Expense of Conducting Periodic Inventories

The expense of conducting periodic Inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless agreed to by the Parties.

outside service laboratories. Rates for trucks, tractors and well service units may include wages and expenses of operator.

B. Whenever requested, Operator shall inform Non-Operators in advance of the rates it proposes to charge.

C. Rates shall be revised and adjusted from time to time when found to be either excessive or insufficient.

V. DISPOSAL OF MATERIAL

The Operator may purchase, but shall be under no obligation to purchase, interest of Non-Operators in surplus Condition "A" or "B" Material. The disposition of surplus Controllable Material, not purchased by Operator, shall be agreed to by Operator and Non-Operators, provided Operator shall dispose of normal accumulations of junk and scrap Material either by transfer or sale from Joint Property.

1. **Material Purchased by the Operator or Non-Operators.**
   Material purchased by either the Operator or Non-Operators shall be credited by the Operator to the Joint Account for the month in which the Material is removed by the purchaser.
2. **Division in Kind**
   Division of Material in kind, if made between Operator and Non-Operators, shall be in proportion to the respective interests in such Material. The Parties will thereupon be charged individually with the value of the Material received or receivable. Proper credits shall be made by the Operator to the Joint Account.
3. **Sales to Outsiders**
   Sales to outsiders of Material from the Joint Property shall be credited by Operator to the Joint Account at the net amount collected by Operator from vendee. Any claim by vendee related to such sale shall be charged back to the Joint Account if and when paid by Operator.

VI. BASIS OF PRICING MATERIAL TRANSFERRED FROM JOINT ACCOUNT

Material purchased by either Operator or Non-Operators or divided in kind, unless agreed to by Operator and Non-Operators shall be priced on the following basis:

1. **New Price Defined**
   New price as used in this Section VI shall be the price specified for new Material in Section IV.
2. **New Material**
   New Material (Condition "A"), being new Material procured for the Joint Property but never used, at one hundred per cent (100%) of current new price (plus sales tax if any).
3. **Good Used Material**
   Good used Material (Condition "B"), being used Material in sound and serviceable condition, suitable for reuse without reconditioning:
   A. At seventy-five per cent (75%) of current new price if Material was charged to Joint Account as new, or
   B. At sixty-five per cent (65%) of current new price if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as secondhand at seventy-five per cent (75%) of new price.
4. **Other Used Material**
   Used Material (Condition "C"), at fifty per cent (50%) of current new price, being used Material which:
   A. Is not in sound and serviceable condition but suitable for reuse after reconditioning, or
   B. Is serviceable for original function but not suitable for reconditioning.
5. **Bad-Order Material**
   Material (Condition "D"), no longer suitable for its original purpose without excessive repair cost but usable for some other purpose at a price comparable with that of items normally used for such other purpose.
6. **Junk Material**
   Junk Material (Condition "E"), being obsolete and scrap Material, at prevailing prices.
7. **Temporarily Used Material**
   When the use of Material is temporary and its service to the Joint Property does not justify the reduction in price as provided for in Paragraph 3B of this Section VI, such Material shall be priced on a basis that will leave a net charge to the Joint Account consistent with the value of the service rendered.

VII. INVENTORIES

The Operator shall maintain detailed records of Controllable Material.

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3. **Special Inventories**
   Special Inventories may be taken whenever there is any sale or change of interest in the Joint Property. It shall be the duty of the party selling to notify all other Parties as quickly as possible after the transfer of interest takes place. In such cases, both the seller and the purchaser shall be governed by such inventory.
4. **Expense of Conducting Periodic Inventories**
   The expense of conducting periodic inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless agreed to by Operator and Non-Operators.

EXHIBIT "D"

INSURANCE

Attached to and made a part of that Operating Agreement dated May 4, 1981, between R. A. Mendenhall Associated, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et al., as Non-Operators.

Operator shall carry for the benefit and the expense of the Joint Account insurance with responsible insurance carrier as follows:

1. Workman's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance as may be required by the laws of the State in which premises are located.

2. General Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance with limits of not less than $250,000 covering injury to or death of one person, and not less than $500,000 covering injury to or death of more than one person by reason of one accident, and not less than $100,000 covering accidental loss of or damage to property of third person.

3. Automobile Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance with limits of not less than $250,000 covering injury to or death of one person, and $500,000 covering injury to or death of more than one person by reason of one accident and not less than $100,000 covering damage to property of third persons.

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Robert V. Lockhart
District Land Manager
Midland District

June 9, 1981

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Re: Proposed #1 Tracy
1980' FEL & 2310' FSL, Sec. 10
T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico
Carlsbad Prospect (7382)

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 5, 1981, proposing the drilling of the above referenced well.

Please be advised that your proposal is presently being evaluated and we will be back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Linda H. Hicks

Linda H. Hicks
Landman

LHH/s

Received 6/10/81

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.
OIL & GAS
SUITE 230 WESTERN UNITED LIFE BUILDING, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701
915/683-5334

September 10, 1981

TO ALL NON-OPERATING INTEREST OWNERS
OF THE CARLSBAD WORKING INTEREST UNIT

Re: Eddy County, New Mexico
Proposed Well #1
1650' FSL & 2140' FEL,
Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

Gentlemen:

It is understood from recent contacts with the Union Oil Company of California that by way of a working interest unit agreement, you are a working interest owner in the subject lands operated by the Union Oil Company of California. We had previously submitted an AFE and an Operating Agreement on May 5, 1981, to the Union Oil Company of California and are enclosing a copy to each of you a new AFE and an Operating Agreement for your consideration. If you desire to join, we shall furnish you additional copies of the AFE and Operating Agreement for your signature.

The Union Oil Company of California has indicated that it will not be able to either join in drilling or farming out its interest to the above proposed well. However, the Union Oil Company of California further indicates that it has no authority to commit your interest one way or another. We are anxious to begin drilling operations and ask that you either join in the drilling of such test or farm out your interest to this test. In order to force pool the interest of the Union Oil Company of California and others who are unable to commit its interest to such test, we have scheduled a hearing with the full Oil Conservation Commission on September 29, 1981, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. We ask that you let us have your decision on this proposal prior to September 25, 1981.

Very truly yours,

Richard A. Mendenhall

RAM/ls

_____ Desire to Join; _____ Desire Not to Join

_____ _____
Signature Date

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Case No. 736 Exhibit No. 3
Submitted by Mendenhall
Hearing Date 9-29-81

ADDRESSES OF ALL
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AND OPERATOR

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MODEL FORM OPERATING AGREEMENT

OPERATING AGREEMENT

DATED

September 11, 1981,

OPERATOR R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.,

CONTRACT AREA COVERING ALL WELLS TO BE DRILLED IN THE SE/4 OF

SECTION 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

COUNTY OR PARISH OF Eddy STATE OF New Mexico

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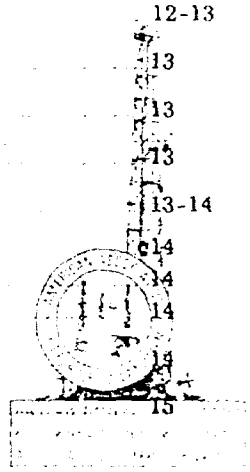


OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. _____, hereinafter designated and referred to as "Operator", and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter referred to individually herein as "Non-Operator", and collectively as "Non-Operators",

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are owners of oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests in the land identified in Exhibit "A", and the parties hereto have reached an agreement to explore and develop these leases and/or oil and gas interests for the production of oil and gas to the extent and as hereinafter provided:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I.
DEFINITIONS

As used in this agreement, the following words and terms shall have the meanings here ascribed to them:

A. The term "oil and gas" shall mean oil, gas, casinghead gas, gas condensate, and all other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons and other marketable substances produced therewith, unless an intent to limit the inclusiveness of this term is specifically stated.

B. The terms "oil and gas lease", "lease" and "leasehold" shall mean the oil and gas leases covering tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by the parties to this agreement.

C. The term "oil and gas interests" shall mean unleased fee and mineral interests in tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by parties to this agreement.

D. The term "Contract Area" shall mean all of the lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests intended to be developed and operated for oil and gas purposes under this agreement. Such lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests are described in Exhibit "A".

E. The term "drilling unit" shall mean the area fixed for the drilling of one well by order or rule of any state or federal body having authority. If a drilling unit is not fixed by any such rule or order, a drilling unit shall be the drilling unit as established by the pattern of drilling in the Contract Area or as fixed by express agreement of the Drilling Parties.

F. The term "drillsite" shall mean the oil and gas lease or interest on which a proposed well is to be located.

G. The terms "Drilling Party" and "Consenting Party" shall mean a party who agrees to join in and pay its share of the cost of any operation conducted under the provisions of this agreement.

H. The terms "Non-Drilling Party" and "Non-Consenting Party" shall mean a party who elects not to participate in a proposed operation.

Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.

ARTICLE II.
EXHIBITS

The following exhibits, as indicated below and attached hereto, are incorporated in and made a part hereof:

[X] A. Exhibit "A", shall include the following information:
(1) Identification of lands subject to agreement,
(2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths or formations,
(3) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement,
(4) Oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject to this agreement,
(5) Addresses of parties for notice purposes.

[ ] B. Exhibit "B", Form of Lease.

[X] C. Exhibit "C", Accounting Procedure.

[X] D. Exhibit "D", Insurance.

[ ] E. Exhibit "E", Gas Balancing Agreement.

[ ] F. Exhibit "F", Non-Discrimination and Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities.

If any provision of any exhibit, except Exhibit "E", is inconsistent with any provision contained in the body of this agreement, the provisions in the body of this agreement shall prevail.

ARTICLE III.
INTERESTS OF PARTIES

A. Oil and Gas Interests:

If any party owns an unleased oil and gas interest in the Contract Area, that interest shall be treated for the purpose of this agreement and during the term hereof as if it were a leased interest under the form of oil and gas lease attached as Exhibit "B". As to such interest, the owner shall receive royalty on production as prescribed in the form of oil and gas lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Such party shall, however, be subject to all of the provisions of this agreement relating to lessees, to the extent that it owns the lessee interest.

B. Interest of Parties in Costs and Production:

Exhibit "A" lists all of the parties and their respective percentage or fractional interests under this agreement. Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and material acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned by the parties as their interests are shown in Exhibit "A". All production of oil and gas from the Contract Area, subject to the payment of lessor's royalties shall also be owned by the parties in the same manner during the term hereof; provided, however, this shall not be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby.

ARTICLE IV.
TITLES

A. Title Examination:

Title examination shall be made on the drillsite of any proposed well prior to commencement of drilling operations or, if the Drilling Parties so request, title examination shall be made on the leases and/or oil and gas interests included, or planned to be included, in the drilling unit around such well. The opinion will include the ownership of the working interest, minerals, royalty, overriding royalty and production payments under the applicable leases. At the time a well is proposed, each party contributing leases and/or oil and gas interests to the drillsite, or to be included in such drilling unit, shall furnish to Operator all abstracts (including Federal Lease Status Reports), title opinions, title papers and curative material in its possession free of charge. All such information not in the possession of or made available to Operator by the parties, but necessary for the examination of title, shall be obtained by Operator. Operator shall cause title to be examined by attorneys on its staff or by outside attorneys. Copies of all title opinions shall be furnished upon request to each party hereto. The cost incurred by Operator in this title program shall be borne as follows:

☐ Option No. 1: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be a part of the administrative overhead as provided in Exhibit "C," and shall not be a direct charge, whether performed by Operator's staff attorneys or by outside attorneys.

☒ Option No. 2: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and fees paid outside attorneys for title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be borne by the Drilling Parties in the proportion that the interest of each Drilling Party bears to the total interest of all Drilling Parties as such interests appear in Exhibit "A". Operator shall make no charge for services rendered by its staff attorneys or other personnel in the performance of the above functions.

Each party shall be responsible for securing curative matter and pooling amendments or agreements required in connection with leases or oil and gas interests contributed by such party. The Operator shall be responsible for the preparation and recording of Pooling Designations or Declarations as well as the conduct of hearings before Governmental Agencies for the securing of spacing or pooling orders. This shall not prevent any party from appearing on its own behalf at any such hearing.

No well shall be drilled on the Contract Area until after (1) the title to the drillsite or drilling unit has been examined as above provided, and (2) the title has been approved by the examining attorney or title has been accepted by all of the parties who are to participate in the drilling of the well.

B. Loss of Title:

1. Failure of Title: Should any oil and gas interest or lease, or interest therein, be lost through failure of title, which loss results in a reduction of interest from that shown on Exhibit "A", this agreement, nevertheless, shall continue in force as to all remaining oil and gas leases and interests, and

(a) The party whose oil and gas lease or interest is affected by the title failure shall bear, alone the entire loss and it shall not be entitled to recover from Operator or the other parties any development

or operating costs which it may have theretofore paid, but there shall be no monetary liability on its part to the other parties hereto for drilling, development, operating or other similar costs by reason of such title failure; and

(b) There shall be no retroactive adjustment of expenses incurred or revenues received from the operation of the interest which has been lost, but the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, as of the time it is determined finally that title failure has occurred, so that the interest of the party whose lease or interest is affected by the title failure will thereafter be reduced in the Contract Area by the amount of the interest lost; and

(c) If the proportionate interest of the other parties hereto in any producing well theretofore drilled on the Contract Area is increased by reason of the title failure, the party whose title has failed shall receive the proceeds attributable to the increase in such interests (less costs and burdens attributable thereto) until it has been reimbursed for unrecovered costs paid by it in connection with such well; and

(d) Should any person not a party to this agreement, who is determined to be the owner of any interest in the title which has failed, pay in any manner any part of the cost of operation, development, or equipment, such amount shall be paid to the party or parties who bore the costs which are so refunded; and

(e) Any liability to account to a third party for prior production of oil and gas which arises by reason of title failure shall be borne by the party or parties in the same proportions in which they shared in such prior production; and

(f) No charge shall be made to the joint account for legal expenses, fees or salaries, in connection with the defense of the interest claimed by any party hereto, it being the intention of the parties hereto that each shall defend title to its interest and bear all expenses in connection therewith.

2. Loss by Non-Payment or Erroneous Payment of Amount Due: If, through mistake or oversight, any rental, shut-in well payment, minimum royalty or royalty payment, is not paid or is erroneously paid, and as a result a lease or interest therein terminates, there shall be no monetary liability against the party who failed to make such payment. Unless the party who failed to make the required payment secures a new lease covering the same interest within ninety (90) days from the discovery of the failure to make proper payment, which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, effective as of the date of termination of the lease involved, and the party who failed to make proper payment will no longer be credited with an interest in the Contract Area on account of ownership of the lease or interest which has terminated. In the event the party who failed to make the required payment shall not have been fully reimbursed, at the time of the loss, from the proceeds of the sale of oil and gas attributable to the lost interest, calculated on an acreage basis, for the development and operating costs theretofore paid on account of such interest, it shall be reimbursed for unrecovered actual costs theretofore paid by it (but not for its share of the cost of any dry hole previously drilled or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following as is necessary to effect reimbursement:

(a) Proceeds of oil and gas, less operating expenses, theretofore accrued to the credit of the lost interest, on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs;

(b) Proceeds, less operating expenses, thereafter accrued attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, of that portion of oil and gas thereafter produced and marketed (excluding production from any wells thereafter drilled) which, in the absence of such lease termination, would be attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, the proceeds of said portion of the oil and gas to be contributed by the other parties in proportion to their respective interests; and

(c) Any monies, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, that may be paid by any party who is, or becomes, the owner of the interest lost, for the privilege of participating in the Contract Area or becoming a party to this agreement.

3. Other Losses: All losses incurred, other than those set forth in Articles IV.B.1. and IV.B.2. above, shall not be considered failure of title but shall be joint losses and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

ARTICLE V.
OPERATOR

A. DESIGNATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OPERATOR:

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. shall be the Operator of the Contract Area, and shall conduct and direct and have full control of all operations on the Contract Area as permitted and required by, and within the limits of, this agreement. It shall conduct all such operations in a good and workmanlike manner, but it shall have no liability as Operator to the other parties for losses sustained or liabilities incurred, except such as may result from gross negligence or willful misconduct.

B. Resignation or Removal of Operator and Selection of Successor:

1. Resignation or Removal of Operator: Operator may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to Non-Operators. If Operator terminates its legal existence, no longer owns an interest in the Contract Area, or is no longer capable of serving as Operator, it shall cease to be Operator without any action by Non-Operator, except the selection of a successor. Operator may be removed if it fails or refuses to carry out its duties hereunder, or becomes insolvent, bankrupt or is placed in receivership, by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more Non-Operators owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of Operator. Such resignation or removal shall not become effective until 7:00 o'clock A.M. on the first day of the calendar month following the expiration of ninety (90) days after the giving of notice of resignation by Operator or action by the Non-Operators to remove Operator, unless a successor Operator has been selected and assumes the duties of Operator at an earlier date. Operator, after effective date of resignation or removal, shall be bound by the terms hereof as a Non-Operator. A change of a corporate name or structure of Operator or transfer of Operator's interest to any single subsidiary, parent or successor corporation shall not be the basis for removal of Operator.

2. Selection of Successor Operator: Upon the resignation or removal of Operator, a successor Operator shall be selected by the Parties. The successor Operator shall be selected from the parties owning an interest in the Contract Area at the time such successor Operator is selected. If the Operator that is removed fails to vote or votes only to succeed itself, the successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of the Operator that was removed.

C. Employees:

The number of employees used by Operator in conducting operations hereunder, their selection, and the hours of labor and the compensation for services performed, shall be determined by Operator, and all such employees shall be the employees of Operator.

D. Drilling Contracts:

All wells drilled on the Contract Area shall be drilled on a competitive contract basis at the usual rates prevailing in the area. If it so desires, Operator may employ its own tools and equipment in the drilling of wells, but its charges therefor shall not exceed the prevailing rates in the area and the rate of such charges shall be agreed upon by the parties in writing before drilling operations are commenced, and such work shall be performed by Operator under the same terms and conditions as are customary and usual in the area in contracts of independent contractors who are doing work of a similar nature.

ARTICLE VI.
DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Initial Well:

On or before the As soon as a rig is made available day of _____, 19__, Operator shall commence the drilling of a well for oil and gas at the following location:

A legal location in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

and shall thereafter continue the drilling of the well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Esperanza Field pay at an approximate depth of 3425'.

unless granite or other practically impenetrable substance or condition in the hole, which renders further drilling impractical, is encountered at a lesser depth, or unless all parties agree to complete or abandon the well at a lesser depth.

Operator shall make reasonable tests of all formations encountered during drilling which give indication of containing oil and gas in quantities sufficient to test, unless this agreement shall be limited in its application to a specific formation or formations, in which event Operator shall be required to test only the formation or formations to which this agreement may apply.

If, in Operator's judgment, the well will not produce oil or gas in paying quantities, and it wishes to plug and abandon the well as a dry hole, it shall first secure the consent of all parties and shall plug and abandon same as provided in Article VI.E.1. hereof.

B. Subsequent Operations:

1. Proposed Operations: Should any party hereto desire to drill any well on the Contract Area other than the well provided for in Article VI.A., or to rework, deepen or plug back a dry hole drilled at the joint expense of all parties or a well jointly owned by all the parties and not then producing in paying quantities, the party desiring to drill, rework, deepen or plug back such a well shall give the other parties written notice of the proposed operation, specifying the work to be performed, the location, proposed depth, objective formation and the estimated cost of the operation. The parties receiving such a notice shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice within which to notify the parties wishing to do the work whether they elect to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. If a drilling rig is on location, notice of proposal to rework, plug back or drill deeper may be given by telephone and the response period shall be limited to twenty-four (24) hours.

Failure of a party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. Any notice or response given by telephone shall be promptly confirmed in writing.

2. Operations by Less than All Parties: If any party receiving such notice as provided in Article VI.B.1. or VI.E.1. elects not to participate in the proposed operation, then, in order to be entitled to the benefits of this article, the party or parties giving the notice and such other parties as shall elect to participate in the operation shall, within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the twenty-four (24) hour period where the drilling rig is on location, as the case may be) actually commence work on the proposed operation and complete it with due diligence. Operator shall perform all work for the account of the Consenting Parties; provided, however, if no drilling rig or other equipment is on location, and if Operator is a Non-Consenting Party, the Consenting Parties shall either: (a) request Operator to perform the work required by such proposed operation for the account of the Consenting Parties, or (b) designate one (1) of the Consenting Parties as Operator to perform such work. Consenting Parties, when conducting operations on the Contract Area pursuant to this Article VI.B.2., shall comply with all terms and conditions of this agreement.

If less than all parties approve any proposed operation, the proposing party, immediately after the expiration of the applicable notice period, shall advise the Consenting Parties of (a) the total interest of the parties approving such operation, and (b) its recommendation as to whether the Consenting Parties should proceed with the operation as proposed. Each Consenting Party, within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of such notice, shall advise the proposing party of its desire to (a) limit participation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A", or (b) carry its proportionate part of Non-Consenting Parties' interest. The proposing party, at its election, may withdraw such proposal if there is insufficient participation, and shall promptly notify all parties of such decision.

The entire cost and risk of conducting such operations shall be borne by the Consenting Parties in the proportions they have elected to bear same under the terms of the preceding paragraph. Consenting Parties shall keep the leasehold estates involved in such operations free and clear of all liens and encumbrances of every kind created by or arising from the operations of the Consenting Parties. If such an operation results in a dry hole, the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well at their sole cost, risk and expense. If any well drilled, reworked, deepened or plugged back under the provisions of this Article results in a producer of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, the Consenting Parties shall complete and equip the well to produce at their sole cost and risk, and the well shall then be turned over to Operator and shall be operated by it at the expense and for the account of the Consenting Parties. Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of any such well by Consenting Parties in accordance with the provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, and the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-Consenting Party's interest in the well and share of production therefrom until the proceeds of the sale of such share, calculated at the well, or market value thereof if such share is not sold (after deducting production taxes, royalty, overriding royalty and other interests existing on the effective date hereof, payable out of or measured by the production from such well accruing with respect to such interest until it reverts) shall equal the total of the following:

(a) 200 % of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of any newly acquired surface equipment beyond the wellhead connections (including, but not limited to, stock tanks, separators, treaters, pumping equipment and piping), plus 100% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of operation of the well commencing with first production and continuing until each such Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest shall revert to it under other provisions of this Article, it being agreed that each Non-Consenting Party's share of such costs and equipment will be that interest which would have been chargeable to each Non-Consenting Party had it participated in the well from the beginning of the operation; and

(b) 300 % of that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling reworking, deepening, or plugging back, testing and completing, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C., and

300 % of that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the well-head connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had participated therein.

Gas production attributable to any Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest upon such Party's election, shall be sold to its purchaser, if available, under the terms of its existing gas sales contract. Such Non - Consenting Party shall direct its purchaser to remit the proceeds receivable from such sale direct to the Consenting Parties until the amounts provided for in this Article are recovered from the Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest. If such Non - Consenting Party has not contracted for sale of its gas at the time such gas is available for delivery, or has not made the election as provided above, the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive and sell such Non-Consenting Party's share of gas as hereinabove provided during the recoupment period.

During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's share of production, or the proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of all production, severance, gathering and other taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's share of production.

In the case of any reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling operation, the Consenting Parties shall be permitted to use, free of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of all such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon abandonment of a well after such reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equipment to the owners thereof, with each party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of salvage.

Within sixty (60) days after the completion of any operation under this Article, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an inventory of the equipment in and connected to the well, and an itemized statement of the cost of drilling, deepening, plugging back, testing, completing, and equipping the well for production; or, at its option, the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed statement of monthly billings. Each month thereafter, during the time the Consenting Parties are being reimbursed as provided above, the Party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities incurred in the operation of the well, together with a statement of the quantity of oil and gas produced from it and the amount of proceeds realized from the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding month. In determining the quantity of oil and gas produced during any month, Consenting Parties shall use industry accepted methods such as, but not limited to, metering or periodic well tests. Any amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with any such operation which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein shall be credited against the total unreturned costs of the work done and of the equipment purchased, in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as above provided; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting party.

If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest the amounts provided for above, the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall automatically revert to it, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-Consenting Party shall own the same interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production therefrom as such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be charged with and shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of the operation of said well in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the Accounting Procedure, attached hereto.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that without the mutual consent of all parties, no wells shall be completed in or produced from a source of supply from which a well located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, unless such well conforms to the then-existing well spacing pattern for such source of supply.

The provisions of this Article shall have no application whatsoever to the drilling of the initial well described in Article VI.A. except (a) when Option 2, Article VII.D.1., has been selected, or (b) to the reworking, deepening and plugging back of such initial well, if such well is or thereafter shall prove to be a dry hole or non-commercial well, after having been drilled to the depth specified in Article VI.A.

C. Right to Take Production in Kind:

Each party shall have the right to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in preparing and treating oil for marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditure incurred in the taking in kind or separate disposition by any party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any

party taking its share of production in kind shall be required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it uses.

Each party shall execute such division orders and contracts as may be necessary for the sale of its interest in production from the Contract Area, and, except as provided in Article VII.B., shall be entitled to receive payment direct from the purchaser thereof for its share of all production.

In the event any party shall fail to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of the oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, Operator shall have the right, subject to the revocation at will by the party owning it, but not the obligation, to purchase such oil and gas or sell it to others at any time and from time to time, for the account of the non-taking party at the best price obtainable in the area for such production. Any such purchase or sale by Operator shall be subject always to the right of the owner of the production to exercise at any time its right to take in kind, or separately dispose of, its share of all oil and gas not previously delivered to a purchaser. Any purchase or sale by Operator of any other party's share of oil and gas shall be only for such reasonable periods of time as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the particular circumstances, but in no event for a period in excess of one (1) year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Operator shall not make a sale, including one into interstate commerce, of any other party's share of gas production without first giving such other party thirty (30) days prior written notice of such intended sale.

In the event one or more parties' separate disposition of its share of the gas causes split-stream deliveries to separate pipelines and/or deliveries which on a day-to-day basis for any reason are not exactly equal to a party's respective proportionate share of total gas sales to be allocated to it, the balancing or accounting between the respective accounts of the parties shall be in accordance with any Gas Balancing Agreement between the parties hereto, whether such Agreement is attached as Exhibit "E", or is a separate Agreement.

D. Access to Contract Area and Information:

Each party shall have access to the Contract Area at all reasonable times, at its sole risk to inspect or observe operations, and shall have access at reasonable times to information pertaining to the development or operation thereof, including Operator's books and records relating thereto. Operator, upon request, shall furnish each of the other parties with copies of all forms or reports filed with governmental agencies, daily drilling reports, well logs, tank tables, daily gauge and run tickets and reports of stock on hand at the first of each month, and shall make available samples of any cores or cuttings taken from any well drilled on the Contract Area. The cost of gathering and furnishing information to Non-Operator, other than that specified above, shall be charged to the Non-Operator that requests the information.

E. Abandonment of Wells:

1. Abandonment of Dry Holes: Except for any well drilled pursuant to Article VI.B.2., any well which has been drilled under the terms of this agreement and is proposed to be completed as a dry hole shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. Should Operator, after diligent effort, be unable to contact any party, or should any party fail to reply within forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays) after receipt of notice of the proposal to plug and abandon such well, such party shall be deemed to have consented to the proposed abandonment. All such wells shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of the parties who participated in the cost of drilling of such well. Any party who objects to the plugging and abandoning such well shall have the right to take over the well and conduct further operations in search of oil and or gas subject to the provisions of Article VI.B.

2. Abandonment of Wells that have Produced: Except for any well which has been drilled or reworked pursuant to Article VI.B.2. hereof for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reimbursed as therein provided, any well which has been completed as a producer shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. If all parties consent to such abandonment, the well shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of all the parties hereto. If, within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the proposed abandonment of such well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of any well, those wishing to continue its operation shall tender to each of the other parties its proportionate share of the value of the well's salvable material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. Each abandoning party shall assign to the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, quality, or fitness for use of the equipment and material, all of its interest in the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the leasehold estate as to, but only as to, the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes an oil and gas interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-abandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production, for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the interval or inter-

vals of the formation or formations covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached as Exhibit "B". The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the "drilling unit" upon which the well is located. The payments by, and the assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentages of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment of interest in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the operation of or production from the well in the interval or intervals then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon request, Operator shall continue to operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and charges contemplated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of the separate ownership of the assigned well.

ARTICLE VII.
EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES

A. Liability of Parties:

The liability of the parties shall be several, not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible only for its obligations, and shall be liable only for its proportionate share of the costs of developing and operating the Contract Area. Accordingly, the liens granted among the parties in Article VII.B. are given to secure only the debts of each severally. It is not the intention of the parties to create, nor shall this agreement be construed as creating, a mining or other partnership or association, or to render the parties liable as partners.

B. Liens and Payment Defaults:

Each Non-Operator grants to Operator a lien upon its oil and gas rights in the Contract Area, and a security interest in its share of oil and or gas when extracted and its interest in all equipment, to secure payment of its share of expense, together with interest thereon at the rate provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". To the extent that Operator has a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State, Operator shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the obtaining of judgment by Operator for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any Non-Operator in the payment of its share of expense, Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such Non-Operator's share of oil and/or gas until the amount owed by such Non-Operator, plus interest has been paid. Each purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon Operator's written statement concerning the amount of any default. Operator grants a like lien and security interest to the Non-Operators to secure payment of Operator's proportionate share of expense.

If any party fails or is unable to pay its share of expense within sixty (60) days after rendition of a statement therefor by Operator, the non-defaulting parties, including Operator, shall, upon request by Operator, pay the unpaid amount in the proportion that the interest of each such party bears to the interest of all such parties. Each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall, to obtain reimbursement thereof, be subrogated to the security rights described in the foregoing paragraph.

C. Payments and Accounting:

Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, Operator shall promptly pay and discharge expenses incurred in the development and operation of the Contract Area pursuant to this agreement and shall charge each of the parties hereto with their respective proportionate shares upon the expense basis provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Operator shall keep an accurate record of the joint account hereunder, showing expenses incurred and charges and credits made and received.

Operator, at its election, shall have the right from time to time to demand and receive from the other parties payment in advance of their respective shares of the estimated amount of the expense to be incurred in operations hereunder during the next succeeding month, which right may be exercised only by submission to each such party of an itemized statement of such estimated expense, together with an invoice for its share thereof. Each such statement and invoice for the payment in advance of estimated expense shall be submitted on or before the 20th day of the next preceding month. Each party shall pay to Operator its proportionate share of such estimate within fifteen (15) days after such estimate and invoice is received. If any party fails to pay its share of said estimate within said time, the amount due shall bear interest as provided in Exhibit "C" until paid. Proper adjustment shall be made monthly between advances and actual expense to the end that each party shall bear and pay its proportionate share of actual expenses incurred, and no more.

D. Limitation of Expenditures:

1. Drill or Deepen: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled or deepened, except any well drilled or deepened pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this Agreement, it being understood that the consent to the drilling or deepening shall include:

☐ Option No. 1: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening, testing, completing and equipping of the well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

☒ Option No. 2: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening and testing of the well. When such well has reached its authorized depth, and all tests have been completed, Operator shall give immediate notice to the Non-Operators who have the right to participate in the completion costs. The parties receiving such notice shall have Twenty-four (24) hours in which to elect to participate in the setting of casing and the completion attempt. Such election, when made, shall include consent to all necessary expenditures for the completing and equipping of such well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities. Failure of any party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the completion attempt. If one or more, but less than all of the parties, elect to set pipe and to attempt a completion, the provisions of Article VI.B.2. hereof (the phrase "reworking, deepening or plugging back" as contained in Article VI.B.2. shall be deemed to include "completing") shall apply to the operations thereafter conducted by less than all parties.

2. Rework or Plug Back: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be reworked or plugged back except a well reworked or plugged back pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement, it being understood that the consent to the reworking or plugging back of a well shall include consent to all necessary expenditures in conducting such operations and completing and equipping of said well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

3. Other Operations: Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of Ten thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($10,000.00) except in connection with a well, the drilling, reworking, deepening, completing, recompleting, or plugging back of which has been previously authorized by or pursuant to this agreement; provided, however, that, in case of explosion, fire, flood or other sudden emergency, whether of the same or different nature, Operator may take such steps and incur such expenses as in its opinion are required to deal with the emergency to safeguard life and property but Operator, as promptly as possible, shall report the emergency to the other parties. If Operator prepares "Authority for Expenditures" for its own use, Operator, upon request, shall furnish copies of its "Authority for Expenditures" for any single project costing in excess of Ten thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($10,000.00).

E. Royalties, Overriding Royalties and Other Payments:

Each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, all royalties due on its share of production and shall hold the other parties free from any liability therefor. If the interest of any party in any oil and gas lease covered by this agreement is subject to any overriding royalty, production payment, or other charge such party shall assume and alone bear all such obligations and shall account for or cause to be accounted for, such interest to the owners thereof.

F. Rentals, Shut-in Well Payments and Minimum Royalties:

Rentals, shut-in well payments and minimum royalties which may be required under the terms of any lease shall be paid by the party or parties who subjected such lease to this agreement at its or their expense. In the event two or more parties own and have contributed interests in the same lease to this agreement, such parties may designate one of such parties to make said payments for and on behalf of all such parties. Any party may request, and shall be entitled to receive, proper evidence of all such payments. In the event of failure to make proper payment of any rental, shut-in well payment or minimum royalty through mistake or oversight where such payment is required to continue the lease in force, any loss which results from such non-payment shall be borne in accordance with the provisions of Article IV.B.2.

Operator shall notify Non-Operator of the anticipated completion of a shut-in gas well, or the shutting in or return to production of a producing gas well, at least five (5) days (excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays), or at the earliest opportunity permitted by circumstances, prior to taking such action, but assumes no liability for failure to do so. In the event of failure by Operator to so notify Non-Operator, the loss of any lease contributed hereto by Non-Operator for failure to make timely payments

of any shut-in well payment shall be borne jointly by the parties hereto under the provisions of Article IV.B.3.

G. Taxes:

Beginning with the first calendar year after the effective date hereof, Operator shall render for ad valorem taxation all property subject to this agreement which by law should be rendered for such taxes, and it shall pay all such taxes assessed thereon before they become delinquent. Prior to the rendition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator information as to burdens (to include, but not be limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on leases and oil and gas interests contributed by such Non-Operator. If the assessed valuation of any leasehold estate is reduced by reason of its being subject to outstanding excess royalties, overriding royalties or production payments, the reduction in ad valorem taxes resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of such leasehold estate, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such reduction. Operator shall bill other parties for their proportionate share of all tax payments in the manner provided in Exhibit "C".

If Operator considers any tax assessment improper, Operator may, at its discretion, protest within the time and manner prescribed by law, and prosecute the protest to a final determination, unless all parties agree to abandon the protest prior to final determination. During the pendency of administrative or judicial proceedings, Operator may elect to pay, under protest, all such taxes and any interest and penalty. When any such protested assessment shall have been finally determined, Operator shall pay the tax for the joint account, together with any interest and penalty accrued, and the total cost shall then be assessed against the parties, and be paid by them, as provided in Exhibit "C"

Each party shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, gathering and other taxes imposed upon or with respect to the production or handling of such party's share of oil and/or gas produced under the terms of this agreement.

H. Insurance:

At all time while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a self-insurer for liability under said compensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall be an amount equivalent to the premium which would have been paid had such insurance been obtained. Operator shall also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D", attached to and made a part hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted and to maintain such other insurance as Operator may require.

In the event Automobile Public Liability Insurance is specified in said Exhibit "D", or subsequently receives the approval of the parties, no direct charge shall be made by Operator for premiums paid for such insurance for Operator's fully owned automotive equipment.

ARTICLE VIII.
ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST

A. Surrender of Leases:

The leases covered by this agreement, insofar as they embrace acreage in the Contract Area, shall not be surrendered in whole or in part unless all parties consent thereto.

However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any lease or in any portion thereof, and other parties do not agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or implied warranty of title, all of its interest in such lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and equipment which may be located thereon and any rights in production thereafter secured, to the parties not desiring to surrender it. If the interest of the assigning party includes an oil and gas interest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not desiring to surrender an oil and gas lease covering such oil and gas interest for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the land covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Upon such assignment, the assigning party shall be relieved from all obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the acreage assigned and the operation of any well thereon, and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the lease assigned and its equipment and production other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The parties assignee shall pay to the party assignor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any wells and equipment on the assigned acreage. The value of all material shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. If the assignment is in favor of more than one party, the assigned interest shall

be shared by the parties assignee in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the interest of all parties assignee.

Any assignment or surrender made under this provision shall not reduce or change the assignor's or surrendering parties' interest, as it was immediately before the assignment, in the balance of the Contract Area; and the acreage assigned or surrendered, and subsequent operations thereon, shall not thereafter be subject to the terms and provisions of this agreement.

B. Renewal or Extension of Leases:

If any party secures a renewal of any oil and gas lease subject to this Agreement, all other parties shall be notified promptly, and shall have the right for a period of thirty (30) days following receipt of such notice in which to elect to participate in the ownership of the renewal lease, insofar as such lease affects lands within the Contract Area, by paying to the party who acquired it their several proper proportionate shares of the acquisition cost allocated to that part of such lease within the Contract Area, which shall be in proportion to the interests held at that time by the parties in the Contract Area.

If some, but less than all, of the parties elect to participate in the purchase of a renewal lease, it shall be owned by the parties who elect to participate therein, in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all parties participating in the purchase of such renewal lease. Any renewal lease in which less than all parties elect to participate shall not be subject to this agreement.

Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal lease shall be given an assignment of its proportionate interest therein by the acquiring party.

The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal leases whether they are for the entire interest covered by the expiring lease or cover only a portion of its area or an interest therein. Any renewal lease taken before the expiration of its predecessor lease, or taken or contracted for within six (6) months after the expiration of the existing lease shall be subject to this provision; but any lease taken or contracted for more than six (6) months after the expiration of an existing lease shall not be deemed a renewal lease and shall not be subject to the provisions of this agreement.

The provisions in this Article shall apply also and in like manner to extensions of oil and gas leases.

C. Acreage or Cash Contributions:

While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash toward the drilling of a well or any other operation on the Contract Area, such contribution shall be paid to the party who conducted the drilling or other operation and shall be applied by it against the cost of such drilling or other operation. If the contribution be in the form of acreage, the party to whom the contribution is made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling Parties in the proportions said Drilling Parties shared the cost of drilling the well. If all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall become a part of the Contract Area and be governed by the provisions of this agreement. If less than all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall not become a part of the Contract Area. Each party shall promptly notify all other parties of all acreage or money contributions it may obtain in support of any well or any other operation on the Contract Area.

If any party contracts for any consideration relating to disposition of such party's share of substances produced hereunder, such consideration shall not be deemed a contribution as contemplated in this Article VIII.C.

D. Subsequently Created Interest:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII.E. and VIII.G., if any party hereto shall, subsequent to execution of this agreement, create an overriding royalty, production payment, or net proceeds interest, which such interests are hereinafter referred to as "subsequently created interest", such subsequently created interest shall be specifically made subject to all of the terms and provisions of this agreement, as follows:

1. If non-consent operations are conducted pursuant to any provision of this agreement, and the party conducting such operations becomes entitled to receive the production attributable to the interest out of which the subsequently created interest is derived, such party shall receive same free and clear of such subsequently created interest. The party creating same shall bear and pay all such subsequently created interests and shall indemnify and hold the other parties hereto free and harmless from any and all liability resulting therefrom.

2. If the owner of the interest from which the subsequently created interest is derived (1) fails to pay, when due, its share of expenses chargeable hereunder, or (2) elects to abandon a well under provisions of Article VI.E. hereof, or (3) elects to surrender a lease under provisions of Article VIII.A. hereof, the subsequently created interest shall be chargeable with the pro rata portion of all expenses hereunder in the same manner as if such interest were a working interest. For purposes of collecting such chargeable expenses, the party or parties who receive assignments as a result of (2) or (3) above shall have the right to enforce all provisions of Article VII.B. hereof against such subsequently created interest.

E. *Maintenance of Uniform Interest:*

For the purpose of maintaning uniformity of ownership in the oil and gas leasehold interests covered by this contract, and notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, no party shall sell, encumber, transfer or make other disposition of its interest in the leases embraced within the Unit area and in wells, equipment and production unless every such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party shall be made expressly subject to this agreement, and shall be made without prejudice to the rights of the other parties.

If at any time the interest of any party is divided among and owned by four or more co-owners, Operator may, at its discretion, require such co-owners to appoint a single trustee or agent with full authority to receive notices, approve expenditures, receive billings for and approve and pay such party's share of the joint expenses, and to deal generally with, and with power to bind, the co-owners of such party's interests within the scope of the operations embraced in this contract; however, all such co-owners shall enter into and execute all contracts or agreements for the disposition of their respective shares of the oil and gas produced from the Unit Area and they shall have the right to receive, separately, payment of the sale of proceeds thereof.

F. *Waiver of Right to Partition:*

If permitted by the laws of the state or states in which the property covered hereby is located, each party hereto owning an undivided interest in the Contract Area waives any and all rights it may have to partition and have set aside to it in severalty its undivided interest therein.

G. Preferential Right to Purchase:

ARTICLE IX.
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION

This agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, a relationship of partnership or an association for profit between or among the parties hereto. Notwithstanding any provisions herein that the rights and liabilities hereunder are several and not joint or collective, or that this agreement and operations hereunder shall not constitute a partnership, if, for Federal income tax purposes, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, each party hereby affected elects to be excluded from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as permitted and authorized by Section 761 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Operator is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of each party hereby affected such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States or the Federal Internal Revenue Service, including specifically, but not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements, and the data required by Federal Regulations 1.761. Should there be any requirement that each party hereby affected give further evidence of this election, each such party shall execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be required by the Federal Internal Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. No

such party shall give any notices or take any other action inconsistent with the election made hereby. If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Contract Area is located or any future income tax laws of the United States contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, under which an election similar to that provided by Section 761 of the Code is permitted, each party hereby affected shall make such election as may be permitted or required by such laws. In making the foregoing election, each such party states that the income derived by such party from Operations hereunder can be adequately determined without the computation of partnership taxable income.

ARTICLE X.
CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS

Operator may settle any single damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the expenditure does not exceed Five Thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($5,000.00) and if the payment is in complete settlement of such claim or suit. If the amount required for settlement exceeds the above amount, the parties hereto shall assume and take over the further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is delegated to Operator. All costs and expense of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be at the joint expense of the parties. If a claim is made against any party or if any party is sued on account of any matter arising from operations hereunder over which such individual has no control because of the rights given Operator by this agreement, the party shall immediately notify Operator, and the claim or suit shall be treated as any other claim or suit involving operations hereunder.

ARTICLE XI.
FORCE MAJEURE

If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by force majeure to carry out its obligations under this agreement, other than the obligation to make money payments, that party shall give to all other parties prompt written notice of the force majeure with reasonably full particulars concerning it; thereupon, the obligations of the party giving the notice, so far as they are affected by the force majeure, shall be suspended during, but no longer than, the continuance of the force majeure. The affected party shall use all reasonable diligence to remove the force majeure situation as quickly as practicable.

The requirement that any force majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes, lockouts, or other labor difficulty by the party involved, contrary to its wishes; how all such difficulties shall be handled shall be entirely within the discretion of the party concerned.

The term "force majeure", as here employed, shall mean an act of God, strike, lockout, or other industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightning, fire, storm, flood, explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint or inaction, unavailability of equipment, and any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension.

ARTICLE XII.
NOTICES

All notices authorized or required between the parties, and required by any of the provisions of this agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be given in writing by United States mail or Western Union telegram, postage or charges prepaid, or by teletype, and addressed to the party to whom the notice is given at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A". The originating notice given under any provision hereof shall be deemed given only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed, and the time for such party to give any notice in response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail or with the Western Union Telegraph Company, with postage or charges prepaid, or when sent by teletype. Each party shall have the right to change its address at any time, and from time to time, by giving written notice hereof to all other parties.

ARTICLE XIII.
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subjected hereto for the period of time selected below; provided, however, no party hereto shall ever be construed as having any right, title or interest in or to any lease, or oil and gas interest contributed by any other party beyond the term of this agreement.

[X] Option No. 1: So long as any of the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement remain or are continued in force as to any part of the Contract Area, whether by production, extension, renewal or otherwise, and/or so long as oil and/or gas production continues from any lease or oil and gas interest.

☐ Option No. 2: In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled under any provision of this agreement, results in production of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, this agreement shall continue in force so long as any such well or wells produce, or are capable of production, and for an additional period of _____ days from cessation of all production; provided, however, if, prior to the expiration of such additional period, one or more of the parties hereto are engaged in drilling or reworking a well or wells hereunder, this agreement shall continue in force until such operations have been completed and if production results therefrom, this agreement shall continue in force as provided herein. In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled hereunder, results in a dry hole, and no other well is producing, or capable of producing oil and/or gas from the Contract Area, this agreement shall terminate unless drilling or reworking operations are commenced within _____ days from the date of abandonment of said well.

It is agreed, however, that the termination of this agreement shall not relieve any party hereto from any liability which has accrued or attached prior to the date of such termination.

ARTICLE XIV.
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. Laws, Regulations and Orders:

This agreement shall be subject to the conservation laws of the state in which the committed acreage is located, to the valid rules, regulations, and orders of any duly constituted regulatory body of said state; and to all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders.

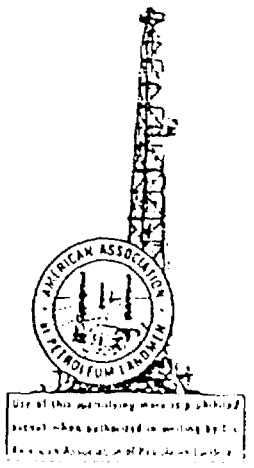
B. Governing Law:

The essential validity of this agreement and all matters pertaining thereto, including, but not limited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the law of the state in which the Contract Area is located. If the Contract Area is in two or more states, the law of the state where most of the land in the Contract Area is located shall govern.

ARTICLE XV.
OTHER PROVISIONS

A. If the operator is required hereunder to pay ad valorem taxes based in whole or in part upon separate valuations of each party's working interest, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, charges to the joint account shall be made and paid by the parties hereto in accordance with the percentage of tax value generated by each party's working interest.

B. When there is no party in default hereunder, and after a period of one(1) year from the date of this agreement, should any of the Non-Operators be of the opinion that it can operate the Unit Area more economically than Operator, such Non-Operators shall give thirty (30) days' written notice to Operator, and subject to the requirements set forth hereafter in this Section, on the first day of the calendar month following the end of such thirty (30) day period, said Non-Operator shall take charge of such operations under the terms of this agreement. Prior to such Non-Operator being permitted to exercise such right to assume operations, said Non-Operator must agree, in writing, to maintain the average production trend, and efficiency rate as had been established by the Operator, and must agree, in writing, to immediately reduce operating expenses by not less than ten percent (10%) and to continue to operator the Unit Area on such agreed basis. In like manner and upon like notice, any then Non-Operator shall have the right to assume operations hereunder, providing it receives approval of a total of more than 50% in interest of the working interest owners.



ARTICLE XVI.
MISCELLANEOUS

This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of 11 day of September, 1981.

OPERATOR

R. A. Mendenhall Associates Ltd.,

By Richard A. Mendenhall, General Partner

NON-OPERATORS

Union Oil Company of California

ATTEST:

By: _____

Wagner & Brown

ATTEST:

By: _____

David J. Sorenson

Martin Yates III

Nielson Enterprises, Inc.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Pennzoil Company

ATTEST:

By: _____

T. J. Sivley

J. C. Davis, Jr.

Amoco Production Company

ATTEST:

By: _____

Getty Oil Company

ATTEST:

By: _____

C & K Petroleum, Inc.

ATTEST:

_____

By: _____

ATTEST:

_____

B. R. Greathouse Estate
c/o Midland National Bank

By: _____

_____

James L. Pierce

_____

Mrs. Helen Greathouse

ATTEST:

_____

Wainoco Oil & Gas Company

By: _____

_____

G. Dee Williamson

_____

Lanita C. Williamson

_____

Charles D. Olmsted

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Glenn G. Stiff

EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of the Operating Agreement by and between R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et al., as Operator.

LANDS AND DEPTHS SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT

All lands which are owned by R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., and Union Oil Company of California et al. will be committed by each to all Drilling Units located in the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico, from surface of the ground to and including all depths down to 100' below the deepest depth drilled which is estimated to be 3425'.

PARTIES TO AGREEMENT, ADDRESS, AND INTERESTS

R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd.
Suite 230 Western United Life Building
Midland, Texas 79701

NW/SE 40 acres	38%
SW/SE 40 acres	95%
SE/SE 40 acres	25%

Union Oil Company of California et al
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702

NW/SE 40 acres	62%
SW/SE 40 acres	5%
SE/SE 40 acres	75%

EXHIBIT "C"

Attached to and made a part of Operating Agreement dated September 11, 1981 between R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et., as Non-Operators

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE
JOINT OPERATIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Definitions

"Joint Property" shall mean the real and personal property subject to the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached.

"Joint Operations" shall mean all operations necessary or proper for the development, operation, protection and maintenance of the Joint Property.

"Joint Account" shall mean the account showing the charges paid and credits received in the conduct of the Joint Operations and which are to be shared by the Parties.

"Operator" shall mean the party designated to conduct the Joint Operations.

"Non-Operators" shall mean the parties to this agreement other than the Operator.

"Parties" shall mean Operator and Non-Operators.

"First Level Supervisors" shall mean those employees whose primary function in Joint Operations is the direct supervision of other employees and/or contract labor directly employed on the Joint Property in a field operating capacity.

"Technical Employees" shall mean those employees having special and specific engineering, geological or other professional skills, and whose primary function in Joint Operations is the handling of specific operating conditions and problems for the benefit of the Joint Property.

"Personal Expenses" shall mean travel and other reasonable reimbursable expenses of Operator's employees.

"Material" shall mean personal property, equipment or supplies acquired or held for use on the Joint Property.

"Controllable Material" shall mean Material which at the time is so classified in the Material Classification Manual as most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies of North America.

2. Statement and Billings

Operator shall bill Non-Operators on or before the last day of each month for their proportionate share of the Joint Account for the preceding month. Such bills will be accompanied by statements which identify the authority for expenditure, lease or facility, and all charges and credits, summarized by appropriate classifications of investment and expense except that items of Controllable Material and unusual charges and credits shall be separately identified and fully described in detail.

3. Advances and Payments by Non-Operators

Unless otherwise provided for in the agreement, the Operator may require the Non-Operators to advance their share of estimated cash outlay for the succeeding month's operation. Operator shall adjust each monthly billing to reflect advances received from the Non-Operators.

Each Non-Operator shall pay its proportion of all bills within fifteen (15) days after receipt. If payment is not made within such time, Operator may elect to go to a bank of his choice and borrow money to pay * or the maximum contract rate permitted by the applicable usury laws in the state in which the Joint Property is located, whichever is the lesser, plus attorney's fees, court costs, and other costs in connection with the collection of unpaid amounts. * the unpaid balance. The Non-Operator is obligated to pay to the Operator the monies borrowed plus the expense and interest to acquire such.

4. Adjustments

Payment of any such bills shall not prejudice the right of any Non-Operator to protest or question the correctness thereof; provided, however, all bills and statements rendered to Non-Operators by Operator during any calendar year shall conclusively be presumed to be true and correct after twenty-four (24) months following the end of any such calendar year, unless within the said twenty-four (24) month period a Non-Operator takes written exception thereto and makes claim on Operator for adjustment. No adjustment favorable to Operator shall be made unless it is made within the same prescribed period. The provisions of this paragraph shall not prevent adjustments resulting from a physical inventory of Controllable Material as provided for in Section V.

5. Audits

A. Non-Operator, upon notice in writing to Operator and all other Non-Operators, shall have the right to audit Operator's accounts and records relating to the Joint Account for any calendar year within the twenty-four (24) month period following the end of such calendar year; provided, however, the making of an audit shall not extend the time for the taking of written exception to and the adjustments of accounts as provided for in Paragraph 4 of this Section I. Where there are two or more Non-Operators, the Non-Operators shall make every reasonable effort to conduct joint or simultaneous audits in a manner which will result in a minimum of inconvenience to the Operator. Operator shall bear no portion of the Non-Operators' audit cost incurred under this paragraph unless agreed to by the Operator.

6. Approval by Non-Operators

Where an approval or other agreement of the Parties or Non-Operators is expressly required under other sections of this Accounting Procedure and if the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached contains no contrary provisions in regard thereto, Operator shall notify all Non-Operators of the Operator's proposal, and the agreement or approval of a majority in interest of the Non-Operators shall be controlling on all Non-Operators.

II. DIRECT CHARGES

Operator shall charge the Joint Account with the following items:

1. Rentals and Royalties

Lease rentals and royalties paid by Operator for the Joint Operations.

2. Labor

A. (1) Salaries and wages of Operator's field employees directly employed on the Joint Property in the conduct of Joint Operations.

(2) Salaries of First Level Supervisors in the field.

(3) Salaries and wages of Technical Employees directly employed on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates.

B. Operator's cost of holiday, vacation, sickness and disability benefits and other customary allowances paid to employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. Such costs under this Paragraph 2B may be charged on a "when and as paid basis" or by "percentage assessment" on the amount of salaries and wages chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. If percentage assessment is used, the rate shall be based on the Operator's cost experience.

C. Expenditures or contributions made pursuant to assessments imposed by governmental authority which are applicable to Operator's costs chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II.

D. Personal Expenses of those employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II.

3. Employee Benefits

Operator's current costs of established plans for employees' group life insurance, hospitalization, pension, retirement, stock purchase, thrift, bonus, and other benefit plans of a like nature, applicable to Operator's labor cost chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II shall be Operator's actual cost not to exceed twenty per cent (20%).

4. Material

Material purchased or furnished by Operator for use on the Joint Property as provided under Section IV. Only such Material shall be purchased for or transferred to the Joint Property as may be required for immediate use and is reasonably practical and consistent with efficient and economical operations. The accumulation of surplus stocks shall be avoided.

5. Transportation

Transportation of employees and Material necessary for the Joint Operations but subject to the following limitations:

A. If Material is moved to the Joint Property from the Operator's warehouse or other properties, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance from the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point where like material is normally available, unless agreed to by the Parties.

B. If surplus Material is moved to Operator's warehouse or other storage point, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance to the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point unless agreed to by the Parties. No charge shall be made to the Joint Account for moving Material to other properties belonging to Operator, unless agreed to by the Parties.

C. In the application of Subparagraphs A and B above, there shall be no equalization of actual gross trucking cost of $200 or less excluding accessorial charges.

6. Services

The cost of contract services, equipment and utilities provided by outside sources, except services excluded by Paragraph 9 of Section II and Paragraph 1. ii of Section III. The cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly engaged on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates. The cost of professional consultant services or contract services of technical personnel not directly engaged on the Joint Property shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless previously agreed to by the Parties.

7. Equipment and Facilities Furnished by Operator

A. Operator shall charge the Joint Account for use of Operator owned equipment and facilities at rates commensurate with costs of ownership and operation. Such rates shall include costs of maintenance, repairs, other operating expense, insurance, taxes, depreciation, and interest on investment not to exceed average commercial rates currently prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property.

B. In lieu of charges in Paragraph 7A above, Operator may elect to use average commercial rates prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property less 20%. For automotive equipment, Operator may elect to use rates published by the Petroleum Motor Transport Association.

8. Damages and Losses to Joint Property

All costs or expenses necessary for the repair or replacement of Joint Property made necessary because of damages or losses incurred by fire, flood, storm, theft, accident, or other cause, except those resulting from Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Operator shall furnish Non-Operator written notice of damages or losses incurred as soon as practicable after a report thereof has been received by Operator.

9. Legal Expense

Expense of handling, investigating and settling litigation or claims, discharging of liens, payment of judgments and amounts paid for settlement of claims incurred in or resulting from operations under the agreement or necessary to protect or recover the Joint Property, except that no charge for services of Operator's legal staff or fees or expense of outside attorneys shall be made unless previously agreed to by the Parties. All other legal expense is considered to be covered by the overhead provisions of Section III unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, except as provided in Section I, Paragraph 3.

10. Taxes

All taxes of every kind and nature assessed or levied upon or in connection with the Joint Property, the operation thereof, or the production therefrom, and which taxes have been paid by the Operator for the benefit of the Parties.

11. Insurance

Net premiums paid for insurance required to be carried for the Joint Operations for the protection of the Parties. In the event Joint Operations are conducted in a state in which Operator may act as self-insurer for Workmen's Compensation and/or Employers Liability under the respective state's laws, Operator may, at its election, include the risk under its self-insurance program and in that event, Operator shall include a charge at Operator's cost not to exceed manual rates.

12. Other Expenditures

Any other expenditure not covered or dealt with in the foregoing provisions of this Section II, or in Section III, and which is incurred by the Operator in the necessary and proper conduct of the Joint Operations.

III. OVERHEAD

1. Overhead - Drilling and Producing Operations

i. As compensation for administrative, supervision, office services and warehousing costs, Operator shall charge drilling and producing operations on either:

(X) Fixed Rate Basis, Paragraph 1A, or
( ) Percentage Basis, Paragraph 1B.

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, such charge shall be in lieu of costs and expenses of all offices and salaries or wages plus applicable burdens and expenses of all personnel, except those directly chargeable under Paragraph 2A, Section II. The cost and expense of services from outside sources in connection with matters of taxation, traffic, accounting or matters before or involving governmental agencies shall be considered as included in the Overhead rates provided for in the above selected Paragraph of this Section III unless such cost and expense are agreed to by the Parties as a direct charge to the Joint Account.

ii. The salaries, wages and Personal Expenses of Technical Employees and/or the cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly employed on the Joint Property shall ( ) shall not (X) be covered by the Overhead rates.

A. Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates per well per month:

Drilling Well Rate $ 3,330.00
Producing Well Rate $ 335.00

(2) Application of Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis shall be as follows:

(a) Drilling Well Rate

[1] Charges for onshore drilling wells shall begin on the date the well is spudded and terminate on the date the drilling or completion rig is released, whichever is later, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

[2] Charges for offshore drilling wells shall begin on the date when drilling or completion equipment arrives on location and terminate on the date the drilling or completion equipment moves off location or rig is released, whichever occurs first, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days

[3] Charges for wells undergoing any type of workover or recompletion for a period of five (5) consecutive days or more shall be made at the drilling well rate. Such charges shall be applied for the period from date workover operations, with rig, commence through date of rig release, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

(b) Producing Well Rates

[1] An active well either produced or injected into for any portion of the month shall be considered as a one-well charge for the entire month.

[2] Each active completion in a multi-completed well in which production is not commingled down hole shall be considered as a one-well charge providing each completion is considered a separate well by the governing regulatory authority.

[3] An inactive gas well shut in because of overproduction or failure of purchaser to take the production shall be considered as a one-well charge providing the gas well is directly connected to a permanent sales outlet.

[4] A one-well charge may be made for the month in which plugging and abandonment operations are completed on any well.

[5] All other inactive wells (including but not limited to inactive wells covered by unit allowable, lease allowable, transferred allowable, etc.) shall not qualify for an overhead charge.

(3) The well rates shall be adjusted as of the first day of April each year following the effective date of the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached. The adjustment shall be computed by multiplying the rate currently in use by the percentage increase or decrease in the average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Production Workers for the last calendar year compared to the calendar year preceding as shown by the index of average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Fields Production Workers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or the equivalent Canadian index as published by Statistics Canada, as applicable. The adjusted rates shall be the rates currently in use, plus or minus the computed adjustment.

~~B. Overhead - Percentage Basis~~

~~(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates:~~

~~(a) Development~~

~~_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Development of the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraph 9 of Section II and all salvage credits.~~

~~(b) Operating~~

~~_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Operating the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraphs 1 and 9 of Section II, all salvage credits, the value of injected substances purchased for secondary recovery and all taxes and assessments which are levied, assessed and paid upon the mineral interest in and to the Joint Property.~~

~~(2) Application of Overhead - Percentage Basis shall be as follows:~~
~~For the purpose of determining charges on a percentage basis under Paragraph 1B of this Section III, development shall include all costs in connection with drilling, redrilling, deepening or any remedial operations on any or all wells involving the use of drilling crew and equipment; also, preliminary expenditures necessary in preparation for drilling and expenditures incurred in abandoning when the well is not completed as a producer, and original cost of construction or installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset, except Major Construction as defined in Paragraph 2 of this Section III. All other costs shall be considered as Operating.~~

2. Overhead - Major Construction

To compensate Operator for overhead costs incurred in the construction and installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets, and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset required for the development and operation of the Joint Property, Operator shall either negotiate a rate prior to the beginning of construction, or shall charge the Joint Account for Overhead based on the following rates for any Major Construction project in excess of $____*____:

A. ____*____% of total costs if such costs are more than $____*____ but less than $____*____; plus

B. ____*____% of total costs in excess of $____*____ but less than $1,000,000; plus

C. ____*____% of total costs in excess of $1,000,000. * Negotiable if necessary.

Total cost shall mean the gross cost of any one project. For the purpose of this paragraph, the component parts of a single project shall not be treated separately and the cost of drilling and workover wells shall be excluded.

3. Amendment of Rates

The Overhead rates provided for in this Section III may be amended from time to time only by mutual agreement between the Parties hereto if, in practice, the rates are found to be insufficient or excessive.

IV. PRICING OF JOINT ACCOUNT MATERIAL PURCHASES, TRANSFERS AND DISPOSITIONS

Operator is responsible for Joint Account Material and shall make proper and timely charges and credits for all material movements affecting the Joint Property. Operator shall provide all Material for use on the Joint Property; however, at Operator's option, such Material may be supplied by the Non-Operator. Operator shall make timely disposition of idle and/or surplus Material, such disposal being made either through sale to Operator or Non-Operator, division in kind, or sale to outsiders. Operator may purchase, but shall be under no obligation to purchase, interest of Non-Operators in surplus condition A or B Material. The disposal of surplus Controllable Material not purchased by the Operator shall be agreed to by the Parties.

1. Purchases

Material purchased shall be charged at the price paid by Operator after deduction of all discounts received. In case of Material found to be defective or returned to vendor for any other reason, credit shall be passed to the Joint Account when adjustment has been received by the Operator.

2. Transfers and Dispositions

Material furnished to the Joint Property and Material transferred from the Joint Property or disposed of by the Operator, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, shall be priced on the following bases exclusive of cash discounts:

A. New Material (Condition A)

(1) Tubular goods, except line pipe, shall be priced at the current new price in effect on date of movement on a maximum carload or barge load weight basis, regardless of quantity transferred, equalized to the lowest published price f.o.b. railway receiving point or recognized barge terminal nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(2) Line Pipe

(a) Movement of less than 30,000 pounds shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(b) Movement of 30,000 pounds or more shall be priced under provisions of tubular goods pricing in Paragraph 2A (1) of this Section IV.

(3) Other Material shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store or f.o.b. railway receiving point nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

B. Good Used Material (Condition B)

Material in sound and serviceable condition and suitable for reuse without reconditioning:

(1) Material moved to the Joint Property

(a) At eighty percent (80) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV.

(2) Material moved from the Joint Property

(a) At eighty percent (80) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as new Material, or

(b) at sixty-five percent (65%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as good used Material at seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price.

The cost of reconditioning, if any, shall be absorbed by the transferring property.

C. Other Used Material (Condition C and D)

(1) Condition C

Material which is not in sound and serviceable condition and not suitable for its original function until after reconditioning shall be priced at fifty percent (50%) of current new price as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV. The cost of reconditioning shall be charged to the receiving property, provided Condition C value plus cost of reconditioning does not exceed Condition B value.

(2) Condition D

All other Material, including junk, shall be priced at a value commensurate with its use or at prevailing prices. Material no longer suitable for its original purpose but usable for some other purpose, shall be priced on a basis comparable with that of items normally used for such other purpose. Operator may dispose of Condition D Material under procedures normally utilized by the Operator without prior approval of Non-Operators.

D. Obsolete Material

Material which is serviceable and usable for its original function but condition and/or value of such Material is not equivalent to that which would justify a price as provided above may be specially priced as agreed to by the Parties. Such price should result in the Joint Account being charged with the value of the service rendered by such Material.

E. Pricing Conditions

(1) Loading and unloading costs may be charged to the Joint Account at the rate of fifteen cents (15¢) per hundred weight on all tubular goods movements, in lieu of loading and unloading costs sustained, when actual hauling cost of such tubular goods are equalized under provisions of Paragraph 5 of Section II.

(2) Material involving erection costs shall be charged at applicable percentage of the current knocked-down price of new Material.

3. Premium Prices

Whenever Material is not readily obtainable at published or listed prices because of national emergencies, strikes or other unusual causes over which the Operator has no control, the Operator may charge the Joint Account for the required Material at the Operator's actual cost incurred in providing such Material, in making it suitable for use, and in moving it to the Joint Property; provided notice in writing is furnished to Non-Operators of the proposed charge prior to billing Non-Operators for such Material. Each Non-Operator shall have the right, by so electing and notifying Operator within ten days after receiving notice from Operator, to furnish in kind all or part of his share of such Material suitable for use and acceptable to Operator.

4. Warranty of Material Furnished by Operator

Operator does not warrant the Material furnished. In case of defective Material, credit shall not be passed to the Joint Account until adjustment has been received by Operator from the manufacturers or their agents.

V. INVENTORIES

The Operator shall maintain detailed records of Controllable Material.

1. Periodic Inventories, Notice and Representation

At reasonable intervals, Inventories shall be taken by Operator of the Joint Account Controllable Material. Written notice of intention to take inventory shall be given by Operator at least thirty (30) days before any inventory is to begin so that Non-Operators may be represented when any inventory is taken. Failure of Non-Operators to be represented at an inventory shall bind Non-Operators to accept the inventory taken by Operator.

2. Reconciliation and Adjustment of Inventories

Reconciliation of a physical inventory with the Joint Account shall be made, and a list of overages and shortages shall be furnished to the Non-Operators within six months following the taking of the inventory. Inventory adjustments shall be made by Operator with the Joint Account for overages and shortages, but Operator shall be held accountable only for shortages due to lack of reasonable diligence.

3. Special Inventories

Special Inventories may be taken at the expense of the requesting party whenever there is any sale or change of interest in the Joint Property. It shall be the duty of the party selling to notify all other Parties as quickly as possible after the transfer of interest takes place. In such cases, botn the seller and the purchaser shall be governed by such inventory.

4. Expense of Conducting Periodic Inventories

The expense of conducting periodic Inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless agreed to by the Parties.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE
DRILLING

OPERATOR R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. WELL NAME #1 Tracy

LOCATION 1650' FSL & 2140' FEL, Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

CO/PARISH Eddy STATE New Mexico

AFE # _____ PROSPECT # Esperanza PROPOSED WELL DEPTH 3600'

DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	DRILLING	ACTUAL
PERMITS & SURVEYING		$ 550	$
DIRT WORK, ROADS - PAD - PITS - SURFACE DAMAGE		16,000	
CONTRACT DRILLING FT @ $ 16.50 /FT		59,400	

DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE DAYS @ $5800.00 /DAY		11,600	

FUEL		250	
WATER		7,500	
BITS		---	
CASING CREWS & TOOLS		500	
CEMENT & SERVICE - SURFACE SX		3,500	
- INTERMEDIATE SX		---	
- SX		---	
- SX		---	
CORE & ANALYSIS		---	
DRILLING FLUIDS		7,000	
DRILL STEM TEST TEST @ $3000.00 /TEST		3,000	
ELECTRIC LOGS - RUN 1		7,300	
- RUN 2		---	
- RUN 3		---	
- RUN 4		---	
MUD LOGGER DAYS @ $ /DAY		---	
PIT LINER		1,500	
RENTAL TOOLS		---	
SUPERVISION - ENGINEERING 5 DAYS @ $ 350.00/DAY + EXP		1,750	
SUPERVISION - GEOLOGICAL 5 DAYS @ $ 350.00/DAY + EXP		1,750	
TRUCKING		500	
MISC. LABOR		---	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		12,200	
OVERHEAD		1,200	

INFLATION FACTOR		---	
TOTAL INTANGIBLE DRILLING COST (1)		$ 135,500	$
DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)			
CASING HEAD		$ 1,250	$
SURFACE CASING 500 FT 8-5/8" SIZE @ $ 13.50/FT		6,750	
INT. CASING FT SIZE @ $ /FT			
TRUCKING		250	
		1,750	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)			
INFLATION FACTOR			
TOTAL TANGIBLE DRILLING COST (2)		$ 10,000	$
TOTAL DRILLING COST (1 + 2)		$ 145,500	$
DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT)			
CEMENT & SERVICES		$ 3,000	$
LOCATION CLEAN UP DAY RIG TIME +		6,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		1,000	
TOTAL INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT (3)		$ 10,000	$
TOTAL DRY HOLE COST (1 + 2 + 3)		$ 155,500	$

OWNER	%

PREPARED BY — DATE

Richard A. Mendenhall — August 21, 1981

OPERATOR APPROVAL — DATE

PARTNER INTEREST — DRY HOLE COST

PARTNER APPROVAL — DATE

REMARKS:

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE
COMPLETION

OPERATOR R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. WELL NAME #1 Tracy

LOCATION 1650' FSL & 2140' FEL, Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

CO/PARISH Eddy STATE New Mexico

AFE # _____ PROSPECT # Esperanza PROPOSED WELL DEPTH 3600'

DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	FLOWING	PUMPING	ACTUAL
DIRT WORK, SURFACE DAMAGES, LEGAL		$	$ 8,000	$
DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE 1 DAYS @ $ 5800.00 /DAY			5,800	
COMPLETION UNIT 5 DAYS @ $ 1500.00 /DAY			7,500	
CEMENT & SERVICE - PRODUCTION sx			4,000	
CASING CREW & TOOLS			2,250	
ELECTRIC LOG			1,500	
PERFORATION			1,500	
ROUSTABOUT LABOR				
STIMULATION $ ACID $ FRAC			3,000	
SUPERVISION - ENG. 10 DAYS @ $350.00/DAY + EXP			3,500	
TRUCKING			1,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)			4,000	
OVERHEAD			1,200	
RENTAL EQUIPMENT: PACKER, BOP, TEST TANK, ETC.			2,500	
INFLATION FACTOR				
TOTAL INTANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (4)		$	$ 45,750	$
DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)				
PRODUCTION CASING 3600 FT 5½" SIZE @ $ 9.95 /FT		$	$ 35,820	$
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
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FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
PRODUCTION TUBING 3600 FT 2-3/8" SIZE @ $ 4.20 /FT			15,120	
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
HANGER ASSEMBLY			1,750	
X-MAS TREE				
PACKER & PRODUCTION ACCESSORIES			5,000	
SUCKER RODS 3500 FT SIZE @ $ 2.15 /FT			7,500	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)			6,500	
GUYLINE-ANCHOR			400	
INFLATION FACTOR				
TOTAL TANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (5)		$	$ 72,090	$
TOTAL COST THROUGH X-MAS TREE (4+5)		$	$ 117,840	$

OWNER	%	PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT			
		STORAGE TANKS 2-250 Bbl + 1 285 Bbl	$	$ 11,850	$
		WALKWAYS & STAIRWAYS		---	
		SEPARATORS		---	
		DEHYDRATORS		---	
		TREATING EQUIPMENT		5,000	
		METERS & REGULATING EQUIPMENT		---	
		FIELD PIPELINES		6,000	
		LEASING BLDG - DWELLING		---	
		FACILITY INSTALLATIONS		5,000	
		MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		6,000	
		PUMPING UNIT & ENGINE		32,000	
		HEATER/TREATER		7,000	
		INFLATION FACTOR		---	
		TOTAL PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT (6)	$	$ 72,850	$
		TOTAL COMPLETION COST (4 + 5 + 6)	$	$ 190,690	$
		TOTAL DRILLING & COMPLETION COST (1+2+4+5+6)	$	$ 336,190	$

PREPARED BY	DATE	OPERATOR APPROVAL	DATE
Richard A. Mendenhall	August 21, 1981		
PARTNER INTEREST	COMPLETION COST	PARTNER APPROVAL	DATE

REMARKS:

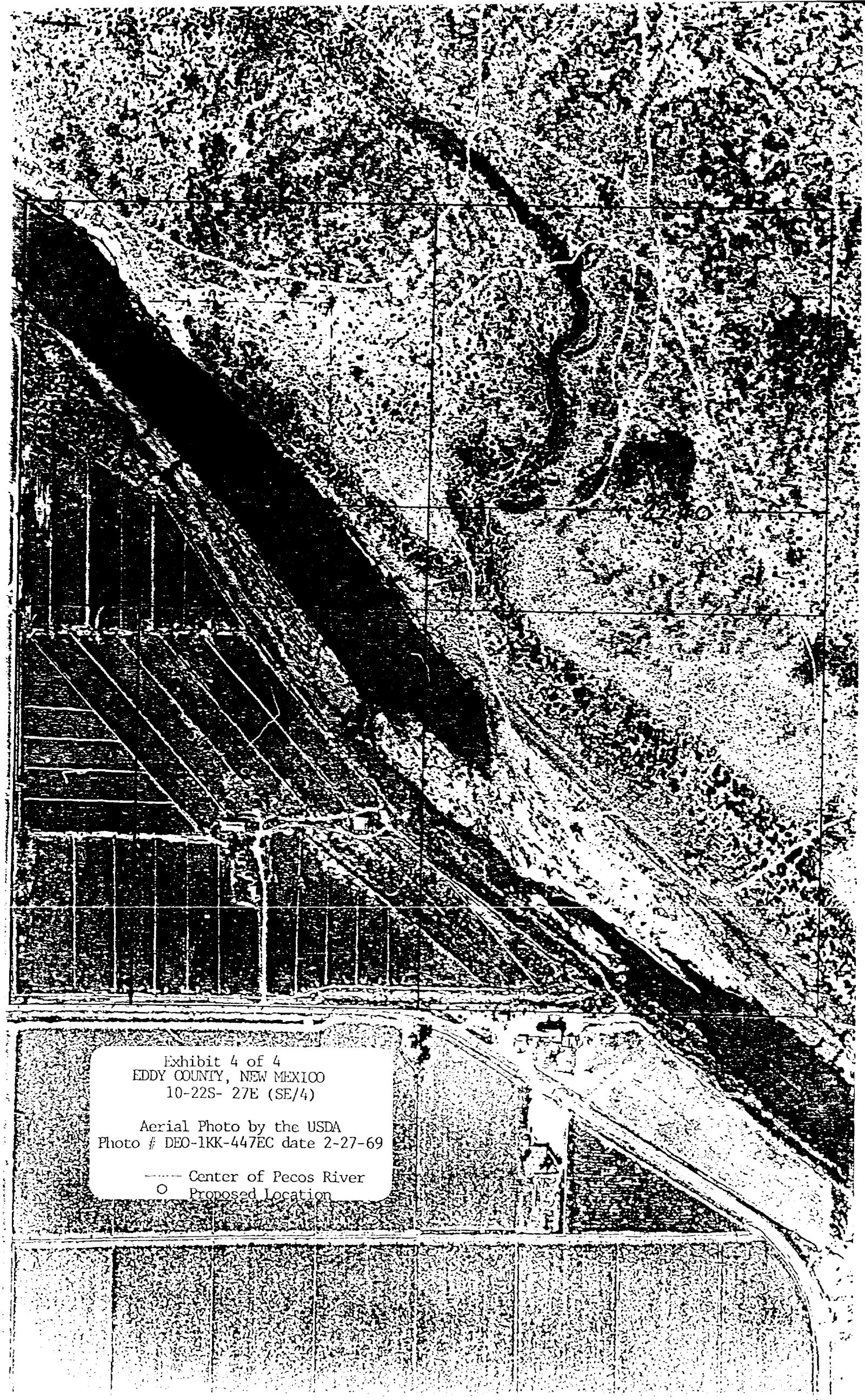

Exhibit 4 of 4
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
10-22S- 27E (SE/4)

Aerial Photo by the USDA
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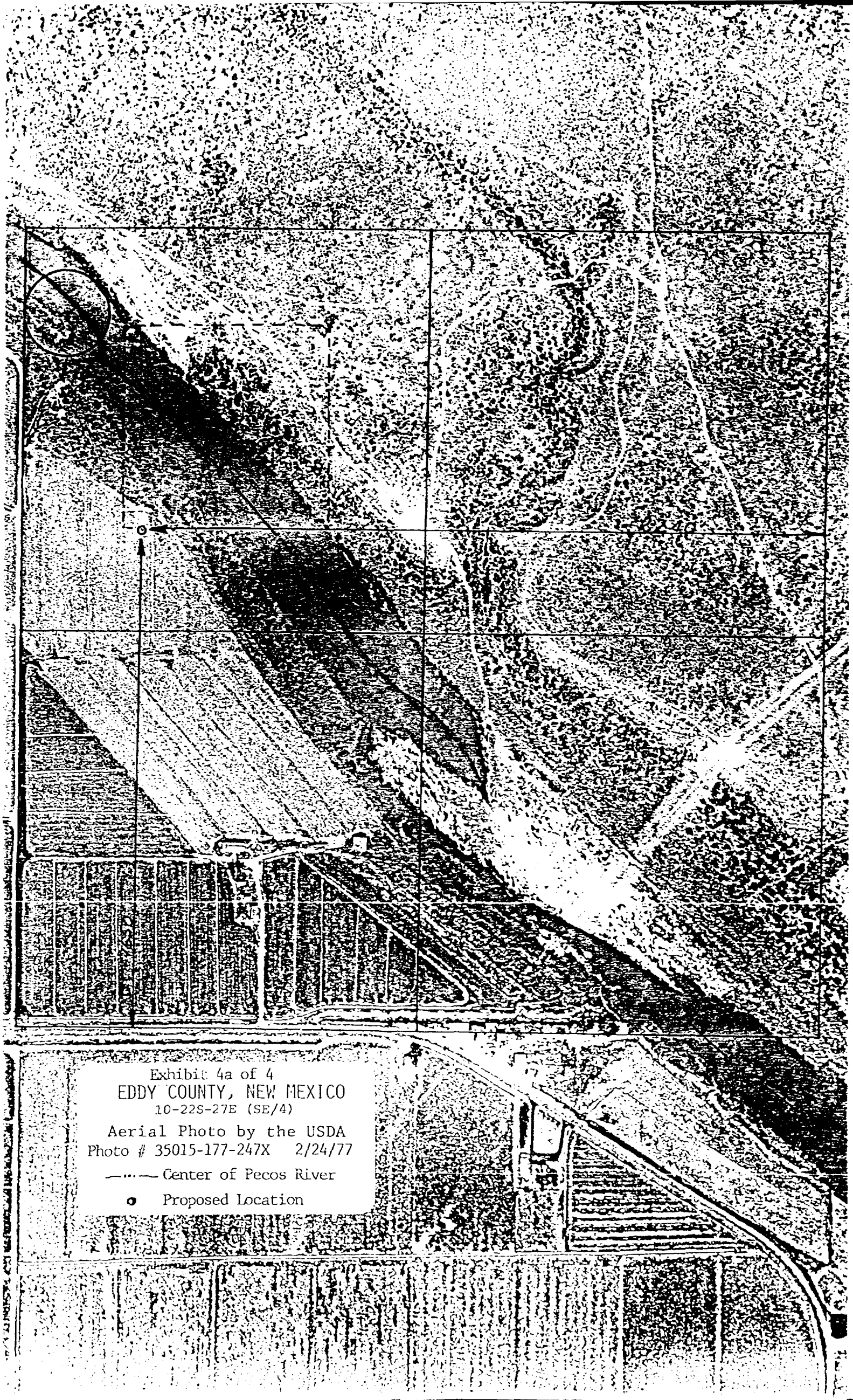
——— Center of Pecos River
O Proposed Location



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EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
10-22S-27E (SE/4)
Aerial Photo by the USDA
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—·—·— Center of Pecos River
o Proposed Location

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.
OIL & GAS
SUITE 230 WESTERN UNITED LIFE BUILDING, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701
915/683-5334

COMMUNICATION SUMMARY

9-04-80	RAMAL TO UNION 76	Requested farmout
10-02-80	UNION 76 TO RAMAL	Turn down farmout request
12-24-80	RAMAL TO UNION 76	Requested Joint drilling operations
4-02-81	UNION 76 TO RAMAL	Turn down Joint drilling operations request
5-05-81	RAMAL TO UNION 76	Formal Joint Drilling Operations request (AFE and Operating Agreement submitted)
6-9-81	UNION 76 TO RAMAL	Letter advising that proposal being evaluated

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Case No. 7362 Exhibit No. 2
Submitted by MENDENHALL
Hearing Date 9-29-81

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES LTD.
OIL & GAS SUITE 230 ..STERN UNITED LIFE BUILDING, MIDLAND, T AS 79701 915/683-5334

September 4, 1980

Union Oil of California
Midland District
500 North Marienfeld
Midland, Texas 79701

Re: Eddy County, New Mexico
Section 10, Twp 22S, Rge 27E
(SE/NW, S/2 of NE/4 and that
Part NE of the Pecos River in
SE/4)

Gentlemen:

I own an oil and gas lease on the lands located southwest of the Pecos River in the SE/4 of Section 10, Township 22S, Range 27E. This letter is a request for a "Farmout" on your above captioned lands. On or before June, 1981, depending on rig availability, I will cause a well to be drilled at a location of my choice to evaluate the Delaware Sand and Cherry Canyon reservoirs. Each well drilled would earn an eighty-acre proration to the base of the formation drilled. A ninety-day option between each well would be observed to earn 80 acres. If production is established in one or more of the wells drilled, you would retain a 1/16th of 7/8ths override during payout; after payout of all wells drilled (dry holes and producers), you would have an option to convert such override to a 25% working interest.

I would appreciate an early reply so that I may schedule a rig.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

R. A. Mendenhall
Original Signed

Richard A. Mendenhall

RAM/ls

Union Oil and Gas Division: Central Region

Union Oil Company of California
500 North Marienfeld, Midland, Texas 79701
P.O. Box 671, Midland, Texas 79702
Telephone (915) 682-9731

File — Esperanza Prospect File, Eddy Co., NM

union 76

Robert V. Lockhart
District Land Manager
Midland District

October 2, 1980

R. A. Mendenhall Asso., Ltd.
Suite 230 - Western United Life Bldg.
Midland, Texas 79701

Attn: Mr. Richard Mendenhall

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

Farmout Request
Carlsbad Prospect (7382)
Eddy County, New Mexico
Pt. Lse.'s #77181, 77187, 77385
Section 10, T-22S, R-27E, (SE/NW, S/2 of NE/4 and that Part NE of the Pecos River in SE/4)

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of yesterday, October 1, 1980, wherein I advised you that Union is presently waiting on a rig to drill a 4500' Delaware test in the NE/4 of Section 10.

We may wish to consider a farmout proposal on the captioned acreage after completion of our proposed test, depending upon its performance.

Yours very truly,

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Mel C. Jones
Landman

MCJ:ib

December 24, 1980

Union Oil Company of California
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702

Re: Farmout Request
Carlsbad Prospect (7382)
Eddy County, New Mexico
Pt. Lse.'s #77181, 77187, 77385
Section 10, T-22S, R-27E, (SE/NW, S/2 of NE/4 and that Part NE of the Pecos River in SE/4)

Gentlemen:

On September 4, 1980, I submitted to you a request for a farmout on certain Union Oil Company of California (Union) acreage in the subject section; by letter of October 2, 1980, you advised me that Union planned to drill a test well in the NE/4 of said section (which has now been completed as a Delaware test). By this letter it is requested that considerations be given by both Union and myself to 1) acquiring a joint farmout from Coquina Oil Corporation (SW/4 of the captioned Section 10) for a 4000' Delaware Sand test to be located in the NE/4 of the SW/4, and 2) forming a 40-acre drilling unit consisting of joint lands owned in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10.

It appears by utilizing aerial photographs, topographic maps and a planimeter that the 100-acre oil and gas lease owned by Union and the 60-acre oil and gas lease owned by myself is as shown on the attached plat.

I recommend to Union that 1) Union and I share in Coquina Oil Corporation farmout, if successfully acquired, on a 50-50 basis, and 2) that we share in the 40-acre drilling unit expense on a basis of 70% to Union and 30% to myself with each retaining and being responsible for its own net revenue obligations.

On subsequent drilling operations in the SE/4 of Section 10, more particularly the S/2 of the SE/4 of Section 10, drilling units could be set up on percentages as shown on the attached map, or if so desired, I would consider swapping Union's 2 acres in the SW/4 of the SE/4 for 2 acres of my lease in the SE/4 of the SE/4, thereby giving a 100% operation of a well, if drilled, in the SW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10.

Please review this and advise me of your ideas. I would like to have drilling operations to begin in the first half of year 1981. Drilling title opinions are ~~current~~ through November 7, 1980, on my 60-acre oil and gas lease.

Very truly yours,

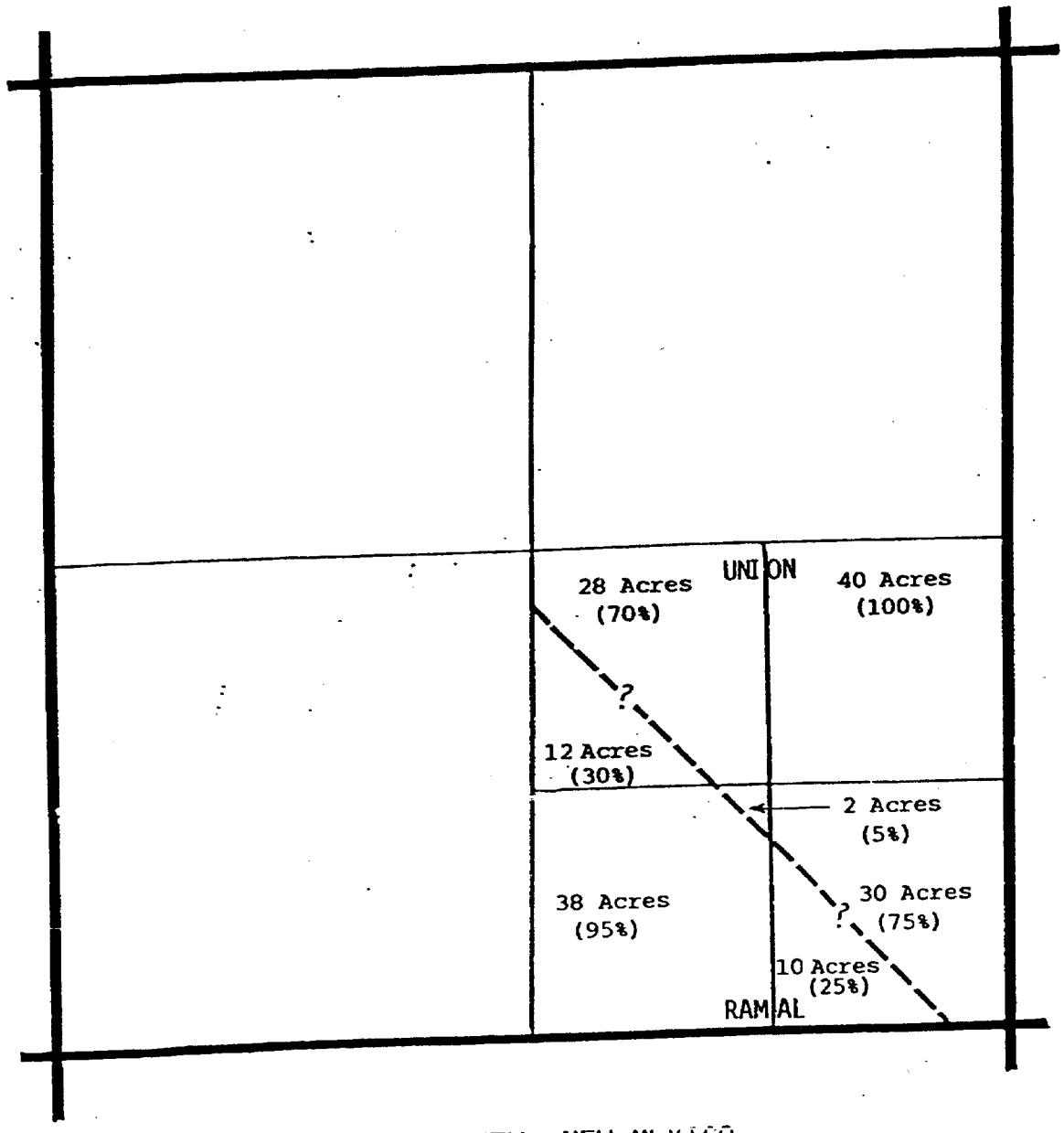
R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

R. A. Mendenhall
Original Signed

Richard A. Mendenhall

RAM/ls

Attachment



EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Sec. 10, Twp 22S, Rge 37E

1" = 1000'

Union Oil and Gas Division: Central Region

Union Oil Company of California
500 North Marienfeld, Midland, Texas 79701
P.O. Box 671, Midland, Texas 79702
Telephone (915) 682-9731

UNION 76

Robert V. Lockhart
District Land Manager
Midland District

April 2, 1981

R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd.
Suite 230 Western United Life Bldg.
Midland, Texas 79701
Attention: Mr. Richard Mendenhall

Re: Proposed Joint Operating Agreement
Carlsbad Prospect (7382)
SE/4 Sec. 10, T-22-S, R-27-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

Please be advised that Union Oil Company of California, as Operator of the Carlsbad W.I. Unit, does not wish to pursue formation of your proposed joint operating agreement in the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico, as proposed in your letter of December 24, 1980.

Sincerely yours,

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Linda H. Hicks

Linda H. Hicks
Landman

LHH/s

Union Oil Compar of California
500 North Marienfe Midland, Texas 79701
P.O. Box 671, Midland, Texas 79702
Telephone (915) 682-9731

UNION 76

Robert V. Lockhart
District Land Manager
Midland District

April 2, 1981

Coquina Oil Company
P.O. Drawer 2960
Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Mr. Jim Shaw

Re: Optional Farmout Request
SW/4 Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that Union Oil Company of California does not wish to pursue the farmout request as set forth in our letter dated March 5, 1981.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Linda H. Hicks
Landman

LHH/s

cc. Richard Mendenhall

PS Form 3811, Jan. 1978

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R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.
OIL & GAS SUITE 230 WESTERN UNITED LIFE BUILDING, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701 915/683-5334

May 5, 1981

Union Oil of California
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Mr. Robert V. Lockhart

Re: Proposed Well
R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd.
#1 Tracy
1980' FEL & 2310' FSL, Section 10,
T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County,
New Mexico

Gentlemen:

It is recommended that Union Oil of California and R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., join in the drilling of the subject well as soon as possible to test the equivalent Esperanza Field pay at an approximate depth of 3425 feet.

The working interest in the 40-acre tract to be assigned to this well is 70% to Union Oil of California and 30% to R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. Abstract data does not show any metes or bounds for the properties located in the subject area; however, in utilizing topographic maps, aerial photographs and a planimeter, the division and/or interest of property based on 40-acre proration units is as shown on the attached map.

Enclosed please find an AFE for both drilling and completion and an A.A.P.L. Form 610-Model Form Operating Agreement-1977 for your signatures.

Acquiring a drilling rig is most difficult, therefore, since time is in essence, please execute and return to the above address one copy of the AFE for drilling, one copy of the AFE for completion and one copy of the Operating Agreement by June 3, 1981.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

R. A. Mendenhall
Original Signed

Richard A. Mendenhall

RAM/ls

Enclosures

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE
DRILLING

OPERATOR R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. WELL NAME #1 Tracy

LOCATION 2310' FSL & 1980' FEL, Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

CO/PARISH Eddy STATE Mew Mexico

AFE # _____ PROSPECT # Esperanza PROPOSED WELL DEPTH 3600'

DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	DRILLING	ACTUAL
PERMITS & SURVEYING		$ 500	$
DIRT WORK, ROADS - PAD - PITS - SURFACE DAMAGE		15,000	
CONTRACT DRILLING 3600 FT @ $15.00 /FT		54,000	

DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE 2 DAYS @ $5500.00 /DAY		11,000	

FUEL		250	
WATER		7,500	
BITS		---	
CASING CREWS & TOOLS		450	
CEMENT & SERVICE - SURFACE sx		3,000	
- INTERMEDIATE sx		---	
- sx		---	
- sx		---	
CORE & ANALYSIS		---	
DRILLING FLUIDS		6,000	
DRILL STEM TEST TEST @ /TEST		3,000	
ELECTRIC LOGS - RUN 1		6,000	
- RUN 2		---	
- RUN 3		---	
- RUN 4		---	
MUD LOGGER DAYS @ $ /DAY		---	
PIT LINER		1,500	
RENTAL TOOLS		---	
SUPERVISION - ENGINEERING 5 DAYS @ $300.00 /DAY + EXP		1,500	
SUPERVISION - GEOLOGICAL 5 DAYS @ $300.00 /DAY + EXP		1,500	
TRUCKING		250	
MISC. LABOR		---	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		10,000	
OVERHEAD		---	

INFLATION FACTOR		---	
TOTAL INTANGIBLE DRILLING COST (1)		$ 121,450	$
DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)			
CASING HEAD		$ 1,000	$
SURFACE CASING 500 FT 8-5/8" SIZE @ $ /FT		6,200	
INT. CASING FT SIZE @ $ /FT			
TRUCKING		250	
CATTLEGUARD		1,500	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		600	
INFLATION FACTOR			
TOTAL TANGIBLE DRILLING COST (2)		$ 9,550	$
TOTAL DRILLING COST (1 + 2)		$ 131,000	$
DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT)			
CEMENT & SERVICES		$ 1,000	$
LOCATION CLEAN UP DAY RIG TIME +		6,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		850	
TOTAL INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT (3)		$ 7,850	$
TOTAL DRY HOLE COST (1 + 2 + 3)		$ 138,850	$

OWNER	%

PREPARED BY DATE

Richard A. Mendenhall April 30, 1981

OPERATOR APPROVAL DATE

PARTNER INTEREST DRY HOLE COST

PARTNER APPROVAL DATE

REMARKS:

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE
COMPLETION

OPERATOR R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. WELL NAME #1 Tracy

LOCATION 2310' FSL & 1980' FEL, Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

CO/PARISH Eddy STATE New Mexico

AFE # _____ PROSPECT # Esperanza PROPOSED WELL DEPTH 3600'

DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	FLOWING	PUMPING	ACTUAL
DIRT WORK, SURFACE DAMAGES, LEGAL		$	$ 7,500	$
DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE 1 DAYS @ $ 5,500 /DAY			5,500	
COMPLETION UNIT 5 DAYS @ $ 1,400 /DAY			7,000	
CEMENT & SERVICE - PRODUCTION sx			3,000	
CASING CREW & TOOLS			1,750	
ELECTRIC LOG			1,500	
PERFORATION			1,250	
ROUSTABOUT LABOR				
STIMULATION $ ACID $ FRAC			2,500	
SUPERVISION - ENG. DAYS @ $ /DAY + EXP			3,000	
TRUCKING			1,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)			2,000	
OVERHEAD			1,100	
RENTAL EQUIPMENT: PACKER, BOP, TEST TANK, ETC.			2,000	
INFLATION FACTOR				
TOTAL INTANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (4)		$	$ 39,100	$
DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)				
PRODUCTION CASING 3600 FT 5½" SIZE @ $ 8.50 /FT		$	$ 30,600	$
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
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PRODUCTION TUBING 3600 FT 2-3/8" SIZE @ $ 3.35 /FT			12,060	
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
HANGER ASSEMBLY			1,500	
X-MAS TREE				
PACKER & PRODUCTION ACCESSORIES			4,500	
SUCKER RODS FT SIZE @ $ /FT			7,500	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)				
GUYLINE-ANCHOR			400	
INFLATION FACTOR				
TOTAL TANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (5)		$	$ 56,560	$
TOTAL COST THROUGH X-MAS TREE (4+5)		$	$ 95,660	$

OWNER	%	PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT			
		STORAGE TANKS 2-250 Bbl + 1-285 Bbl	$	$ 9,000	$
		WALKWAYS & STAIRWAYS		---	
		SEPARATORS		---	
		DEHYDRATORS		---	
		TREATING EQUIPMENT		5,000	
		METERS & REGULATING EQUIPMENT		---	
		FIELD PIPELINES		6,000	
		LEASING BLDG - DWELLING		---	
		FACILITY INSTALLATIONS		5,000	
		MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		6,000	
		PUMPING UNIT & ENGINE		32,000	
		HEATER/TREATER		7,000	
		INFLATION FACTOR		---	
		TOTAL PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT (6)	$	$ 70,000	$
		TOTAL COMPLETION COST (4 + 5 + 6)	$	$ 165,660	$
		TOTAL DRILLING & COMPLETION COST (1+2+4+5+6)	$	$ 296,660	$

PREPARED BY	DATE	OPERATOR APPROVAL	DATE
Richard A. Mendenhall	April 30, 1981		
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OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD., hereinafter designated and referred to as "Operator", and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter referred to individually herein as "Non-Operator", and collectively as "Non-Operators",

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are owners of oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests in the land identified in Exhibit "A", and the parties hereto have reached an agreement to explore and develop these leases and/or oil and gas interests for the production of oil and gas to the extent and as hereinafter provided:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I.
DEFINITIONS

As used in this agreement, the following words and terms shall have the meanings here ascribed to them:

A. The term "oil and gas" shall mean oil, gas, casinghead gas, gas condensate, and all other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons and other marketable substances produced therewith, unless an intent to limit the inclusiveness of this term is specifically stated.

B. The terms "oil and gas lease", "lease" and "leasehold" shall mean the oil and gas leases covering tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by the parties to this agreement.

C. The term "oil and gas interests" shall mean unleased fee and mineral interests in tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by parties to this agreement.

D. The term "Contract Area" shall mean all of the lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests intended to be developed and operated for oil and gas purposes under this agreement. Such lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests are described in Exhibit "A".

E. The term "drilling unit" shall mean the area fixed for the drilling of one well by order or rule of any state or federal body having authority. If a drilling unit is not fixed by any such rule or order, a drilling unit shall be the drilling unit as established by the pattern of drilling in the Contract Area or as fixed by express agreement of the Drilling Parties.

F. The term "drillsite" shall mean the oil and gas lease or interest on which a proposed well is to be located.

G. The terms "Drilling Party" and "Consenting Party" shall mean a party who agrees to join in and pay its share of the cost of any operation conducted under the provisions of this agreement.

H. The terms "Non-Drilling Party" and "Non-Consenting Party" shall mean a party who elects not to participate in a proposed operation.

Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.

ARTICLE II.
EXHIBITS

The following exhibits, as indicated below and attached hereto, are incorporated in and made a part hereof:

☒ A. Exhibit "A", shall include the following information:
(1) Identification of lands subject to agreement,
(2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths or formations,
(3) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement,
(4) Oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject to this agreement,
(5) Addresses of parties for notice purposes.

☐ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

☒ C. Exhibit "C", Accounting Procedure.

☒ D. Exhibit "D", Insurance.

☐ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

ARTICLE III.
INTERESTS OF PARTIES

A. Oil and Gas Interests:

If any party owns an unleased oil and gas interest in the Contract Area, that interest shall be treated for the purpose of this agreement and during the term hereof as if it were a leased interest under the form of oil and gas lease attached as Exhibit "B". As to such interest, the owner shall receive royalty on production as prescribed in the form of oil and gas lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Such party shall, however, be subject to all of the provisions of this agreement relating to lessees, to the extent that it owns the lessee interest.

B. Interest of Parties in Costs and Production:

Exhibit "A" lists all of the parties and their respective percentage or fractional interests under this agreement. Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and material acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned by the parties as their interests are shown in Exhibit "A". All production of oil and gas from the Contract Area, subject to the payment of lessor's royalties ~~which will be borne by the Joint Account~~, shall also be owned by the parties in the same manner during the term hereof; provided, however, this shall not be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby.* and any burdens of record that as of the date of this Agreement may exist against leasehold estate.

ARTICLE IV.
TITLES

A. Title Examination:

Title examination shall be made on the drillsite of any proposed well prior to commencement of drilling operations or, if the Drilling Parties so request, title examination shall be made on the leases and/or oil and gas interests included, or planned to be included, in the drilling unit around such well. The opinion will include the ownership of the working interest, minerals, royalty, overriding royalty and production payments under the applicable leases. At the time a well is proposed, each party contributing leases and/or oil and gas interests to the drillsite, or to be included in such drilling unit, shall furnish to Operator all abstracts (including Federal Lease Status Reports), title opinions, title papers and curative material in its possession free of charge. All such information not in the possession of or made available to Operator by the parties, but necessary for the examination of title, shall be obtained by Operator. Operator shall cause title to be examined by attorneys on its staff or by outside attorneys. Copies of all title opinions shall be furnished upon request to each party hereto. The cost incurred by Operator in this title program shall be borne as follows:

☐ ~~Option No. 1: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be a part of the administrative overhead as provided in Exhibit "C," and shall not be a direct charge, whether performed by Operator's staff attorneys or by outside attorneys.~~

☒ Option No. 2: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and fees paid outside attorneys for title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be borne by the Drilling Parties in the proportion that the interest of each Drilling Party bears to the total interest of all Drilling Parties as such interests appear in Exhibit "A". Operator shall make no charge for services rendered by its staff attorneys or other personnel in the performance of the above functions.

Each party shall be responsible for securing curative matter and pooling amendments or agreements required in connection with leases or oil and gas interests contributed by such party. The Operator shall be responsible for the preparation and recording of Pooling Designations or Declarations as well as the conduct of hearings before Governmental Agencies for the securing of spacing or pooling orders. This shall not prevent any party from appearing on its own behalf at any such hearing.

No well shall be drilled on the Contract Area until after (1) the title to the drillsite or drilling unit has been examined as above provided, and (2) the title has been approved by the examining attorney or title has been accepted by all of the parties who are to participate in the drilling of the well.

B. Loss of Title:

1. Failure of Title: Should any oil and gas interest or lease, or interest therein, be lost through failure of title, which loss results in a reduction of interest from that shown on Exhibit "A", this agreement, nevertheless, shall continue in force as to all remaining oil and gas leases and interests, and

(a) The party whose oil and gas lease or interest is affected by the title failure shall bear alone the entire loss and it shall not be entitled to recover from Operator or the other parties any development

or operating costs which it may have theretofore paid, but there shall be no monetary liability on its part to the other parties hereto for drilling, development, operating or other similar costs by reason of such title failure; and

(b) There shall be no retroactive adjustment of expenses incurred or revenues received from the operation of the interest which has been lost, but the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, as of the time it is determined finally that title failure has occurred, so that the interest of the party whose lease or interest is affected by the title failure will thereafter be reduced in the Contract Area by the amount of the interest lost; and

(c) If the proportionate interest of the other parties hereto in any producing well theretofore drilled on the Contract Area is increased by reason of the title failure, the party whose title has failed shall receive the proceeds attributable to the increase in such interests (less costs and burdens attributable thereto) until it has been reimbursed for unrecovered costs paid by it in connection with such well; and

(d) Should any person not a party to this agreement, who is determined to be the owner of any interest in the title which has failed, pay in any manner any part of the cost of operation, development, or equipment, such amount shall be paid to the party or parties who bore the costs which are so refunded; and

(e) Any liability to account to a third party for prior production of oil and gas which arises by reason of title failure shall be borne by the party or parties in the same proportions in which they shared in such prior production; and

(f) No charge shall be made to the joint account for legal expenses, fees or salaries, in connection with the defense of the interest claimed by any party hereto, it being the intention of the parties hereto that each shall defend title to its interest and bear all expenses in connection therewith.

2. Loss by Non-Payment or Erroneous Payment of Amount Due: If, through mistake or oversight, any rental, shut-in well payment, minimum royalty or royalty payment, is not paid or is erroneously paid, and as a result a lease or interest therein terminates, there shall be no monetary liability against the party who failed to make such payment. Unless the party who failed to make the required payment secures a new lease covering the same interest within ninety (90) days from the discovery of the failure to make proper payment, which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, effective as of the date of termination of the lease involved, and the party who failed to make proper payment will no longer be credited with an interest in the Contract Area on account of ownership of the lease or interest which has terminated. In the event the party who failed to make the required payment shall not have been fully reimbursed, at the time of the loss, from the proceeds of the sale of oil and gas attributable to the lost interest, calculated on an acreage basis, for the development and operating costs theretofore paid on account of such interest, it shall be reimbursed for unrecovered actual costs theretofore paid by it (but not for its share of the cost of any dry hole previously drilled or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following as is necessary to effect reimbursement:

(a) Proceeds of oil and gas, less operating expenses, theretofore accrued to the credit of the lost interest, on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs;

(b) Proceeds, less operating expenses, thereafter accrued attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, of that portion of oil and gas thereafter produced and marketed (excluding production from any wells thereafter drilled) which, in the absence of such lease termination, would be attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, the proceeds of said portion of the oil and gas to be contributed by the other parties in proportion to their respective interests; and

(c) Any monies, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, that may be paid by any party who is, or becomes, the owner of the interest lost, for the privilege of participating in the Contract Area or becoming a party to this agreement.

3. Other Losses: All losses incurred, other than those set forth in Articles IV.B.1. and IV.B.2. above, shall not be considered failure of title but shall be joint losses and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

ARTICLE V.
OPERATOR

A. DESIGNATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OPERATOR:

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. shall be the Operator of the Contract Area, and shall conduct and direct and have full control of all operations on the Contract Area as permitted and required by, and within the limits of, this agreement. It shall conduct all such operations in a good and workmanlike manner, but it shall have no liability as Operator to the other parties for losses sustained or liabilities incurred, except such as may result from gross negligence or willful misconduct.

B. Resignation or Removal of Operator and Selection of Successor:

1. Resignation or Removal of Operator: Operator may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to Non-Operators. If Operator terminates its legal existence, no longer owns an interest in the Contract Area, or is no longer capable of serving as Operator, it shall cease to be Operator without any action by Non-Operator, except the selection of a successor. Operator may be removed if it fails or refuses to carry out its duties hereunder, or becomes insolvent, bankrupt or is placed in receivership, by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more Non-Operators owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of Operator. Such resignation or removal shall not become effective until 7:00 o'clock A.M. on the first day of the calendar month following the expiration of ninety (90) days after the giving of notice of resignation by Operator or action by the Non-Operators to remove Operator, unless a successor Operator has been selected and assumes the duties of Operator at an earlier date. Operator, after effective date of resignation or removal, shall be bound by the terms hereof as a Non-Operator. A change of a corporate name or structure of Operator or transfer of Operator's interest to any single subsidiary, parent or successor corporation shall not be the basis for removal of Operator.

2. Selection of Successor Operator: Upon the resignation or removal of Operator, a successor Operator shall be selected by the Parties. The successor Operator shall be selected from the parties owning an interest in the Contract Area at the time such successor Operator is selected. If the Operator that is removed fails to vote or votes only to succeed itself, the successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of the Operator that was removed.

C. Employees:

The number of employees used by Operator in conducting operations hereunder, their selection, and the hours of labor and the compensation for services performed, shall be determined by Operator, and all such employees shall be the employees of Operator.

D. Drilling Contracts:

All wells drilled on the Contract Area shall be drilled on a competitive contract basis at the usual rates prevailing in the area. If it so desires, Operator may employ its own tools and equipment in the drilling of wells, but its charges therefor shall not exceed the prevailing rates in the area and the rate of such charges shall be agreed upon by the parties in writing before drilling operations are commenced, and such work shall be performed by Operator under the same terms and conditions as are customary and usual in the area in contracts of independent contractors who are doing work of a similar nature.

ARTICLE VI.
DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Initial Well:

On or before the As soon as a rig is made available day of _____, 1981, Operator shall commence the drilling of a well for oil and gas at the following location:

A legal location in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10, T22S, R27E, Eddy County, New Mexico

and shall thereafter continue the drilling of the well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Esperanza Field pay at an approximate depth of 3425'

unless granite or other practically impenetrable substance or condition in the hole, which renders further drilling impractical, is encountered at a lesser depth, or unless all parties agree to complete or abandon the well at a lesser depth.

Operator shall make reasonable tests of all formations encountered during drilling which give indication of containing oil and gas in quantities sufficient to test, unless this agreement shall be limited in its application to a specific formation or formations, in which event Operator shall be required to test only the formation or formations to which this agreement may apply.

If, in Operator's judgment, the well will not produce oil or gas in paying quantities, and it wishes to plug and abandon the well as a dry hole, it shall first secure the consent of all parties and shall plug and abandon same as provided in Article VI.E.1. hereof.

B. Subsequent Operations:

1. Proposed Operations: Should any party hereto desire to drill any well on the Contract Area other than the well provided for in Article VI.A., or to rework, deepen or plug back a dry hole drilled at the joint expense of all parties or a well jointly owned by all the parties and not then producing in paying quantities, the party desiring to drill, rework, deepen or plug back such a well shall give the other parties written notice of the proposed operation, specifying the work to be performed, the location, proposed depth, objective formation and the estimated cost of the operation. The parties receiving such a notice shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice within which to notify the parties wishing to do the work whether they elect to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. If a drilling rig is on location, notice of proposal to rework, plug back or drill deeper may be given by telephone and the response period shall be limited to ~~forty-eight (48)~~ twenty-four (24) hours, ~~exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays~~. Failure of a party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. Any notice or response given by telephone shall be promptly confirmed in writing.

2. Operations by Less than All Parties: If any party receiving such notice as provided in Article VI.B.1. or VI.E.1. elects not to participate in the proposed operation, then, in order to be entitled to the benefits of this article, the party or parties giving the notice and such other parties as shall elect to participate in the operation shall, within ~~sixty (60)~~ thirty (30) days after the expiration of the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the ~~forty-eight (48)~~ twenty-four (24) hour period where the drilling rig is on location, as the case may be) actually commence work on the proposed operation and complete it with due diligence. Operator shall perform all work for the account of the Consenting Parties; provided, however, if no drilling rig or other equipment is on location, and if Operator is a Non-Consenting Party, the Consenting Parties shall either: (a) request Operator to perform the work required by such proposed operation for the account of the Consenting Parties, or (b) designate one (1) of the Consenting Parties as Operator to perform such work. Consenting Parties, when conducting operations on the Contract Area pursuant to this Article VI.B.2., shall comply with all terms and conditions of this agreement.

If less than all parties approve any proposed operation, the proposing party, immediately after the expiration of the applicable notice period, shall advise the Consenting Parties of (a) the total interest of the parties approving such operation, and (b) its recommendation as to whether the Consenting Parties should proceed with the operation as proposed. Each Consenting Party, within ~~forty-eight (48)~~ twenty-four (24) hours ~~(exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays)~~ after receipt of such notice, shall advise the proposing party of its desire to (a) limit participation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A", or (b) carry its proportionate part of Non-Consenting Parties' interest. The proposing party, at its election, may withdraw such proposal if there is insufficient participation, and shall promptly notify all parties of such decision.

The entire cost and risk of conducting such operations shall be borne by the Consenting Parties in the proportions they have elected to bear same under the terms of the preceding paragraph. Consenting Parties shall keep the leasehold estates involved in such operations free and clear of all liens and encumbrances of every kind created by or arising from the operations of the Consenting Parties. If such an operation results in a dry hole, the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well at their sole cost, risk and expense. If any well drilled, reworked, deepened or plugged back under the provisions of this Article results in a producer of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, the Consenting Parties shall complete and equip the well to produce at their sole cost and risk, and the well shall then be turned over to Operator and shall be operated by it at the expense and for the account of the Consenting Parties. Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of any such well by Consenting Parties in accordance with the provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, and the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-Consenting Party's interest in the well and share of production therefrom until the proceeds of the sale of such share, calculated at the well, or market value thereof if such share is not sold (after deducting production taxes, royalty, overriding royalty and other interests existing on the effective date hereof, payable out of or measured by the production from such well accruing with respect to such interest until it reverts) shall equal the total of the following:

(a) ~~100%~~ 200% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of any newly acquired surface equipment beyond the wellhead connections (including, but not limited to, stock tanks, separators, treaters, pumping equipment and piping), plus 100% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of operation of the well commencing with first production and continuing until each such Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest shall revert to it under other provisions of this Article, it being agreed that each Non-Consenting Party's share of such costs and equipment will be that interest which would have been chargeable to each Non-Consenting Party had it participated in the well from the beginning of the operation; and

(b) 300 % of that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling reworking, deepening, or plugging back, testing and completing, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C.; and

300 % of that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the well-head connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had participated therein.

Gas production attributable to any Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest upon such Party's election, shall be sold to its purchaser, if available, under the terms of its existing gas sales contract. Such Non - Consenting Party shall direct its purchaser to remit the proceeds receivable from such sale direct to the Consenting Parties until the amounts provided for in this Article are recovered from the Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest. If such Non - Consenting Party has not contracted for sale of its gas at the time such gas is available for delivery, or has not made the election as provided above, the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive and sell such Non-Consenting Party's share of gas as hereinabove provided during the recoupment period.

During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's share of production, or the proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of all production, severance, gathering and other taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's share of production.

In the case of any reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling operation, the Consenting Parties shall be permitted to use, free of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of all such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon abandonment of a well after such reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equipment to the owners thereof, with each party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of salvage.

Within sixty (60) days after the completion of any operation under this Article, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an inventory of the equipment in and connected to the well, and an itemized statement of the cost of drilling, deepening, plugging back, testing, completing, and equipping the well for production; or, at its option, the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed statement of monthly billings. Each month thereafter, during the time the Consenting Parties are being reimbursed as provided above, the Party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities incurred in the operation of the well, together with a statement of the quantity of oil and gas produced from it and the amount of proceeds realized from the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding month. In determining the quantity of oil and gas produced during any month, Consenting Parties shall use industry accepted methods such as, but not limited to, metering or periodic well tests. Any amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with any such operation which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein shall be credited against the total unreturned costs of the work done and of the equipment purchased, in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as above provided; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting party.

If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest the amounts provided for above, the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall automatically revert to it, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-Consenting Party shall own the same interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production therefrom as such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be charged with and shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of the operation of said well in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the Accounting Procedure, attached hereto.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that without the mutual consent of all parties, no wells shall be completed in or produced from a source of supply from which a well located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, unless such well conforms to the then-existing well spacing pattern for such source of supply.

The provisions of this Article shall have no application whatsoever to the drilling of the initial well described in Article VI.A. except (a) when Option 2, Article VII.D.1., has been selected, or (b) to the reworking, deepening and plugging back of such initial well, if such well is or thereafter shall prove to be a dry hole or non-commercial well, after having been drilled to the depth specified in Article VI.A.

C. Right to Take Production in Kind:

Each party shall have the right to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in preparing and treating oil for marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditure incurred in the taking in kind or separate disposition by any party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any

party taking its share of production in kind shall be required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it uses.

Each party shall execute such division orders and contracts as may be necessary for the sale of its interest in production from the Contract Area, and, except as provided in Article VII.B., shall be entitled to receive payment direct from the purchaser thereof for its share of all production.

In the event any party shall fail to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of the oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, Operator shall have the right, subject to the revocation at will by the party owning it, but not the obligation, to purchase such oil and gas or sell it to others at any time and from time to time, for the account of the non-taking party at the best price obtainable in the area for such production. Any such purchase or sale by Operator shall be subject always to the right of the owner of the production to exercise at any time its right to take in kind, or separately dispose of, its share of all oil and gas not previously delivered to a purchaser. Any purchase or sale by Operator of any other party's share of oil and gas shall be only for such reasonable periods of time as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the particular circumstances, but in no event for a period in excess of one (1) year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Operator shall not make a sale, including one into interstate commerce, of any other party's share of gas production without first giving such other party thirty (30) days prior written notice of such intended sale.

In the event one or more parties' separate disposition of its share of the gas causes split-stream deliveries to separate pipelines and/or deliveries which on a day-to-day basis for any reason are not exactly equal to a party's respective proportionate share of total gas sales to be allocated to it, the balancing or accounting between the respective accounts of the parties shall be in accordance with any Gas Balancing Agreement between the parties hereto, whether such Agreement is attached as Exhibit "E", or is a separate Agreement.

D. Access to Contract Area and Information:

Each party shall have access to the Contract Area at all reasonable times, at its sole risk to inspect or observe operations, and shall have access at reasonable times to information pertaining to the development or operation thereof, including Operator's books and records relating thereto. Operator, upon request, shall furnish each of the other parties with copies of all forms or reports filed with governmental agencies, daily drilling reports, well logs, tank tables, daily gauge and run tickets and reports of stock on hand at the first of each month, and shall make available samples of any cores or cuttings taken from any well drilled on the Contract Area. The cost of gathering and furnishing information to Non-Operator, other than that specified above, shall be charged to the Non-Operator that requests the information.

E. Abandonment of Wells:

1. Abandonment of Dry Holes: Except for any well drilled pursuant to Article VI.B.2., any well which has been drilled under the terms of this agreement and is proposed to be completed as a dry hole shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. Should Operator, after diligent effort, be unable to contact any party, or should any party fail to reply within forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays) after receipt of notice of the proposal to plug and abandon such well, such party shall be deemed to have consented to the proposed abandonment. All such wells shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of the parties who participated in the cost of drilling of such well. Any party who objects to the plugging and abandoning such well shall have the right to take over the well and conduct further operations in search of oil and/or gas subject to the provisions of Article VI.B.

2. Abandonment of Wells that have Produced: Except for any well which has been drilled or reworked pursuant to Article VI.B.2. hereof for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reimbursed as therein provided, any well which has been completed as a producer shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. If all parties consent to such abandonment, the well shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of all the parties hereto. If, within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the proposed abandonment of such well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of any well, those wishing to continue its operation shall tender to each of the other parties its proportionate share of the value of the well's salvable material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. Each abandoning party shall assign to the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, quality, or fitness for use of the equipment and material, all of its interest in the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the leasehold estate as to, but only as to, the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes an oil and gas interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-abandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production, for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the interval or inter-

vals of the formation or formations covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached as Exhibit "B". The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the "drilling unit" upon which the well is located. The payments by, and the assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentages of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment of interest in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the operation of or production from the well in the interval or intervals then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon request, Operator shall continue to operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and charges contemplated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of the separate ownership of the assigned well.

ARTICLE VII.
EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES

A. Liability of Parties:

The liability of the parties shall be several, not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible only for its obligations, and shall be liable only for its proportionate share of the costs of developing and operating the Contract Area. Accordingly, the liens granted among the parties in Article VII.B. are given to secure only the debts of each severally. It is not the intention of the parties to create, nor shall this agreement be construed as creating, a mining or other partnership or association, or to render the parties liable as partners.

B. Liens and Payment Defaults:

Each Non-Operator grants to Operator a lien upon its oil and gas rights in the Contract Area, and a security interest in its share of oil and/or gas when extracted and its interest in all equipment, to secure payment of its share of expense, together with interest thereon at the rate provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". To the extent that Operator has a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State, Operator shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the obtaining of judgment by Operator for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any Non-Operator in the payment of its share of expense, Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such Non-Operator's share of oil and or gas until the amount owed by such Non-Operator, plus interest has been paid. Each purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon Operator's written statement concerning the amount of any default. Operator grants a like lien and security interest to the Non-Operators to secure payment of Operator's proportionate share of expense.

If any party fails or is unable to pay its share of expense within sixty (60) days after rendition of a statement therefor by Operator, the non-defaulting parties, including Operator, shall, upon request by Operator, pay the unpaid amount in the proportion that the interest of each such party bears to the interest of all such parties. Each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall, to obtain reimbursement thereof, be subrogated to the security rights described in the foregoing paragraph.

C. Payments and Accounting:

Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, Operator shall promptly pay and discharge expenses incurred in the development and operation of the Contract Area pursuant to this agreement and shall charge each of the parties hereto with their respective proportionate shares upon the expense basis provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Operator shall keep an accurate record of the joint account hereunder, showing expenses incurred and charges and credits made and received.

Operator at its election, shall have the right from time to time to demand and receive from the other parties payment in advance of their respective shares of the estimated amount of the expense to be incurred in operations hereunder during the next succeeding month, which right may be exercised only by submission to each such party of an itemized statement of such estimated expense, together with an invoice for its share thereof. Each such statement and invoice for the payment in advance of estimated expense shall be submitted on or before the 20th day of the next preceding month. Each party shall pay to Operator its proportionate share of such estimate within fifteen (15) days after such estimate and invoice is received. If any party fails to pay its share of said estimate within said time, the amount due shall bear interest as provided in Exhibit "C" until paid. Proper adjustment shall be made monthly between advances and actual expense to the end that each party shall bear and pay its proportionate share of actual expenses incurred, and no more.

D. Limitation of Expenditures:

1. Drill or Deepen: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled or deepened, except any well drilled or deepened pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this Agreement, it being understood that the consent to the drilling or deepening shall include:

☐ Option No. 1: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening, testing, completing and equipping of the well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

☒ Option No. 2: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening and testing of the well. When such well has reached its authorized depth, and all tests have been completed, Operator shall give immediate notice to the Non-Operators who have the right to participate in the completion costs. The parties receiving such notice shall have ~~forty-eight (48)~~ Twenty four (24) hours ~~(exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays)~~ in which to elect to participate in the setting of casing and the completion attempt. Such election, when made, shall include consent to all necessary expenditures for the completing and equipping of such well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities. Failure of any party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the completion attempt. If one or more, but less than all of the parties, elect to set pipe and to attempt a completion, the provisions of Article VI.B.2. hereof (the phrase "reworking, deepening or plugging back" as contained in Article VI.B.2. shall be deemed to include "completing") shall apply to the operations thereafter conducted by less than all parties.

2. Rework or Plug Back: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be reworked or plugged back except a well reworked or plugged back pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement, it being understood that the consent to the reworking or plugging back of a well shall include consent to all necessary expenditures in conducting such operations and completing and equipping of said well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

3. Other Operations: Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of Ten thousand and no/100-------- Dollars ($ 10,000.00) except in connection with a well, the drilling, reworking, deepening, completing, recompleting, or plugging back of which has been previously authorized by or pursuant to this agreement; provided, however, that, in case of explosion, fire, flood or other sudden emergency, whether of the same or different nature, Operator may take such steps and incur such expenses as in its opinion are required to deal with the emergency to safeguard life and property but Operator, as promptly as possible, shall report the emergency to the other parties. If Operator prepares "Authority for Expenditures" for its own use, Operator, upon request, shall furnish copies of its "Authority for Expenditures" for any single project costing in excess of Ten thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($ 10,000.00).

E. Royalties, Overriding Royalties and Other Payments:

Each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, all royalties XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX due on its share of production and shall hold the other parties free from any liability therefor. If the interest of any party in any oil and gas lease covered by this agreement is subject to any royalty, overriding royalty, production payment, or other charge over and above the aforesaid royalty, such party shall assume and alone bear all such obligations and shall account for or cause to be accounted for, such interest to the owners thereof.

No party shall ever be responsible, on any price basis higher than the price received by such party, to any XXXXXXXXX lessor or royalty owner; and if any such XXXXXXXX lessor or royalty owner should demand and receive settlements on a higher price basis, the party contributing such lease shall bear the royalty burden insofar as such higher price is concerned.

F. Rentals, Shut-in Well Payments and Minimum Royalties:

Rentals, shut-in well payments and minimum royalties which may be required under the terms of any lease shall be paid by the party or parties who subjected such lease to this agreement at its or their expense. In the event two or more parties own and have contributed interests in the same lease to this agreement, such parties may designate one of such parties to make said payments for and on behalf of all such parties. Any party may request, and shall be entitled to receive, proper evidence of all such payments. In the event of failure to make proper payment of any rental, shut-in well payment or minimum royalty through mistake or oversight where such payment is required to continue the lease in force, any loss which results from such non-payment shall be borne in accordance with the provisions of Article IV.B.2.

Operator shall notify Non-Operator of the anticipated completion of a shut-in gas well or the shutting in or return to production of a producing gas well, at least five (5) days (excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays), or at the earliest opportunity permitted by circumstances, prior to taking such action, but assumes no liability for failure to do so. In the event of failure by Operator to so notify Non-Operator, the loss of any lease contributed hereto by Non-Operator for failure to make timely payments

of any shut-in well payment shall be borne jointly by the parties hereto under the provisions of Article IV.B.3.

G. Taxes:

Beginning with the first calendar year after the effective date hereof, Operator shall render for ad valorem taxation all property subject to this agreement which by law should be rendered for such taxes, and it shall pay all such taxes assessed thereon before they become delinquent. Prior to the rendition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator information as to burdens (to include, but not be limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on leases and oil and gas interests contributed by such Non-Operator. If the assessed valuation of any leasehold estate is reduced by reason of its being subject to outstanding excess royalties, overriding royalties or production payments, the reduction in ad valorem taxes resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of such leasehold estate, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such reduction. Operator shall bill other parties for their proportionate share of all tax payments in the manner provided in Exhibit "C".

If Operator considers any tax assessment improper, Operator may, at its discretion, protest within the time and manner prescribed by law, and prosecute the protest to a final determination, unless all parties agree to abandon the protest prior to final determination. During the pendency of administrative or judicial proceedings, Operator may elect to pay, under protest, all such taxes and any interest and penalty. When any such protested assessment shall have been finally determined, Operator shall pay the tax for the joint account, together with any interest and penalty accrued, and the total cost shall then be assessed against the parties, and be paid by them, as provided in Exhibit "C".

Each party shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, gathering and other taxes imposed upon or with respect to the production or handling of such party's share of oil and/or gas produced under the terms of this agreement.

H. Insurance:

At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a self-insurer for liability under said compensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall be an amount equivalent to the premium which would have been paid had such insurance been obtained. Operator shall also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D", attached to and made a part hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted and to maintain such other insurance as Operator may require.

In the event Automobile Public Liability Insurance is specified in said Exhibit "D", or subsequently receives the approval of the parties, no direct charge shall be made by Operator for premiums paid for such insurance for Operator's fully owned automotive equipment.

ARTICLE VIII.
ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST

A. Surrender of Leases:

The leases covered by this agreement, insofar as they embrace acreage in the Contract Area, shall not be surrendered in whole or in part unless all parties consent thereto.

However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any lease or in any portion thereof, and other parties do not agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or implied warranty of title, all of its interest in such lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and equipment which may be located thereon and any rights in production thereafter secured, to the parties not desiring to surrender it. If the interest of the assigning party includes an oil and gas interest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not desiring to surrender an oil and gas lease covering such oil and gas interest for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the land covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Upon such assignment, the assigning party shall be relieved from all obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the acreage assigned and the operation of any well thereon, and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the lease assigned and its equipment and production other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The party assignee shall pay to the party assignor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any wells and equipment on the assigned acreage. The value of all material shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. If the assignment is in favor of more than one party, the assigned interest shall

be shared by the parties assignee in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the interest of all parties assignee.

Any assignment or surrender made under this provision shall not reduce or change the assignor's or surrendering parties' interest, as it was immediately before the assignment, in the balance of the Contract Area; and the acreage assigned or surrendered, and subsequent operations thereon, shall not thereafter be subject to the terms and provisions of this agreement.

B. Renewal or Extension of Leases:

If any party secures a renewal of any oil and gas lease subject to this Agreement, all other parties shall be notified promptly, and shall have the right for a period of thirty (30) days following receipt of such notice in which to elect to participate in the ownership of the renewal lease, insofar as such lease affects lands within the Contract Area, by paying to the party who acquired it their several proper proportionate shares of the acquisition cost allocated to that part of such lease within the Contract Area, which shall be in proportion to the interests held at that time by the parties in the Contract Area.

If some, but less than all, of the parties elect to participate in the purchase of a renewal lease, it shall be owned by the parties who elect to participate therein, in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all parties participating in the purchase of such renewal lease. Any renewal lease in which less than all parties elect to participate shall not be subject to this agreement.

Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal lease shall be given an assignment of its proportionate interest therein by the acquiring party.

The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal leases whether they are for the entire interest covered by the expiring lease or cover only a portion of its area or an interest therein. Any renewal lease taken before the expiration of its predecessor lease, or taken or contracted for within six (6) months after the expiration of the existing lease shall be subject to this provision; but any lease taken or contracted for more than six (6) months after the expiration of an existing lease shall not be deemed a renewal lease and shall not be subject to the provisions of this agreement.

The provisions in this Article shall apply also and in like manner to extensions of oil and gas leases.

C. Acreage or Cash Contributions:

While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash toward the drilling of a well or any other operation on the Contract Area, such contribution shall be paid to the party who conducted the drilling or other operation and shall be applied by it against the cost of such drilling or other operation. If the contribution be in the form of acreage, the party to whom the contribution is made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling Parties in the proportions said Drilling Parties shared the cost of drilling the well. If all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall become a part of the Contract Area and be governed by the provisions of this agreement. If less than all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall not become a part of the Contract Area. Each party shall promptly notify all other parties of all acreage or money contributions it may obtain in support of any well or any other operation on the Contract Area.

If any party contracts for any consideration relating to disposition of such party's share of substances produced hereunder, such consideration shall not be deemed a contribution as contemplated in this Article VIII.C.

D. Subsequently Created Interest:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII.E. and VIII.G., if any party hereto shall, subsequent to execution of this agreement, create an overriding royalty, production payment, or net proceeds interest, which such interests are hereinafter referred to as "subsequently created interest", such subsequently created interest shall be specifically made subject to all of the terms and provisions of this agreement, as follows:

1. If non-consent operations are conducted pursuant to any provision of this agreement, and the party conducting such operations becomes entitled to receive the production attributable to the interest out of which the subsequently created interest is derived, such party shall receive same free and clear of such subsequently created interest. The party creating same shall bear and pay all such subsequently created interests and shall indemnify and hold the other parties hereto free and harmless from any and all liability resulting therefrom.

2. If the owner of the interest from which the subsequently created interest is derived (1) fails to pay, when due, its share of expenses chargeable hereunder, or (2) elects to abandon a well under provisions of Article VI.E. hereof, or (3) elects to surrender a lease under provisions of Article VIII.A. hereof, the subsequently created interest shall be chargeable with the pro rata portion of all expenses hereunder in the same manner as if such interest were a working interest. For purposes of collecting such chargeable expenses, the party or parties who receive assignments as a result of (2) or (3) above shall have the right to enforce all provisions of Article VII.B. hereof against such subsequently created interest.

E. Maintenance of Uniform Interest:

For the purpose of maintaining uniformity of ownership in the oil and gas leasehold interests covered by this agreement, and notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, no party shall sell, encumber, transfer or make other disposition of its interest in the leases embraced within the Contract Area and in wells, equipment and production unless such disposition covers either:

1. the entire interest of the party in all leases and equipment and production; or

2. an equal undivided interest in all leases and equipment and production in the Contract Area.

Every such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party shall be made expressly subject to this agreement, and shall be made without prejudice to the right of the other parties.

If, at any time the interest of any party is divided among and owned by four or more co-owners, Operator, at its discretion, may require such co-owners to appoint a single trustee or agent with full authority to receive notices, approve expenditures, receive billings for and approve and pay such party's share of the joint expenses, and to deal generally with, and with power to bind, the co-owners of such party's interests within the scope of the operations embraced in this agreement; however, all such co-owners shall have the right to enter into and execute all contracts or agreements for the disposition of their respective shares of the oil and gas produced from the Contract Area and they shall have the right to receive, separately, payment of the sale proceeds hereof.

F. Waiver of Right to Partition:

If permitted by the laws of the state or states in which the property covered hereby is located, each party hereto owning an undivided interest in the Contract Area waives any and all rights it may have to partition and have set aside to it in severalty its undivided interest therein.

~~G. Preferential Right to Purchase~~:

~~Should any party desire to sell all or any part of its interests under this agreement, or its rights and~~ interests in the Contract Area, it shall promptly give written notice to the other parties, ~~with~~ full information concerning its proposed sale, which shall include the name and address of the prospective purchaser (who must be ready, willing and able to purchase), the purchase price, and all other terms of the offer. The other parties shall then have an optional prior right, for a period of ten (10) days after receipt of the notice, to purchase on the same terms and conditions the interest which the other party proposes to sell; and, if this optional right is exercised, the purchasing parties shall share the purchased interest in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all purchasing parties. However, there shall be no preferential right to purchase in those cases where any party wishes to mortgage its interests, or to dispose of its interests by merger, reorganization, consolidation, or sale of all or substantially all of its assets to a subsidiary or parent company or to a subsidiary of a parent ~~company, or to any company in which any one party owns a majority of the stock~~.

ARTICLE IX.
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION

This agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, a relationship of partnership or an association for profit between or among the parties hereto. Notwithstanding any provisions herein that the rights and liabilities hereunder are several and not joint or collective, or that this agreement and operations hereunder shall not constitute a partnership, if, for Federal income tax purposes, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, each party hereby affected elects to be excluded from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as permitted and authorized by Section 761 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Operator is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of each party hereby affected such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States or the Federal Internal Revenue Service, including specifically, but not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements, and the data required by Federal Regulations 1.761. Should there be any requirement that each party hereby affected give further evidence of this election, each such party shall execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be required by the Federal Internal Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. No

such party shall give any notices or take any other action inconsistent with the election made hereby. If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Contract Area is located or any future income tax laws of the United States contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, under which an election similar to that provided by Section 761 of the Code is permitted, each party hereby affected shall make such election as may be permitted or required by such laws. In making the foregoing election, each such party states that the income derived by such party from Operations hereunder can be adequately determined without the computation of partnership taxable income.

ARTICLE X.
CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS

Operator may settle any single damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the expenditure does not exceed Five Thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($ 5,000.00) and if the payment is in complete settlement of such claim or suit. If the amount required for settlement exceeds the above amount, the parties hereto shall assume and take over the further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is delegated to Operator. All costs and expense of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be at the joint expense of the parties. If a claim is made against any party or if any party is sued on account of any matter arising from operations hereunder over which such individual has no control because of the rights given Operator by this agreement, the party shall immediately notify Operator, and the claim or suit shall be treated as any other claim or suit involving operations hereunder.

ARTICLE XI.
FORCE MAJEURE

If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by force majeure to carry out its obligations under this agreement, other than the obligation to make money payments, that party shall give to all other parties prompt written notice of the force majeure with reasonably full particulars concerning it; thereupon, the obligations of the party giving the notice, so far as they are affected by the force majeure, shall be suspended during, but no longer than, the continuance of the farce majeure. The affected party shall use all reasonable diligence to remove the force majeure situation as quickly as practicable.

The requirement that any force majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes, lockouts, or other labor difficulty by the party involved, contrary to its wishes; how all such difficulties shall be handled shall be entirely within the discretion of the party concerned.

The term "force majeure", as here employed, shall mean an act of God, strike, lockout, or other industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightning, fire, storm, flood, explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint or inaction, unavailability of equipment, and any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension.

ARTICLE XII.
NOTICES

All notices authorized or required between the parties, and required by any of the provisions of this agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be given in writing by United States mail or Western Union telegram, postage or charges prepaid, or by teletype and addressed to the party to whom the notice is given at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A". The originating notice given under any provision hereof shall be deemed given only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed, and the time for such party to give any notice in response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail or with the Western Union Telegraph Company, with postage or charges prepaid, or when sent by teletype. Each party shall have the right to change its address at any time, and from time to time, by giving written notice hereof to all other parties.

ARTICLE XIII.
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subjected hereto for the period of time selected below; provided, however, no party hereto shall ever be construed as having any right, title or interest in or to any lease, or oil and gas interest contributed by any other party beyond the term of this agreement.

[X] Option No. 1: So long as any of the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement remain or are continued in force as to any part of the Contract Area, whether by production, extension, renewal or otherwise, and/or so long as oil and/or gas production continues from any lease or oil and gas interest.

☐ Option No. 2: In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled under any provision of this agreement, results in production of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, this agreement shall continue in force so long as any such well or wells produce, or are capable of production, and for an additional period of _____ days from cessation of all production; provided, however, if, prior to the expiration of such additional period, one or more of the parties hereto are engaged in drilling or reworking a well or wells hereunder, this agreement shall continue in force until such operations have been completed and if production results therefrom, this agreement shall continue in force as provided herein. In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled hereunder, results in a dry hole, and no other well is producing, or capable of producing oil and/or gas from the Contract Area, this agreement shall terminate unless drilling or reworking operations are commenced within _____ days from the date of abandonment of said well.

It is agreed, however, that the termination of this agreement shall not relieve any party hereto from any liability which has accrued or attached prior to the date of such termination.

ARTICLE XIV.
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. Laws, Regulations and Orders:

This agreement shall be subject to the conservation laws of the state in which the committed acreage is located, to the valid rules, regulations, and orders of any duly constituted regulatory body of said state; and to all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders.

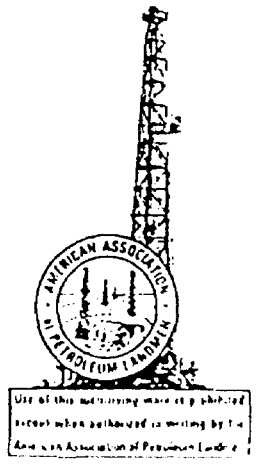
B. Governing Law:

The essential validity of this agreement and all matters pertaining thereto, including, but not limited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the law of the state in which the Contract Area is located. If the Contract Area is in two or more states, the law of the state where most of the land in the Contract Area is located shall govern.

ARTICLE XV.
OTHER PROVISIONS

A. If the operator is required hereunder to pay ad valorem taxes based in whole or in part upon separate valuations of each party's working interest, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, charges to the joint account shall be made and paid by the parties hereto in accordance with the percentage of tax value generated by each party's working interest.

B. When there is no party in default hereunder, and after a period of one(1) year from the date of this agreement, should any of the Non-Operators be of the opinion that it can operate the Unit Area more economically than Operator, such Non-Operators shall give thirty (30) days' written notice to Operator, and subject to the requirements set forth hereafter in this Section, on the first day of the calendar month following the end of such thirty (30) day period, said Non-Operator shall take charge of such operations under the terms of this agreement. Prior to such Non-Operator being permitted to exercise such right to assume operations, said Non-Operator must agree, in writing, to maintain the average production trend, and efficiency rate as had been established by the Operator, and must agree, in writing, to immediately reduce operating expenses by not less than ten percent (10%), and to continue to operator the Unit Area on such agreed basis. In like manner and upon like notice, any then Non-Operator shall have the right to assume operations hereunder, providing it receives approval of a total of more than 50% in interest of the working interest owners.



ARTICLE XVI.
MISCELLANEOUS

This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of 4 day of May, 1981.

OPERATOR

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES Ltd.,

_____ BY _____
RICHARD A. MENDENHALL, GENERAL PARTNER

NON-OPERATORS

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

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EXHIBIT "C"

Attached to and made a part of Operating Agreement dated May 4, 1981 between R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et al., as Non-Operators

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE
JOINT OPERATIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. **Definitions**

"Joint Property" shall mean the real and personal property subject to the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached.

"Joint Operations" shall mean all operations necessary or proper for the development, operation, protection and maintenance of the Joint Property.

"Joint Account" shall mean the account showing the charges paid and credits received in the conduct of the Joint Operations and which are to be shared by the Parties.

"Operator" shall mean the party designated to conduct the Joint Operations.

"Non-Operators" shall mean the parties to this agreement other than the Operator.

"Parties" shall mean Operator and Non-Operators.

"First Level Supervisors" shall mean those employees whose primary function in Joint Operations is the direct supervision of other employees and/or contract labor directly employed on the Joint Property in a field operating capacity.

"Technical Employees" shall mean those employees having special and specific engineering, geological or other professional skills, and whose primary function in Joint Operations is the handling of specific operating conditions and problems for the benefit of the Joint Property.

"Personal Expenses" shall mean travel and other reasonable reimbursable expenses of Operator's employees.

"Material" shall mean personal property, equipment or supplies acquired or held for use on the Joint Property.

"Controllable Material" shall mean Material which at the time is so classified in the Material Classification Manual as most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies of North America.

2. **Statement and Billings**

Operator shall bill Non-Operators on or before the last day of each month for their proportionate share of the Joint Account for the preceding month. Such bills will be accompanied by statements which identify the authority for expenditure, lease or facility, and all charges and credits, summarized by appropriate classifications of investment and expense except that items of Controllable Material and unusual charges and credits shall be separately identified and fully described in detail.

3. **Advances and Payments by Non-Operators**

Unless otherwise provided for in the agreement, the Operator may require the Non-Operators to advance their share of estimated cash outlay for the succeeding month's operation. Operator shall adjust each monthly billing to reflect advances received from the Non-Operators.

Each Non-Operator shall pay its proportion of all bills within fifteen (15) days after receipt. If payment is not made within such time, the unpaid balance shall bear interest monthly at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum or the maximum contract rate permitted by the applicable usury laws in the state in which the Joint Property is located, whichever is the lesser, plus attorney's fees, court costs, and other costs in connection with the collection of unpaid amounts.

4. Adjustments

Payment of any such bills shall not prejudice the right of any Non-Operator to protest or question the correctness thereof; provided, however, all bills and statements rendered to Non-Operators by Operator during any calendar year shall conclusively be presumed to be true and correct after twenty-four (24) months following the end of any such calendar year, unless within the said twenty-four (24) month period a Non-Operator takes written exception thereto and makes claim on Operator for adjustment. No adjustment favorable to Operator shall be made unless it is made within the same prescribed period. The provisions of this paragraph shall not prevent adjustments resulting from a physical inventory of Controllable Material as provided for in Section V.

5. Audits

A. Non-Operator, upon notice in writing to Operator and all other Non-Operators, shall have the right to audit Operator's accounts and records relating to the Joint Account for any calendar year within the twenty-four (24) month period following the end of such calendar year; provided, however, the making of an audit shall not extend the time for the taking of written exception to and the adjustments of accounts as provided for in Paragraph 4 of this Section I. Where there are two or more Non-Operators, the Non-Operators shall make every reasonable effort to conduct joint or simultaneous audits in a manner which will result in a minimum of inconvenience to the Operator. Operator shall bear no portion of the Non-Operators' audit cost incurred under this paragraph unless agreed to by the Operator.

6. Approval by Non-Operators

Where an approval or other agreement of the Parties or Non-Operators is expressly required under other sections of this Accounting Procedure and if the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached contains no contrary provisions in regard thereto, Operator shall notify all Non-Operators of the Operator's proposal, and the agreement or approval of a majority in interest of the Non-Operators shall be controlling on all Non-Operators.

II. DIRECT CHARGES

Operator shall charge the Joint Account with the following items:

1. **Rentals and Royalties**

   Lease rentals and royalties paid by Operator for the Joint Operations.

2. **Labor**

   A. (1) Salaries and wages of Operator's field employees directly employed on the Joint Property in the conduct of Joint Operations.

   (2) Salaries of First Level Supervisors in the field.

   (3) Salaries and wages of Technical Employees directly employed on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates.

   B. Operator's cost of holiday, vacation, sickness and disability benefits and other customary allowances paid to employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. Such costs under this Paragraph 2B may be charged on a "when and as paid basis" or by "percentage assessment" on the amount of salaries and wages chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. If percentage assessment is used, the rate shall be based on the Operator's cost experience.

   C. Expenditures or contributions made pursuant to assessments imposed by governmental authority which are applicable to Operator's costs chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II.

   D. Personal Expenses of those employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II.

3. **Employee Benefits**

   Operator's current costs of established plans for employees' group life insurance, hospitalization, pension, retirement, stock purchase, thrift, bonus, and other benefit plans of a like nature, applicable to Operator's labor cost chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II shall be Operator's actual cost not to exceed twenty per cent (20%). * or percent most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies of North America.

4. **Material**

   Material purchased or furnished by Operator for use on the Joint Property as provided under Section IV. Only such Material shall be purchased for or transferred to the Joint Property as may be required for immediate use and is reasonably practical and consistent with efficient and economical operations. The accumulation of surplus stocks shall be avoided.

5. **Transportation**

   Transportation of employees and Material necessary for the Joint Operations but subject to the following limitations:

   A. If Material is moved to the Joint Property from the Operator's warehouse or other properties, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance from the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point where like material is normally available, unless agreed to by the Parties.

   B. If surplus Material is moved to Operator's warehouse or other storage point, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance to the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point unless agreed to by the Parties. No charge shall be made to the Joint Account for moving Material to other properties belonging to Operator, unless agreed to by the Parties.

   C. In the application of Subparagraphs A and B above, there shall be no equalization of actual gross trucking cost of $200 or less excluding accessorial charges.

6. **Services**

   The cost of contract services, equipment and utilities provided by outside sources, except services excluded by Paragraph 9 of Section II and Paragraph 1. ii of Section III. The cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly engaged on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates. The cost of professional consultant services or contract services of technical personnel not directly engaged on the Joint Property shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless previously agreed to by the Parties.

7. Equipment and Facilities Furnished by Operator

   A. Operator shall charge the Joint Account for use of Operator owned equipment and facilities at rates commensurate with costs of ownership and operation. Such rates shall include costs of maintenance, repairs, other operating expense, insurance, taxes, depreciation, and interest on investment not to exceed eight per cent (8%) per annum. Such rates shall not exceed average commercial rates currently prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property.

   B. In lieu of charges in Paragraph 7A above, Operator may elect to use average commercial rates prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property less 20%. For automotive equipment, Operator may elect to use rates published by the Petroleum Motor Transport Association.

8. Damages and Losses to Joint Property

   All costs or expenses necessary for the repair or replacement of Joint Property made necessary because of damages or losses incurred by fire, flood, storm, theft, accident, or other cause, except those resulting from Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Operator shall furnish Non-Operator written notice of damages or losses incurred as soon as practicable after a report thereof has been received by Operator.

9. **Legal Expense**

   Expense of handling, investigating and settling litigation or claims, discharging of liens, payment of judgments and amounts paid for settlement of claims incurred in or resulting from operations under the agreement or necessary to protect or recover the Joint Property, except that no charge for services of Operator's legal staff or fees or expense of outside attorneys shall be made unless previously agreed to by the Parties. All other legal expense is considered to be covered by the overhead provisions of Section III unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, except as provided in Section I, Paragraph 3.

10. **Taxes**

All taxes of every kind and nature assessed or levied upon or in connection with the Joint Property, the operation thereof, or the production therefrom, and which taxes have been paid by the Operator for the benefit of the Parties.

11. **Insurance**

Net premiums paid for insurance required to be carried for the Joint Operations for the protection of the Parties. In the event Joint Operations are conducted in a state in which Operator may act as self-insurer for Workmen's Compensation and/or Employers Liability under the respective state's laws, Operator may, at its election, include the risk under its self-insurance program and in that event, Operator shall include a charge at Operator's cost not to exceed manual rates.

12. **Other Expenditures**

Any other expenditure not covered or dealt with in the foregoing provisions of this Section II, or in Section III, and which is incurred by the Operator in the necessary and proper conduct of the Joint Operations.

III. OVERHEAD

1. **Overhead - Drilling and Producing Operations**

i. As compensation for administrative, supervision, office services and warehousing costs, Operator shall charge drilling and producing operations on either:

(XX) Fixed Rate Basis, Paragraph 1A, or
( ) Percentage Basis, Paragraph 1B.

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, such charge shall be in lieu of costs and expenses of all offices and salaries or wages plus applicable burdens and expenses of all personnel, except those directly chargeable under Paragraph 2A, Section II. The cost and expense of services from outside sources in connection with matters of taxation, traffic, accounting or matters before or involving governmental agencies shall be considered as included in the Overhead rates provided for in the above selected Paragraph of this Section III unless such cost and expense are agreed to by the Parties as a direct charge to the Joint Account.

ii. The salaries, wages and Personal Expenses of Technical Employees and/or the cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly employed on the Joint Property shall ( ) shall not (X) be covered by the Overhead rates.

A. Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates per well per month:

Drilling Well Rate $ 2500.00
Producing Well Rate $ 275.00

(2) Application of Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis shall be as follows:

(a) Drilling Well Rate

[1] Charges for onshore drilling wells shall begin on the date the well is spudded and terminate on the date the drilling or completion rig is released, whichever is later, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

[2] Charges for offshore drilling wells shall begin on the date when drilling or completion equipment arrives on location and terminate on the date the drilling or completion equipment moves off location or rig is released, whichever occurs first, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days

[3] Charges for wells undergoing any type of workover or recompletion for a period of five (5) consecutive days or more shall be made at the drilling well rate. Such charges shall be applied for the period from date workover operations, with rig, commence through date of rig release, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

(b) Producing Well Rates

[1] An active well either produced or injected into for any portion of the month shall be considered as a one-well charge for the entire month.

[2] Each active completion in a multi-completed well in which production is not commingled down hole shall be considered as a one-well charge providing each completion is considered a separate well by the governing regulatory authority.

[3] An inactive gas well shut in because of overproduction or failure of purchaser to take the production shall be considered as a one-well charge providing the gas well is directly connected to a permanent sales outlet.

[4] A one-well charge may be made for the month in which plugging and abandonment operations are completed on any well.

[5] All other inactive wells (including but not limited to inactive wells covered by unit allowable, lease allowable, transferred allowable, etc.) shall not qualify for an overhead charge.

(3) The well rates shall be adjusted as of the first day of April each year following the effective date of the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached. The adjustment shall be computed by multiplying the rate currently in use by the percentage increase or decrease in the average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Production Workers for the last calendar year compared to the calendar year preceding as shown by the index of average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Fields Production Workers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or the equivalent Canadian index as published by Statistics Canada, as applicable. The adjusted rates shall be the rates currently in use, plus or minus the computed adjustment.

B. Overhead - Percentage Basis

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates:

(a) Development

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Development of the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraph 9 of Section II and all salvage credits.

(b) Operating

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Operating the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraphs 1 and 9 of Section II, all salvage credits, the value of injected substances purchased for secondary recovery and all taxes and assessments which are levied, assessed and paid upon the mineral interest in and to the Joint Property.

(2) Application of Overhead - Percentage Basis shall be as follows:
For the purpose of determining charges on a percentage basis under Paragraph 1B of this Section III, development shall include all costs in connection with drilling, redrilling, deepening or any remedial operations on any or all wells involving the use of drilling crew and equipment; also, preliminary expenditures necessary in preparation for drilling and expenditures incurred in abandoning when the well is not completed as a producer, and original cost of construction or installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset, except Major Construction as defined in Paragraph 2 of this Section III. All other costs shall be considered as Operating.

2. Overhead - Major Construction

To compensate Operator for overhead costs incurred in the construction and installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets, and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset required for the development and operation of the Joint Property, Operator shall either negotiate a rate prior to the beginning of construction, or shall charge the Joint Account for Overhead based on the following rates for any Major Construction project in excess of $_____*:

A. _____* % of total costs if such costs are more than $_____* but less than $_____*; plus

B. _____* % of total costs in excess of $_____* but less than $1,000,000; plus

C. _____* % of total costs in excess of $1,000,000. *To be negotiated if applicable.

Total cost shall mean the gross cost of any one project. For the purpose of this paragraph, the component parts of a single project shall not be treated separately and the cost of drilling and workover wells shall be excluded.

3. Amendment of Rates

The Overhead rates provided for in this Section III may be amended from time to time only by mutual agreement between the Parties hereto if, in practice, the rates are found to be insufficient or excessive.

IV. PRICING OF JOINT ACCOUNT MATERIAL PURCHASES, TRANSFERS AND DISPOSITIONS

Operator is responsible for Joint Account Material and shall make proper and timely charges and credits for all material movements affecting the Joint Property. Operator shall provide all Material for use on the Joint Property; however, at Operator's option, such Material may be supplied by the Non-Operator. Operator shall make timely disposition of idle and/or surplus Material, such disposal being made either through sale to Operator or Non-Operator, division in kind, or sale to outsiders. Operator may purchase, but shall be under no obligation to purchase, interest of Non-Operators in surplus condition A or B Material. The disposal of surplus Controllable Material not purchased by the Operator shall be agreed to by the Parties.

1. Purchases

Material purchased shall be charged at the price paid by Operator after deduction of all discounts received. In case of Material found to be defective or returned to vendor for any other reason, credit shall be passed to the Joint Account when adjustment has been received by the Operator.

2. Transfers and Dispositions

Material furnished to the Joint Property and Material transferred from the Joint Property or disposed of by the Operator, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, shall be priced on the following bases exclusive of cash discounts:

A. New Material (Condition A)

(1) Tubular goods, except line pipe, shall be priced at the current new price in effect on date of movement on a maximum carload or barge load weight basis, regardless of quantity transferred, equalized to the lowest published price f.o.b. railway receiving point or recognized barge terminal nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(2) Line Pipe

(a) Movement of less than 30,000 pounds shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(b) Movement of 30,000 pounds or more shall be priced under provisions of tubular goods pricing in Paragraph 2A (1) of this Section IV.

(3) Other Material shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store or f.o.b. railway receiving point nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

B. Good Used Material (Condition B)

Material in sound and serviceable condition and suitable for reuse without reconditioning:

(1) Material moved to the Joint Property

(a) At seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV.

(2) Material moved from the Joint Property

(a) At seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as new Material, or

(b) at sixty-five percent (65%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as good used Material at seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price.

The cost of reconditioning, if any, shall be absorbed by the transferring property.

C. Other Used Material (Condition C and D)

(1) Condition C

Material which is not in sound and serviceable condition and not suitable for its original function until after reconditioning shall be priced at fifty percent (50%) of current new price as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV. The cost of reconditioning shall be charged to the receiving property, provided Condition C value plus cost of reconditioning does not exceed Condition B value.

(2) Condition D

All other Material, including junk, shall be priced at a value commensurate with its use or at prevailing prices. Material no longer suitable for its original purpose but usable for some other purpose, shall be priced on a basis comparable with that of items normally used for such other purpose. Operator may dispose of Condition D Material under procedures normally utilized by the Operator without prior approval of Non-Operators.

D. Obsolete Material

Material which is serviceable and usable for its original function but condition and/or value of such Material is not equivalent to that which would justify a price as provided above may be specially priced as agreed to by the Parties. Such price should result in the Joint Account being charged with the value of the service rendered by such Material.

E. Pricing Conditions

(1) Loading and unloading costs may be charged to the Joint Account at the rate of fifteen cents (15¢) per hundred weight on all tubular goods movements, in lieu of loading and unloading costs sustained, when actual hauling cost of such tubular goods are equalized under provisions of Paragraph 5 of Section II.

(2) Material involving erection costs shall be charged at applicable percentage of the current knocked-down price of new Material.

3. Premium Prices

Whenever Material is not readily obtainable at published or listed prices because of national emergencies, strikes or other unusual causes over which the Operator has no control, the Operator may charge the Joint Account for the required Material at the Operator's actual cost incurred in providing such Material, in making it suitable for use, and in moving it to the Joint Property; provided notice in writing is furnished to Non-Operators of the proposed charge prior to billing Non-Operators for such Material. Each Non-Operator shall have the right, by so electing and notifying Operator within ten days after receiving notice from Operator, to furnish in kind all or part of his share of such Material suitable for use and acceptable to Operator.

4. Warranty of Material Furnished by Operator

Operator does not warrant the Material furnished. In case of defective Material, credit shall not be passed to the Joint Account until adjustment has been received by Operator from the manufacturers or their agents.

V. INVENTORIES

The Operator shall maintain detailed records of Controllable Material.

1. Periodic Inventories, Notice and Representation

At reasonable intervals, Inventories shall be taken by Operator of the Joint Account Controllable Material. Written notice of intention to take inventory shall be given by Operator at least thirty (30) days before any inventory is to begin so that Non-Operators may be represented when any inventory is taken. Failure of Non-Operators to be represented at an inventory shall bind Non-Operators to accept the inventory taken by Operator.

2. Reconciliation and Adjustment of Inventories

Reconciliation of a physical inventory with the Joint Account shall be made, and a list of overages and shortages shall be furnished to the Non-Operators within six months following the taking of the inventory. Inventory adjustments shall be made by Operator with the Joint Account for overages and shortages, but Operator shall be held accountable only for shortages due to lack of reasonable diligence.

3. Special Inventories

Special Inventories may be taken whenever there is any sale or change of interest in the Joint Property. It shall be the duty of the party selling to notify all other Parties as quickly as possible after the transfer of interest takes place. In such cases, both the seller and the purchaser shall be governed by such inventory.

4. Expense of Conducting Periodic Inventories

The expense of conducting periodic Inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless agreed to by the Parties.

outside service laboratories. Rates for trucks, tractors and well service units may include wages and expenses of operator.

B. Whenever requested, Operator shall inform Non-Operators in advance of the rates it proposes to charge.

C. Rates shall be revised and adjusted from time to time when found to be either excessive or insufficient.

V. DISPOSAL OF MATERIAL

The Operator may purchase, but shall be under no obligation to purchase, interest of Non-Operators in surplus Condition "A" or "B" Material. The disposition of surplus Controllable Material, not purchased by Operator, shall be agreed to by Operator and Non-Operators, provided Operator shall dispose of normal accumulations of junk and scrap Material either by transfer or sale from Joint Property.

1. **Material Purchased by the Operator or Non-Operators.**
   Material purchased by either the Operator or Non-Operators shall be credited by the Operator to the Joint Account for the month in which the Material is removed by the purchaser.
2. **Division in Kind**
   Division of Material in kind, if made between Operator and Non-Operators, shall be in proportion to the respective interests in such Material. The Parties will thereupon be charged individually with the value of the Material received or receivable. Proper credits shall be made by the Operator to the Joint Account.
3. **Sales to Outsiders**
   Sales to outsiders of Material from the Joint Property shall be credited by Operator to the Joint Account at the net amount collected by Operator from vendee. Any claim by vendee related to such sale shall be charged back to the Joint Account if and when paid by Operator.

VI. BASIS OF PRICING MATERIAL TRANSFERRED FROM JOINT ACCOUNT

Material purchased by either Operator or Non-Operators or divided in kind, unless agreed to by Operator and Non-Operators shall be priced on the following basis:

1. **New Price Defined**
   New price as used in this Section VI shall be the price specified for new Material in Section IV.
2. **New Material**
   New Material (Condition "A"), being new Material procured for the Joint Property but never used, at one hundred per cent (100%) of current new price (plus sales tax if any).
3. **Good Used Material**
   Good used Material (Condition "B"), being used Material in sound and serviceable condition, suitable for reuse without reconditioning:
   A. At seventy-five per cent (75%) of current new price if Material was charged to Joint Account as new, or
   B. At sixty-five per cent (65%) of current new price if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as secondhand at seventy-five per cent (75%) of new price.
4. **Other Used Material**
   Used Material (Condition "C"), at fifty per cent (50%) of current new price, being used Material which:
   A. Is not in sound and serviceable condition but suitable for reuse after reconditioning, or
   B. Is serviceable for original function but not suitable for reconditioning.
5. **Bad-Order Material**
   Material (Condition "D"), no longer suitable for its original purpose without excessive repair cost but usable for some other purpose at a price comparable with that of items normally used for such other purpose.
6. **Junk Material**
   Junk Material (Condition "E"), being obsolete and scrap Material, at prevailing prices.
7. **Temporarily Used Material**
   When the use of Material is temporary and its service to the Joint Property does not justify the reduction in price as provided for in Paragraph 3B of this Section VI, such Material shall be priced on a basis that will leave a net charge to the Joint Account consistent with the value of the service rendered.

VII. INVENTORIES

The Operator shall maintain detailed records of Controllable Material.

1. **Periodic Inventories, Notice and Representation**
   At reasonable intervals, inventories shall be taken by Operator of the Joint Account Controllable Material. Written notice of intention to take inventory shall be given by Operator at least thirty (30) days before any inventory is to begin so that Non-Operators may be represented when any inventory is taken. Failure of Non-Operators to be represented at an inventory shall bind Non-Operators to accept the inventory taken by Operator.
2. **Reconciliation and Adjustment of Inventories**
   Reconciliation of inventory with the Joint Account shall be made, and a list of overages and shortages shall be furnished to the Non-Operators. Inventory adjustments shall be made by Operator with the Joint Account for overages and shortages, but Operator shall be held accountable to Non-Operators only for shortages due to lack of reasonable diligence.
3. **Special Inventories**
   Special Inventories may be taken whenever there is any sale or change of interest in the Joint Property. It shall be the duty of the party selling to notify all other Parties as quickly as possible after the transfer of interest takes place. In such cases, both the seller and the purchaser shall be governed by such inventory.
4. **Expense of Conducting Periodic Inventories**
   The expense of conducting periodic inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless agreed to by Operator and Non-Operators.

EXHIBIT "D"

INSURANCE

Attached to and made a part of that Operating Agreement dated May 4, 1981, between R. A. Mendenhall Associated, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et al., as Non-Operators.

Operator shall carry for the benefit and the expense of the Joint Account insurance with responsible insurance carrier as follows:

1. Workman's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance as may be required by the laws of the State in which premises are located.

2. General Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance with limits of not less than $250,000 covering injury to or death of one person, and not less than $500,000 covering injury to or death of more than one person by reason of one accident, and not less than $100,000 covering accidental loss of or damage to property of third person.

3. Automobile Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance with limits of not less than $250,000 covering injury to or death of one person, and $500,000 covering injury to or death of more than one person by reason of one accident and not less than $100,000 covering damage to property of third persons.

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June 9, 1981

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Re: ~~Proposed~~ #1 Tracy
1980' FEL & 2310' FSL, Sec. 10
T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico
Carlsbad Prospect (7382)

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 5, 1981, proposing the drilling of the above referenced well.

Please be advised that your proposal is presently being evaluated and we will be back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Linda H. Hicks

Linda H. Hicks
Landman

LHH/s

Received 6/10/81

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September 10, 1981

TO ALL NON-OPERATING INTEREST OWNERS
OF THE CARLSBAD WORKING INTEREST UNIT

Re: Eddy County, New Mexico
Proposed Well #1
1650' FSL & 2140' FEL,
Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

Gentlemen:

It is understood from recent contacts with the Union Oil Company of California that by way of a working interest unit agreement, you are a working interest owner in the subject lands operated by the Union Oil Company of California. We had previously submitted an AFE and an Operating Agreement on May 5, 1981, to the Union Oil Company of California and are enclosing a copy to each of you a new AFE and an Operating Agreement for your consideration. If you desire to join, we shall furnish you additional copies of the AFE and Operating Agreement for your signature.

The Union Oil Company of California has indicated that it will not be able to either join in drilling or farming out its interest to the above proposed well. However, the Union Oil Company of California further indicates that it has no authority to commit your interest one way or another. We are anxious to begin drilling operations and ask that you either join in the drilling of such test or farm out your interest to this test. In order to force pool the interest of the Union Oil Company of California and others who are unable to commit its interest to such test, we have scheduled a hearing with the full Oil Conservation Commission on September 29, 1981, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. We ask that you let us have your decision on this proposal prior to September 25, 1981.

Very truly yours,

Richard A. Mendenhall

RAM/ls

_____ Desire to Join; _____ Desire Not to Join

_____ _____
Signature Date

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Case No. 7362 Exhibit No. 3
Submitted by MENDENHALL
Hearing Date 9-29-81

ADDRESSES OF ALL
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AND OPERATOR

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CONTRACT AREA COVERING ALL WELLS TO BE DRILLED IN THE SE/4 OF SECTION 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

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OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. _____, hereinafter designated and referred to as "Operator", and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter referred to individually herein as "Non-Operator", and collectively as "Non-Operators",

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are owners of oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests in the land identified in Exhibit "A", and the parties hereto have reached an agreement to explore and develop these leases and/or oil and gas interests for the production of oil and gas to the extent and as hereinafter provided:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I.
DEFINITIONS

As used in this agreement, the following words and terms shall have the meanings here ascribed to them:

A. The term "oil and gas" shall mean oil, gas, casinghead gas, gas condensate, and all other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons and other marketable substances produced therewith, unless an intent to limit the inclusiveness of this term is specifically stated.

B. The terms "oil and gas lease", "lease" and "leasehold" shall mean the oil and gas leases covering tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by the parties to this agreement.

C. The term "oil and gas interests" shall mean unleased fee and mineral interests in tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by parties to this agreement.

D. The term "Contract Area" shall mean all of the lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests intended to be developed and operated for oil and gas purposes under this agreement. Such lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests are described in Exhibit "A".

E. The term "drilling unit" shall mean the area fixed for the drilling of one well by order or rule of any state or federal body having authority. If a drilling unit is not fixed by any such rule or order, a drilling unit shall be the drilling unit as established by the pattern of drilling in the Contract Area or as fixed by express agreement of the Drilling Parties.

F. The term "drillsite" shall mean the oil and gas lease or interest on which a proposed well is to be located.

G. The terms "Drilling Party" and "Consenting Party" shall mean a party who agrees to join in and pay its share of the cost of any operation conducted under the provisions of this agreement.

H. The terms "Non-Drilling Party" and "Non-Consenting Party" shall mean a party who elects not to participate in a proposed operation.

Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.

ARTICLE II.
EXHIBITS

The following exhibits, as indicated below and attached hereto, are incorporated in and made a part hereof:

[X] A. Exhibit "A", shall include the following information:
(1) Identification of lands subject to agreement,
(2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths or formations,
(3) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement,
(4) Oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject to this agreement,
(5) Addresses of parties for notice purposes.

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[X] C. Exhibit "C", Accounting Procedure.

[X] D. Exhibit "D", Insurance.

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ARTICLE III.
INTERESTS OF PARTIES

A. Oil and Gas Interests:

If any party owns an unleased oil and gas interest in the Contract Area, that interest shall be treated for the purpose of this agreement and during the term hereof as if it were a leased interest under the form of oil and gas lease attached as Exhibit "B". As to such interest, the owner shall receive royalty on production as prescribed in the form of oil and gas lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Such party shall, however, be subject to all of the provisions of this agreement relating to lessees, to the extent that it owns the lessee interest.

B. Interest of Parties in Costs and Production:

Exhibit "A" lists all of the parties and their respective percentage or fractional interests under this agreement. Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and material acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned by the parties as their interests are shown in Exhibit "A". All production of oil and gas from the Contract Area, subject to the payment of lessor's royalties shall also be owned by the parties in the same manner during the term hereof; provided, however, this shall not be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby.

ARTICLE IV.
TITLES

A. Title Examination:

Title examination shall be made on the drillsite of any proposed well prior to commencement of drilling operations or, if the Drilling Parties so request, title examination shall be made on the leases and/or oil and gas interests included, or planned to be included, in the drilling unit around such well. The opinion will include the ownership of the working interest, minerals, royalty, overriding royalty and production payments under the applicable leases. At the time a well is proposed, each party contributing leases and/or oil and gas interests to the drillsite, or to be included in such drilling unit, shall furnish to Operator all abstracts (including Federal Lease Status Reports), title opinions, title papers and curative material in its possession free of charge. All such information not in the possession of or made available to Operator by the parties, but necessary for the examination of title, shall be obtained by Operator. Operator shall cause title to be examined by attorneys on its staff or by outside attorneys. Copies of all title opinions shall be furnished upon request to each party hereto. The cost incurred by Operator in this title program shall be borne as follows:

☐ Option No. 1: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be a part of the administrative overhead as provided in Exhibit "C," and shall not be a direct charge, whether performed by Operator's staff attorneys or by outside attorneys.

☒ Option No. 2: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and fees paid outside attorneys for title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be borne by the Drilling Parties in the proportion that the interest of each Drilling Party bears to the total interest of all Drilling Parties as such interests appear in Exhibit "A". Operator shall make no charge for services rendered by its staff attorneys or other personnel in the performance of the above functions.

Each party shall be responsible for securing curative matter and pooling amendments or agreements required in connection with leases or oil and gas interests contributed by such party. The Operator shall be responsible for the preparation and recording of Pooling Designations or Declarations as well as the conduct of hearings before Governmental Agencies for the securing of spacing or pooling orders. This shall not prevent any party from appearing on its own behalf at any such hearing.

No well shall be drilled on the Contract Area until after (1) the title to the drillsite or drilling unit has been examined as above provided, and (2) the title has been approved by the examining attorney or title has been accepted by all of the parties who are to participate in the drilling of the well.

B. Loss of Title:

1. Failure of Title: Should any oil and gas interest or lease, or interest therein, be lost through failure of title, which loss results in a reduction of interest from that shown on Exhibit "A", this agreement, nevertheless, shall continue in force as to all remaining oil and gas leases and interests, and

(a) The party whose oil and gas lease or interest is affected by the title failure shall bear, alone the entire loss and it shall not be entitled to recover from Operator or the other parties any development

or operating costs which it may have theretofore paid, but there shall be no monetary liability on its part to the other parties hereto for drilling, development, operating or other similar costs by reason of such title failure; and

(b) There shall be no retroactive adjustment of expenses incurred or revenues received from the operation of the interest which has been lost, but the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, as of the time it is determined finally that title failure has occurred, so that the interest of the party whose lease or interest is affected by the title failure will thereafter be reduced in the Contract Area by the amount of the interest lost; and

(c) If the proportionate interest of the other parties hereto in any producing well theretofore drilled on the Contract Area is increased by reason of the title failure, the party whose title has failed shall receive the proceeds attributable to the increase in such interests (less costs and burdens attributable thereto) until it has been reimbursed for unrecovered costs paid by it in connection with such well; and

(d) Should any person not a party to this agreement, who is determined to be the owner of any interest in the title which has failed, pay in any manner any part of the cost of operation, development, or equipment, such amount shall be paid to the party or parties who bore the costs which are so refunded; and

(e) Any liability to account to a third party for prior production of oil and gas which arises by reason of title failure shall be borne by the party or parties in the same proportions in which they shared in such prior production; and

(f) No charge shall be made to the joint account for legal expenses, fees or salaries, in connection with the defense of the interest claimed by any party hereto, it being the intention of the parties hereto that each shall defend title to its interest and bear all expenses in connection therewith.

2. Loss by Non-Payment or Erroneous Payment of Amount Due: If, through mistake or oversight, any rental, shut-in well payment, minimum royalty or royalty payment, is not paid or is erroneously paid, and as a result a lease or interest therein terminates, there shall be no monetary liability against the party who failed to make such payment. Unless the party who failed to make the required payment secures a new lease covering the same interest within ninety (90) days from the discovery of the failure to make proper payment, which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, effective as of the date of termination of the lease involved, and the party who failed to make proper payment will no longer be credited with an interest in the Contract Area on account of ownership of the lease or interest which has terminated. In the event the party who failed to make the required payment shall not have been fully reimbursed, at the time of the loss, from the proceeds of the sale of oil and gas attributable to the lost interest, calculated on an acreage basis, for the development and operating costs theretofore paid on account of such interest, it shall be reimbursed for unrecovered actual costs theretofore paid by it (but not for its share of the cost of any dry hole previously drilled or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following as is necessary to effect reimbursement:

(a) Proceeds of oil and gas, less operating expenses, theretofore accrued to the credit of the lost interest, on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs;

(b) Proceeds, less operating expenses, thereafter accrued attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, of that portion of oil and gas thereafter produced and marketed (excluding production from any wells thereafter drilled) which, in the absence of such lease termination, would be attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, the proceeds of said portion of the oil and gas to be contributed by the other parties in proportion to their respective interests; and

(c) Any monies, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, that may be paid by any party who is, or becomes, the owner of the interest lost, for the privilege of participating in the Contract Area or becoming a party to this agreement.

3. Other Losses: All losses incurred, other than those set forth in Articles IV.B.1. and IV.B.2. above, shall not be considered failure of title but shall be joint losses and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

ARTICLE V.
OPERATOR

A. DESIGNATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OPERATOR:

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD., shall be the Operator of the Contract Area, and shall conduct and direct and have full control of all operations on the Contract Area as permitted and required by, and within the limits of, this agreement. It shall conduct all such operations in a good and workmanlike manner, but it shall have no liability as Operator to the other parties for losses sustained or liabilities incurred, except such as may result from gross negligence or willful misconduct.

B. Resignation or Removal of Operator and Selection of Successor:

1. Resignation or Removal of Operator: Operator may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to Non-Operators. If Operator terminates its legal existence, no longer owns an interest in the Contract Area, or is no longer capable of serving as Operator, it shall cease to be Operator without any action by Non-Operator, except the selection of a successor. Operator may be removed if it fails or refuses to carry out its duties hereunder, or becomes insolvent, bankrupt or is placed in receivership, by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more Non-Operators owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of Operator. Such resignation or removal shall not become effective until 7:00 o'clock A.M. on the first day of the calendar month following the expiration of ninety (90) days after the giving of notice of resignation by Operator or action by the Non-Operators to remove Operator, unless a successor Operator has been selected and assumes the duties of Operator at an earlier date. Operator, after effective date of resignation or removal, shall be bound by the terms hereof as a Non-Operator. A change of a corporate name or structure of Operator or transfer of Operator's interest to any single subsidiary, parent or successor corporation shall not be the basis for removal of Operator.

2. Selection of Successor Operator: Upon the resignation or removal of Operator, a successor Operator shall be selected by the Parties. The successor Operator shall be selected from the parties owning an interest in the Contract Area at the time such successor Operator is selected. If the Operator that is removed fails to vote or votes only to succeed itself, the successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of the Operator that was removed.

C. Employees:

The number of employees used by Operator in conducting operations hereunder, their selection, and the hours of labor and the compensation for services performed, shall be determined by Operator, and all such employees shall be the employees of Operator.

D. Drilling Contracts:

All wells drilled on the Contract Area shall be drilled on a competitive contract basis at the usual rates prevailing in the area. If it so desires, Operator may employ its own tools and equipment in the drilling of wells, but its charges therefor shall not exceed the prevailing rates in the area and the rate of such charges shall be agreed upon by the parties in writing before drilling operations are commenced, and such work shall be performed by Operator under the same terms and conditions as are customary and usual in the area in contracts of independent contractors who are doing work of a similar nature.

ARTICLE VI.
DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Initial Well:

On or before the As soon as a rig is made available day of _____, 19__, Operator shall commence the drilling of a well for oil and gas at the following location:

A legal location in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

and shall thereafter continue the drilling of the well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Esperanza Field pay at an approximate depth of 3425'.

unless granite or other practically impenetrable substance or condition in the hole, which renders further drilling impractical, is encountered at a lesser depth, or unless all parties agree to complete or abandon the well at a lesser depth.

Operator shall make reasonable tests of all formations encountered during drilling which give indication of containing oil and gas in quantities sufficient to test, unless this agreement shall be limited in its application to a specific formation or formations, in which event Operator shall be required to test only the formation or formations to which this agreement may apply.

If, in Operator's judgment, the well will not produce oil or gas in paying quantities, and it wishes to plug and abandon the well as a dry hole, it shall first secure the consent of all parties and shall plug and abandon same as provided in Article VI.E.1. hereof.

B. Subsequent Operations:

1. Proposed Operations: Should any party hereto desire to drill any well on the Contract Area other than the well provided for in Article VI.A., or to rework, deepen or plug back a dry hole drilled at the joint expense of all parties or a well jointly owned by all the parties and not then producing in paying quantities, the party desiring to drill, rework, deepen or plug back such a well shall give the other parties written notice of the proposed operation, specifying the work to be performed, the location, proposed depth, objective formation and the estimated cost of the operation. The parties receiving such a notice shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice within which to notify the parties wishing to do the work whether they elect to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. If a drilling rig is on location, notice of proposal to rework, plug back or drill deeper may be given by telephone and the response period shall be limited to twenty-four (24) hours. Failure of a party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. Any notice or response given by telephone shall be promptly confirmed in writing.

2. Operations by Less than All Parties: If any party receiving such notice as provided in Article VI.B.1. or VI.E.1. elects not to participate in the proposed operation, then, in order to be entitled to the benefits of this article, the party or parties giving the notice and such other parties as shall elect to participate in the operation shall, within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the twenty-four (24) hour period where the drilling rig is on location, as the case may be) actually commence work on the proposed operation and complete it with due diligence. Operator shall perform all work for the account of the Consenting Parties; provided, however, if no drilling rig or other equipment is on location, and if Operator is a Non-Consenting Party, the Consenting Parties shall either: (a) request Operator to perform the work required by such proposed operation for the account of the Consenting Parties, or (b) designate one (1) of the Consenting Parties as Operator to perform such work. Consenting Parties, when conducting operations on the Contract Area pursuant to this Article VI.B.2., shall comply with all terms and conditions of this agreement.

If less than all parties approve any proposed operation, the proposing party, immediately after the expiration of the applicable notice period, shall advise the Consenting Parties of (a) the total interest of the parties approving such operation, and (b) its recommendation as to whether the Consenting Parties should proceed with the operation as proposed. Each Consenting Party, within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of such notice, shall advise the proposing party of its desire to (a) limit participation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A", or (b) carry its proportionate part of Non-Consenting Parties' interest. The proposing party, at its election, may withdraw such proposal if there is insufficient participation, and shall promptly notify all parties of such decision.

The entire cost and risk of conducting such operations shall be borne by the Consenting Parties in the proportions they have elected to bear same under the terms of the preceding paragraph. Consenting Parties shall keep the leasehold estates involved in such operations free and clear of all liens and encumbrances of every kind created by or arising from the operations of the Consenting Parties. If such an operation results in a dry hole, the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well at their sole cost, risk and expense. If any well drilled, completed/reworked, deepened or plugged back under the provisions of this Article results in a producer of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, the Consenting Parties shall complete and equip the well to produce at their sole cost and risk, and the well shall then be turned over to Operator and shall be operated by it at the expense and for the account of the Consenting Parties. Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, completing/reworking, deepening or plugging back of any such well by Consenting Parties in accordance with the provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, and the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-Consenting Party's interest in the well and share of production therefrom until the proceeds of the sale of such share, calculated at the well, or market value thereof if such share is not sold (after deducting production taxes, royalty, overriding royalty and other interests existing on the effective date hereof, payable out of or measured by the production from such well accruing with respect to such interest until it reverts) shall equal the total of the following:

(a) 200 % of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of any newly acquired surface equipment beyond the wellhead connections (including, but not limited to, stock tanks, separators, treaters, pumping equipment and piping), plus 100% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of operation of the well commencing with first production and continuing until each such Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest shall revert to it under other provisions of this Article, it being agreed that each Non-Consenting Party's share of such costs and equipment will be that interest which would have been chargeable to each Non-Consenting Party had it participated in the well from the beginning of the operation; and

(b) 300 % of that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling, reworking, deepening, or plugging back, testing and completing, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C., and

300 % of that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the well-head connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had participated therein.

Gas production attributable to any Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest upon such Party's election, shall be sold to its purchaser, if available, under the terms of its existing gas sales contract. Such Non - Consenting Party shall direct its purchaser to remit the proceeds receivable from such sale direct to the Consenting Parties until the amounts provided for in this Article are recovered from the Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest. If such Non - Consenting Party has not contracted for sale of its gas at the time such gas is available for delivery, or has not made the election as provided above, the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive and sell such Non-Consenting Party's share of gas as hereinabove provided during the recoupment period.

During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's share of production, or the proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of all production, severance, gathering and other taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's share of production.

In the case of any reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling operation, the Consenting Parties shall be permitted to use, free of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of all such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon abandonment of a well after such reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equipment to the owners thereof, with each party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of salvage.

Within sixty (60) days after the completion of any operation under this Article, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an inventory of the equipment in and connected to the well, and an itemized statement of the cost of drilling, deepening, plugging back, testing, completing, and equipping the well for production; or, at its option, the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed statement of monthly billings. Each month thereafter, during the time the Consenting Parties are being reimbursed as provided above, the Party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities incurred in the operation of the well, together with a statement of the quantity of oil and gas produced from it and the amount of proceeds realized from the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding month. In determining the quantity of oil and gas produced during any month, Consenting Parties shall use industry accepted methods such as, but not limited to, metering or periodic well tests. Any amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with any such operation which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein shall be credited against the total unreturned costs of the work done and of the equipment purchased, in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as above provided; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting party.

If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest the amounts provided for above, the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall automatically revert to it, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-Consenting Party shall own the same interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production therefrom as such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be charged with and shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of the operation of said well in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the Accounting Procedure, attached hereto.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that without the mutual consent of all parties, no wells shall be completed in or produced from a source of supply from which a well located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, unless such well conforms to the then-existing well spacing pattern for such source of supply.

The provisions of this Article shall have no application whatsoever to the drilling of the initial well described in Article VI.A. except (a) when Option 2, Article VII.D.1., has been selected, or (b) to the reworking, deepening and plugging back of such initial well, if such well is or thereafter shall prove to be a dry hole or non-commercial well, after having been drilled to the depth specified in Article VI.A.

C. Right to Take Production in Kind:

Each party shall have the right to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in preparing and treating oil for marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditure incurred in the taking in kind or separate disposition by any party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any

party taking its share of production in kind shall be required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it uses.

Each party shall execute such division orders and contracts as may be necessary for the sale of its interest in production from the Contract Area, and, except as provided in Article VII.B., shall be entitled to receive payment direct from the purchaser thereof for its share of all production.

In the event any party shall fail to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of the oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, Operator shall have the right, subject to the revocation at will by the party owning it, but not the obligation, to purchase such oil and gas or sell it to others at any time and from time to time, for the account of the non-taking party at the best price obtainable in the area for such production. Any such purchase or sale by Operator shall be subject always to the right of the owner of the production to exercise at any time its right to take in kind, or separately dispose of, its share of all oil and gas not previously delivered to a purchaser. Any purchase or sale by Operator of any other party's share of oil and gas shall be only for such reasonable periods of time as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the particular circumstances, but in no event for a period in excess of one (1) year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Operator shall not make a sale, including one into interstate commerce, of any other party's share of gas production without first giving such other party thirty (30) days prior written notice of such intended sale.

In the event one or more parties' separate disposition of its share of the gas causes split-stream deliveries to separate pipelines and/or deliveries which on a day-to-day basis for any reason are not exactly equal to a party's respective proportionate share of total gas sales to be allocated to it, the balancing or accounting between the respective accounts of the parties shall be in accordance with any Gas Balancing Agreement between the parties hereto, whether such Agreement is attached as Exhibit "E", or is a separate Agreement.

D. Access to Contract Area and Information:

Each party shall have access to the Contract Area at all reasonable times, at its sole risk to inspect or observe operations, and shall have access at reasonable times to information pertaining to the development or operation thereof, including Operator's books and records relating thereto. Operator, upon request, shall furnish each of the other parties with copies of all forms or reports filed with governmental agencies, daily drilling reports, well logs, tank tables, daily gauge and run tickets and reports of stock on hand at the first of each month, and shall make available samples of any cores or cuttings taken from any well drilled on the Contract Area. The cost of gathering and furnishing information to Non-Operator, other than that specified above, shall be charged to the Non-Operator that requests the information.

E. Abandonment of Wells:

1. Abandonment of Dry Holes: Except for any well drilled pursuant to Article VI.B.2., any well which has been drilled under the terms of this agreement and is proposed to be completed as a dry hole shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. Should Operator, after diligent effort, be unable to contact any party, or should any party fail to reply within forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays) after receipt of notice of the proposal to plug and abandon such well, such party shall be deemed to have consented to the proposed abandonment. All such wells shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of the parties who participated in the cost of drilling of such well. Any party who objects to the plugging and abandoning such well shall have the right to take over the well and conduct further operations in search of oil and/or gas subject to the provisions of Article VI.B.

2. Abandonment of Wells that have Produced: Except for any well which has been drilled or reworked pursuant to Article VI.B.2. hereof for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reimbursed as therein provided, any well which has been completed as a producer shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. If all parties consent to such abandonment, the well shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of all the parties hereto. If, within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the proposed abandonment of such well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of any well, those wishing to continue its operation shall tender to each of the other parties its proportionate share of the value of the well's salvable material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. Each abandoning party shall assign to the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, quality, or fitness for use of the equipment and material, all of its interest in the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the leasehold estate as to, but only as to, the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes an oil and gas interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-abandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production, for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the interval or inter-

vals of the formation or formations covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached as Exhibit "B". The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the "drilling unit" upon which the well is located. The payments by, and the assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentages of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment of interest in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the operation of or production from the well in the interval or intervals then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon request, Operator shall continue to operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and charges contemplated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of the separate ownership of the assigned well.

ARTICLE VII.
EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES

A. Liability of Parties:

The liability of the parties shall be several, not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible only for its obligations, and shall be liable only for its proportionate share of the costs of developing and operating the Contract Area. Accordingly, the liens granted among the parties in Article VII.B. are given to secure only the debts of each severally. It is not the intention of the parties to create, nor shall this agreement be construed as creating, a mining or other partnership or association, or to render the parties liable as partners.

B. Liens and Payment Defaults:

Each Non-Operator grants to Operator a lien upon its oil and gas rights in the Contract Area, and a security interest in its share of oil and or gas when extracted and its interest in all equipment, to secure payment of its share of expense, together with interest thereon at the rate provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". To the extent that Operator has a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State, Operator shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the obtaining of judgment by Operator for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any Non-Operator in the payment of its share of expense, Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such Non-Operator's share of oil and/or gas until the amount owed by such Non-Operator, plus interest has been paid. Each purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon Operator's written statement concerning the amount of any default. Operator grants a like lien and security interest to the Non-Operators to secure payment of Operator's proportionate share of expense.

If any party fails or is unable to pay its share of expense within sixty (60) days after rendition of a statement therefor by Operator, the non-defaulting parties, including Operator, shall, upon request by Operator, pay the unpaid amount in the proportion that the interest of each such party bears to the interest of all such parties. Each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall, to obtain reimbursement thereof, be subrogated to the security rights described in the foregoing paragraph.

C. Payments and Accounting:

Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, Operator shall promptly pay and discharge expenses incurred in the development and operation of the Contract Area pursuant to this agreement and shall charge each of the parties hereto with their respective proportionate shares upon the expense basis provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Operator shall keep an accurate record of the joint account hereunder, showing expenses incurred and charges and credits made and received.

Operator, at its election, shall have the right from time to time to demand and receive from the other parties payment in advance of their respective shares of the estimated amount of the expense to be incurred in operations hereunder during the next succeeding month, which right may be exercised only by submission to each such party of an itemized statement of such estimated expense, together with an invoice for its share thereof. Each such statement and invoice for the payment in advance of estimated expense shall be submitted on or before the 20th day of the next preceding month. Each party shall pay to Operator its proportionate share of such estimate within fifteen (15) days after such estimate and invoice is received. If any party fails to pay its share of said estimate within said time, the amount due shall bear interest as provided in Exhibit "C" until paid. Proper adjustment shall be made monthly between advances and actual expense to the end that each party shall bear and pay its proportionate share of actual expenses incurred, and no more.

D. Limitation of Expenditures:

1. Drill or Deepen: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled or deepened, except any well drilled or deepened pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this Agreement, it being understood that the consent to the drilling or deepening shall include:

☐ Option No. 1: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening, testing, completing and equipping of the well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

☒ Option No. 2: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening and testing of the well. When such well has reached its authorized depth, and all tests have been completed, Operator shall give immediate notice to the Non-Operators who have the right to participate in the completion costs. The parties receiving such notice shall have Twenty-four (24) hours in which to elect to participate in the setting of casing and the completion attempt. Such election, when made, shall include consent to all necessary expenditures for the completing and equipping of such well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities. Failure of any party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the completion attempt. If one or more, but less than all of the parties, elect to set pipe and to attempt a completion, the provisions of Article VI.B.2. hereof (the phrase "reworking, deepening or plugging back" as contained in Article VI.B.2. shall be deemed to include "completing") shall apply to the operations thereafter conducted by less than all parties.

2. Rework or Plug Back: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be reworked or plugged back except a well reworked or plugged back pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement, it being understood that the consent to the reworking or plugging back of a well shall include consent to all necessary expenditures in conducting such operations and completing and equipping of said well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

3. Other Operations: Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of Ten thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($10,000.00) except in connection with a well, the drilling, reworking, deepening, completing, recompleting, or plugging back of which has been previously authorized by or pursuant to this agreement; provided, however, that, in case of explosion, fire, flood or other sudden emergency, whether of the same or different nature, Operator may take such steps and incur such expenses as in its opinion are required to deal with the emergency to safeguard life and property but Operator, as promptly as possible, shall report the emergency to the other parties. If Operator prepares "Authority for Expenditures" for its own use, Operator, upon request, shall furnish copies of its "Authority for Expenditures" for any single project costing in excess of Ten thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($10,000.00).

E. Royalties, Overriding Royalties and Other Payments:

Each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, all royalties due on its share of production and shall hold the other parties free from any liability therefor. If the interest of any party in any oil and gas lease covered by this agreement is subject to any overriding royalty, production payment, or other charge such party shall assume and alone bear all such obligations and shall account for or cause to be accounted for, such interest to the owners thereof.

F. Rentals, Shut-in Well Payments and Minimum Royalties:

Rentals, shut-in well payments and minimum royalties which may be required under the terms of any lease shall be paid by the party or parties who subjected such lease to this agreement at its or their expense. In the event two or more parties own and have contributed interests in the same lease to this agreement, such parties may designate one of such parties to make said payments for and on behalf of all such parties. Any party may request, and shall be entitled to receive, proper evidence of all such payments. In the event of failure to make proper payment of any rental, shut-in well payment or minimum royalty through mistake or oversight where such payment is required to continue the lease in force, any loss which results from such non-payment shall be borne in accordance with the provisions of Article IV.B.2.

Operator shall notify Non-Operator of the anticipated completion of a shut-in gas well, or the shutting in or return to production of a producing gas well, at least five (5) days (excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays), or at the earliest opportunity permitted by circumstances, prior to taking such action, but assumes no liability for failure to do so. In the event of failure by Operator to so notify Non-Operator, the loss of any lease contributed hereto by Non-Operator for failure to make timely payments

of any shut-in well payment shall be borne jointly by the parties hereto under the provisions of Article IV.B.3.

G. Taxes:

Beginning with the first calendar year after the effective date hereof, Operator shall render for ad valorem taxation all property subject to this agreement which by law should be rendered for such taxes, and it shall pay all such taxes assessed thereon before they become delinquent. Prior to the rendition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator information as to burdens (to include, but not be limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on leases and oil and gas interests contributed by such Non-Operator. If the assessed valuation of any leasehold estate is reduced by reason of its being subject to outstanding excess royalties, overriding royalties or production payments, the reduction in ad valorem taxes resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of such leasehold estate, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such reduction. Operator shall bill other parties for their proportionate share of all tax payments in the manner provided in Exhibit "C".

If Operator considers any tax assessment improper, Operator may, at its discretion, protest within the time and manner prescribed by law, and prosecute the protest to a final determination, unless all parties agree to abandon the protest prior to final determination. During the pendency of administrative or judicial proceedings, Operator may elect to pay, under protest, all such taxes and any interest and penalty. When any such protested assessment shall have been finally determined, Operator shall pay the tax for the joint account, together with any interest and penalty accrued, and the total cost shall then be assessed against the parties, and be paid by them, as provided in Exhibit "C".

Each party shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, gathering and other taxes imposed upon or with respect to the production or handling of such party's share of oil and/or gas produced under the terms of this agreement.

H. Insurance:

At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a self-insurer for liability under said compensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall be an amount equivalent to the premium which would have been paid had such insurance been obtained. Operator shall also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D", attached to and made a part hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted and to maintain such other insurance as Operator may require.

In the event Automobile Public Liability Insurance is specified in said Exhibit "D", or subsequently receives the approval of the parties, no direct charge shall be made by Operator for premiums paid for such insurance for Operator's fully owned automotive equipment.

ARTICLE VIII.
ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST

A. Surrender of Leases:

The leases covered by this agreement, insofar as they embrace acreage in the Contract Area, shall not be surrendered in whole or in part unless all parties consent thereto.

However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any lease or in any portion thereof, and other parties do not agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or implied warranty of title, all of its interest in such lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and equipment which may be located thereon and any rights in production thereafter secured, to the parties not desiring to surrender it. If the interest of the assigning party includes an oil and gas interest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not desiring to surrender an oil and gas lease covering such oil and gas interest for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the land covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Upon such assignment, the assigning party shall be relieved from all obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the acreage assigned and the operation of any well thereon, and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the lease assigned and its equipment and production other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The parties assignee shall pay to the party assignor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any wells and equipment on the assigned acreage. The value of all material shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. If the assignment is in favor of more than one party, the assigned interest shall

be shared by the parties assignee in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the interest of all parties assignee.

Any assignment or surrender made under this provision shall not reduce or change the assignor's or surrendering parties' interest, as it was immediately before the assignment, in the balance of the Contract Area; and the acreage assigned or surrendered, and subsequent operations thereon, shall not thereafter be subject to the terms and provisions of this agreement.

B. Renewal or Extension of Leases:

If any party secures a renewal of any oil and gas lease subject to this Agreement, all other parties shall be notified promptly, and shall have the right for a period of thirty (30) days following receipt of such notice in which to elect to participate in the ownership of the renewal lease, insofar as such lease affects lands within the Contract Area, by paying to the party who acquired it their several proper proportionate shares of the acquisition cost allocated to that part of such lease within the Contract Area, which shall be in proportion to the interests held at that time by the parties in the Contract Area.

If some, but less than all, of the parties elect to participate in the purchase of a renewal lease, it shall be owned by the parties who elect to participate therein, in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all parties participating in the purchase of such renewal lease. Any renewal lease in which less than all parties elect to participate shall not be subject to this agreement.

Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal lease shall be given an assignment of its proportionate interest therein by the acquiring party.

The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal leases whether they are for the entire interest covered by the expiring lease or cover only a portion of its area or an interest therein. Any renewal lease taken before the expiration of its predecessor lease, or taken or contracted for within six (6) months after the expiration of the existing lease shall be subject to this provision; but any lease taken or contracted for more than six (6) months after the expiration of an existing lease shall not be deemed a renewal lease and shall not be subject to the provisions of this agreement.

The provisions in this Article shall apply also and in like manner to extensions of oil and gas leases.

C. Acreage or Cash Contributions:

While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash toward the drilling of a well or any other operation on the Contract Area, such contribution shall be paid to the party who conducted the drilling or other operation and shall be applied by it against the cost of such drilling or other operation. If the contribution be in the form of acreage, the party to whom the contribution is made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling Parties in the proportions said Drilling Parties shared the cost of drilling the well. If all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall become a part of the Contract Area and be governed by the provisions of this agreement. If less than all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall not become a part of the Contract Area. Each party shall promptly notify all other parties of all acreage or money contributions it may obtain in support of any well or any other operation on the Contract Area.

If any party contracts for any consideration relating to disposition of such party's share of substances produced hereunder, such consideration shall not be deemed a contribution as contemplated in this Article VIII.C.

D. Subsequently Created Interest:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII.E. and VIII.G., if any party hereto shall, subsequent to execution of this agreement, create an overriding royalty, production payment, or net proceeds interest, which such interests are hereinafter referred to as "subsequently created interest", such subsequently created interest shall be specifically made subject to all of the terms and provisions of this agreement, as follows:

1. If non-consent operations are conducted pursuant to any provision of this agreement, and the party conducting such operations becomes entitled to receive the production attributable to the interest out of which the subsequently created interest is derived, such party shall receive same free and clear of such subsequently created interest. The party creating same shall bear and pay all such subsequently created interests and shall indemnify and hold the other parties hereto free and harmless from any and all liability resulting therefrom.

2. If the owner of the interest from which the subsequently created interest is derived (1) fails to pay, when due, its share of expenses chargeable hereunder, or (2) elects to abandon a well under provisions of Article VI.E. hereof, or (3) elects to surrender a lease under provisions of Article VIII.A. hereof, the subsequently created interest shall be chargeable with the pro rata portion of all expenses hereunder in the same manner as if such interest were a working interest. For purposes of collecting such chargeable expenses, the party or parties who receive assignments as a result of (2) or (3) above shall have the right to enforce all provisions of Article VII.B. hereof against such subsequently created interest.

E. Maintenance of Uniform Interest:

For the purpose of maintaning uniformity of ownership in the oil and gas leasehold interests covered by this contract, and notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, no party shall sell, encumber, transfer or make other disposition of its interest in the leases embraced within the Unit area and in wells, equipment and production unless every such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party shall be made expressly subject to this agreement, and shall be made without prejudice to the rights of the other parties.

If at any time the interest of any party is divided among and owned by four or more co-owners, Operator may, at its discretion, require such co-owners to appoint a single trustee or agent with full authority to receive notices, approve expenditures, receive billings for and approve and pay such party's share of the joint expenses, and to deal generally with, and with power to bind, the co-owners of such party's interests within the scope of the operations embraced in this contract; however, all such co-owners shall enter into and execute all contracts or agreements for the disposition of their respective shares of the oil and gas produced from the Unit Area and they shall have the right to receive, separately, payment of the sale of proceeds thereof.

F. Waiver of Right to Partition:

If permitted by the laws of the state or states in which the property covered hereby is located, each party hereto owning an undivided interest in the Contract Area waives any and all rights it may have to partition and have set aside to it in severalty its undivided interest therein.

G. Preferential Right to Purchase:

ARTICLE IX.
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION

This agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, a relationship of partnership or an association for profit between or among the parties hereto. Notwithstanding any provisions herein that the rights and liabilities hereunder are several and not joint or collective, or that this agreement and operations hereunder shall not constitute a partnership, if, for Federal income tax purposes, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, each party hereby affected elects to be excluded from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as permitted and authorized by Section 761 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Operator is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of each party hereby affected such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States or the Federal Internal Revenue Service, including specifically, but not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements, and the data required by Federal Regulations 1.761. Should there be any requirement that each party hereby affected give further evidence of this election, each such party shall execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be required by the Federal Internal Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. No.

such party shall give any notices or take any other action inconsistent with the election made hereby. If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Contract Area is located or any future income tax laws of the United States contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, under which an election similar to that provided by Section 761 of the Code is permitted, each party hereby affected shall make such election as may be permitted or required by such laws. In making the foregoing election, each such party states that the income derived by such party from Operations hereunder can be adequately determined without the computation of partnership taxable income.

ARTICLE X.
CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS

Operator may settle any single damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the expenditure does not exceed Five Thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($5,000.00) and if the payment is in complete settlement of such claim or suit. If the amount required for settlement exceeds the above amount, the parties hereto shall assume and take over the further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is delegated to Operator. All costs and expense of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be at the joint expense of the parties. If a claim is made against any party or if any party is sued on account of any matter arising from operations hereunder over which such individual has no control because of the rights given Operator by this agreement, the party shall immediately notify Operator, and the claim or suit shall be treated as any other claim or suit involving operations hereunder.

ARTICLE XI.
FORCE MAJEURE

If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by force majeure to carry out its obligations under this agreement, other than the obligation to make money payments, that party shall give to all other parties prompt written notice of the force majeure with reasonably full particulars concerning it; thereupon, the obligations of the party giving the notice, so far as they are affected by the force majeure, shall be suspended during, but no longer than, the continuance of the force majeure. The affected party shall use all reasonable diligence to remove the force majeure situation as quickly as practicable.

The requirement that any force majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes, lockouts, or other labor difficulty by the party involved, contrary to its wishes; how all such difficulties shall be handled shall be entirely within the discretion of the party concerned.

The term "force majeure", as here employed, shall mean an act of God, strike, lockout, or other industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightning, fire, storm, flood, explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint or inaction, unavailability of equipment, and any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension.

ARTICLE XII.
NOTICES

All notices authorized or required between the parties, and required by any of the provisions of this agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be given in writing by United States mail or Western Union telegram, postage or charges prepaid, or by teletype, and addressed to the party to whom the notice is given at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A". The originating notice given under any provision hereof shall be deemed given only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed, and the time for such party to give any notice in response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail or with the Western Union Telegraph Company, with postage or charges prepaid, or when sent by teletype. Each party shall have the right to change its address at any time, and from time to time, by giving written notice hereof to all other parties.

ARTICLE XIII.
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subjected hereto for the period of time selected below; provided, however, no party hereto shall ever be construed as having any right, title or interest in or to any lease, or oil and gas interest contributed by any other party beyond the term of this agreement.

[X] Option No. 1: So long as any of the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement remain or are continued in force as to any part of the Contract Area, whether by production, extension, renewal or otherwise, and/or so long as oil and/or gas production continues from any lease or oil and gas interest.

☐ Option No. 2: In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled under any provision of this agreement, results in production of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, this agreement shall continue in force so long as any such well or wells produce, or are capable of production, and for an additional period of _____ days from cessation of all production; provided, however, if, prior to the expiration of such additional period, one or more of the parties hereto are engaged in drilling or reworking a well or wells hereunder, this agreement shall continue in force until such operations have been completed and if production results therefrom, this agreement shall continue in force as provided herein. In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled hereunder, results in a dry hole, and no other well is producing, or capable of producing oil and/or gas from the Contract Area, this agreement shall terminate unless drilling or reworking operations are commenced within _____ days from the date of abandonment of said well.

It is agreed, however, that the termination of this agreement shall not relieve any party hereto from any liability which has accrued or attached prior to the date of such termination.

ARTICLE XIV.
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. Laws, Regulations and Orders:

This agreement shall be subject to the conservation laws of the state in which the committed acreage is located, to the valid rules, regulations, and orders of any duly constituted regulatory body of said state; and to all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders.

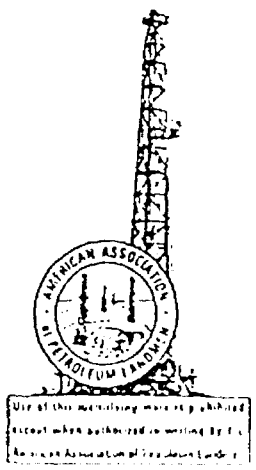
B. Governing Law:

The essential validity of this agreement and all matters pertaining thereto, including, but not limited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the law of the state in which the Contract Area is located. If the Contract Area is in two or more states, the law of the state where most of the land in the Contract Area is located shall govern.

ARTICLE XV.
OTHER PROVISIONS

A. If the operator is required hereunder to pay ad valorem taxes based in whole or in part upon separate valuations of each party's working interest, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, charges to the joint account shall be made and paid by the parties hereto in accordance with the percentage of tax value generated by each party's working interest.

B. When there is no party in default hereunder, and after a period of one(1) year from the date of this agreement, should any of the Non-Operators be of the opinion that it can operate the Unit Area more economically than Operator, such Non-Operators shall give thirty (30) days' written notice to Operator, and subject to the requirements set forth hereafter in this Section, on the first day of the calendar month following the end of such thirty (30) day period, said Non-Operator shall take charge of such operations under the terms of this agreement. Prior to such Non-Operator being permitted to exercise such right to assume operations, said Non-Operator must agree, in writing, to maintain the average production trend, and efficiency rate as had been established by the Operator, and must agree, in writing, to immediately reduce operating expenses by not less than ten percent (10%) and to continue to operator the Unit Area on such agreed basis. In like manner and upon like notice, any then Non-Operator shall have the right to assume operations hereunder, providing it receives approval of a total of more than 50% in interest of the working interest owners.



ARTICLE XVI.
MISCELLANEOUS

This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of 11 day of September, 1981.

OPERATOR

R. A. Mendenhall Associates Ltd.,

By Richard A. Mendenhall, General Partner

NON-OPERATORS

Union Oil Company of California

ATTEST:

By:

Wagner & Brown

ATTEST:

By:

David J. Sorenson

Martin Yates III

ATTEST:

Nielson Enterprises, Inc.

By:

Pennzoil Company

ATTEST:

By:

T. J. Sivley

J. C. Davis, Jr.

ATTEST:

Amoco Production Company

By:

Getty Oil Company

ATTEST:

By:

C & K Petroleum, Inc.

ATTEST:

By: _____

B. R. Greathouse Estate
c/o Midland National Bank

ATTEST:

By: _____

_____
James L. Pierce

_____
Mrs. Helen Greathouse

Wainoco Oil & Gas Company

ATTEST:

By: _____

_____
G. Dee Williamson

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Lanita C. Williamson

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Charles D. Olmsted

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Glenn G. Stiff

EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of the Operating Agreement by and between R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et al., as Operator.

LANDS AND DEPTHS SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT

All lands which are owned by R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., and Union Oil Company of California et al. will be committed by each to all Drilling Units located in the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico, from surface of the ground to and including all depths down to 100' below the deepest depth drilled which is estimated to be 3425'.

PARTIES TO AGREEMENT, ADDRESS, AND INTERESTS

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Suite 230 Western United Life Building
Midland, Texas 79701

NW/SE 40 acres	38%
SW/SE 40 acres	95%
SE/SE 40 acres	25%

Union Oil Company of California et al
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702

NW/SE 40 acres	62%
SW/SE 40 acres	5%
SE/SE 40 acres	75%

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EXHIBIT "C"

Attached to and made a part of Operating Agreement dated September 11, 1981 between R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et., as Non-Operators

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE
JOINT OPERATIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Definitions

"Joint Property" shall mean the real and personal property subject to the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached.

"Joint Operations" shall mean all operations necessary or proper for the development, operation, protection and maintenance of the Joint Property.

"Joint Account" shall mean the account showing the charges paid and credits received in the conduct of the Joint Operations and which are to be shared by the Parties.

"Operator" shall mean the party designated to conduct the Joint Operations.

"Non-Operators" shall mean the parties to this agreement other than the Operator.

"Parties" shall mean Operator and Non-Operators.

"First Level Supervisors" shall mean those employees whose primary function in Joint Operations is the direct supervision of other employees and/or contract labor directly employed on the Joint Property in a field operating capacity.

"Technical Employees" shall mean those employees having special and specific engineering, geological or other professional skills, and whose primary function in Joint Operations is the handling of specific operating conditions and problems for the benefit of the Joint Property.

"Personal Expenses" shall mean travel and other reasonable reimbursable expenses of Operator's employees.

"Material" shall mean personal property, equipment or supplies acquired or held for use on the Joint Property.

"Controllable Material" shall mean Material which at the time is so classified in the Material Classification Manual as most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies of North America.

2. Statement and Billings

Operator shall bill Non-Operators on or before the last day of each month for their proportionate share of the Joint Account for the preceding month. Such bills will be accompanied by statements which identify the authority for expenditure, lease or facility, and all charges and credits, summarized by appropriate classifications of investment and expense except that items of Controllable Material and unusual charges and credits shall be separately identified and fully described in detail.

3. Advances and Payments by Non-Operators

Unless otherwise provided for in the agreement, the Operator may require the Non-Operators to advance their share of estimated cash outlay for the succeeding month's operation. Operator shall adjust each monthly billing to reflect advances received from the Non-Operators.

Each Non-Operator shall pay its proportion of all bills within fifteen (15) days after receipt. If payment is not made within such time, Operator may elect to go to a bank of his choice and borrow money to pay * or the maximum contract rate permitted by the applicable usury laws in the state in which the Joint Property is located, whichever is the lesser, plus attorney's fees, court costs, and other costs in connection with the collection of unpaid amounts. * the unpaid balance. The Non-Operator is obligated to pay to the Operator the monies borrowed plus the expense and interest to acquire such.

4. Adjustments

Payment of any such bills shall not prejudice the right of any Non-Operator to protest or question the correctness thereof; provided, however, all bills and statements rendered to Non-Operators by Operator during any calendar year shall conclusively be presumed to be true and correct after twenty-four (24) months following the end of any such calendar year, unless within the said twenty-four (24) month period a Non-Operator takes written exception thereto and makes claim on Operator for adjustment. No adjustment favorable to Operator shall be made unless it is made within the same prescribed period. The provisions of this paragraph shall not prevent adjustments resulting from a physical inventory of Controllable Material as provided for in Section V.

5. Audits

A. Non-Operator, upon notice in writing to Operator and all other Non-Operators, shall have the right to audit Operator's accounts and records relating to the Joint Account for any calendar year within the twenty-four (24) month period following the end of such calendar year; provided, however, the making of an audit shall not extend the time for the taking of written exception to and the adjustments of accounts as provided for in Paragraph 4 of this Section I. Where there are two or more Non-Operators, the Non-Operators shall make every reasonable effort to conduct joint or simultaneous audits in a manner which will result in a minimum of inconvenience to the Operator. Operator shall bear no portion of the Non-Operators' audit cost incurred under this paragraph unless agreed to by the Operator.

6. Approval by Non-Operators

Where an approval or other agreement of the Parties or Non-Operators is expressly required under other sections of this Accounting Procedure and if the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached contains no contrary provisions in regard thereto, Operator shall notify all Non-Operators of the Operator's proposal, and the agreement or approval of a majority in interest of the Non-Operators shall be controlling on all Non-Operators.

II. DIRECT CHARGES

Operator shall charge the Joint Account with the following items:

1. Rentals and Royalties

Lease rentals and royalties paid by Operator for the Joint Operations.

2. Labor

A. (1) Salaries and wages of Operator's field employees directly employed on the Joint Property in the conduct of Joint Operations.

(2) Salaries of First Level Supervisors in the field.

(3) Salaries and wages of Technical Employees directly employed on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates.

B. Operator's cost of holiday, vacation, sickness and disability benefits and other customary allowances paid to employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. Such costs under this Paragraph 2B may be charged on a "when and as paid basis" or by "percentage assessment" on the amount of salaries and wages chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. If percentage assessment is used, the rate shall be based on the Operator's cost experience.

C. Expenditures or contributions made pursuant to assessments imposed by governmental authority which are applicable to Operator's costs chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II.

D. Personal Expenses of those employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II.

3. Employee Benefits

Operator's current costs of established plans for employees' group life insurance, hospitalization, pension, retirement, stock purchase, thrift, bonus, and other benefit plans of a like nature, applicable to Operator's labor cost chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II shall be Operator's actual cost not to exceed twenty per cent (20%).

4. Material

Material purchased or furnished by Operator for use on the Joint Property as provided under Section IV. Only such Material shall be purchased for or transferred to the Joint Property as may be required for immediate use and is reasonably practical and consistent with efficient and economical operations. The accumulation of surplus stocks shall be avoided.

5. Transportation

Transportation of employees and Material necessary for the Joint Operations but subject to the following limitations:

A. If Material is moved to the Joint Property from the Operator's warehouse or other properties, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance from the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point where like material is normally available, unless agreed to by the Parties.

B. If surplus Material is moved to Operator's warehouse or other storage point, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance to the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point unless agreed to by the Parties. No charge shall be made to the Joint Account for moving Material to other properties belonging to Operator, unless agreed to by the Parties.

C. In the application of Subparagraphs A and B above, there shall be no equalization of actual gross trucking cost of $200 or less excluding accessorial charges.

6. Services

The cost of contract services, equipment and utilities provided by outside sources, except services excluded by Paragraph 9 of Section II and Paragraph 1. ii of Section III. The cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly engaged on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates. The cost of professional consultant services or contract services of technical personnel not directly engaged on the Joint Property shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless previously agreed to by the Parties.

7. Equipment and Facilities Furnished by Operator

A. Operator shall charge the Joint Account for use of Operator owned equipment and facilities at rates commensurate with costs of ownership and operation. Such rates shall include costs of maintenance, repairs, other operating expense, insurance, taxes, depreciation, and interest on investment not to exceed
average commercial rates currently prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property.

B. In lieu of charges in Paragraph 7A above, Operator may elect to use average commercial rates prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property less 20%. For automotive equipment, Operator may elect to use rates published by the Petroleum Motor Transport Association.

8. Damages and Losses to Joint Property

All costs or expenses necessary for the repair or replacement of Joint Property made necessary because of damages or losses incurred by fire, flood, storm, theft, accident, or other cause, except those resulting from Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Operator shall furnish Non-Operator written notice of damages or losses incurred as soon as practicable after a report thereof has been received by Operator.

9. Legal Expense

Expense of handling, investigating and settling litigation or claims, discharging of liens, payment of judgments and amounts paid for settlement of claims incurred in or resulting from operations under the agreement or necessary to protect or recover the Joint Property, except that no charge for services of Operator's legal staff or fees or expense of outside attorneys shall be made unless previously agreed to by the Parties. All other legal expense is considered to be covered by the overhead provisions of Section III unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, except as provided in Section I, Paragraph 3.

10. Taxes

All taxes of every kind and nature assessed or levied upon or in connection with the Joint Property, the operation thereof, or the production therefrom, and which taxes have been paid by the Operator for the benefit of the Parties.

11. Insurance

Net premiums paid for insurance required to be carried for the Joint Operations for the protection of the Parties. In the event Joint Operations are conducted in a state in which Operator may act as self-insurer for Workmen's Compensation and/or Employers Liability under the respective state's laws, Operator may, at its election, include the risk under its self-insurance program and in that event, Operator shall include a charge at Operator's cost not to exceed manual rates.

12. Other Expenditures

Any other expenditure not covered or dealt with in the foregoing provisions of this Section II, or in Section III, and which is incurred by the Operator in the necessary and proper conduct of the Joint Operations.

III. OVERHEAD

1. Overhead - Drilling and Producing Operations

i. As compensation for administrative, supervision, office services and warehousing costs, Operator shall charge drilling and producing operations on either:

(X) Fixed Rate Basis, Paragraph 1A, or
( ) Percentage Basis, Paragraph 1B.

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, such charge shall be in lieu of costs and expenses of all offices and salaries or wages plus applicable burdens and expenses of all personnel, except those directly chargeable under Paragraph 2A, Section II. The cost and expense of services from outside sources in connection with matters of taxation, traffic, accounting or matters before or involving governmental agencies shall be considered as included in the Overhead rates provided for in the above selected Paragraph of this Section III unless such cost and expense are agreed to by the Parties as a direct charge to the Joint Account.

ii. The salaries, wages and Personal Expenses of Technical Employees and/or the cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly employed on the Joint Property shall ( ) shall not (X) be covered by the Overhead rates.

A. Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates per well per month:

Drilling Well Rate $ 3,330.00
Producing Well Rate $ 335.00

(2) Application of Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis shall be as follows:

(a) Drilling Well Rate

[1] Charges for onshore drilling wells shall begin on the date the well is spudded and terminate on the date the drilling or completion rig is released, whichever is later, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

[2] Charges for offshore drilling wells shall begin on the date when drilling or completion equipment arrives on location and terminate on the date the drilling or completion equipment moves off location or rig is released, whichever occurs first, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days

[3] Charges for wells undergoing any type of workover or recompletion for a period of five (5) consecutive days or more shall be made at the drilling well rate. Such charges shall be applied for the period from date workover operations, with rig, commence through date of rig release, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

(b) Producing Well Rates

[1] An active well either produced or injected into for any portion of the month shall be considered as a one-well charge for the entire month.

[2] Each active completion in a multi-completed well in which production is not commingled down hole shall be considered as a one-well charge providing each completion is considered a separate well by the governing regulatory authority.

[3] An inactive gas well shut in because of overproduction or failure of purchaser to take the production shall be considered as a one-well charge providing the gas well is directly connected to a permanent sales outlet.

[4] A one-well charge may be made for the month in which plugging and abandonment operations are completed on any well.

[5] All other inactive wells (including but not limited to inactive wells covered by unit allowable, lease allowable, transferred allowable, etc.) shall not qualify for an overhead charge.

(3) The well rates shall be adjusted as of the first day of April each year following the effective date of the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached. The adjustment shall be computed by multiplying the rate currently in use by the percentage increase or decrease in the average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Production Workers for the last calendar year compared to the calendar year preceding as shown by the index of average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Fields Production Workers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or the equivalent Canadian index as published by Statistics Canada, as applicable. The adjusted rates shall be the rates currently in use, plus or minus the computed adjustment.

~~B. Overhead - Percentage Basis~~

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates:

(a) Development

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Development of the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraph 9 of Section II and all salvage credits.

(b) Operating

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Operating the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraphs 1 and 9 of Section II, all salvage credits, the value of injected substances purchased for secondary recovery and all taxes and assessments which are levied, assessed and paid upon the mineral interest in and to the Joint Property.

(2) Application of Overhead - Percentage Basis shall be as follows:
For the purpose of determining charges on a percentage basis under Paragraph 1B of this Section III, development shall include all costs in connection with drilling, redrilling, deepening or any remedial operations on any or all wells involving the use of drilling crew and equipment; also, preliminary expenditures necessary in preparation for drilling and expenditures incurred in abandoning when the well is not completed as a producer, and original cost of construction or installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset, except Major Construction as defined in ~~Paragraph 2 of this Section III. All other costs shall be considered as Operating.~~

2. Overhead - Major Construction

To compensate Operator for overhead costs incurred in the construction and installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets, and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset required for the development and operation of the Joint Property, Operator shall either negotiate a rate prior to the beginning of construction, or shall charge the Joint Account for Overhead based on the following rates for any Major Construction project in excess of $ * :

A. * % of total costs if such costs are more than $ * but less than $ * ; plus

B. * % of total costs in excess of $ * but less than $1,000,000; plus

C. * % of total costs in excess of $1,000,000. * Negotiable if necessary.

Total cost shall mean the gross cost of any one project. For the purpose of this paragraph, the component parts of a single project shall not be treated separately and the cost of drilling and workover wells shall be excluded.

3. Amendment of Rates

The Overhead rates provided for in this Section III may be amended from time to time only by mutual agreement between the Parties hereto if, in practice, the rates are found to be insufficient or excessive.

IV. PRICING OF JOINT ACCOUNT MATERIAL PURCHASES, TRANSFERS AND DISPOSITIONS

Operator is responsible for Joint Account Material and shall make proper and timely charges and credits for all material movements affecting the Joint Property. Operator shall provide all Material for use on the Joint Property; however, at Operator's option, such Material may be supplied by the Non-Operator. Operator shall make timely disposition of idle and/or surplus Material, such disposal being made either through sale to Operator or Non-Operator, division in kind, or sale to outsiders. Operator may purchase, but shall be under no obligation to purchase, interest of Non-Operators in surplus condition A or B Material. The disposal of surplus Controllable Material not purchased by the Operator shall be agreed to by the Parties.

1. Purchases

Material purchased shall be charged at the price paid by Operator after deduction of all discounts received. In case of Material found to be defective or returned to vendor for any other reason, credit shall be passed to the Joint Account when adjustment has been received by the Operator.

2. Transfers and Dispositions

Material furnished to the Joint Property and Material transferred from the Joint Property or disposed of by the Operator, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, shall be priced on the following bases exclusive of cash discounts:

A. New Material (Condition A)

(1) Tubular goods, except line pipe, shall be priced at the current new price in effect on date of movement on a maximum carload or barge load weight basis, regardless of quantity transferred, equalized to the lowest published price f.o.b. railway receiving point or recognized barge terminal nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(2) Line Pipe

(a) Movement of less than 30,000 pounds shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(b) Movement of 30,000 pounds or more shall be priced under provisions of tubular goods pricing in Paragraph 2A (1) of this Section IV.

(3) Other Material shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store or f.o.b. railway receiving point nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

B. Good Used Material (Condition B)

Material in sound and serviceable condition and suitable for reuse without reconditioning:

(1) Material moved to the Joint Property

(a) At eighty percent (80) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV.

(2) Material moved from the Joint Property

(a) At eighty percent (80) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as new Material, or

(b) at sixty-five percent (65%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as good used Material at seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price.

The cost of reconditioning, if any, shall be absorbed by the transferring property.

C. Other Used Material (Condition C and D)

(1) Condition C

Material which is not in sound and serviceable condition and not suitable for its original function until after reconditioning shall be priced at fifty percent (50%) of current new price as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV. The cost of reconditioning shall be charged to the receiving property, provided Condition C value plus cost of reconditioning does not exceed Condition B value.

(2) Condition D

All other Material, including junk, shall be priced at a value commensurate with its use or at prevailing prices. Material no longer suitable for its original purpose but usable for some other purpose, shall be priced on a basis comparable with that of items normally used for such other purpose. Operator may dispose of Condition D Material under procedures normally utilized by the Operator without prior approval of Non-Operators.

D. Obsolete Material

Material which is serviceable and usable for its original function but condition and/or value of such Material is not equivalent to that which would justify a price as provided above may be specially priced as agreed to by the Parties. Such price should result in the Joint Account being charged with the value of the service rendered by such Material.

E. Pricing Conditions

(1) Loading and unloading costs may be charged to the Joint Account at the rate of fifteen cents (15¢) per hundred weight on all tubular goods movements, in lieu of loading and unloading costs sustained, when actual hauling cost of such tubular goods are equalized under provisions of Paragraph 5 of Section II.

(2) Material involving erection costs shall be charged at applicable percentage of the current knocked-down price of new Material.

3. Premium Prices

Whenever Material is not readily obtainable at published or listed prices because of national emergencies, strikes or other unusual causes over which the Operator has no control, the Operator may charge the Joint Account for the required Material at the Operator's actual cost incurred in providing such Material, in making it suitable for use, and in moving it to the Joint Property; provided notice in writing is furnished to Non-Operators of the proposed charge prior to billing Non-Operators for such Material. Each Non-Operator shall have the right, by so electing and notifying Operator within ten days after receiving notice from Operator, to furnish in kind all or part of his share of such Material suitable for use and acceptable to Operator.

4. Warranty of Material Furnished by Operator

Operator does not warrant the Material furnished. In case of defective Material, credit shall not be passed to the Joint Account until adjustment has been received by Operator from the manufacturers or their agents.

V. INVENTORIES

The Operator shall maintain detailed records of Controllable Material.

1. Periodic Inventories, Notice and Representation

At reasonable intervals, Inventories shall be taken by Operator of the Joint Account Controllable Material. Written notice of intention to take inventory shall be given by Operator at least thirty (30) days before any inventory is to begin so that Non-Operators may be represented when any inventory is taken. Failure of Non-Operators to be represented at an inventory shall bind Non-Operators to accept the inventory taken by Operator.

2. Reconciliation and Adjustment of Inventories

Reconciliation of a physical inventory with the Joint Account shall be made, and a list of overages and shortages shall be furnished to the Non-Operators within six months following the taking of the inventory. Inventory adjustments shall be made by Operator with the Joint Account for overages and shortages, but Operator shall be held accountable only for shortages due to lack of reasonable diligence.

3. Special Inventories at the expense of the requesting party

Special Inventories may be taken whenever there is any sale or change of interest in the Joint Property. It shall be the duty of the party selling to notify all other Parties as quickly as possible after the transfer of interest takes place. In such cases, both the seller and the purchaser shall be governed by such inventory.

4. Expense of Conducting Periodic Inventories

The expense of conducting periodic Inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless agreed to by the Parties.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE
DRILLING

OPERATOR R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. WELL NAME #1 Tracy

LOCATION 1650' FSL & 2140' FEL, Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

CO/PARISH Eddy STATE New Mexico

AFE # _____ PROSPECT # Esperanza PROPOSED WELL DEPTH 3600'

DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	DRILLING	ACTUAL
PERMITS & SURVEYING		$ 550	$
DIRT WORK, ROADS - PAD - PITS - SURFACE DAMAGE		16,000	
CONTRACT DRILLING FT @ $ 16.50 /FT		59,400	

DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE DAYS @ $5800.00 /DAY		11,600	

FUEL		250	
WATER		7,500	
BITS		---	
CASING CREWS & TOOLS		500	
CEMENT & SERVICE - SURFACE sx		3,500	
- INTERMEDIATE sx		---	
- sx		---	
- sx		---	
CORE & ANALYSIS		---	
DRILLING FLUIDS		7,000	
DRILL STEM TEST TEST @ $3000.00 /TEST		3,000	
ELECTRIC LOGS - RUN 1		7,300	
- RUN 2		---	
- RUN 3		---	
- RUN 4		---	
MUD LOGGER DAYS @ $ /DAY		---	
PIT LINER		1,500	
RENTAL TOOLS		---	
SUPERVISION - ENGINEERING 5 DAYS @ $ 350.00/DAY + EXP		1,750	
SUPERVISION - GEOLOGICAL 5 DAYS @ $ 350.00/DAY + EXP		1,750	
TRUCKING		500	
MISC. LABOR		---	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		12,200	
OVERHEAD		1,200	

INFLATION FACTOR		---	
TOTAL INTANGIBLE DRILLING COST (1)		$ 135,500	$
DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)			
CASING HEAD		$ 1,250	$
SURFACE CASING 500 FT 8-5/8" SIZE @ $ 13.50/FT		6,750	
INT. CASING FT SIZE @ $ /FT			
TRUCKING		250	
		1,750	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)			
INFLATION FACTOR			
TOTAL TANGIBLE DRILLING COST (2)		$ 10,000	$
TOTAL DRILLING COST (1 + 2)		$ 145,500	$
DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT)			
CEMENT & SERVICES		$ 3,000	$
LOCATION CLEAN UP DAY RIG TIME +		6,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		1,000	
TOTAL INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT (3)		$ 10,000	$
TOTAL DRY HOLE COST (1 + 2 + 3)		$ 155,500	$

OWNER	%

PREPARED BY — DATE

Richard A. Mendenhall — August 21, 1981

OPERATOR APPROVAL — DATE

PARTNER INTEREST — DRY HOLE COST

PARTNER APPROVAL — DATE

REMARKS:

COMPLETION

OPERATOR R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. WELL NAME #1 Tracy

LOCATION 1650' FSL & 2140' FEL, Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

CO/PARISH Eddy STATE New Mexico

AFE # _____ PROSPECT # Esperanza PROPOSED WELL DEPTH 3600'

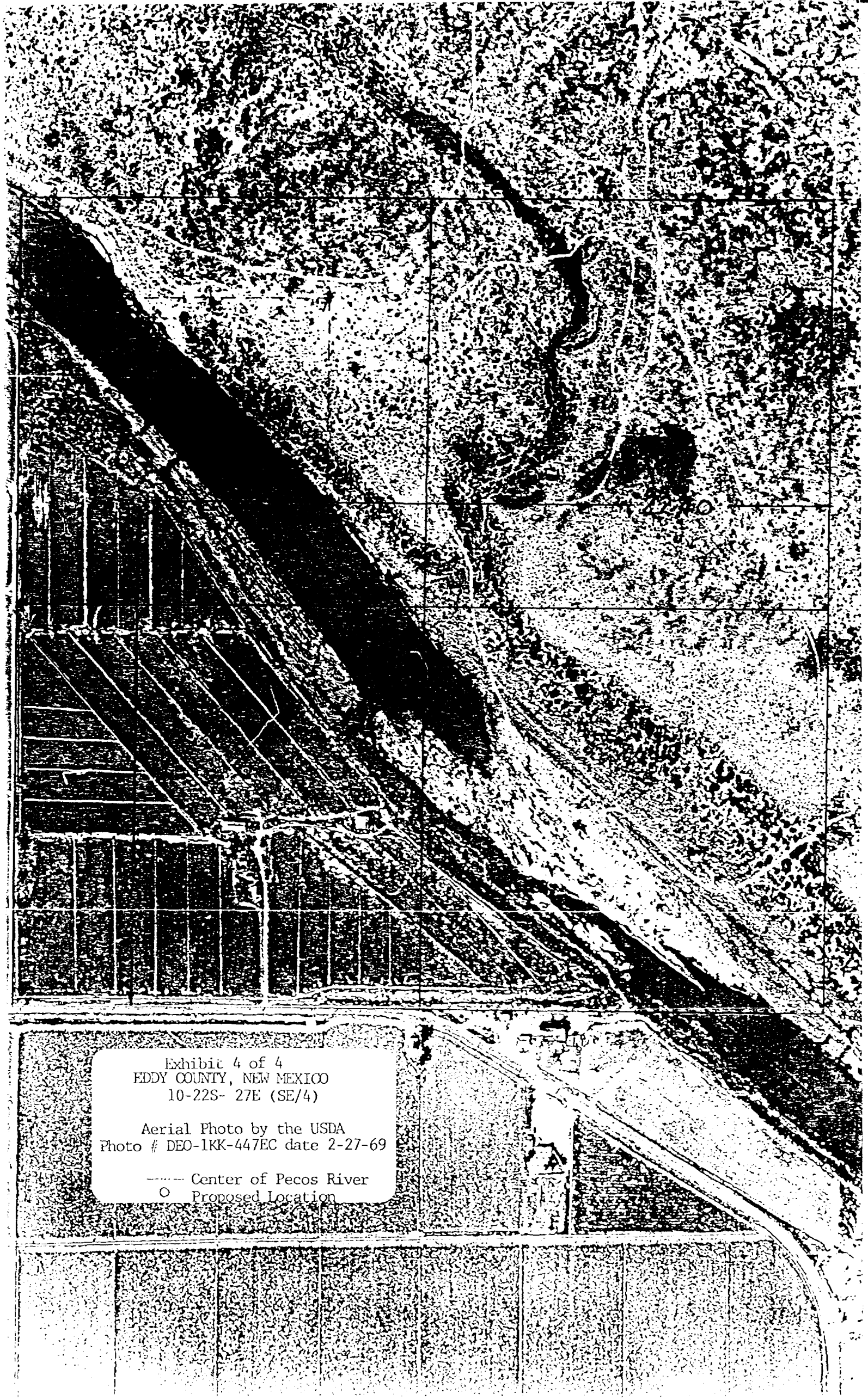
DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	FLOWING	PUMPING	ACTUAL
DIRT WORK, SURFACE DAMAGES, LEGAL		$	$ 8,000	$
DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE 1 DAYS @ $ 5800.00 /DAY			5,800	
COMPLETION UNIT 5 DAYS @ $ 1500.00 /DAY			7,500	
CEMENT & SERVICE - PRODUCTION sx			4,000	
CASING CREW & TOOLS			2,250	
ELECTRIC LOG			1,500	
PERFORATION			1,500	
ROUSTABOUT LABOR				
STIMULATION $ ACID $ FRAC			3,000	
SUPERVISION - ENG. 10 DAYS @ $350.00/DAY + EXP			3,500	
TRUCKING			1,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)			4,000	
OVERHEAD			1,200	
RENTAL EQUIPMENT: PACKER, BOP, TEST TANK, ETC.			2,500	
INFLATION FACTOR				
TOTAL INTANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (4)		$	$ 45,750	$

DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)	ACCT #	FLOWING	PUMPING	ACTUAL
PRODUCTION CASING 3600 FT 5½" SIZE @ $ 9.95 /FT		$	$ 35,820	$
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
PRODUCTION TUBING 3600 FT 2-3/8" SIZE @ $ 4.20 /FT			15,120	
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
HANGER ASSEMBLY			1,750	
X-MAS TREE				
PACKER & PRODUCTION ACCESSORIES			5,000	
SUCKER RODS 3500 FT SIZE @ $ 2.15 /FT			7,500	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)			6,500	
GUYLINE-ANCHOR			400	
INFLATION FACTOR				
TOTAL TANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (5)		$	$ 72,090	$
TOTAL COST THROUGH X-MAS TREE (4+5)		$	$ 117,840	$

OWNER	%	PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT			
		STORAGE TANKS 2-250 Bbl + 1 285 Bbl	$	$ 11,850	$
		WALKWAYS & STAIRWAYS		---	
		SEPARATORS		---	
		DEHYDRATORS		---	
		TREATING EQUIPMENT		5,000	
		METERS & REGULATING EQUIPMENT		---	
		FIELD PIPELINES		6,000	
		LEASING BLDG - DWELLING		---	
		FACILITY INSTALLATIONS		5,000	
		MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		6,000	
		PUMPING UNIT & ENGINE		32,000	
		HEATER/TREATER		7,000	
		INFLATION FACTOR		---	
		TOTAL PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT (6)	$	$ 72,850	$
		TOTAL COMPLETION COST (4 + 5 + 6)	$	$ 190,690	$
		TOTAL DRILLING & COMPLETION COST (1+2+4+5+6)	$	$ 336,190	$

PREPARED BY	DATE	OPERATOR APPROVAL	DATE
Richard A. Mendenhall	August 21, 1981		
PARTNER INTEREST	COMPLETION COST	PARTNER APPROVAL	DATE

REMARKS:



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EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
10-22S- 27E (SE/4)

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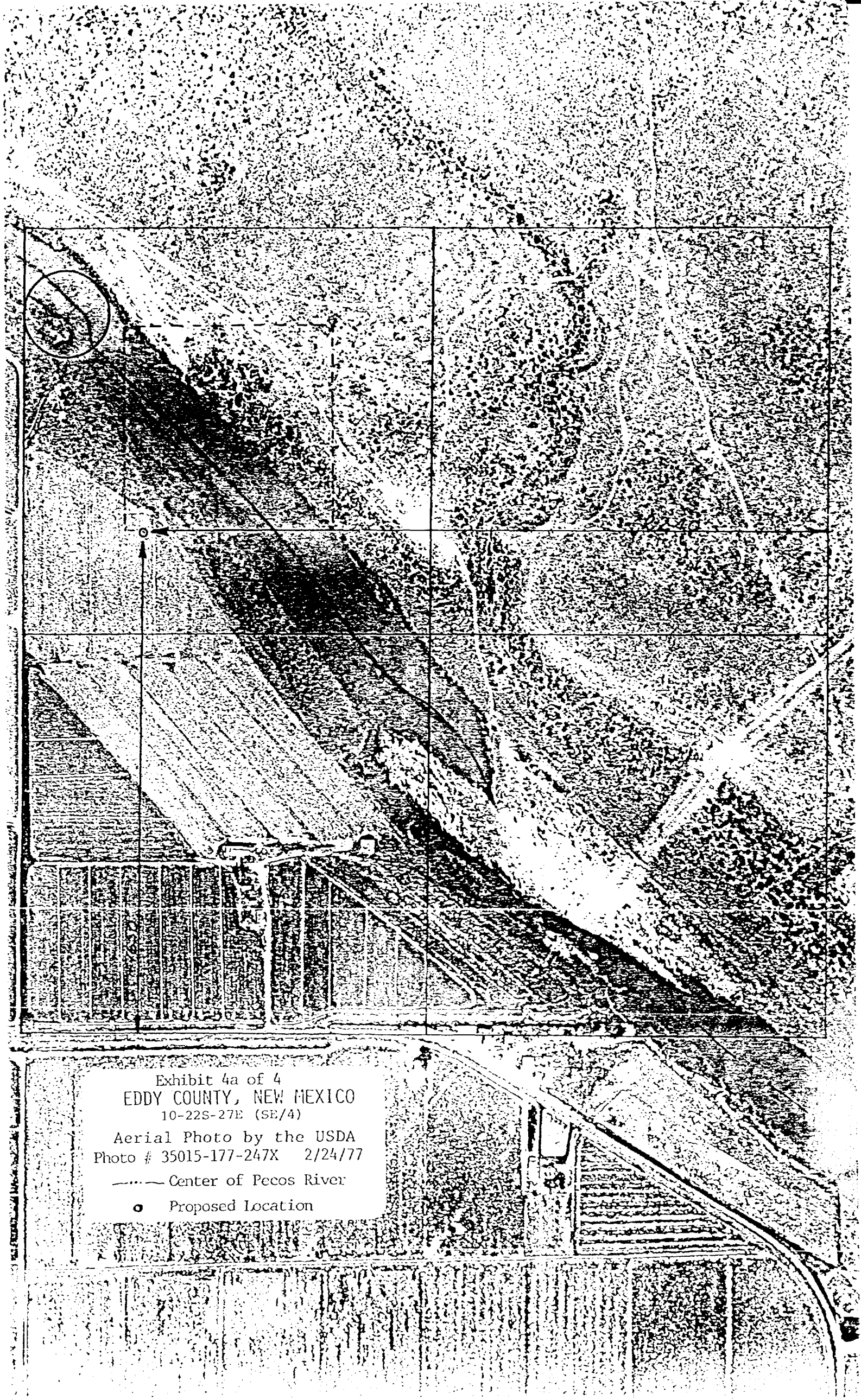
O Proposed Location



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COMMUNICATION SUMMARY

9-04-80	RAMAL TO UNION 76	Requested farmout
10-02-80	UNION 76 TO RAMAL	Turn down farmout request
12-24-80	RAMAL TO UNION 76	Requested Joint drilling operations
4-02-81	UNION 76 TO RAMAL	Turn down Joint drilling operations request
5-05-81	RAMAL TO UNION 76	Formal Joint Drilling Operations request (AFE and Operating Agreement submitted)
6-9-81	UNION 76 TO RAMAL	Letter advising that proposal being evaluated

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Case No. 7362 Exhibit No. 2
Submitted by MENDENHALL
Hearing Date 9-23-81

Exhibit 2 of 4

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.
OIL & GAS SUITE 230 ... STERN UNITED LIFE BUILDING, MIDLAND, T AS 79701 915/683-5334

September 4, 1980

Union Oil of California
Midland District
500 North Marienfeld
Midland, Texas 79701

Re: Eddy County, New Mexico
Section 10, Twp 22S, Rge 27E
(SE/NW, S/2 of NE/4 and that
Part NE of the Pecos River in
SE/4)

Gentlemen:

I own an oil and gas lease on the lands located southwest of the Pecos River in the SE/4 of Section 10, Township 22S, Range 27E. This letter is a request for a "Farmout" on your above captioned lands. On or before June, 1981, depending on rig availability, I will cause a well to be drilled at a location of my choice to evaluate the Delaware Sand and Cherry Canyon reservoirs. Each well drilled would earn an eighty-acre proration to the base of the formation drilled. A ninety-day option between each well would be observed to earn 80 acres. If production is established in one or more of the wells drilled, you would retain a 1/16th of 7/8ths override during payout; after payout of all wells drilled (dry holes and producers), you would have an option to convert such override to a 25% working interest.

I would appreciate an early reply so that I may schedule a rig.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

R. A. Mendenhall
Original Signed

Richard A. Mendenhall

RAM/ls

Union Oil and Gas Division: Western Region
Union Oil Company of California
500 North Marienfeld, Midland, Texas 79701
P.O. Box 671, Midland, Texas 79702
Telephone (915) 682-9731

File — Esperanza Prospect File, Eddy Co., NM

union 76

Robert V. Lockhart
District Land Manager
Midland District

October 2, 1980

R. A. Mendenhall Asso., Ltd.
Suite 230 - Western United Life Bldg.
Midland, Texas 79701

Attn: Mr. Richard Mendenhall

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

Farmout Request
Carlsbad Prospect (7382)
Eddy County, New Mexico
Pt. Lse.'s #77181, 77187, 77385
Section 10, T-22S, R-27E, (SE/NW, S/2 of NE/4 and that Part NE of the Pecos River in SE/4)

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of yesterday, October 1, 1980, wherein I advised you that Union is presently waiting on a rig to drill a 4500' Delaware test in the NE/4 of Section 10.

We may wish to consider a farmout proposal on the captioned acreage after completion of our proposed test, depending upon its performance.

Yours very truly,

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Mel C. Jones
Landman

MCJ:ib

December 24, 1980

Union Oil Company of California
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702

Re: Farmout Request
Carlsbad Prospect (7382)
Eddy County, New Mexico
Pt. Lse.'s #77181, 77187, 77385
Section 10, T-22S, R-27E, (SE/NW, S/2 of NE/4 and that Part NE of the Pecos River in SE/4)

Gentlemen:

On September 4, 1980, I submitted to you a request for a farmout on certain Union Oil Company of California (Union) acreage in the subject section; by letter of October 2, 1980, you advised me that Union planned to drill a test well in the NE/4 of said section (which has now been completed as a Delaware test). By this letter it is requested that considerations be given by both Union and myself to 1) acquiring a joint farmout from Coquina Oil Corporation (SW/4 of the captioned Section 10) for a 4000' Delaware Sand test to be located in the NE/4 of the SW/4, and 2) forming a 40-acre drilling unit consisting of joint lands owned in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10.

It appears by utilizing aerial photographs, topographic maps and a planimeter that the 100-acre oil and gas lease owned by Union and the 60-acre oil and gas lease owned by myself is as shown on the attached plat.

I recommend to Union that 1) Union and I share in Coquina Oil Corporation farmout, if successfully acquired, on a 50-50 basis, and 2) that we share in the 40-acre drilling unit expense on a basis of 70% to Union and 30% to myself with each retaining and being responsible for its own net revenue obligations.

On subsequent drilling operations in the SE/4 of Section 10, more particularly the S/2 of the SE/4 of Section 10, drilling units could be set up on percentages as shown on the attached map, or if so desired, I would consider swapping Union's 2 acres in the SW/4 of the SE/4 for 2 acres of my lease in the SE/4 of the SE/4, thereby giving a 100% operation of a well, if drilled, in the SW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10.

Please review this and advise me of your ideas. I would like to have drilling operations to begin in the first half of year 1981. Drilling title opinions are ~~current~~ through November 7, 1980, on my 60-acre oil and gas lease.

Very truly yours,

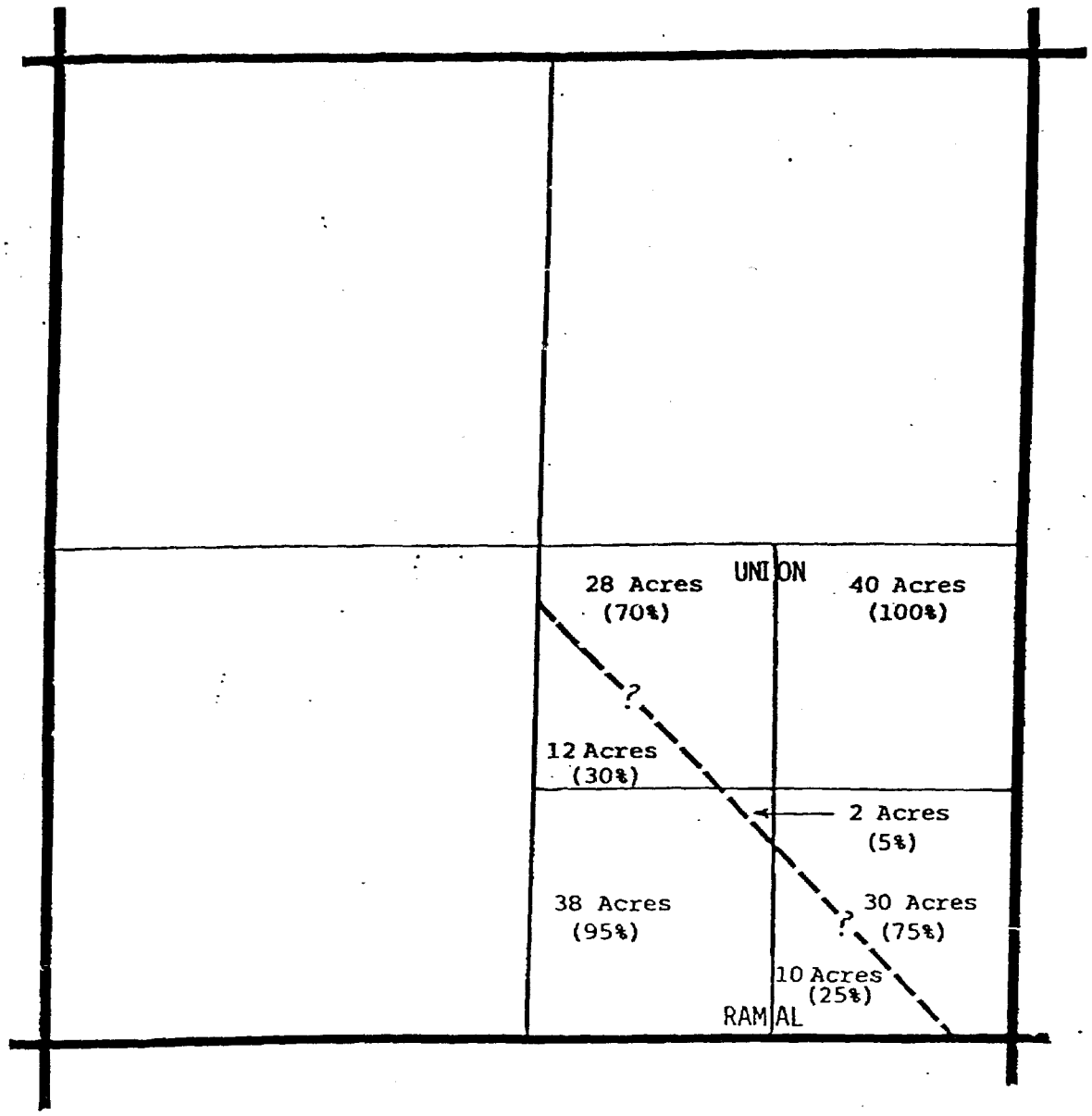
R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

R. A. Mendenhall
Original Signed

Richard A. Mendenhall

RAM/ls

Attachment



EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Sec. 10, Twp 22S, Rge 37E

1" = 1000'

Union Oil and Gas Division: Central Region

Union Oil Company of California
500 North Marienfeld, Midland, Texas 79701
P.O. Box 671, Midland, Texas 79702
Telephone (915) 682-9731

UNION 76

Robert V. Lockhart
District Land Manager
Midland District

April 2, 1981

R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd.
Suite 230 Western United Life Bldg.
Midland, Texas 79701
Attention: Mr. Richard Mendenhall

Re: Proposed Joint Operating Agreement
Carlsbad Prospect (7382)
SE/4 Sec. 10, T-22-S, R-27-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

Please be advised that Union Oil Company of California, as Operator of the Carlsbad W.I. Unit, does not wish to pursue formation of your proposed joint operating agreement in the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico, as proposed in your letter of December 24, 1980.

Sincerely yours,

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Linda H. Hicks
Landman

LHH/s

Union Oil Compar of California
500 North Marienfe Midland, Texas 79701
P.O. Box 671, Midland, Texas 79702
Telephone (915) 682-9731

Robert V. Lockhart
District Land Manager
Midland District

April 2, 1981

Coquina Oil Company
P.O. Drawer 2960
Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Mr. Jim Shaw

Re: Optional Farmout Request
SW/4 Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that Union Oil Company of California does not wish to pursue the farmout request as set forth in our letter dated March 5, 1981.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Linda H. Hicks

Linda H. Hicks
Landman

LHH/s

cc. Richard Mendenhall

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R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.
OIL & GAS
SUITE 230 WESTERN UNITED LIFE BUILDING, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701
915/683-5334

May 5, 1981

Union Oil of California
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702

Attention: Mr. Robert V. Lockhart

Re: Proposed Well
R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd.
#1 Tracy
1980' FEL & 2310' FSL, Section 10,
T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County,
New Mexico

Gentlemen:

It is recommended that Union Oil of California and R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., join in the drilling of the subject well as soon as possible to test the equivalent Esperanza Field pay at an approximate depth of 3425 feet.

The working interest in the 40-acre tract to be assigned to this well is 70% to Union Oil of California and 30% to R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. Abstract data does not show any metes or bounds for the properties located in the subject area; however, in utilizing topographic maps, aerial photographs and a planimeter, the division and/or interest of property based on 40-acre proration units is as shown on the attached map.

Enclosed please find an AFE for both drilling and completion and an A.A.P.L. Form 610-Model Form Operating Agreement-1977 for your signatures.

Acquiring a drilling rig is most difficult, therefore, since time is in essence, please execute and return to the above address one copy of the AFE for drilling, one copy of the AFE for completion and one copy of the Operating Agreement by June 3, 1981.

Very truly yours,

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

R. A. Mendenhall
Original Signed

Richard A. Mendenhall

RAM/ls

Enclosures

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE
DRILLING

OPERATOR R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. WELL NAME #1 Tracy

LOCATION 2310' FSL & 1980' FEL, Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

CO/PARISH Eddy STATE Mew Mexico

AFE # _____ PROSPECT # Esperanza PROPOSED WELL DEPTH 3600'

DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	DRILLING	ACTUAL
PERMITS & SURVEYING		$ 500	$
DIRT WORK, ROADS - PAD - PITS - SURFACE DAMAGE		15,000	
CONTRACT DRILLING 3600 FT @ $15.00 /FT		54,000	

DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE 2 DAYS @ $5500.00 /DAY		11,000	

FUEL		250	
WATER		7,500	
BITS		---	
CASING CREWS & TOOLS		450	
CEMENT & SERVICE - SURFACE sx		3,000	
- INTERMEDIATE sx		---	
- sx		---	
- sx		---	
CORE & ANALYSIS		---	
DRILLING FLUIDS		6,000	
DRILL STEM TEST TEST @ /TEST		3,000	
ELECTRIC LOGS - RUN 1		6,000	
- RUN 2		---	
- RUN 3		---	
- RUN 4		---	
MUD LOGGER DAYS @ $ /DAY		---	
PIT LINER		1,500	
RENTAL TOOLS		---	
SUPERVISION - ENGINEERING 5 DAYS @ $300.00 /DAY + EXP		1,500	
SUPERVISION - GEOLOGICAL 5 DAYS @ $300.00 /DAY + EXP		1,500	
TRUCKING		250	
MISC. LABOR		---	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		10,000	
OVERHEAD		---	

INFLATION FACTOR		---	
TOTAL INTANGIBLE DRILLING COST (1)		$ 121,450	$
DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)			
CASING HEAD		$ 1,000	$
SURFACE CASING 500 FT 8-5/8" SIZE @ $ /FT		6,200	
INT. CASING FT SIZE @ $ /FT			
TRUCKING		250	
CATTLEGUARD		1,500	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		600	
INFLATION FACTOR			
TOTAL TANGIBLE DRILLING COST (2)		$ 9,550	$
TOTAL DRILLING COST (1 + 2)		$ 131,000	$
DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT)			
CEMENT & SERVICES		$ 1,000	$
LOCATION CLEAN UP DAY RIG TIME +		6,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		850	
TOTAL INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT (3)		$ 7,850	$
TOTAL DRY HOLE COST (1 + 2 + 3)		$ 138,850	$

OWNER	%

PREPARED BY DATE

Richard A. Mendenhall April 30, 1981

OPERATOR APPROVAL DATE

PARTNER INTEREST DRY HOLE COST

PARTNER APPROVAL DATE

REMARKS:

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE
COMPLETION

OPERATOR R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. WELL NAME #1 Tracy

LOCATION 2310' FSL & 1980' FEL, Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

CO/PARISH Eddy STATE New Mexico

AFE # _____ PROSPECT # Esperanza PROPOSED WELL DEPTH 3600'

DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	FLOWING	PUMPING	ACTUAL
DIRT WORK, SURFACE DAMAGES, LEGAL		$	$ 7,500	$
DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE 1 DAYS @ $ 5,500 /DAY			5,500	
COMPLETION UNIT 5 DAYS @ $ 1,400 /DAY			7,000	
CEMENT & SERVICE - PRODUCTION sx			3,000	
CASING CREW & TOOLS			1,750	
ELECTRIC LOG			1,500	
PERFORATION			1,250	
ROUSTABOUT LABOR				
STIMULATION $ ACID $ FRAC			2,500	
SUPERVISION - ENG. DAYS @ $ /DAY + EXP			3,000	
TRUCKING			1,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)			2,000	
OVERHEAD			1,100	
RENTAL EQUIPMENT: PACKER, BOP, TEST TANK, ETC.			2,000	
INFLATION FACTOR				
TOTAL INTANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (4)		$	$ 39,100	$
DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)				
PRODUCTION CASING 3600 FT 5½" SIZE @ $ 8.50 /FT		$	$ 30,600	$
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
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FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
PRODUCTION TUBING 3600 FT 2-3/8" SIZE @ $ 3.35 /FT			12,060	
FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
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FT SIZE @ $ /FT				
HANGER ASSEMBLY			1,500	
X-MAS TREE				
PACKER & PRODUCTION ACCESSORIES			4,500	
SUCKER RODS FT SIZE @ $ /FT			7,500	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)				
GUYLINE-ANCHOR			400	
INFLATION FACTOR				
TOTAL TANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (5)		$	$ 56,560	$
TOTAL COST THROUGH X-MAS TREE (4+5)		$	$ 95,660	$

OWNER	%	PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT			
		STORAGE TANKS 2-250 Bbl + 1-285 Bbl	$	$ 9,000	$
		WALKWAYS & STAIRWAYS		---	
		SEPARATORS		---	
		DEHYDRATORS		---	
		TREATING EQUIPMENT		5,000	
		METERS & REGULATING EQUIPMENT		---	
		FIELD PIPELINES		6,000	
		LEASING BLDG - DWELLING		---	
		FACILITY INSTALLATIONS		5,000	
		MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		6,000	
		PUMPING UNIT & ENGINE		32,000	
		HEATER/TREATER		7,000	
		INFLATION FACTOR		---	
		TOTAL PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT (6)	$	$ 70,000	$
		TOTAL COMPLETION COST (4 + 5 + 6)	$	$ 165,660	$
		TOTAL DRILLING & COMPLETION COST (1+2+4+5+6)	$	$ 296,660	$

PREPARED BY	DATE	OPERATOR APPROVAL	DATE
Richard A. Mendenhall	April 30, 1981		
PARTNER INTEREST	COMPLETION COST	PARTNER APPROVAL	DATE

REMARKS:

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OPERATING AGREEMENT

DATED

May 4 , 19 81 ,

OPERATOR R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, Ltd.

CONTRACT AREA Covering all wells to be drilled in the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

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OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. _____, hereinafter designated and referred to as "Operator", and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter referred to individually herein as "Non-Operator", and collectively as "Non-Operators",

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are owners of oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests in the land identified in Exhibit "A", and the parties hereto have reached an agreement to explore and develop these leases and/or oil and gas interests for the production of oil and gas to the extent and as hereinafter provided:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I.
DEFINITIONS

As used in this agreement, the following words and terms shall have the meanings here ascribed to them:

A. The term "oil and gas" shall mean oil, gas, casinghead gas, gas condensate, and all other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons and other marketable substances produced therewith, unless an intent to limit the inclusiveness of this term is specifically stated.

B. The terms "oil and gas lease", "lease" and "leasehold" shall mean the oil and gas leases covering tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by the parties to this agreement.

C. The term "oil and gas interests" shall mean unleased fee and mineral interests in tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by parties to this agreement.

D. The term "Contract Area" shall mean all of the lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests intended to be developed and operated for oil and gas purposes under this agreement. Such lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests are described in Exhibit "A".

E. The term "drilling unit" shall mean the area fixed for the drilling of one well by order or rule of any state or federal body having authority. If a drilling unit is not fixed by any such rule or order, a drilling unit shall be the drilling unit as established by the pattern of drilling in the Contract Area or as fixed by express agreement of the Drilling Parties.

F. The term "drillsite" shall mean the oil and gas lease or interest on which a proposed well is to be located.

G. The terms "Drilling Party" and "Consenting Party" shall mean a party who agrees to join in and pay its share of the cost of any operation conducted under the provisions of this agreement.

H. The terms "Non-Drilling Party" and "Non-Consenting Party" shall mean a party who elects not to participate in a proposed operation.

Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.

ARTICLE II.
EXHIBITS

The following exhibits, as indicated below and attached hereto, are incorporated in and made a part hereof:

☒ A. Exhibit "A", shall include the following information:
(1) Identification of lands subject to agreement,
(2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths or formations,
(3) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement,
(4) Oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject to this agreement,
(5) Addresses of parties for notice purposes.

☐ B. [illegible]

☒ C. Exhibit "C", Accounting Procedure.

☒ D. Exhibit "D", Insurance.

☐ E. [illegible].

☐ F. [illegible] and Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities.

If any provision of any exhibit, except Exhibit "E", is inconsistent with any provision contained in the body of this agreement, the provisions in the body of this agreement shall prevail.

ARTICLE III.
INTERESTS OF PARTIES

A. Oil and Gas Interests:

If any party owns an unleased oil and gas interest in the Contract Area, that interest shall be treated for the purpose of this agreement and during the term hereof as if it were a leased interest under the form of oil and gas lease attached as Exhibit "B". As to such interest, the owner shall receive royalty on production as prescribed in the form of oil and gas lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Such party shall, however, be subject to all of the provisions of this agreement relating to lessees, to the extent that it owns the lessee interest.

B. Interest of Parties in Costs and Production:

Exhibit "A" lists all of the parties and their respective percentage or fractional interests under this agreement. Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and material acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned by the parties as their interests are shown in Exhibit "A". All production of oil and gas from the Contract Area, subject to the payment of lessor's royalties ~~which will be borne by the Joint Account~~, shall also be owned by the parties in the same manner during the term hereof; provided, however, this shall not be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby* and any burdens of record that as of the date of this Agreement may exist against leasehold estate.

ARTICLE IV.
TITLES

A. Title Examination:

Title examination shall be made on the drillsite of any proposed well prior to commencement of drilling operations or, if the Drilling Parties so request, title examination shall be made on the leases and/or oil and gas interests included, or planned to be included, in the drilling unit around such well. The opinion will include the ownership of the working interest, minerals, royalty, overriding royalty and production payments under the applicable leases. At the time a well is proposed, each party contributing leases and/or oil and gas interests to the drillsite, or to be included in such drilling unit, shall furnish to Operator all abstracts (including Federal Lease Status Reports), title opinions, title papers and curative material in its possession free of charge. All such information not in the possession of or made available to Operator by the parties, but necessary for the examination of title, shall be obtained by Operator. Operator shall cause title to be examined by attorneys on its staff or by outside attorneys. Copies of all title opinions shall be furnished upon request to each party hereto. The cost incurred by Operator in this title program shall be borne as follows:

☐ ~~Option No. 1: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be a part of the administrative overhead as provided in Exhibit "C," and shall not be a direct charge, whether performed by Operator's staff attorneys or by outside attorneys.~~

☒ Option No. 2: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and fees paid outside attorneys for title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be borne by the Drilling Parties in the proportion that the interest of each Drilling Party bears to the total interest of all Drilling Parties as such interests appear in Exhibit "A". Operator shall make no charge for services rendered by its staff attorneys or other personnel in the performance of the above functions.

Each party shall be responsible for securing curative matter and pooling amendments or agreements required in connection with leases or oil and gas interests contributed by such party. The Operator shall be responsible for the preparation and recording of Pooling Designations or Declarations as well as the conduct of hearings before Governmental Agencies for the securing of spacing or pooling orders. This shall not prevent any party from appearing on its own behalf at any such hearing.

No well shall be drilled on the Contract Area until after (1) the title to the drillsite or drilling unit has been examined as above provided, and (2) the title has been approved by the examining attorney or title has been accepted by all of the parties who are to participate in the drilling of the well.

B. Loss of Title:

1. Failure of Title: Should any oil and gas interest or lease, or interest therein, be lost through failure of title, which loss results in a reduction of interest from that shown on Exhibit "A", this agreement, nevertheless, shall continue in force as to all remaining oil and gas leases and interests, and

(a) The party whose oil and gas lease or interest is affected by the title failure shall bear alone the entire loss and it shall not be entitled to recover from Operator or the other parties any development

or operating costs which it may have theretofore paid, but there shall be no monetary liability on its part to the other parties hereto for drilling, development, operating or other similar costs by reason of such title failure; and

(b) There shall be no retroactive adjustment of expenses incurred or revenues received from the operation of the interest which has been lost, but the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, as of the time it is determined finally that title failure has occurred, so that the interest of the party whose lease or interest is affected by the title failure will thereafter be reduced in the Contract Area by the amount of the interest lost; and

(c) If the proportionate interest of the other parties hereto in any producing well theretofore drilled on the Contract Area is increased by reason of the title failure, the party whose title has failed shall receive the proceeds attributable to the increase in such interests (less costs and burdens attributable thereto) until it has been reimbursed for unrecovered costs paid by it in connection with such well; and

(d) Should any person not a party to this agreement, who is determined to be the owner of any interest in the title which has failed, pay in any manner any part of the cost of operation, development, or equipment, such amount shall be paid to the party or parties who bore the costs which are so refunded; and

(e) Any liability to account to a third party for prior production of oil and gas which arises by reason of title failure shall be borne by the party or parties in the same proportions in which they shared in such prior production; and

(f) No charge shall be made to the joint account for legal expenses, fees or salaries, in connection with the defense of the interest claimed by any party hereto, it being the intention of the parties hereto that each shall defend title to its interest and bear all expenses in connection therewith.

2. Loss by Non-Payment or Erroneous Payment of Amount Due: If, through mistake or oversight, any rental, shut-in well payment, minimum royalty or royalty payment, is not paid or is erroneously paid, and as a result a lease or interest therein terminates, there shall be no monetary liability against the party who failed to make such payment. Unless the party who failed to make the required payment secures a new lease covering the same interest within ninety (90) days from the discovery of the failure to make proper payment, which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, effective as of the date of termination of the lease involved, and the party who failed to make proper payment will no longer be credited with an interest in the Contract Area on account of ownership of the lease or interest which has terminated. In the event the party who failed to make the required payment shall not have been fully reimbursed, at the time of the loss, from the proceeds of the sale of oil and gas attributable to the lost interest, calculated on an acreage basis, for the development and operating costs theretofore paid on account of such interest, it shall be reimbursed for unrecovered actual costs theretofore paid by it (but not for its share of the cost of any dry hole previously drilled or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following as is necessary to effect reimbursement:

(a) Proceeds of oil and gas, less operating expenses, theretofore accrued to the credit of the lost interest, on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs;

(b) Proceeds, less operating expenses, thereafter accrued attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, of that portion of oil and gas thereafter produced and marketed (excluding production from any wells thereafter drilled) which, in the absence of such lease termination, would be attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, the proceeds of said portion of the oil and gas to be contributed by the other parties in proportion to their respective interests; and

(c) Any monies, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, that may be paid by any party who is, or becomes, the owner of the interest lost, for the privilege of participating in the Contract Area or becoming a party to this agreement.

3. Other Losses: All losses incurred, other than those set forth in Articles IV.B.1. and IV.B.2. above, shall not be considered failure of title but shall be joint losses and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

ARTICLE V.
OPERATOR

A. DESIGNATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OPERATOR:

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. shall be the Operator of the Contract Area, and shall conduct and direct and have full control of all operations on the Contract Area as permitted and required by, and within the limits of, this agreement. It shall conduct all such operations in a good and workmanlike manner, but it shall have no liability as Operator to the other parties for losses sustained or liabilities incurred, except such as may result from gross negligence or willful misconduct.

B. Resignation or Removal of Operator and Selection of Successor:

1. Resignation or Removal of Operator: Operator may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to Non-Operators. If Operator terminates its legal existence, no longer owns an interest in the Contract Area, or is no longer capable of serving as Operator, it shall cease to be Operator without any action by Non-Operator, except the selection of a successor. Operator may be removed if it fails or refuses to carry out its duties hereunder, or becomes insolvent, bankrupt or is placed in receivership, by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more Non-Operators owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of Operator. Such resignation or removal shall not become effective until 7:00 o'clock A.M. on the first day of the calendar month following the expiration of ninety (90) days after the giving of notice of resignation by Operator or action by the Non-Operators to remove Operator, unless a successor Operator has been selected and assumes the duties of Operator at an earlier date. Operator, after effective date of resignation or removal, shall be bound by the terms hereof as a Non-Operator. A change of a corporate name or structure of Operator or transfer of Operator's interest to any single subsidiary, parent or successor corporation shall not be the basis for removal of Operator.

2. Selection of Successor Operator: Upon the resignation or removal of Operator, a successor Operator shall be selected by the Parties. The successor Operator shall be selected from the parties owning an interest in the Contract Area at the time such successor Operator is selected. If the Operator that is removed fails to vote or votes only to succeed itself, the successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of the Operator that was removed.

C. Employees:

The number of employees used by Operator in conducting operations hereunder, their selection, and the hours of labor and the compensation for services performed, shall be determined by Operator, and all such employees shall be the employees of Operator.

D. Drilling Contracts:

All wells drilled on the Contract Area shall be drilled on a competitive contract basis at the usual rates prevailing in the area. If it so desires, Operator may employ its own tools and equipment in the drilling of wells, but its charges therefor shall not exceed the prevailing rates in the area and the rate of such charges shall be agreed upon by the parties in writing before drilling operations are commenced, and such work shall be performed by Operator under the same terms and conditions as are customary and usual in the area in contracts of independent contractors who are doing work of a similar nature.

ARTICLE VI.
DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Initial Well:

On or before the As soon as a rig is made available day of _____, 19 81, Operator shall commence the drilling of a well for oil and gas at the following location:

A legal location in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10, T22S, R27E, Eddy County, New Mexico

and shall thereafter continue the drilling of the well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Esperanza Field pay at an approximate depth of 3425'

unless granite or other practically impenetrable substance or condition in the hole, which renders further drilling impractical, is encountered at a lesser depth, or unless all parties agree to complete or abandon the well at a lesser depth.

Operator shall make reasonable tests of all formations encountered during drilling which give indication of containing oil and gas in quantities sufficient to test, unless this agreement shall be limited in its application to a specific formation or formations, in which event Operator shall be required to test only the formation or formations to which this agreement may apply.

If, in Operator's judgment, the well will not produce oil or gas in paying quantities, and it wishes to plug and abandon the well as a dry hole, it shall first secure the consent of all parties and shall plug and abandon same as provided in Article VI.E.1. hereof.

B. Subsequent Operations:

1. Proposed Operations: Should any party hereto desire to drill any well on the Contract Area other than the well provided for in Article VI.A., or to rework, deepen or plug back a dry hole drilled at the joint expense of all parties or a well jointly owned by all the parties and not then producing in paying quantities, the party desiring to drill, rework, deepen or plug back such a well shall give the other parties written notice of the proposed operation, specifying the work to be performed, the location, proposed depth, objective formation and the estimated cost of the operation. The parties receiving such a notice shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice within which to notify the parties wishing to do the work whether they elect to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. If a drilling rig is on location, notice of proposal to rework, plug back or drill deeper may be given by telephone and the response period shall be limited to ~~forty-eight (48)~~ twenty-four (24) hours, ~~exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays~~. Failure of a party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. Any notice or response given by telephone shall be promptly confirmed in writing.

2. Operations by Less than All Parties: If any party receiving such notice as provided in Article VI.B.1. or VI.E.1. elects not to participate in the proposed operation, then, in order to be entitled to the benefits of this article, the party or parties giving the notice and such other parties as shall elect to participate in the operation shall, within ~~sixty (60)~~ thirty (30) days after the expiration of the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the ~~forty-eight (48)~~ twenty-four (24) hour period where the drilling rig is on location, as the case may be) actually commence work on the proposed operation and complete it with due diligence. Operator shall perform all work for the account of the Consenting Parties; provided, however, if no drilling rig or other equipment is on location, and if Operator is a Non-Consenting Party, the Consenting Parties shall either: (a) request Operator to perform the work required by such proposed operation for the account of the Consenting Parties, or (b) designate one (1) of the Consenting Parties as Operator to perform such work. Consenting Parties, when conducting operations on the Contract Area pursuant to this Article VI.B.2., shall comply with all terms and conditions of this agreement.

If less than all parties approve any proposed operation, the proposing party, immediately after the expiration of the applicable notice period, shall advise the Consenting Parties of (a) the total interest of the parties approving such operation, and (b) its recommendation as to whether the Consenting Parties should proceed with the operation as proposed. Each Consenting Party, within ~~forty-eight (48)~~ twenty-four (24) hours ~~(exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays)~~ after receipt of such notice, shall advise the proposing party of its desire to (a) limit participation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A", or (b) carry its proportionate part of Non-Consenting Parties' interest. The proposing party, at its election, may withdraw such proposal if there is insufficient participation, and shall promptly notify all parties of such decision.

The entire cost and risk of conducting such operations shall be borne by the Consenting Parties in the proportions they have elected to bear same under the terms of the preceding paragraph. Consenting Parties shall keep the leasehold estates involved in such operations free and clear of all liens and encumbrances of every kind created by or arising from the operations of the Consenting Parties. If such an operation results in a dry hole, the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well at their sole cost, risk and expense. If any well drilled, reworked, deepened or plugged back under the provisions of this Article results in a producer of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, the Consenting Parties shall complete and equip the well to produce at their sole cost and risk, and the well shall then be turned over to Operator and shall be operated by it at the expense and for the account of the Consenting Parties. Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of any such well by Consenting Parties in accordance with the provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, and the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-Consenting Party's interest in the well and share of production therefrom until the proceeds of the sale of such share, calculated at the well, or market value thereof if such share is not sold (after deducting production taxes, royalty, overriding royalty and other interests existing on the effective date hereof, payable out of or measured by the production from such well accruing with respect to such interest until it reverts) shall equal the total of the following:

(a) ~~100~~ 200% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of any newly acquired surface equipment beyond the wellhead connections (including, but not limited to, stock tanks, separators, treaters, pumping equipment and piping), plus 100% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of operation of the well commencing with first production and continuing until each such Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest shall revert to it under other provisions of this Article, it being agreed that each Non-Consenting Party's share of such costs and equipment will be that interest which would have been chargeable to each Non-Consenting Party had it participated in the well from the beginning of the operation; and

(b) 300 % of that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling reworking, deepening, or plugging back, testing and completing, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C., and

300 % of that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the well-head connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had participated therein.

Gas production attributable to any Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest upon such Party's election, shall be sold to its purchaser, if available, under the terms of its existing gas sales contract. Such Non - Consenting Party shall direct its purchaser to remit the proceeds receivable from such sale direct to the Consenting Parties until the amounts provided for in this Article are recovered from the Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest. If such Non - Consenting Party has not contracted for sale of its gas at the time such gas is available for delivery, or has not made the election as provided above, the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive and sell such Non-Consenting Party's share of gas as hereinabove provided during the recoupment period.

During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's share of production, or the proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of all production, severance, gathering and other taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's share of production.

In the case of any reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling operation, the Consenting Parties shall be permitted to use, free of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of all such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon abandonment of a well after such reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equipment to the owners thereof, with each party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of salvage.

Within sixty (60) days after the completion of any operation under this Article, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an inventory of the equipment in and connected to the well, and an itemized statement of the cost of drilling, deepening, plugging back, testing, completing, and equipping the well for production; or, at its option, the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed statement of monthly billings. Each month thereafter, during the time the Consenting Parties are being reimbursed as provided above, the Party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities incurred in the operation of the well, together with a statement of the quantity of oil and gas produced from it and the amount of proceeds realized from the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding month. In determining the quantity of oil and gas produced during any month, Consenting Parties shall use industry accepted methods such as, but not limited to, metering or periodic well tests. Any amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with any such operation which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein shall be credited against the total unreturned costs of the work done and of the equipment purchased, in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as above provided; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting party.

If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest the amounts provided for above, the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall automatically revert to it, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-Consenting Party shall own the same interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production therefrom as such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be charged with and shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of the operation of said well in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the Accounting Procedure, attached hereto.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that without the mutual consent of all parties, no wells shall be completed in or produced from a source of supply from which a well located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, unless such well conforms to the then-existing well spacing pattern for such source of supply.

The provisions of this Article shall have no application whatsoever to the drilling of the initial well described in Article VI.A. except (a) when Option 2, Article VII.D.1., has been selected, or (b) to the reworking, deepening and plugging back of such initial well, if such well is or thereafter shall prove to be a dry hole or non-commercial well, after having been drilled to the depth specified in Article VI.A.

C. Right to Take Production in Kind:

Each party shall have the right to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in preparing and treating oil for marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditure incurred in the taking in kind or separate disposition by any party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any

party taking its share of production in kind shall be required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it uses.

Each party shall execute such division orders and contracts as may be necessary for the sale of its interest in production from the Contract Area, and, except as provided in Article VII.B., shall be entitled to receive payment direct from the purchaser thereof for its share of all production.

In the event any party shall fail to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of the oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, Operator shall have the right, subject to the revocation at will by the party owning it, but not the obligation, to purchase such oil and gas or sell it to others at any time and from time to time, for the account of the non-taking party at the best price obtainable in the area for such production. Any such purchase or sale by Operator shall be subject always to the right of the owner of the production to exercise at any time its right to take in kind, or separately dispose of, its share of all oil and gas not previously delivered to a purchaser. Any purchase or sale by Operator of any other party's share of oil and gas shall be only for such reasonable periods of time as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the particular circumstances, but in no event for a period in excess of one (1) year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Operator shall not make a sale, including one into interstate commerce, of any other party's share of gas production without first giving such other party thirty (30) days prior written notice of such intended sale.

In the event one or more parties' separate disposition of its share of the gas causes split-stream deliveries to separate pipelines and/or deliveries which on a day-to-day basis for any reason are not exactly equal to a party's respective proportionate share of total gas sales to be allocated to it, the balancing or accounting between the respective accounts of the parties shall be in accordance with any Gas Balancing Agreement between the parties hereto, whether such Agreement is attached as Exhibit "E", or is a separate Agreement.

D. Access to Contract Area and Information:

Each party shall have access to the Contract Area at all reasonable times, at its sole risk to inspect or observe operations, and shall have access at reasonable times to information pertaining to the development or operation thereof, including Operator's books and records relating thereto. Operator, upon request, shall furnish each of the other parties with copies of all forms or reports filed with governmental agencies, daily drilling reports, well logs, tank tables, daily gauge and run tickets and reports of stock on hand at the first of each month, and shall make available samples of any cores or cuttings taken from any well drilled on the Contract Area. The cost of gathering and furnishing information to Non-Operator, other than that specified above, shall be charged to the Non-Operator that requests the information.

E. Abandonment of Wells:

1. Abandonment of Dry Holes: Except for any well drilled pursuant to Article VI.B.2., any well which has been drilled under the terms of this agreement and is proposed to be completed as a dry hole shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. Should Operator, after diligent effort, be unable to contact any party, or should any party fail to reply within forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays) after receipt of notice of the proposal to plug and abandon such well, such party shall be deemed to have consented to the proposed abandonment. All such wells shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of the parties who participated in the cost of drilling of such well. Any party who objects to the plugging and abandoning such well shall have the right to take over the well and conduct further operations in search of oil and/or gas subject to the provisions of Article VI.B.

2. Abandonment of Wells that have Produced: Except for any well which has been drilled or reworked pursuant to Article VI.B.2. hereof for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reimbursed as therein provided, any well which has been completed as a producer shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. If all parties consent to such abandonment, the well shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of all the parties hereto. If, within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the proposed abandonment of such well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of any well, those wishing to continue its operation shall tender to each of the other parties its proportionate share of the value of the well's salvable material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. Each abandoning party shall assign to the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, quality, or fitness for use of the equipment and material, all of its interest in the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the leasehold estate as to, but only as to, the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes an oil and gas interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-abandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production, for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the interval or inter-

vals of the formation or formations covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached as Exhibit "B". The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the "drilling unit" upon which the well is located. The payments by, and the assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentages of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment of interest in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the operation of or production from the well in the interval or intervals then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon request, Operator shall continue to operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and charges contemplated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of the separate ownership of the assigned well.

ARTICLE VII.
EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES

A. Liability of Parties:

The liability of the parties shall be several, not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible only for its obligations, and shall be liable only for its proportionate share of the costs of developing and operating the Contract Area. Accordingly, the liens granted among the parties in Article VII.B. are given to secure only the debts of each severally. It is not the intention of the parties to create, nor shall this agreement be construed as creating, a mining or other partnership or association, or to render the parties liable as partners.

B. Liens and Payment Defaults:

Each Non-Operator grants to Operator a lien upon its oil and gas rights in the Contract Area, and a security interest in its share of oil and/or gas when extracted and its interest in all equipment, to secure payment of its share of expense, together with interest thereon at the rate provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". To the extent that Operator has a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State, Operator shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the obtaining of judgment by Operator for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any Non-Operator in the payment of its share of expense, Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such Non-Operator's share of oil and/or gas until the amount owed by such Non-Operator, plus interest has been paid. Each purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon Operator's written statement concerning the amount of any default. Operator grants a like lien and security interest to the Non-Operators to secure payment of Operator's proportionate share of expense.

If any party fails or is unable to pay its share of expense within sixty (60) days after rendition of a statement therefor by Operator, the non-defaulting parties, including Operator, shall, upon request by Operator, pay the unpaid amount in the proportion that the interest of each such party bears to the interest of all such parties. Each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall, to obtain reimbursement thereof, be subrogated to the security rights described in the foregoing paragraph.

C. Payments and Accounting:

Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, Operator shall promptly pay and discharge expenses incurred in the development and operation of the Contract Area pursuant to this agreement and shall charge each of the parties hereto with their respective proportionate shares upon the expense basis provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Operator shall keep an accurate record of the joint account hereunder, showing expenses incurred and charges and credits made and received.

Operator, at its election, shall have the right from time to time to demand and receive from the other parties payment in advance of their respective shares of the estimated amount of the expense to be incurred in operations hereunder during the next succeeding month, which right may be exercised only by submission to each such party of an itemized statement of such estimated expense, together with an invoice for its share thereof. Each such statement and invoice for the payment in advance of estimated expense shall be submitted on or before the 20th day of the next preceding month. Each party shall pay to Operator its proportionate share of such estimate within fifteen (15) days after such estimate and invoice is received. If any party fails to pay its share of said estimate within said time, the amount due shall bear interest as provided in Exhibit "C" until paid. Proper adjustment shall be made monthly between advances and actual expense to the end that each party shall bear and pay its proportionate share of actual expenses incurred, and no more.

D. Limitation of Expenditures:

1. Drill or Deepen: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled or deepened, except any well drilled or deepened pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this Agreement, it being understood that the consent to the drilling or deepening shall include:

☐ Option No. 1: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening, testing, completing and equipping of the well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

☒ Option No. 2: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening and testing of the well. When such well has reached its authorized depth, and all tests have been completed, Operator shall give immediate notice to the Non-Operators who have the right to participate in the completion costs. The parties receiving such notice shall have ~~forty-eight (48)~~ twenty four (24) hours ~~(exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays)~~ in which to elect to participate in the setting of casing and the completion attempt. Such election, when made, shall include consent to all necessary expenditures for the completing and equipping of such well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities. Failure of any party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the completion attempt. If one or more, but less than all of the parties, elect to set pipe and to attempt a completion, the provisions of Article VI.B.2. hereof (the phrase "reworking, deepening or plugging back" as contained in Article VI.B.2. shall be deemed to include "completing") shall apply to the operations thereafter conducted by less than all parties.

2. Rework or Plug Back: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be reworked or plugged back except a well reworked or plugged back pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement, it being understood that the consent to the reworking or plugging back of a well shall include consent to all necessary expenditures in conducting such operations and completing and equipping of said well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

3. Other Operations: Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of Ten thousand and no/100-------Dollars ($ 10,000.00) except in connection with a well, the drilling, reworking, deepening, completing, recompleting, or plugging back of which has been previously authorized by or pursuant to this agreement; provided, however, that, in case of explosion, fire, flood or other sudden emergency, whether of the same or different nature, Operator may take such steps and incur such expenses as in its opinion are required to deal with the emergency to safeguard life and property but Operator, as promptly as possible, shall report the emergency to the other parties. If Operator prepares "Authority for Expenditures" for its own use, Operator, upon request, shall furnish copies of its "Authority for Expenditures" for any single project costing in excess of ~~Ten thousand and no/100----------~~Dollars ($ 10,000.00).

E. Royalties, Overriding Royalties and Other Payments:

Each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, all royalties ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ due on its share of production and shall hold the other parties free from any liability therefor. If the interest of any party in any oil and gas lease covered by this agreement is subject to any royalty, overriding royalty, production payment, or other charge over and above the aforesaid royalty, such party shall assume and alone bear all such obligations and shall account for or cause to be accounted for, such interest to the owners thereof.

No party shall ever be responsible, on any price basis higher than the price received by such party, to any ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ lessor or royalty owner; and if any such ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ lessor or royalty owner should demand and receive settlements on a higher price basis, the party contributing such lease shall bear the royalty burden insofar as such higher price is concerned.

F. Rentals, Shut-in Well Payments and Minimum Royalties:

Rentals, shut-in well payments and minimum royalties which may be required under the terms of any lease shall be paid by the party or parties who subjected such lease to this agreement at its or their expense. In the event two or more parties own and have contributed interests in the same lease to this agreement, such parties may designate one of such parties to make said payments for and on behalf of all such parties. Any party may request, and shall be entitled to receive, proper evidence of all such payments. In the event of failure to make proper payment of any rental, shut-in well payment or minimum royalty through mistake or oversight where such payment is required to continue the lease in force, any loss which results from such non-payment shall be borne in accordance with the provisions of Article IV.B.2.

Operator shall notify Non-Operator of the anticipated completion of a shut-in gas well or the shutting in or return to production of a producing gas well, at least five (5) days (excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays), or at the earliest opportunity permitted by circumstances, prior to taking such action, but assumes no liability for failure to do so. In the event of failure by Operator to so notify Non-Operator, the loss of any lease contributed hereto by Non-Operator for failure to make timely payments

of any shut-in well payment shall be borne jointly by the parties hereto under the provisions of Article IV.B.3.

G. Taxes:

Beginning with the first calendar year after the effective date hereof, Operator shall render for ad valorem taxation all property subject to this agreement which by law should be rendered for such taxes, and it shall pay all such taxes assessed thereon before they become delinquent. Prior to the rendition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator information as to burdens (to include, but not be limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on leases and oil and gas interests contributed by such Non-Operator. If the assessed valuation of any leasehold estate is reduced by reason of its being subject to outstanding excess royalties, overriding royalties or production payments, the reduction in ad valorem taxes resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of such leasehold estate, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such reduction. Operator shall bill other parties for their proportionate share of all tax payments in the manner provided in Exhibit "C".

If Operator considers any tax assessment improper, Operator may, at its discretion, protest within the time and manner prescribed by law, and prosecute the protest to a final determination, unless all parties agree to abandon the protest prior to final determination. During the pendency of administrative or judicial proceedings, Operator may elect to pay, under protest, all such taxes and any interest and penalty. When any such protested assessment shall have been finally determined, Operator shall pay the tax for the joint account, together with any interest and penalty accrued, and the total cost shall then be assessed against the parties, and be paid by them, as provided in Exhibit "C".

Each party shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, gathering and other taxes imposed upon or with respect to the production or handling of such party's share of oil and/or gas produced under the terms of this agreement.

H. Insurance:

At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a self-insurer for liability under said compensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall be an amount equivalent to the premium which would have been paid had such insurance been obtained. Operator shall also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D", attached to and made a part hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted and to maintain such other insurance as Operator may require.

In the event Automobile Public Liability Insurance is specified in said Exhibit "D", or subsequently receives the approval of the parties, no direct charge shall be made by Operator for premiums paid for such insurance for Operator's fully owned automotive equipment.

ARTICLE VIII.
ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST

A. Surrender of Leases:

The leases covered by this agreement, insofar as they embrace acreage in the Contract Area, shall not be surrendered in whole or in part unless all parties consent thereto.

However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any lease or in any portion thereof, and other parties do not agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or implied warranty of title, all of its interest in such lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and equipment which may be located thereon and any rights in production thereafter secured, to the parties not desiring to surrender it. If the interest of the assigning party includes an oil and gas interest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not desiring to surrender an oil and gas lease covering such oil and gas interest for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the land covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Upon such assignment, the assigning party shall be relieved from all obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the acreage assigned and the operation of any well thereon, and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the lease assigned and its equipment and production other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The parties assignee shall pay to the party assignor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any wells and equipment on the assigned acreage. The value of all material shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. If the assignment is in favor of more than one party, the assigned interest shall

be shared by the parties assignee in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the interest of all parties assignee.

Any assignment or surrender made under this provision shall not reduce or change the assignor's or surrendering parties' interest, as it was immediately before the assignment, in the balance of the Contract Area; and the acreage assigned or surrendered, and subsequent operations thereon, shall not thereafter be subject to the terms and provisions of this agreement.

B. Renewal or Extension of Leases:

If any party secures a renewal of any oil and gas lease subject to this Agreement, all other parties shall be notified promptly, and shall have the right for a period of thirty (30) days following receipt of such notice in which to elect to participate in the ownership of the renewal lease, insofar as such lease affects lands within the Contract Area, by paying to the party who acquired it their several proper proportionate shares of the acquisition cost allocated to that part of such lease within the Contract Area, which shall be in proportion to the interests held at that time by the parties in the Contract Area.

If some, but less than all, of the parties elect to participate in the purchase of a renewal lease, it shall be owned by the parties who elect to participate therein, in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all parties participating in the purchase of such renewal lease. Any renewal lease in which less than all parties elect to participate shall not be subject to this agreement.

Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal lease shall be given an assignment of its proportionate interest therein by the acquiring party.

The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal leases whether they are for the entire interest covered by the expiring lease or cover only a portion of its area or an interest therein. Any renewal lease taken before the expiration of its predecessor lease, or taken or contracted for within six (6) months after the expiration of the existing lease shall be subject to this provision; but any lease taken or contracted for more than six (6) months after the expiration of an existing lease shall not be deemed a renewal lease and shall not be subject to the provisions of this agreement.

The provisions in this Article shall apply also and in like manner to extensions of oil and gas leases.

C. Acreage or Cash Contributions:

While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash toward the drilling of a well or any other operation on the Contract Area, such contribution shall be paid to the party who conducted the drilling or other operation and shall be applied by it against the cost of such drilling or other operation. If the contribution be in the form of acreage, the party to whom the contribution is made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling Parties in the proportions said Drilling Parties shared the cost of drilling the well. If all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall become a part of the Contract Area and be governed by the provisions of this agreement. If less than all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall not become a part of the Contract Area. Each party shall promptly notify all other parties of all acreage or money contributions it may obtain in support of any well or any other operation on the Contract Area.

If any party contracts for any consideration relating to disposition of such party's share of substances produced hereunder, such consideration shall not be deemed a contribution as contemplated in this Article VIII.C.

D. Subsequently Created Interest:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII.E. and VIII.G., if any party hereto shall, subsequent to execution of this agreement, create an overriding royalty, production payment, or net proceeds interest, which such interests are hereinafter referred to as "subsequently created interest", such subsequently created interest shall be specifically made subject to all of the terms and provisions of this agreement, as follows:

1. If non-consent operations are conducted pursuant to any provision of this agreement, and the party conducting such operations becomes entitled to receive the production attributable to the interest out of which the subsequently created interest is derived, such party shall receive same free and clear of such subsequently created interest. The party creating same shall bear and pay all such subsequently created interests and shall indemnify and hold the other parties hereto free and harmless from any and all liability resulting therefrom.

2. If the owner of the interest from which the subsequently created interest is derived (1) fails to pay, when due, its share of expenses chargeable hereunder, or (2) elects to abandon a well under provisions of Article VI.E. hereof, or (3) elects to surrender a lease under provisions of Article VIII.A. hereof, the subsequently created interest shall be chargeable with the pro rata portion of all expenses hereunder in the same manner as if such interest were a working interest. For purposes of collecting such chargeable expenses, the party or parties who receive assignments as a result of (2) or (3) above shall have the right to enforce all provisions of Article VII.B. hereof against such subsequently created interest.

E. Maintenance of Uniform Interest:

For the purpose of maintaining uniformity of ownership in the oil and gas leasehold interests covered by this agreement, and notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, no party shall sell, encumber, transfer or make other disposition of its interest in the leases embraced within the Contract Area and in wells, equipment and production unless such disposition covers either:

1. the entire interest of the party in all leases and equipment and production; or

2. an equal undivided interest in all leases and equipment and production in the Contract Area.

Every such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party shall be made expressly subject to this agreement, and shall be made without prejudice to the right of the other parties.

If, at any time the interest of any party is divided among and owned by four or more co-owners, Operator, at its discretion, may require such co-owners to appoint a single trustee or agent with full authority to receive notices, approve expenditures, receive billings for and approve and pay such party's share of the joint expenses, and to deal generally with, and with power to bind, the co-owners of such party's interests within the scope of the operations embraced in this agreement; however, all such co-owners shall have the right to enter into and execute all contracts or agreements for the disposition of their respective shares of the oil and gas produced from the Contract Area and they shall have the right to receive, separately, payment of the sale proceeds hereof.

F. Waiver of Right to Partition:

If permitted by the laws of the state or states in which the property covered hereby is located, each party hereto owning an undivided interest in the Contract Area waives any and all rights it may have to partition and have set aside to it in severalty its undivided interest therein.

~~**G. Preferential Right to Purchase:**~~

~~Should any party desire to sell all or any part of its interests under this agreement, or its rights and~~ interests in the Contract Area, it shall promptly give written notice to the other parties, with full information concerning its proposed sale, which shall include the name and address of the prospective purchaser (who must be ready, willing and able to purchase), the purchase price, and all other terms of the offer. The other parties shall then have an optional prior right, for a period of ten (10) days after receipt of the notice, to purchase on the same terms and conditions the interest which the other party proposes to sell; and, if this optional right is exercised, the purchasing parties shall share the purchased interest in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all purchasing parties. However, there shall be no preferential right to purchase in those cases where any party wishes to mortgage its interests, or to dispose of its interests by merger, reorganization, consolidation, or sale of all or substantially all of its assets to a subsidiary or parent company or to a subsidiary of a parent ~~company, or to any company in which any one party owns a majority of the stock.~~

ARTICLE IX.
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION

This agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, a relationship of partnership or an association for profit between or among the parties hereto. Notwithstanding any provisions herein that the rights and liabilities hereunder are several and not joint or collective, or that this agreement and operations hereunder shall not constitute a partnership, if, for Federal income tax purposes, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, each party hereby affected elects to be excluded from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as permitted and authorized by Section 761 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Operator is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of each party hereby affected such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States or the Federal Internal Revenue Service, including specifically, but not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements, and the data required by Federal Regulations 1.761. Should there be any requirement that each party hereby affected give further evidence of this election, each such party shall execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be required by the Federal Internal Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. No

such party shall give any notices or take any other action inconsistent with the election made hereby. If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Contract Area is located or any future income tax laws of the United States contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, under which an election similar to that provided by Section 761 of the Code is permitted, each party hereby affected shall make such election as may be permitted or required by such laws. In making the foregoing election, each such party states that the income derived by such party from Operations hereunder can be adequately determined without the computation of partnership taxable income.

ARTICLE X.
CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS

Operator may settle any single damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the expenditure does not exceed Five Thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($ 5,000.00) and if the payment is in complete settlement of such claim or suit. If the amount required for settlement exceeds the above amount, the parties hereto shall assume and take over the further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is delegated to Operator. All costs and expense of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be at the joint expense of the parties. If a claim is made against any party or if any party is sued on account of any matter arising from operations hereunder over which such individual has no control because of the rights given Operator by this agreement, the party shall immediately notify Operator, and the claim or suit shall be treated as any other claim or suit involving operations hereunder.

ARTICLE XI.
FORCE MAJEURE

If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by force majeure to carry out its obligations under this agreement, other than the obligation to make money payments, that party shall give to all other parties prompt written notice of the force majeure with reasonably full particulars concerning it; thereupon, the obligations of the party giving the notice, so far as they are affected by the force majeure, shall be suspended during, but no longer than, the continuance of the force majeure. The affected party shall use all reasonable diligence to remove the force majeure situation as quickly as practicable.

The requirement that any force majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes, lockouts, or other labor difficulty by the party involved, contrary to its wishes; how all such difficulties shall be handled shall be entirely within the discretion of the party concerned.

The term "force majeure", as here employed, shall mean an act of God, strike, lockout, or other industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightning, fire, storm, flood, explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint or inaction, unavailability of equipment, and any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension.

ARTICLE XII.
NOTICES

All notices authorized or required between the parties, and required by any of the provisions of this agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be given in writing by United States mail or Western Union telegram, postage or charges prepaid, or by teletype and addressed to the party to whom the notice is given at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A". The originating notice given under any provision hereof shall be deemed given only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed, and the time for such party to give any notice in response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail or with the Western Union Telegraph Company, with postage or charges prepaid, or when sent by teletype. Each party shall have the right to change its address at any time, and from time to time, by giving written notice hereof to all other parties.

ARTICLE XIII.
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subjected hereto for the period of time selected below; provided, however, no party hereto shall ever be construed as having any right, title or interest in or to any lease, or oil and gas interest contributed by any other party beyond the term of this agreement.

[X] Option No. 1: So long as any of the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement remain or are continued in force as to any part of the Contract Area, whether by production, extension, renewal or otherwise, and/or so long as oil and/or gas production continues from any lease or oil and gas interest.

☐ Option No. 2: In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled under any provision of this agreement, results in production of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, this agreement shall continue in force so long as any such well or wells produce, or are capable of production, and for an additional period of _____ days from cessation of all production; provided, however, if, prior to the expiration of such additional period, one or more of the parties hereto are engaged in drilling or reworking a well or wells hereunder, this agreement shall continue in force until such operations have been completed and if production results therefrom, this agreement shall continue in force as provided herein. In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled hereunder, results in a dry hole, and no other well is producing, or capable of producing oil and/or gas from the Contract Area, this agreement shall terminate unless drilling or reworking operations are commenced within _____ days from the date of abandonment of said well.

It is agreed, however, that the termination of this agreement shall not relieve any party hereto from any liability which has accrued or attached prior to the date of such termination.

ARTICLE XIV.
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. Laws, Regulations and Orders:

This agreement shall be subject to the conservation laws of the state in which the committed acreage is located, to the valid rules, regulations, and orders of any duly constituted regulatory body of said state; and to all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders.

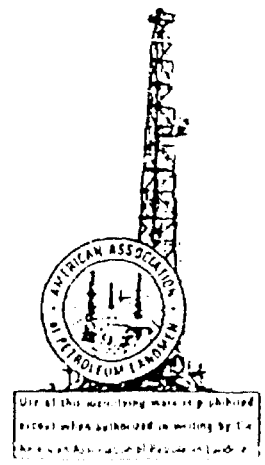
B. Governing Law:

The essential validity of this agreement and all matters pertaining thereto, including, but not limited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the law of the state in which the Contract Area is located. If the Contract Area is in two or more states, the law of the state where most of the land in the Contract Area is located shall govern.

ARTICLE XV.
OTHER PROVISIONS

A. If the operator is required hereunder to pay ad valorem taxes based in whole or in part upon separate valuations of each party's working interest, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, charges to the joint account shall be made and paid by the parties hereto in accordance with the percentage of tax value generated by each party's working interest.

B. When there is no party in default hereunder, and after a period of one(1) year from the date of this agreement, should any of the Non-Operators be of the opinion that it can operate the Unit Area more economically than Operator, such Non-Operators shall give thirty (30) days' written notice to Operator, and subject to the requirements set forth hereafter in this Section, on the first day of the calendar month following the end of such thirty (30) day period, said Non-Operator shall take charge of such operations under the terms of this agreement. Prior to such Non-Operator being permitted to exercise such right to assume operations, said Non-Operator must agree, in writing, to maintain the average production trend, and efficiency rate as had been established by the Operator, and must agree, in writing, to immediately reduce operating expenses by not less than ten percent (10%) and to continue to operator the Unit Area on such agreed basis. In like manner and upon like notice, any then Non-Operator shall have the right to assume operations hereunder, providing it receives approval of a total of more than 50% in interest of the working interest owners.



ARTICLE XVI.
MISCELLANEOUS

This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of 4 day of May, 1981.

OPERATOR

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES Ltd.,

_____ BY _____

RICHARD A. MENDENHALL, GENERAL PARTNER

NON-OPERATORS

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

_____ BY _____

_____ _____

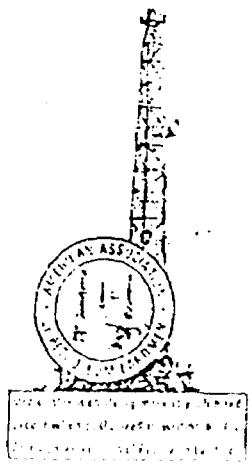


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EXHIBIT "C"

Attached to and made a part of Operating Agreement dated May 4, 1981 between R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et al., as Non-Operators

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE
JOINT OPERATIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Definitions

"Joint Property" shall mean the real and personal property subject to the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached.

"Joint Operations" shall mean all operations necessary or proper for the development, operation, protection and maintenance of the Joint Property.

"Joint Account" shall mean the account showing the charges paid and credits received in the conduct of the Joint Operations and which are to be shared by the Parties.

"Operator" shall mean the party designated to conduct the Joint Operations.

"Non-Operators" shall mean the parties to this agreement other than the Operator.

"Parties" shall mean Operator and Non-Operators.

"First Level Supervisors" shall mean those employees whose primary function in Joint Operations is the direct supervision of other employees and/or contract labor directly employed on the Joint Property in a field operating capacity.

"Technical Employees" shall mean those employees having special and specific engineering, geological or other professional skills, and whose primary function in Joint Operations is the handling of specific operating conditions and problems for the benefit of the Joint Property.

"Personal Expenses" shall mean travel and other reasonable reimbursable expenses of Operator's employees.

"Material" shall mean personal property, equipment or supplies acquired or held for use on the Joint Property.

"Controllable Material" shall mean Material which at the time is so classified in the Material Classification Manual as most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies of North America.

2. Statement and Billings

Operator shall bill Non-Operators on or before the last day of each month for their proportionate share of the Joint Account for the preceding month. Such bills will be accompanied by statements which identify the authority for expenditure, lease or facility, and all charges and credits, summarized by appropriate classifications of investment and expense except that items of Controllable Material and unusual charges and credits shall be separately identified and fully described in detail.

3. Advances and Payments by Non-Operators

Unless otherwise provided for in the agreement, the Operator may require the Non-Operators to advance their share of estimated cash outlay for the succeeding month's operation. Operator shall adjust each monthly billing to reflect advances received from the Non-Operators.

Each Non-Operator shall pay its proportion of all bills within fifteen (15) days after receipt. If payment is not made within such time, the unpaid balance shall bear interest monthly at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum or the maximum contract rate permitted by the applicable usury laws in the state in which the Joint Property is located, whichever is the lesser, plus attorney's fees, court costs, and other costs in connection with the collection of unpaid amounts.

4. Adjustments

Payment of any such bills shall not prejudice the right of any Non-Operator to protest or question the correctness thereof; provided, however, all bills and statements rendered to Non-Operators by Operator during any calendar year shall conclusively be presumed to be true and correct after twenty-four (24) months following the end of any such calendar year, unless within the said twenty-four (24) month period a Non-Operator takes written exception thereto and makes claim on Operator for adjustment. No adjustment favorable to Operator shall be made unless it is made within the same prescribed period. The provisions of this paragraph shall not prevent adjustments resulting from a physical inventory of Controllable Material as provided for in Section V.

5. Audits

A. Non-Operator, upon notice in writing to Operator and all other Non-Operators, shall have the right to audit Operator's accounts and records relating to the Joint Account for any calendar year within the twenty-four (24) month period following the end of such calendar year; provided, however, the making of an audit shall not extend the time for the taking of written exception to and the adjustments of accounts as provided for in Paragraph 4 of this Section I. Where there are two or more Non-Operators, the Non-Operators shall make every reasonable effort to conduct joint or simultaneous audits in a manner which will result in a minimum of inconvenience to the Operator. Operator shall bear no portion of the Non-Operators' audit cost incurred under this paragraph unless agreed to by the Operator.

6. Approval by Non-Operators

Where an approval or other agreement of the Parties or Non-Operators is expressly required under other sections of this Accounting Procedure and if the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached contains no contrary provisions in regard thereto, Operator shall notify all Non-Operators of the Operator's proposal, and the agreement or approval of a majority in interest of the Non-Operators shall be controlling on all Non-Operators.

II. DIRECT CHARGES

Operator shall charge the Joint Account with the following items:

1. **Rentals and Royalties**

   Lease rentals and royalties paid by Operator for the Joint Operations.

2. **Labor**

   A. (1) Salaries and wages of Operator's field employees directly employed on the Joint Property in the conduct of Joint Operations.

   (2) Salaries of First Level Supervisors in the field.

   (3) Salaries and wages of Technical Employees directly employed on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates.

   B. Operator's cost of holiday, vacation, sickness and disability benefits and other customary allowances paid to employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. Such costs under this Paragraph 2B may be charged on a "when and as paid basis" or by "percentage assessment" on the amount of salaries and wages chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. If percentage assessment is used, the rate shall be based on the Operator's cost experience.

   C. Expenditures or contributions made pursuant to assessments imposed by governmental authority which are applicable to Operator's costs chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II.

   D. Personal Expenses of those employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II.

3. **Employee Benefits**

   Operator's current costs of established plans for employees' group life insurance, hospitalization, pension, retirement, stock purchase, thrift, bonus, and other benefit plans of a like nature, applicable to Operator's labor cost chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II shall be Operator's actual cost not to exceed twenty per cent (20%). * or percent most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies of North America.

4. **Material**

   Material purchased or furnished by Operator for use on the Joint Property as provided under Section IV. Only such Material shall be purchased for or transferred to the Joint Property as may be required for immediate use and is reasonably practical and consistent with efficient and economical operations. The accumulation of surplus stocks shall be avoided.

5. **Transportation**

   Transportation of employees and Material necessary for the Joint Operations but subject to the following limitations:

   A. If Material is moved to the Joint Property from the Operator's warehouse or other properties, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance from the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point where like material is normally available, unless agreed to by the Parties.

   B. If surplus Material is moved to Operator's warehouse or other storage point, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance to the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point unless agreed to by the Parties. No charge shall be made to the Joint Account for moving Material to other properties belonging to Operator, unless agreed to by the Parties.

   C. In the application of Subparagraphs A and B above, there shall be no equalization of actual gross trucking cost of $200 or less excluding accessorial charges.

6. **Services**

   The cost of contract services, equipment and utilities provided by outside sources, except services excluded by Paragraph 9 of Section II and Paragraph 1. ii of Section III. The cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly engaged on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates. The cost of professional consultant services or contract services of technical personnel not directly engaged on the Joint Property shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless previously agreed to by the Parties.

7. Equipment and Facilities Furnished by Operator

   A. Operator shall charge the Joint Account for use of Operator owned equipment and facilities at rates commensurate with costs of ownership and operation. Such rates shall include costs of maintenance, repairs, other operating expense, insurance, taxes, depreciation, and interest on investment not to exceed eight per cent (8%) per annum. Such rates shall not exceed average commercial rates currently prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property.

   B. In lieu of charges in Paragraph 7A above, Operator may elect to use average commercial rates prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property less 20%. For automotive equipment, Operator may elect to use rates published by the Petroleum Motor Transport Association.

8. **Damages and Losses to Joint Property**

   All costs or expenses necessary for the repair or replacement of Joint Property made necessary because of damages or losses incurred by fire, flood, storm, theft, accident, or other cause, except those resulting from Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Operator shall furnish Non-Operator written notice of damages or losses incurred as soon as practicable after a report thereof has been received by Operator.

9. **Legal Expense**

   Expense of handling, investigating and settling litigation or claims, discharging of liens, payment of judgments and amounts paid for settlement of claims incurred in or resulting from operations under the agreement or necessary to protect or recover the Joint Property, except that no charge for services of Operator's legal staff or fees or expense of outside attorneys shall be made unless previously agreed to by the Parties. All other legal expense is considered to be covered by the overhead provisions of Section III unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, except as provided in Section I, Paragraph 3.

10. **Taxes**

All taxes of every kind and nature assessed or levied upon or in connection with the Joint Property, the operation thereof, or the production therefrom, and which taxes have been paid by the Operator for the benefit of the Parties.

11. **Insurance**

Net premiums paid for insurance required to be carried for the Joint Operations for the protection of the Parties. In the event Joint Operations are conducted in a state in which Operator may act as self-insurer for Workmen's Compensation and/or Employers Liability under the respective state's laws, Operator may, at its election, include the risk under its self-insurance program and in that event, Operator shall include a charge at Operator's cost not to exceed manual rates.

12. **Other Expenditures**

Any other expenditure not covered or dealt with in the foregoing provisions of this Section II, or in Section III, and which is incurred by the Operator in the necessary and proper conduct of the Joint Operations.

III. OVERHEAD

1. **Overhead - Drilling and Producing Operations**

i. As compensation for administrative, supervision, office services and warehousing costs, Operator shall charge drilling and producing operations on either:

(XX) Fixed Rate Basis, Paragraph 1A, or
( ) Percentage Basis, Paragraph 1B.

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, such charge shall be in lieu of costs and expenses of all offices and salaries or wages plus applicable burdens and expenses of all personnel, except those directly chargeable under Paragraph 2A, Section II. The cost and expense of services from outside sources in connection with matters of taxation, traffic, accounting or matters before or involving governmental agencies shall be considered as included in the Overhead rates provided for in the above selected Paragraph of this Section III unless such cost and expense are agreed to by the Parties as a direct charge to the Joint Account.

ii. The salaries, wages and Personal Expenses of Technical Employees and/or the cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly employed on the Joint Property shall ( ) shall not (X) be covered by the Overhead rates.

A. Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates per well per month:

Drilling Well Rate $ 2500.00
Producing Well Rate $ 275.00

(2) Application of Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis shall be as follows:

(a) Drilling Well Rate

[1] Charges for onshore drilling wells shall begin on the date the well is spudded and terminate on the date the drilling or completion rig is released, whichever is later, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

[2] Charges for offshore drilling wells shall begin on the date when drilling or completion equipment arrives on location and terminate on the date the drilling or completion equipment moves off location or rig is released, whichever occurs first, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days

[3] Charges for wells undergoing any type of workover or recompletion for a period of five (5) consecutive days or more shall be made at the drilling well rate. Such charges shall be applied for the period from date workover operations, with rig, commence through date of rig release, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

(b) Producing Well Rates

[1] An active well either produced or injected into for any portion of the month shall be considered as a one-well charge for the entire month.

[2] Each active completion in a multi-completed well in which production is not commingled down hole shall be considered as a one-well charge providing each completion is considered a separate well by the governing regulatory authority.

[3] An inactive gas well shut in because of overproduction or failure of purchaser to take the production shall be considered as a one-well charge providing the gas well is directly connected to a permanent sales outlet.

[4] A one-well charge may be made for the month in which plugging and abandonment operations are completed on any well.

[5] All other inactive wells (including but not limited to inactive wells covered by unit allowable, lease allowable, transferred allowable, etc.) shall not qualify for an overhead charge.

(3) The well rates shall be adjusted as of the first day of April each year following the effective date of the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached. The adjustment shall be computed by multiplying the rate currently in use by the percentage increase or decrease in the average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Production Workers for the last calendar year compared to the calendar year preceding as shown by the index of average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Fields Production Workers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or the equivalent Canadian index as published by Statistics Canada, as applicable. The adjusted rates shall be the rates currently in use, plus or minus the computed adjustment.

B. Overhead - Percentage Basis

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates:

(a) Development

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Development of the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraph 9 of Section II and all salvage credits.

(b) Operating

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Operating the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraphs 1 and 9 of Section II, all salvage credits, the value of injected substances purchased for secondary recovery and all taxes and assessments which are levied, assessed and paid upon the mineral interest in and to the Joint Property.

(2) Application of Overhead - Percentage Basis shall be as follows:
For the purpose of determining charges on a percentage basis under Paragraph 1B of this Section III, development shall include all costs in connection with drilling, redrilling, deepening or any remedial operations on any or all wells involving the use of drilling crew and equipment; also, preliminary expenditures necessary in preparation for drilling and expenditures incurred in abandoning when the well is not completed as a producer, and original cost of construction or installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset, except Major Construction as defined in Paragraph 2 of this Section III. All other costs shall be considered as Operating.

2. Overhead - Major Construction

To compensate Operator for overhead costs incurred in the construction and installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets, and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset required for the development and operation of the Joint Property, Operator shall either negotiate a rate prior to the beginning of construction, or shall charge the Joint Account for Overhead based on the following rates for any Major Construction project in excess of $_____*:

A. _____* % of total costs if such costs are more than $_____* but less than $_____*; plus

B. _____* % of total costs in excess of $_____* but less than $1,000,000; plus

C. _____* % of total costs in excess of $1,000,000. *To be negotiated if applicable.

Total cost shall mean the gross cost of any one project. For the purpose of this paragraph, the component parts of a single project shall not be treated separately and the cost of drilling and workover wells shall be excluded.

3. Amendment of Rates

The Overhead rates provided for in this Section III may be amended from time to time only by mutual agreement between the Parties hereto if, in practice, the rates are found to be insufficient or excessive.

IV. PRICING OF JOINT ACCOUNT MATERIAL PURCHASES, TRANSFERS AND DISPOSITIONS

Operator is responsible for Joint Account Material and shall make proper and timely charges and credits for all material movements affecting the Joint Property. Operator shall provide all Material for use on the Joint Property; however, at Operator's option, such Material may be supplied by the Non-Operator. Operator shall make timely disposition of idle and/or surplus Material, such disposal being made either through sale to Operator or Non-Operator, division in kind, or sale to outsiders. Operator may purchase, but shall be under no obligation to purchase, interest of Non-Operators in surplus condition A or B Material. The disposal of surplus Controllable Material not purchased by the Operator shall be agreed to by the Parties.

1. Purchases

Material purchased shall be charged at the price paid by Operator after deduction of all discounts received. In case of Material found to be defective or returned to vendor for any other reason, credit shall be passed to the Joint Account when adjustment has been received by the Operator.

2. Transfers and Dispositions

Material furnished to the Joint Property and Material transferred from the Joint Property or disposed of by the Operator, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, shall be priced on the following bases exclusive of cash discounts:

A. New Material (Condition A)

(1) Tubular goods, except line pipe, shall be priced at the current new price in effect on date of movement on a maximum carload or barge load weight basis, regardless of quantity transferred, equalized to the lowest published price f.o.b. railway receiving point or recognized barge terminal nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(2) Line Pipe

(a) Movement of less than 30,000 pounds shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(b) Movement of 30,000 pounds or more shall be priced under provisions of tubular goods pricing in Paragraph 2A (1) of this Section IV.

(3) Other Material shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store or f.o.b. railway receiving point nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

B. Good Used Material (Condition B)

Material in sound and serviceable condition and suitable for reuse without reconditioning:

(1) Material moved to the Joint Property

(a) At seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV.

(2) Material moved from the Joint Property

(a) At seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as new Material, or

(b) at sixty-five percent (65%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as good used Material at seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price.

The cost of reconditioning, if any, shall be absorbed by the transferring property.

C. Other Used Material (Condition C and D)

(1) Condition C

Material which is not in sound and serviceable condition and not suitable for its original function until after reconditioning shall be priced at fifty percent (50%) of current new price as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV. The cost of reconditioning shall be charged to the receiving property, provided Condition C value plus cost of reconditioning does not exceed Condition B value.

(2) Condition D

All other Material, including junk, shall be priced at a value commensurate with its use or at prevailing prices. Material no longer suitable for its original purpose but usable for some other purpose, shall be priced on a basis comparable with that of items normally used for such other purpose. Operator may dispose of Condition D Material under procedures normally utilized by the Operator without prior approval of Non-Operators.

D. Obsolete Material

Material which is serviceable and usable for its original function but condition and/or value of such Material is not equivalent to that which would justify a price as provided above may be specially priced as agreed to by the Parties. Such price should result in the Joint Account being charged with the value of the service rendered by such Material.

E. Pricing Conditions

(1) Loading and unloading costs may be charged to the Joint Account at the rate of fifteen cents (15¢) per hundred weight on all tubular goods movements, in lieu of loading and unloading costs sustained, when actual hauling cost of such tubular goods are equalized under provisions of Paragraph 5 of Section II.

(2) Material involving erection costs shall be charged at applicable percentage of the current knocked-down price of new Material.

3. Premium Prices

Whenever Material is not readily obtainable at published or listed prices because of national emergencies, strikes or other unusual causes over which the Operator has no control, the Operator may charge the Joint Account for the required Material at the Operator's actual cost incurred in providing such Material, in making it suitable for use, and in moving it to the Joint Property; provided notice in writing is furnished to Non-Operators of the proposed charge prior to billing Non-Operators for such Material. Each Non-Operator shall have the right, by so electing and notifying Operator within ten days after receiving notice from Operator, to furnish in kind all or part of his share of such Material suitable for use and acceptable to Operator.

4. Warranty of Material Furnished by Operator

Operator does not warrant the Material furnished. In case of defective Material, credit shall not be passed to the Joint Account until adjustment has been received by Operator from the manufacturers or their agents.

V. INVENTORIES

The Operator shall maintain detailed records of Controllable Material.

1. Periodic Inventories, Notice and Representation

At reasonable intervals, Inventories shall be taken by Operator of the Joint Account Controllable Material. Written notice of intention to take inventory shall be given by Operator at least thirty (30) days before any inventory is to begin so that Non-Operators may be represented when any inventory is taken. Failure of Non-Operators to be represented at an inventory shall bind Non-Operators to accept the inventory taken by Operator.

2. Reconciliation and Adjustment of Inventories

Reconciliation of a physical inventory with the Joint Account shall be made, and a list of overages and shortages shall be furnished to the Non-Operators within six months following the taking of the inventory. Inventory adjustments shall be made by Operator with the Joint Account for overages and shortages, but Operator shall be held accountable only for shortages due to lack of reasonable diligence.

3. Special Inventories

Special Inventories may be taken whenever there is any sale or change of interest in the Joint Property. It shall be the duty of the party selling to notify all other Parties as quickly as possible after the transfer of interest takes place. In such cases, both the seller and the purchaser shall be governed by such inventory.

4. Expense of Conducting Periodic Inventories

The expense of conducting periodic Inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless agreed to by the Parties.

outside service laboratories. Rates for trucks, tractors and well service units may include wages and expenses of operator.

B. Whenever requested, Operator shall inform Non-Operators in advance of the rates it proposes to charge.

C. Rates shall be revised and adjusted from time to time when found to be either excessive or insufficient.

V. DISPOSAL OF MATERIAL

The Operator may purchase, but shall be under no obligation to purchase, interest of Non-Operators in surplus Condition "A" or "B" Material. The disposition of surplus Controllable Material, not purchased by Operator, shall be agreed to by Operator and Non-Operators, provided Operator shall dispose of normal accumulations of junk and scrap Material either by transfer or sale from Joint Property.

1. **Material Purchased by the Operator or Non-Operators.**
   Material purchased by either the Operator or Non-Operators shall be credited by the Operator to the Joint Account for the month in which the Material is removed by the purchaser.
2. **Division in Kind**
   Division of Material in kind, if made between Operator and Non-Operators, shall be in proportion to the respective interests in such Material. The Parties will thereupon be charged individually with the value of the Material received or receivable. Proper credits shall be made by the Operator to the Joint Account.
3. **Sales to Outsiders**
   Sales to outsiders of Material from the Joint Property shall be credited by Operator to the Joint Account at the net amount collected by Operator from vendee. Any claim by vendee related to such sale shall be charged back to the Joint Account if and when paid by Operator.

VI. BASIS OF PRICING MATERIAL TRANSFERRED FROM JOINT ACCOUNT

Material purchased by either Operator or Non-Operators or divided in kind, unless agreed to by Operator and Non-Operators shall be priced on the following basis:

1. **New Price Defined**
   New price as used in this Section VI shall be the price specified for new Material in Section IV.
2. **New Material**
   New Material (Condition "A"), being new Material procured for the Joint Property but never used, at one hundred per cent (100%) of current new price (plus sales tax if any).
3. **Good Used Material**
   Good used Material (Condition "B"), being used Material in sound and serviceable condition, suitable for reuse without reconditioning:
   A. At seventy-five per cent (75%) of current new price if Material was charged to Joint Account as new, or
   B. At sixty-five per cent (65%) of current new price if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as secondhand at seventy-five per cent (75%) of new price.
4. **Other Used Material**
   Used Material (Condition "C"), at fifty per cent (50%) of current new price, being used Material which:
   A. Is not in sound and serviceable condition but suitable for reuse after reconditioning, or
   B. Is serviceable for original function but not suitable for reconditioning.
5. **Bad-Order Material**
   Material (Condition "D"), no longer suitable for its original purpose without excessive repair cost but usable for some other purpose at a price comparable with that of items normally used for such other purpose.
6. **Junk Material**
   Junk Material (Condition "E"), being obsolete and scrap Material, at prevailing prices.
7. **Temporarily Used Material**
   When the use of Material is temporary and its service to the Joint Property does not justify the reduction in price as provided for in Paragraph 3B of this Section VI, such Material shall be priced on a basis that will leave a net charge to the Joint Account consistent with the value of the service rendered.

VII. INVENTORIES

The Operator shall maintain detailed records of Controllable Material.

1. Periodic Inventories, Notice and Representation
   At reasonable intervals, inventories shall be taken by Operator of the Joint Account Controllable Material. Written notice of intention to take inventory shall be given by Operator at least thirty (30) days before any inventory is to begin so that Non-Operators may be represented when any inventory is taken. Failure of Non-Operators to be represented at an inventory shall bind Non-Operators to accept the inventory taken by Operator.
2. Reconciliation and Adjustment of Inventories
   Reconciliation of inventory with the Joint Account shall be made, and a list of overages and shortages shall be furnished to the Non-Operators. Inventory adjustments shall be made by Operator with the Joint Account for overages and shortages, but Operator shall be held accountable to Non-Operators only for shortages due to lack of reasonable diligence.
3. Special Inventories
   Special Inventories may be taken whenever there is any sale or change of interest in the Joint Property. It shall be the duty of the party selling to notify all other Parties as quickly as possible after the transfer of interest takes place. In such cases, both the seller and the purchaser shall be governed by such inventory.
4. Expense of Conducting Periodic Inventories
   The expense of conducting periodic inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless agreed to by Operator and Non-Operators.

EXHIBIT "D"

INSURANCE

Attached to and made a part of that Operating Agreement dated May 4, 1981, between R. A. Mendenhall Associated, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et al., as Non-Operators.

Operator shall carry for the benefit and the expense of the Joint Account insurance with responsible insurance carrier as follows:

1. Workman's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance as may be required by the laws of the State in which premises are located.

2. General Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance with limits of not less than $250,000 covering injury to or death of one person, and not less than $500,000 covering injury to or death of more than one person by reason of one accident, and not less than $100,000 covering accidental loss of or damage to property of third person.

3. Automobile Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance with limits of not less than $250,000 covering injury to or death of one person, and $500,000 covering injury to or death of more than one person by reason of one accident and not less than $100,000 covering damage to property of third persons.

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June 9, 1981

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Re: Proposed #1 Tracy
1980' FEL & 2310' FSL, Sec. 10
T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico
Carlsbad Prospect (7382)

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 5, 1981, proposing the drilling of the above referenced well.

Please be advised that your proposal is presently being evaluated and we will be back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Linda H. Hicks

Linda H. Hicks
Landman

LHH/s

Received 6/10/81

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September 10, 1981

TO ALL NON-OPERATING INTEREST OWNERS
OF THE CARLSBAD WORKING INTEREST UNIT

Re: Eddy County, New Mexico
Proposed Well #1
1650' FSL & 2140' FEL,
Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

Gentlemen:

It is understood from recent contacts with the Union Oil Company of California that by way of a working interest unit agreement, you are a working interest owner in the subject lands operated by the Union Oil Company of California. We had previously submitted an AFE and an Operating Agreement on May 5, 1981, to the Union Oil Company of California and are enclosing a copy to each of you a new AFE and an Operating Agreement for your consideration. If you desire to join, we shall furnish you additional copies of the AFE and Operating Agreement for your signature.

The Union Oil Company of California has indicated that it will not be able to either join in drilling or farming out its interest to the above proposed well. However, the Union Oil Company of California further indicates that it has no authority to commit your interest one way or another. We are anxious to begin drilling operations and ask that you either join in the drilling of such test or farm out your interest to this test. In order to force pool the interest of the Union Oil Company of California and others who are unable to commit its interest to such test, we have scheduled a hearing with the full Oil Conservation Commission on September 29, 1981, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. We ask that you let us have your decision on this proposal prior to September 25, 1981.

Very truly yours,

Richard A. Mendenhall

RAM/ls

_____ Desire to Join; _____ Desire Not to Join

_____ _____
Signature Date

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Case No. 7362 Exhibit No. 3
Submitted by MENDENHALL
Hearing Date 9-29-81

Exhibit 3 of 4

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AND OPERATOR

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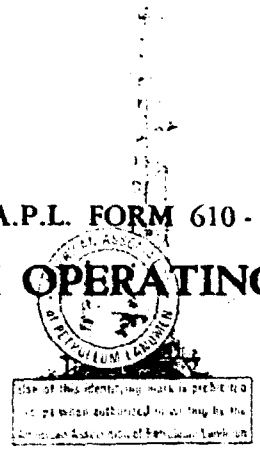

OPERATING AGREEMENT

DATED

September 11, 1981,

OPERATOR R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD.,

CONTRACT AREA COVERING ALL WELLS TO BE DRILLED IN THE SE/4 OF SECTION 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

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OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. _____, hereinafter designated and referred to as "Operator", and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter referred to individually herein as "Non-Operator", and collectively as "Non-Operators",

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are owners of oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests in the land identified in Exhibit "A", and the parties hereto have reached an agreement to explore and develop these leases and/or oil and gas interests for the production of oil and gas to the extent and as hereinafter provided:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I.
DEFINITIONS

As used in this agreement, the following words and terms shall have the meanings here ascribed to them:

A. The term "oil and gas" shall mean oil, gas, casinghead gas, gas condensate, and all other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons and other marketable substances produced therewith, unless an intent to limit the inclusiveness of this term is specifically stated.

B. The terms "oil and gas lease", "lease" and "leasehold" shall mean the oil and gas leases covering tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by the parties to this agreement.

C. The term "oil and gas interests" shall mean unleased fee and mineral interests in tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by parties to this agreement.

D. The term "Contract Area" shall mean all of the lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests intended to be developed and operated for oil and gas purposes under this agreement. Such lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests are described in Exhibit "A".

E. The term "drilling unit" shall mean the area fixed for the drilling of one well by order or rule of any state or federal body having authority. If a drilling unit is not fixed by any such rule or order, a drilling unit shall be the drilling unit as established by the pattern of drilling in the Contract Area or as fixed by express agreement of the Drilling Parties.

F. The term "drillsite" shall mean the oil and gas lease or interest on which a proposed well is to be located.

G. The terms "Drilling Party" and "Consenting Party" shall mean a party who agrees to join in and pay its share of the cost of any operation conducted under the provisions of this agreement.

H. The terms "Non-Drilling Party" and "Non-Consenting Party" shall mean a party who elects not to participate in a proposed operation.

Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.

ARTICLE II.
EXHIBITS

The following exhibits, as indicated below and attached hereto, are incorporated in and made a part hereof:

☐ A. Exhibit "A", shall include the following information:

(1) Identification of lands subject to agreement,
(2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths or formations,
(3) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement,
(4) Oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject to this agreement,
(5) Addresses of parties for notice purposes.

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[X] C. Exhibit "C", Accounting Procedure.

[X] D. Exhibit "D", Insurance.

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ARTICLE III.
INTERESTS OF PARTIES

A. Oil and Gas Interests:

If any party owns an unleased oil and gas interest in the Contract Area, that interest shall be treated for the purpose of this agreement and during the term hereof as if it were a leased interest under the form of oil and gas lease attached as Exhibit "B". As to such interest, the owner shall receive royalty on production as prescribed in the form of oil and gas lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Such party shall, however, be subject to all of the provisions of this agreement relating to lessees, to the extent that it owns the lessee interest.

B. Interest of Parties in Costs and Production:

Exhibit "A" lists all of the parties and their respective percentage or fractional interests under this agreement. Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and material acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned by the parties as their interests are shown in Exhibit "A". All production of oil and gas from the Contract Area, subject to the payment of lessor's royalties shall also be owned by the parties in the same manner during the term hereof; provided, however, this shall not be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby.

ARTICLE IV.
TITLES

A. Title Examination:

Title examination shall be made on the drillsite of any proposed well prior to commencement of drilling operations or, if the Drilling Parties so request, title examination shall be made on the leases and/or oil and gas interests included, or planned to be included, in the drilling unit around such well. The opinion will include the ownership of the working interest, minerals, royalty, overriding royalty and production payments under the applicable leases. At the time a well is proposed, each party contributing leases and/or oil and gas interests to the drillsite, or to be included in such drilling unit, shall furnish to Operator all abstracts (including Federal Lease Status Reports), title opinions, title papers and curative material in its possession free of charge. All such information not in the possession of or made available to Operator by the parties, but necessary for the examination of title, shall be obtained by Operator. Operator shall cause title to be examined by attorneys on its staff or by outside attorneys. Copies of all title opinions shall be furnished upon request to each party hereto. The cost incurred by Operator in this title program shall be borne as follows:

☐ Option No. 1: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be a part of the administrative overhead as provided in Exhibit "C," and shall not be a direct charge, whether performed by Operator's staff attorneys or by outside attorneys.

☒ Option No. 2: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and fees paid outside attorneys for title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be borne by the Drilling Parties in the proportion that the interest of each Drilling Party bears to the total interest of all Drilling Parties as such interests appear in Exhibit "A". Operator shall make no charge for services rendered by its staff attorneys or other personnel in the performance of the above functions.

Each party shall be responsible for securing curative matter and pooling amendments or agreements required in connection with leases or oil and gas interests contributed by such party. The Operator shall be responsible for the preparation and recording of Pooling Designations or Declarations as well as the conduct of hearings before Governmental Agencies for the securing of spacing or pooling orders. This shall not prevent any party from appearing on its own behalf at any such hearing.

No well shall be drilled on the Contract Area until after (1) the title to the drillsite or drilling unit has been examined as above provided, and (2) the title has been approved by the examining attorney or title has been accepted by all of the parties who are to participate in the drilling of the well.

B. Loss of Title:

1. Failure of Title: Should any oil and gas interest or lease, or interest therein, be lost through failure of title, which loss results in a reduction of interest from that shown on Exhibit "A", this agreement, nevertheless, shall continue in force as to all remaining oil and gas leases and interests, and

(a) The party whose oil and gas lease or interest is affected by the title failure shall bear, alone the entire loss and it shall not be entitled to recover from Operator or the other parties any development

or operating costs which it may have theretofore paid, but there shall be no monetary liability on its part to the other parties hereto for drilling, development, operating or other similar costs by reason of such title failure; and

(b) There shall be no retroactive adjustment of expenses incurred or revenues received from the operation of the interest which has been lost, but the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, as of the time it is determined finally that title failure has occurred, so that the interest of the party whose lease or interest is affected by the title failure will thereafter be reduced in the Contract Area by the amount of the interest lost; and

(c) If the proportionate interest of the other parties hereto in any producing well theretofore drilled on the Contract Area is increased by reason of the title failure, the party whose title has failed shall receive the proceeds attributable to the increase in such interests (less costs and burdens attributable thereto) until it has been reimbursed for unrecovered costs paid by it in connection with such well; and

(d) Should any person not a party to this agreement, who is determined to be the owner of any interest in the title which has failed, pay in any manner any part of the cost of operation, development, or equipment, such amount shall be paid to the party or parties who bore the costs which are so refunded; and

(e) Any liability to account to a third party for prior production of oil and gas which arises by reason of title failure shall be borne by the party or parties in the same proportions in which they shared in such prior production; and

(f) No charge shall be made to the joint account for legal expenses, fees or salaries, in connection with the defense of the interest claimed by any party hereto, it being the intention of the parties hereto that each shall defend title to its interest and bear all expenses in connection therewith.

2. Loss by Non-Payment or Erroneous Payment of Amount Due: If, through mistake or oversight, any rental, shut-in well payment, minimum royalty or royalty payment, is not paid or is erroneously paid, and as a result a lease or interest therein terminates, there shall be no monetary liability against the party who failed to make such payment. Unless the party who failed to make the required payment secures a new lease covering the same interest within ninety (90) days from the discovery of the failure to make proper payment, which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, effective as of the date of termination of the lease involved, and the party who failed to make proper payment will no longer be credited with an interest in the Contract Area on account of ownership of the lease or interest which has terminated. In the event the party who failed to make the required payment shall not have been fully reimbursed, at the time of the loss, from the proceeds of the sale of oil and gas attributable to the lost interest, calculated on an acreage basis, for the development and operating costs theretofore paid on account of such interest, it shall be reimbursed for unrecovered actual costs theretofore paid by it (but not for its share of the cost of any dry hole previously drilled or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following as is necessary to effect reimbursement:

(a) Proceeds of oil and gas, less operating expenses, theretofore accrued to the credit of the lost interest, on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs;

(b) Proceeds, less operating expenses, thereafter accrued attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, of that portion of oil and gas thereafter produced and marketed (excluding production from any wells thereafter drilled) which, in the absence of such lease termination, would be attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, the proceeds of said portion of the oil and gas to be contributed by the other parties in proportion to their respective interests; and

(c) Any monies, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, that may be paid by any party who is, or becomes, the owner of the interest lost, for the privilege of participating in the Contract Area or becoming a party to this agreement.

3. Other Losses: All losses incurred, other than those set forth in Articles IV.B.1. and IV.B.2. above, shall not be considered failure of title but shall be joint losses and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

ARTICLE V.
OPERATOR

A. DESIGNATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OPERATOR:

R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD., shall be the Operator of the Contract Area, and shall conduct and direct and have full control of all operations on the Contract Area as permitted and required by, and within the limits of, this agreement. It shall conduct all such operations in a good and workmanlike manner, but it shall have no liability as Operator to the other parties for losses sustained or liabilities incurred, except such as may result from gross negligence or willful misconduct.

B. Resignation or Removal of Operator and Selection of Successor:

1. Resignation or Removal of Operator: Operator may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to Non-Operators. If Operator terminates its legal existence, no longer owns an interest in the Contract Area, or is no longer capable of serving as Operator, it shall cease to be Operator without any action by Non-Operator, except the selection of a successor. Operator may be removed if it fails or refuses to carry out its duties hereunder, or becomes insolvent, bankrupt or is placed in receivership, by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more Non-Operators owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of Operator. Such resignation or removal shall not become effective until 7:00 o'clock A.M. on the first day of the calendar month following the expiration of ninety (90) days after the giving of notice of resignation by Operator or action by the Non-Operators to remove Operator, unless a successor Operator has been selected and assumes the duties of Operator at an earlier date. Operator, after effective date of resignation or removal, shall be bound by the terms hereof as a Non-Operator. A change of a corporate name or structure of Operator or transfer of Operator's interest to any single subsidiary, parent or successor corporation shall not be the basis for removal of Operator.

2. Selection of Successor Operator: Upon the resignation or removal of Operator, a successor Operator shall be selected by the Parties. The successor Operator shall be selected from the parties owning an interest in the Contract Area at the time such successor Operator is selected. If the Operator that is removed fails to vote or votes only to succeed itself, the successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of the Operator that was removed.

C. Employees:

The number of employees used by Operator in conducting operations hereunder, their selection, and the hours of labor and the compensation for services performed, shall be determined by Operator, and all such employees shall be the employees of Operator.

D. Drilling Contracts:

All wells drilled on the Contract Area shall be drilled on a competitive contract basis at the usual rates prevailing in the area. If it so desires, Operator may employ its own tools and equipment in the drilling of wells, but its charges therefor shall not exceed the prevailing rates in the area and the rate of such charges shall be agreed upon by the parties in writing before drilling operations are commenced, and such work shall be performed by Operator under the same terms and conditions as are customary and usual in the area in contracts of independent contractors who are doing work of a similar nature.

ARTICLE VI.
DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Initial Well:

On or before the As soon as a rig is made available day of _____, 19___, Operator shall commence the drilling of a well for oil and gas at the following location:

A legal location in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

and shall thereafter continue the drilling of the well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Esperanza Field pay at an approximate depth of 3425'.

unless granite or other practically impenetrable substance or condition in the hole, which renders further drilling impractical, is encountered at a lesser depth, or unless all parties agree to complete or abandon the well at a lesser depth.

Operator shall make reasonable tests of all formations encountered during drilling which give indication of containing oil and gas in quantities sufficient to test, unless this agreement shall be limited in its application to a specific formation or formations, in which event Operator shall be required to test only the formation or formations to which this agreement may apply.

If, in Operator's judgment, the well will not produce oil or gas in paying quantities, and it wishes to plug and abandon the well as a dry hole, it shall first secure the consent of all parties, and shall plug and abandon same as provided in Article VI.E.1. hereof.

B. Subsequent Operations:

1. Proposed Operations: Should any party hereto desire to drill any well on the Contract Area other than the well provided for in Article VI.A., or to rework, deepen or plug back a dry hole drilled at the joint expense of all parties or a well jointly owned by all the parties and not then producing in paying quantities, the party desiring to drill, rework, deepen or plug back such a well shall give the other parties written notice of the proposed operation, specifying the work to be performed, the location, proposed depth, objective formation and the estimated cost of the operation. The parties receiving such a notice shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice within which to notify the parties wishing to do the work whether they elect to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. If a drilling rig is on location, notice of proposal to rework, plug back or drill deeper may be given by telephone and the response period shall be limited to twenty-four (24) hours.

Failure of a party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. Any notice or response given by telephone shall be promptly confirmed in writing.

2. Operations by Less than All Parties: If any party receiving such notice as provided in Article VI.B.1. or VI.E.1. elects not to participate in the proposed operation, then, in order to be entitled to the benefits of this article, the party or parties giving the notice and such other parties as shall elect to participate in the operation shall, within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the twenty-four (24) hour period where the drilling rig is on location, as the case may be) actually commence work on the proposed operation and complete it with due diligence. Operator shall perform all work for the account of the Consenting Parties; provided, however, if no drilling rig or other equipment is on location, and if Operator is a Non-Consenting Party, the Consenting Parties shall either: (a) request Operator to perform the work required by such proposed operation for the account of the Consenting Parties, or (b) designate one (1) of the Consenting Parties as Operator to perform such work. Consenting Parties, when conducting operations on the Contract Area pursuant to this Article VI.B.2., shall comply with all terms and conditions of this agreement.

If less than all parties approve any proposed operation, the proposing party, immediately after the expiration of the applicable notice period, shall advise the Consenting Parties of (a) the total interest of the parties approving such operation, and (b) its recommendation as to whether the Consenting Parties should proceed with the operation as proposed. Each Consenting Party, within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of such notice, shall advise the proposing party of its desire to (a) limit participation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A", or (b) carry its proportionate part of Non-Consenting Parties' interest. The proposing party, at its election, may withdraw such proposal if there is insufficient participation, and shall promptly notify all parties of such decision.

The entire cost and risk of conducting such operations shall be borne by the Consenting Parties in the proportions they have elected to bear same under the terms of the preceding paragraph. Consenting Parties shall keep the leasehold estates involved in such operations free and clear of all liens and encumbrances of every kind created by or arising from the operations of the Consenting Parties. If such an operation results in a dry hole, the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well at their sole cost, risk and expense. If any well drilled, completed reworked, deepened or plugged back under the provisions of this Article results in a producer of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, the Consenting Parties shall complete and equip the well to produce at their sole cost and risk, and the well shall then be turned over to Operator and shall be operated by it at the expense and for the account of the Consenting Parties. Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, completing reworking, deepening or plugging back of any such well by Consenting Parties in accordance with the provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, and the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-Consenting Party's interest in the well and share of production therefrom until the proceeds of the sale of such share, calculated at the well, or market value thereof if such share is not sold (after deducting production taxes, royalty, overriding royalty and other interests existing on the effective date hereof, payable out of or measured by the production from such well accruing with respect to such interest until it reverts) shall equal the total of the following:

(a) 200 % of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of any newly acquired surface equipment beyond the wellhead connections (including, but not limited to, stock tanks, separators, treaters, pumping equipment and piping), plus 100% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of operation of the well commencing with first production and continuing until each such Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest shall revert to it under other provisions of this Article, it being agreed that each Non-Consenting Party's share of such costs and equipment will be that interest which would have been chargeable to each Non-Consenting Party had it participated in the well from the beginning of the operation; and

(b) 300 % of that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling reworking, deepening, or plugging back, testing and completing, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C., and

300 % of that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the well-head connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had participated therein.

Gas production attributable to any Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest upon such Party's election, shall be sold to its purchaser, if available, under the terms of its existing gas sales contract. Such Non - Consenting Party shall direct its purchaser to remit the proceeds receivable from such sale direct to the Consenting Parties until the amounts provided for in this Article are recovered from the Non - Consenting Party's relinquished interest. If such Non - Consenting Party has not contracted for sale of its gas at the time such gas is available for delivery, or has not made the election as provided above, the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive and sell such Non-Consenting Party's share of gas as hereinabove provided during the recoupment period.

During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's share of production, or the proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of all production, severance, gathering and other taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's share of production.

In the case of any reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling operation, the Consenting Parties shall be permitted to use, free of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of all such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon abandonment of a well after such reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equipment to the owners thereof, with each party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of salvage.

Within sixty (60) days after the completion of any operation under this Article, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an inventory of the equipment in and connected to the well, and an itemized statement of the cost of drilling, deepening, plugging back, testing, completing, and equipping the well for production; or, at its option, the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed statement of monthly billings. Each month thereafter, during the time the Consenting Parties are being reimbursed as provided above, the Party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities incurred in the operation of the well, together with a statement of the quantity of oil and gas produced from it and the amount of proceeds realized from the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding month. In determining the quantity of oil and gas produced during any month, Consenting Parties shall use industry accepted methods such as, but not limited to, metering or periodic well tests. Any amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with any such operation which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein shall be credited against the total unreturned costs of the work done and of the equipment purchased, in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as above provided; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting party.

If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest the amounts provided for above, the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall automatically revert to it, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-Consenting Party shall own the same interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production therefrom as such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be charged with and shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of the operation of said well in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the Accounting Procedure, attached hereto.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that without the mutual consent of all parties, no wells shall be completed in or produced from a source of supply from which a well located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, unless such well conforms to the then-existing well spacing pattern for such source of supply.

The provisions of this Article shall have no application whatsoever to the drilling of the initial well described in Article VI.A. except (a) when Option 2, Article VII.D.1., has been selected, or (b) to the reworking, deepening and plugging back of such initial well, if such well is or thereafter shall prove to be a dry hole or non-commercial well, after having been drilled to the depth specified in Article VI.A.

C. Right to Take Production in Kind:

Each party shall have the right to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in preparing and treating oil for marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditure incurred in the taking in kind or separate disposition by any party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any

party taking its share of production in kind shall be required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it uses.

Each party shall execute such division orders and contracts as may be necessary for the sale of its interest in production from the Contract Area, and, except as provided in Article VII.B., shall be entitled to receive payment direct from the purchaser thereof for its share of all production.

In the event any party shall fail to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of the oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, Operator shall have the right, subject to the revocation at will by the party owning it, but not the obligation, to purchase such oil and gas or sell it to others at any time and from time to time, for the account of the non-taking party at the best price obtainable in the area for such production. Any such purchase or sale by Operator shall be subject always to the right of the owner of the production to exercise at any time its right to take in kind, or separately dispose of, its share of all oil and gas not previously delivered to a purchaser. Any purchase or sale by Operator of any other party's share of oil and gas shall be only for such reasonable periods of time as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the particular circumstances, but in no event for a period in excess of one (1) year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Operator shall not make a sale, including one into interstate commerce, of any other party's share of gas production without first giving such other party thirty (30) days prior written notice of such intended sale.

In the event one or more parties' separate disposition of its share of the gas causes split-stream deliveries to separate pipelines and/or deliveries which on a day-to-day basis for any reason are not exactly equal to a party's respective proportionate share of total gas sales to be allocated to it, the balancing or accounting between the respective accounts of the parties shall be in accordance with any Gas Balancing Agreement between the parties hereto, whether such Agreement is attached as Exhibit "E", or is a separate Agreement.

D. Access to Contract Area and Information:

Each party shall have access to the Contract Area at all reasonable times, at its sole risk to inspect or observe operations, and shall have access at reasonable times to information pertaining to the development or operation thereof, including Operator's books and records relating thereto. Operator, upon request, shall furnish each of the other parties with copies of all forms or reports filed with governmental agencies, daily drilling reports, well logs, tank tables, daily gauge and run tickets and reports of stock on hand at the first of each month, and shall make available samples of any cores or cuttings taken from any well drilled on the Contract Area. The cost of gathering and furnishing information to Non-Operator, other than that specified above, shall be charged to the Non-Operator that requests the information.

E. Abandonment of Wells:

1. Abandonment of Dry Holes: Except for any well drilled pursuant to Article VI.B.2., any well which has been drilled under the terms of this agreement and is proposed to be completed as a dry hole shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. Should Operator, after diligent effort, be unable to contact any party, or should any party fail to reply within forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays) after receipt of notice of the proposal to plug and abandon such well, such party shall be deemed to have consented to the proposed abandonment. All such wells shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of the parties who participated in the cost of drilling of such well. Any party who objects to the plugging and abandoning such well shall have the right to take over the well and conduct further operations in search of oil and/or gas subject to the provisions of Article VI.B.

2. Abandonment of Wells that have Produced: Except for any well which has been drilled or reworked pursuant to Article VI.B.2. hereof for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reimbursed as therein provided, any well which has been completed as a producer shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. If all parties consent to such abandonment, the well shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of all the parties hereto. If, within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the proposed abandonment of such well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of any well, those wishing to continue its operation shall tender to each of the other parties its proportionate share of the value of the well's salvable material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. Each abandoning party shall assign to the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, quality, or fitness for use of the equipment and material, all of its interest in the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the leasehold estate as to, but only as to, the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes an oil and gas interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-abandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production, for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the interval or inter-

vals of the formation or formations covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached as Exhibit "B". The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the "drilling unit" upon which the well is located. The payments by, and the assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentages of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment of interest in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the operation of or production from the well in the interval or intervals then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon request, Operator shall continue to operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and charges contemplated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of the separate ownership of the assigned well.

ARTICLE VII.
EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES

A. Liability of Parties:

The liability of the parties shall be several, not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible only for its obligations, and shall be liable only for its proportionate share of the costs of developing and operating the Contract Area. Accordingly, the liens granted among the parties in Article VII.B. are given to secure only the debts of each severally. It is not the intention of the parties to create, nor shall this agreement be construed as creating, a mining or other partnership or association, or to render the parties liable as partners.

B. Liens and Payment Defaults:

Each Non-Operator grants to Operator a lien upon its oil and gas rights in the Contract Area, and a security interest in its share of oil and/or gas when extracted and its interest in all equipment, to secure payment of its share of expense, together with interest thereon at the rate provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". To the extent that Operator has a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State, Operator shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the obtaining of judgment by Operator for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any Non-Operator in the payment of its share of expense, Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such Non-Operator's share of oil and/or gas until the amount owed by such Non-Operator, plus interest has been paid. Each purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon Operator's written statement concerning the amount of any default. Operator grants a like lien and security interest to the Non-Operators to secure payment of Operator's proportionate share of expense.

If any party fails or is unable to pay its share of expense within sixty (60) days after rendition of a statement therefor by Operator, the non-defaulting parties, including Operator, shall, upon request by Operator, pay the unpaid amount in the proportion that the interest of each such party bears to the interest of all such parties. Each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall, to obtain reimbursement thereof, be subrogated to the security rights described in the foregoing paragraph.

C. Payments and Accounting:

Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, Operator shall promptly pay and discharge expenses incurred in the development and operation of the Contract Area pursuant to this agreement and shall charge each of the parties hereto with their respective proportionate shares upon the expense basis provided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Operator shall keep an accurate record of the joint account hereunder, showing expenses incurred and charges and credits made and received.

Operator, at its election, shall have the right from time to time to demand and receive from the other parties payment in advance of their respective shares of the estimated amount of the expense to be incurred in operations hereunder during the next succeeding month, which right may be exercised only by submission to each such party of an itemized statement of such estimated expense, together with an invoice for its share thereof. Each such statement and invoice for the payment in advance of estimated expense shall be submitted on or before the 20th day of the next preceding month. Each party shall pay to Operator its proportionate share of such estimate within fifteen (15) days after such estimate and invoice is received. If any party fails to pay its share of said estimate within said time, the amount due shall bear interest as provided in Exhibit "C" until paid. Proper adjustment shall be made monthly between advances and actual expense to the end that each party shall bear and pay its proportionate share of actual expenses incurred, and no more.

D. Limitation of Expenditures:

1. Drill or Deepen: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled or deepened, except any well drilled or deepened pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this Agreement, it being understood that the consent to the drilling or deepening shall include:

☐ Option No. 1: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening, testing, completing and equipping of the well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

☒ Option No. 2: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening and testing of the well. When such well has reached its authorized depth, and all tests have been completed, Operator shall give immediate notice to the Non-Operators who have the right to participate in the completion costs. The parties receiving such notice shall have Twenty-four (24) hours in which to elect to participate in the setting of casing and the completion attempt. Such election, when made, shall include consent to all necessary expenditures for the completing and equipping of such well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities. Failure of any party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the completion attempt. If one or more, but less than all of the parties, elect to set pipe and to attempt a completion, the provisions of Article VI.B.2. hereof (the phrase "reworking, deepening or plugging back" as contained in Article VI.B.2. shall be deemed to include "completing") shall apply to the operations thereafter conducted by less than all parties.

2. Rework or Plug Back: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be reworked or plugged back except a well reworked or plugged back pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement, it being understood that the consent to the reworking or plugging back of a well shall include consent to all necessary expenditures in conducting such operations and completing and equipping of said well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

3. Other Operations: Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of Ten thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($10,000.00) except in connection with a well, the drilling, reworking, deepening, completing, recompleting, or plugging back of which has been previously authorized by or pursuant to this agreement; provided, however, that, in case of explosion, fire, flood or other sudden emergency, whether of the same or different nature, Operator may take such steps and incur such expenses as in its opinion are required to deal with the emergency to safeguard life and property but Operator, as promptly as possible, shall report the emergency to the other parties. If Operator prepares "Authority for Expenditures" for its own use, Operator, upon request, shall furnish copies of its "Authority for Expenditures" for any single project costing in excess of Ten thousand and no/100---------- Dollars ($10,000.00).

E. Royalties, Overriding Royalties and Other Payments:

Each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, all royalties due on its share of production and shall hold the other parties free from any liability therefor. If the interest of any party in any oil and gas lease covered by this agreement is subject to any overriding royalty, production payment, or other charge such party shall assume and alone bear all such obligations and shall account for or cause to be accounted for, such interest to the owners thereof.

F. Rentals, Shut-in Well Payments and Minimum Royalties:

Rentals, shut-in well payments and minimum royalties which may be required under the terms of any lease shall be paid by the party or parties who subjected such lease to this agreement at its or their expense. In the event two or more parties own and have contributed interests in the same lease to this agreement, such parties may designate one of such parties to make said payments for and on behalf of all such parties. Any party may request, and shall be entitled to receive, proper evidence of all such payments. In the event of failure to make proper payment of any rental, shut-in well payment or minimum royalty through mistake or oversight where such payment is required to continue the lease in force, any loss which results from such non-payment shall be borne in accordance with the provisions of Article IV.B.2.

Operator shall notify Non-Operator of the anticipated completion of a shut-in gas well, or the shutting in or return to production of a producing gas well, at least five (5) days (excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays), or at the earliest opportunity permitted by circumstances, prior to taking such action, but assumes no liability for failure to do so. In the event of failure by Operator to so notify Non-Operator, the loss of any lease contributed hereto by Non-Operator for failure to make timely payments

of any shut-in well payment shall be borne jointly by the parties hereto under the provisions of Article IV.B.3.

G. Taxes:

Beginning with the first calendar year after the effective date hereof, Operator shall render for ad valorem taxation all property subject to this agreement which by law should be rendered for such taxes, and it shall pay all such taxes assessed thereon before they become delinquent. Prior to the rendition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator information as to burdens (to include, but not be limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on leases and oil and gas interests contributed by such Non-Operator. If the assessed valuation of any leasehold estate is reduced by reason of its being subject to outstanding excess royalties, overriding royalties or production payments, the reduction in ad valorem taxes resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of such leasehold estate, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such reduction. Operator shall bill other parties for their proportionate share of all tax payments in the manner provided in Exhibit "C".

If Operator considers any tax assessment improper, Operator may, at its discretion, protest within the time and manner prescribed by law, and prosecute the protest to a final determination, unless all parties agree to abandon the protest prior to final determination. During the pendency of administrative or judicial proceedings, Operator may elect to pay, under protest, all such taxes and any interest and penalty. When any such protested assessment shall have been finally determined, Operator shall pay the tax for the joint account, together with any interest and penalty accrued, and the total cost shall then be assessed against the parties, and be paid by them, as provided in Exhibit "C".

Each party shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, gathering and other taxes imposed upon or with respect to the production or handling of such party's share of oil and/or gas produced under the terms of this agreement.

H. Insurance:

At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a self-insurer for liability under said compensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall be an amount equivalent to the premium which would have been paid had such insurance been obtained. Operator shall also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D", attached to and made a part hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted and to maintain such other insurance as Operator may require.

In the event Automobile Public Liability Insurance is specified in said Exhibit "D", or subsequently receives the approval of the parties, no direct charge shall be made by Operator for premiums paid for such insurance for Operator's fully owned automotive equipment.

ARTICLE VIII.
ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST

A. Surrender of Leases:

The leases covered by this agreement, insofar as they embrace acreage in the Contract Area, shall not be surrendered in whole or in part unless all parties consent thereto.

However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any lease or in any portion thereof, and other parties do not agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or implied warranty of title, all of its interest in such lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and equipment which may be located thereon and any rights in production thereafter secured, to the parties not desiring to surrender it. If the interest of the assigning party includes an oil and gas interest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not desiring to surrender an oil and gas lease covering such oil and gas interest for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the land covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Upon such assignment, the assigning party shall be relieved from all obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the acreage assigned and the operation of any well thereon, and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the lease assigned and its equipment and production other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The parties assignee shall pay to the party assignor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any wells and equipment on the assigned acreage. The value of all material shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. If the assignment is in favor of more than one party, the assigned interest shall

be shared by the parties assignee in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the interest of all parties assignee.

Any assignment or surrender made under this provision shall not reduce or change the assignor's or surrendering parties' interest, as it was immediately before the assignment, in the balance of the Contract Area; and the acreage assigned or surrendered, and subsequent operations thereon, shall not thereafter be subject to the terms and provisions of this agreement.

B. Renewal or Extension of Leases:

If any party secures a renewal of any oil and gas lease subject to this Agreement, all other parties shall be notified promptly, and shall have the right for a period of thirty (30) days following receipt of such notice in which to elect to participate in the ownership of the renewal lease, insofar as such lease affects lands within the Contract Area, by paying to the party who acquired it their several proper proportionate shares of the acquisition cost allocated to that part of such lease within the Contract Area, which shall be in proportion to the interests held at that time by the parties in the Contract Area.

If some, but less than all, of the parties elect to participate in the purchase of a renewal lease, it shall be owned by the parties who elect to participate therein, in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all parties participating in the purchase of such renewal lease. Any renewal lease in which less than all parties elect to participate shall not be subject to this agreement.

Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal lease shall be given an assignment of its proportionate interest therein by the acquiring party.

The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal leases whether they are for the entire interest covered by the expiring lease or cover only a portion of its area or an interest therein. Any renewal lease taken before the expiration of its predecessor lease, or taken or contracted for within six (6) months after the expiration of the existing lease shall be subject to this provision; but any lease taken or contracted for more than six (6) months after the expiration of an existing lease shall not be deemed a renewal lease and shall not be subject to the provisions of this agreement.

The provisions in this Article shall apply also and in like manner to extensions of oil and gas leases.

C. Acreage or Cash Contributions:

While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash toward the drilling of a well or any other operation on the Contract Area, such contribution shall be paid to the party who conducted the drilling or other operation and shall be applied by it against the cost of such drilling or other operation. If the contribution be in the form of acreage, the party to whom the contribution is made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling Parties in the proportions said Drilling Parties shared the cost of drilling the well. If all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall become a part of the Contract Area and be governed by the provisions of this agreement. If less than all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall not become a part of the Contract Area. Each party shall promptly notify all other parties of all acreage or money contributions it may obtain in support of any well or any other operation on the Contract Area.

If any party contracts for any consideration relating to disposition of such party's share of substances produced hereunder, such consideration shall not be deemed a contribution as contemplated in this Article VIII.C.

D. Subsequently Created Interest:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII.E. and VIII.G., if any party hereto shall, subsequent to execution of this agreement, create an overriding royalty, production payment, or net proceeds interest, which such interests are hereinafter referred to as "subsequently created interest", such subsequently created interest shall be specifically made subject to all of the terms and provisions of this agreement, as follows:

1. If non-consent operations are conducted pursuant to any provision of this agreement, and the party conducting such operations becomes entitled to receive the production attributable to the interest out of which the subsequently created interest is derived, such party shall receive same free and clear of such subsequently created interest. The party creating same shall bear and pay all such subsequently created interests and shall indemnify and hold the other parties hereto free and harmless from any and all liability resulting therefrom.

2. If the owner of the interest from which the subsequently created interest is derived (1) fails to pay, when due, its share of expenses chargeable hereunder, or (2) elects to abandon a well under provisions of Article VI.E. hereof, or (3) elects to surrender a lease under provisions of Article VIII.A. hereof, the subsequently created interest shall be chargeable with the pro rata portion of all expenses hereunder in the same manner as if such interest were a working interest. For purposes of collecting such chargeable expenses, the party or parties who receive assignments as a result of (2) or (3) above shall have the right to enforce all provisions of Article VII.B. hereof against such subsequently created interest.

E. Maintenance of Uniform Interest:

For the purpose of maintaning uniformity of ownership in the oil and gas leasehold interests covered by this contract, and notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, no party shall sell, encumber, transfer or make other disposition of its interest in the leases embraced within the Unit area and in wells, equipment and production unless every such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party shall be made expressly subject to this agreement, and shall be made without prejudice to the rights of the other parties.

If at any time the interest of any party is divided among and owned by four or more co-owners, Operator may, at its discretion, require such co-owners to appoint a single trustee or agent with full authority to receive notices, approve expenditures, receive billings for and approve and pay such party's share of the joint expenses, and to deal generally with, and with power to bind, the co-owners of such party's interests within the scope of the operations embraced in this contract; however, all such co-owners shall enter into and execute all contracts or agreements for the disposition of their respective shares of the oil and gas produced from the Unit Area and they shall have the right to receive, separately, payment of the sale of proceeds thereof.

F. Waiver of Right to Partition:

If permitted by the laws of the state or states in which the property covered hereby is located, each party hereto owning an undivided interest in the Contract Area waives any and all rights it may have to partition and have set aside to it in severalty its undivided interest therein.

G. Preferential Right to Purchase:

ARTICLE IX.
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION

This agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, a relationship of partnership or an association for profit between or among the parties hereto. Notwithstanding any provisions herein that the rights and liabilities hereunder are several and not joint or collective, or that this agreement and operations hereunder shall not constitute a partnership, if, for Federal income tax purposes, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, each party hereby affected elects to be excluded from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as permitted and authorized by Section 761 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Operator is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of each party hereby affected such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States or the Federal Internal Revenue Service, including specifically, but not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements, and the data required by Federal Regulations 1.761. Should there be any requirement that each party hereby affected give further evidence of this election, each such party shall execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be required by the Federal Internal Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. No

such party shall give any notices or take any other action inconsistent with the election made hereby. If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Contract Area is located or any future income tax laws of the United States contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, under which an election similar to that provided by Section 761 of the Code is permitted, each party hereby affected shall make such election as may be permitted or required by such laws. In making the foregoing election, each such party states that the income derived by such party from Operations hereunder can be adequately determined without the computation of partnership taxable income.

ARTICLE X.
CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS

Operator may settle any single damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the expenditure does not exceed Five Thousand and no/100----------Dollars ($5,000.00) and if the payment is in complete settlement of such claim or suit. If the amount required for settlement exceeds the above amount, the parties hereto shall assume and take over the further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is delegated to Operator. All costs and expense of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be at the joint expense of the parties. If a claim is made against any party or if any party is sued on account of any matter arising from operations hereunder over which such individual has no control because of the rights given Operator by this agreement, the party shall immediately notify Operator, and the claim or suit shall be treated as any other claim or suit involving operations hereunder.

ARTICLE XI.
FORCE MAJEURE

If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by force majeure to carry out its obligations under this agreement, other than the obligation to make money payments, that party shall give to all other parties prompt written notice of the force majeure with reasonably full particulars concerning it; thereupon, the obligations of the party giving the notice, so far as they are affected by the force majeure, shall be suspended during, but no longer than, the continuance of the force majeure. The affected party shall use all reasonable diligence to remove the force majeure situation as quickly as practicable.

The requirement that any force majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes, lockouts, or other labor difficulty by the party involved, contrary to its wishes; how all such difficulties shall be handled shall be entirely within the discretion of the party concerned.

The term "force majeure", as here employed, shall mean an act of God, strike, lockout, or other industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightning, fire, storm, flood, explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint or inaction, unavailability of equipment, and any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension.

ARTICLE XII.
NOTICES

All notices authorized or required between the parties, and required by any of the provisions of this agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be given in writing by United States mail or Western Union telegram, postage or charges prepaid, or by teletype, and addressed to the party to whom the notice is given at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A". The originating notice given under any provision hereof shall be deemed given only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed, and the time for such party to give any notice in response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail or with the Western Union Telegraph Company, with postage or charges prepaid, or when sent by teletype. Each party shall have the right to change its address at any time, and from time to time, by giving written notice hereof to all other parties.

ARTICLE XIII.
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the oil and gas leases and or oil and gas interests subjected hereto for the period of time selected below; provided, however, no party hereto shall ever be construed as having any right, title or interest in or to any lease, or oil and gas interest contributed by any other party beyond the term of this agreement.

(X Option No. 1: So long as any of the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement remain or are continued in force as to any part of the Contract Area, whether by production extension, renewal or otherwise, and/or so long as oil and/or gas production continues from any lease or oil and gas interest.

☐ Option No. 2: In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled under any provision of this agreement, results in production of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, this agreement shall continue in force so long as any such well or wells produce, or are capable of production, and for an additional period of _____ days from cessation of all production; provided, however, if, prior to the expiration of such additional period, one or more of the parties hereto are engaged in drilling or reworking a well or wells hereunder, this agreement shall continue in force until such operations have been completed and if production results therefrom, this agreement shall continue in force as provided herein. In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled hereunder, results in a dry hole, and no other well is producing, or capable of producing oil and/or gas from the Contract Area, this agreement shall terminate unless drilling or reworking operations are commenced within _____ days from the date of abandonment of said well.

It is agreed, however, that the termination of this agreement shall not relieve any party hereto from any liability which has accrued or attached prior to the date of such termination.

ARTICLE XIV.
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. Laws, Regulations and Orders:

This agreement shall be subject to the conservation laws of the state in which the committed acreage is located, to the valid rules, regulations, and orders of any duly constituted regulatory body of said state; and to all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders.

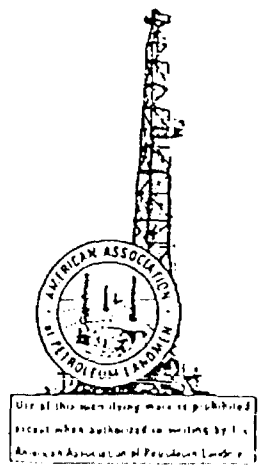
B. Governing Law:

The essential validity of this agreement and all matters pertaining thereto, including, but not limited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the law of the state in which the Contract Area is located. If the Contract Area is in two or more states, the law of the state where most of the land in the Contract Area is located shall govern.

ARTICLE XV.
OTHER PROVISIONS

A. If the operator is required hereunder to pay ad valorem taxes based in whole or in part upon separate valuations of each party's working interest, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, charges to the joint account shall be made and paid by the parties hereto in accordance with the percentage of tax value generated by each party's working interest.

B. When there is no party in default hereunder, and after a period of one(1) year from the date of this agreement, should any of the Non-Operators be of the opinion that it can operate the Unit Area more economically than Operator, such Non-Operators shall give thirty (30) days' written notice to Operator, and subject to the requirements set forth hereafter in this Section, on the first day of the calendar month following the end of such thirty (30) day period, said Non-Operator shall take charge of such operations under the terms of this agreement. Prior to such Non-Operator being permitted to exercise such right to assume operations, said Non-Operator must agree, in writing, to maintain the average production trend, and efficiency rate as had been established by the Operator, and must agree, in writing, to immediately reduce operating expenses by not less than ten percent (10%) and to continue to operator the Unit Area on such agreed basis. In like manner and upon like notice, any then Non-Operator shall have the right to assume operations hereunder, providing it receives approval of a total of more than 50% in interest of the working interest owners.



ARTICLE XVI.
MISCELLANEOUS

This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of 11 day of September, 1981.

OPERATOR

R. A. Mendenhall Associates Ltd.,

By Richard A. Mendenhall, General Partner

NON-OPERATORS

Union Oil Company of California

ATTEST:

By:

Wagner & Brown

ATTEST:

By:

David J. Sorenson

Martin Yates III

ATTEST:

Nielson Enterprises, Inc.

By:

Pennzoil Company

ATTEST:

By:

T. J. Sivley

J. C. Davis, Jr.

ATTEST:

Amoco Production Company

By:

Getty Oil Company

ATTEST:

By:

C & K Petroleum, Inc.

ATTEST:

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By: _____

ATTEST:

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B. R. Greathouse Estate
c/o Midland National Bank

By: _____

_____
James L. Pierce

_____
Mrs. Helen Greathouse

ATTEST:

_____

Wainoco Oil & Gas Company

By: _____

_____
G. Dee Williamson

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Lanita C. Williamson

_____
Charles D. Olmsted

_____
Glenn G. Stiff

EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of the Operating Agreement by and between R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et al., as Operator.

LANDS AND DEPTHS SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT

All lands which are owned by R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., and Union Oil Company of California et al. will be committed by each to all Drilling Units located in the SE/4 of Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico, from surface of the ground to and including all depths down to 100' below the deepest depth drilled which is estimated to be 3425'.

PARTIES TO AGREEMENT, ADDRESS, AND INTERESTS

R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd.
Suite 230 Western United Life Building
Midland, Texas 79701

NW/SE 40 acres	38%
SW/SE 40 acres	95%
SE/SE 40 acres	25%

Union Oil Company of California et al
P. O. Box 671
Midland, Texas 79702

NW/SE 40 acres	62%
SW/SE 40 acres	5%
SE/SE 40 acres	75%

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EXHIBIT "C"

Attached to and made a part of Operating Agreement dated September 11, 1981 between R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., as Operator, and Union Oil Company of California et., as Non-Operators

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE
JOINT OPERATIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Definitions

"Joint Property" shall mean the real and personal property subject to the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached.

"Joint Operations" shall mean all operations necessary or proper for the development, operation, protection and maintenance of the Joint Property.

"Joint Account" shall mean the account showing the charges paid and credits received in the conduct of the Joint Operations and which are to be shared by the Parties.

"Operator" shall mean the party designated to conduct the Joint Operations.

"Non-Operators" shall mean the parties to this agreement other than the Operator.

"Parties" shall mean Operator and Non-Operators.

"First Level Supervisors" shall mean those employees whose primary function in Joint Operations is the direct supervision of other employees and/or contract labor directly employed on the Joint Property in a field operating capacity.

"Technical Employees" shall mean those employees having special and specific engineering, geological or other professional skills, and whose primary function in Joint Operations is the handling of specific operating conditions and problems for the benefit of the Joint Property.

"Personal Expenses" shall mean travel and other reasonable reimbursable expenses of Operator's employees.

"Material" shall mean personal property, equipment or supplies acquired or held for use on the Joint Property.

"Controllable Material" shall mean Material which at the time is so classified in the Material Classification Manual as most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies of North America.

2. Statement and Billings

Operator shall bill Non-Operators on or before the last day of each month for their proportionate share of the Joint Account for the preceding month. Such bills will be accompanied by statements which identify the authority for expenditure, lease or facility, and all charges and credits, summarized by appropriate classifications of investment and expense except that items of Controllable Material and unusual charges and credits shall be separately identified and fully described in detail.

3. Advances and Payments by Non-Operators

Unless otherwise provided for in the agreement, the Operator may require the Non-Operators to advance their share of estimated cash outlay for the succeeding month's operation. Operator shall adjust each monthly billing to reflect advances received from the Non-Operators.

Each Non-Operator shall pay its proportion of all bills within fifteen (15) days after receipt. If payment is not made within such time, Operator may elect to go to a bank of his choice and borrow money to pay * or the maximum contract rate permitted by the applicable usury laws in the state in which the Joint Property is located, whichever is the lesser, plus attorney's fees, court costs, and other costs in connection with the collection of unpaid amounts. * the unpaid balance. The Non-Operator is obligated to pay to the Operator the monies borrowed plus the expense and interest to acquire such.

4. Adjustments

Payment of any such bills shall not prejudice the right of any Non-Operator to protest or question the correctness thereof; provided, however, all bills and statements rendered to Non-Operators by Operator during any calendar year shall conclusively be presumed to be true and correct after twenty-four (24) months following the end of any such calendar year, unless within the said twenty-four (24) month period a Non-Operator takes written exception thereto and makes claim on Operator for adjustment. No adjustment favorable to Operator shall be made unless it is made within the same prescribed period. The provisions of this paragraph shall not prevent adjustments resulting from a physical inventory of Controllable Material as provided for in Section V.

5. Audits

A. Non-Operator, upon notice in writing to Operator and all other Non-Operators, shall have the right to audit Operator's accounts and records relating to the Joint Account for any calendar year within the twenty-four (24) month period following the end of such calendar year; provided, however, the making of an audit shall not extend the time for the taking of written exception to and the adjustments of accounts as provided for in Paragraph 4 of this Section I. Where there are two or more Non-Operators, the Non-Operators shall make every reasonable effort to conduct joint or simultaneous audits in a manner which will result in a minimum of inconvenience to the Operator. Operator shall bear no portion of the Non-Operators' audit cost incurred under this paragraph unless agreed to by the Operator.

6. Approval by Non-Operators

Where an approval or other agreement of the Parties or Non-Operators is expressly required under other sections of this Accounting Procedure and if the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached contains no contrary provisions in regard thereto, Operator shall notify all Non-Operators of the Operator's proposal, and the agreement or approval of a majority in interest of the Non-Operators shall be controlling on all Non-Operators.

II. DIRECT CHARGES

Operator shall charge the Joint Account with the following items:

1. Rentals and Royalties

Lease rentals and royalties paid by Operator for the Joint Operations.

2. Labor

A. (1) Salaries and wages of Operator's field employees directly employed on the Joint Property in the conduct of Joint Operations.

(2) Salaries of First Level Supervisors in the field.

(3) Salaries and wages of Technical Employees directly employed on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates.

B. Operator's cost of holiday, vacation, sickness and disability benefits and other customary allowances paid to employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. Such costs under this Paragraph 2B may be charged on a "when and as paid basis" or by "percentage assessment" on the amount of salaries and wages chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. If percentage assessment is used, the rate shall be based on the Operator's cost experience.

C. Expenditures or contributions made pursuant to assessments imposed by governmental authority which are applicable to Operator's costs chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II.

D. Personal Expenses of those employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II.

3. *Employee Benefits*

Operator's current costs of established plans for employees' group life insurance, hospitalization, pension, retirement, stock purchase, thrift, bonus, and other benefit plans of a like nature, applicable to Operator's labor cost chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II shall be Operator's actual cost not to exceed twenty per cent (20%).

4. Material

Material purchased or furnished by Operator for use on the Joint Property as provided under Section IV. Only such Material shall be purchased for or transferred to the Joint Property as may be required for immediate use and is reasonably practical and consistent with efficient and economical operations. The accumulation of surplus stocks shall be avoided.

5. Transportation

Transportation of employees and Material necessary for the Joint Operations but subject to the following limitations:

A. If Material is moved to the Joint Property from the Operator's warehouse or other properties, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance from the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point where like material is normally available, unless agreed to by the Parties.

B. If surplus Material is moved to Operator's warehouse or other storage point, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance to the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point unless agreed to by the Parties. No charge shall be made to the Joint Account for moving Material to other properties belonging to Operator, unless agreed to by the Parties.

C. In the application of Subparagraphs A and B above, there shall be no equalization of actual gross trucking cost of $200 or less excluding accessorial charges.

6. Services

The cost of contract services, equipment and utilities provided by outside sources, except services excluded by Paragraph 9 of Section II and Paragraph 1. ii of Section III. The cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly engaged on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates. The cost of professional consultant services or contract services of technical personnel not directly engaged on the Joint Property shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless previously agreed to by the Parties.

7. Equipment and Facilities Furnished by Operator

A. Operator shall charge the Joint Account for use of Operator owned equipment and facilities at rates commensurate with costs of ownership and operation. Such rates shall include costs of maintenance, repairs, other operating expense, insurance, taxes, depreciation, and interest on investment not to exceed average commercial rates currently prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property.

B. In lieu of charges in Paragraph 7A above, Operator may elect to use average commercial rates prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property less 20%. For automotive equipment, Operator may elect to use rates published by the Petroleum Motor Transport Association.

8. Damages and Losses to Joint Property

All costs or expenses necessary for the repair or replacement of Joint Property made necessary because of damages or losses incurred by fire, flood, storm, theft, accident, or other cause, except those resulting from Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Operator shall furnish Non-Operator written notice of damages or losses incurred as soon as practicable after a report thereof has been received by Operator.

9. Legal Expense

Expense of handling, investigating and settling litigation or claims, discharging of liens, payment of judgments and amounts paid for settlement of claims incurred in or resulting from operations under the agreement or necessary to protect or recover the Joint Property, except that no charge for services of Operator's legal staff or fees or expense of outside attorneys shall be made unless previously agreed to by the Parties. All other legal expense is considered to be covered by the overhead provisions of Section III unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, except as provided in Section I, Paragraph 3.

10. Taxes

All taxes of every kind and nature assessed or levied upon or in connection with the Joint Property, the operation thereof, or the production therefrom, and which taxes have been paid by the Operator for the benefit of the Parties.

11. Insurance

Net premiums paid for insurance required to be carried for the Joint Operations for the protection of the Parties. In the event Joint Operations are conducted in a state in which Operator may act as self-insurer for Workmen's Compensation and/or Employers Liability under the respective state's laws, Operator may, at its election, include the risk under its self-insurance program and in that event, Operator shall include a charge at Operator's cost not to exceed manual rates.

12. Other Expenditures

Any other expenditure not covered or dealt with in the foregoing provisions of this Section II, or in Section III, and which is incurred by the Operator in the necessary and proper conduct of the Joint Operations.

III. OVERHEAD

1. Overhead - Drilling and Producing Operations

i. As compensation for administrative, supervision, office services and warehousing costs, Operator shall charge drilling and producing operations on either:

(X) Fixed Rate Basis, Paragraph 1A, or

( ) Percentage Basis, Paragraph 1B.

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, such charge shall be in lieu of costs and expenses of all offices and salaries or wages plus applicable burdens and expenses of all personnel, except those directly chargeable under Paragraph 2A, Section II. The cost and expense of services from outside sources in connection with matters of taxation, traffic, accounting or matters before or involving governmental agencies shall be considered as included in the Overhead rates provided for in the above selected Paragraph of this Section III unless such cost and expense are agreed to by the Parties as a direct charge to the Joint Account.

ii. The salaries, wages and Personal Expenses of Technical Employees and/or the cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly employed on the Joint Property shall ( ) shall not (X) be covered by the Overhead rates.

A. Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates per well per month:

Drilling Well Rate $ 3,330.00

Producing Well Rate $ 335.00

(2) Application of Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis shall be as follows:

(a) Drilling Well Rate

[1] Charges for onshore drilling wells shall begin on the date the well is spudded and terminate on the date the drilling or completion rig is released, whichever is later, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

[2] Charges for offshore drilling wells shall begin on the date when drilling or completion equipment arrives on location and terminate on the date the drilling or completion equipment moves off location or rig is released, whichever occurs first, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days

[3] Charges for wells undergoing any type of workover or recompletion for a period of five (5) consecutive days or more shall be made at the drilling well rate. Such charges shall be applied for the period from date workover operations, with rig, commence through date of rig release, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

(b) *Producing Well Rates*

[1] An active well either produced or injected into for any portion of the month shall be considered as a one-well charge for the entire month.

[2] Each active completion in a multi-completed well in which production is not commingled down hole shall be considered as a one-well charge providing each completion is considered a separate well by the governing regulatory authority.

[3] An inactive gas well shut in because of overproduction or failure of purchaser to take the production shall be considered as a one-well charge providing the gas well is directly connected to a permanent sales outlet.

[4] A one-well charge may be made for the month in which plugging and abandonment operations are completed on any well.

[5] All other inactive wells (including but not limited to inactive wells covered by unit allowable, lease allowable, transferred allowable, etc.) shall not qualify for an overhead charge.

(3) The well rates shall be adjusted as of the first day of April each year following the effective date of the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached. The adjustment shall be computed by multiplying the rate currently in use by the percentage increase or decrease in the average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Production Workers for the last calendar year compared to the calendar year preceding as shown by the index of average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Fields Production Workers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or the equivalent Canadian index as published by Statistics Canada, as applicable. The adjusted rates shall be the rates currently in use, plus or minus the computed adjustment.

~~B. Overhead - Percentage Basis~~

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates:

(a) Development

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Development of the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraph 9 of Section II and all salvage credits.

(b) Operating

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Operating the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraphs 1 and 9 of Section II, all salvage credits, the value of injected substances purchased for secondary recovery and all taxes and assessments which are levied, assessed and paid upon the mineral interest in and to the Joint Property.

(2) Application of Overhead - Percentage Basis shall be as follows:
For the purpose of determining charges on a percentage basis under Paragraph 1B of this Section III, development shall include all costs in connection with drilling, redrilling, deepening or any remedial operations on any or all wells involving the use of drilling crew and equipment; also, preliminary expenditures necessary in preparation for drilling and expenditures incurred in abandoning when the well is not completed as a producer, and original cost of construction or installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset, except Major Construction as defined in Paragraph 2 of this Section III. All other costs shall be considered as Operating.

2. Overhead - Major Construction

To compensate Operator for overhead costs incurred in the construction and installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets, and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset required for the development and operation of the Joint Property, Operator shall either negotiate a rate prior to the beginning of construction, or shall charge the Joint Account for Overhead based on the following rates for any Major Construction project in excess of $ * :

A. * % of total costs if such costs are more than $ * but less than $ * ; plus

B. * % of total costs in excess of $ * but less than $1,000,000; plus

C. * % of total costs in excess of $1,000,000. * Negotiable if necessary.

Total cost shall mean the gross cost of any one project. For the purpose of this paragraph, the component parts of a single project shall not be treated separately and the cost of drilling and workover wells shall be excluded.

3. Amendment of Rates

The Overhead rates provided for in this Section III may be amended from time to time only by mutual agreement between the Parties hereto if, in practice, the rates are found to be insufficient or excessive.

IV. PRICING OF JOINT ACCOUNT MATERIAL PURCHASES, TRANSFERS AND DISPOSITIONS

Operator is responsible for Joint Account Material and shall make proper and timely charges and credits for all material movements affecting the Joint Property. Operator shall provide all Material for use on the Joint Property; however, at Operator's option, such Material may be supplied by the Non-Operator. Operator shall make timely disposition of idle and/or surplus Material, such disposal being made either through sale to Operator or Non-Operator, division in kind, or sale to outsiders. Operator may purchase, but shall be under no obligation to purchase, interest of Non-Operators in surplus condition A or B Material. The disposal of surplus Controllable Material not purchased by the Operator shall be agreed to by the Parties.

1. Purchases

Material purchased shall be charged at the price paid by Operator after deduction of all discounts received. In case of Material found to be defective or returned to vendor for any other reason, credit shall be passed to the Joint Account when adjustment has been received by the Operator.

2. Transfers and Dispositions

Material furnished to the Joint Property and Material transferred from the Joint Property or disposed of by the Operator, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, shall be priced on the following bases exclusive of cash discounts:

A. New Material (Condition A)

(1) Tubular goods, except line pipe, shall be priced at the current new price in effect on date of movement on a maximum carload or barge load weight basis, regardless of quantity transferred, equalized to the lowest published price f.o.b. railway receiving point or recognized barge terminal nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(2) Line Pipe

(a) Movement of less than 30,000 pounds shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

(b) Movement of 30,000 pounds or more shall be priced under provisions of tubular goods pricing in Paragraph 2A (1) of this Section IV.

(3) Other Material shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store or f.o.b. railway receiving point nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

B. Good Used Material (Condition B)

Material in sound and serviceable condition and suitable for reuse without reconditioning:

(1) Material moved to the Joint Property

(a) At eighty percent (80) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV.

(2) Material moved from the Joint Property

(a) At eighty percent (80) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as new Material, or

(b) at sixty-five percent (65%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as good used Material at seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price.

The cost of reconditioning, if any, shall be absorbed by the transferring property.

C. Other Used Material (Condition C and D)

(1) Condition C

Material which is not in sound and serviceable condition and not suitable for its original function until after reconditioning shall be priced at fifty percent (50%) of current new price as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV. The cost of reconditioning shall be charged to the receiving property, provided Condition C value plus cost of reconditioning does not exceed Condition B value.

(2) Condition D

All other Material, including junk, shall be priced at a value commensurate with its use or at prevailing prices. Material no longer suitable for its original purpose but usable for some other purpose, shall be priced on a basis comparable with that of items normally used for such other purpose. Operator may dispose of Condition D Material under procedures normally utilized by the Operator without prior approval of Non-Operators.

D. Obsolete Material

Material which is serviceable and usable for its original function but condition and/or value of such Material is not equivalent to that which would justify a price as provided above may be specially priced as agreed to by the Parties. Such price should result in the Joint Account being charged with the value of the service rendered by such Material.

E. Pricing Conditions

(1) Loading and unloading costs may be charged to the Joint Account at the rate of fifteen cents (15¢) per hundred weight on all tubular goods movements, in lieu of loading and unloading costs sustained, when actual hauling cost of such tubular goods are equalized under provisions of Paragraph 5 of Section II.

(2) Material involving erection costs shall be charged at applicable percentage of the current knocked-down price of new Material.

3. Premium Prices

Whenever Material is not readily obtainable at published or listed prices because of national emergencies, strikes or other unusual causes over which the Operator has no control, the Operator may charge the Joint Account for the required Material at the Operator's actual cost incurred in providing such Material, in making it suitable for use, and in moving it to the Joint Property; provided notice in writing is furnished to Non-Operators of the proposed charge prior to billing Non-Operators for such Material. Each Non-Operator shall have the right, by so electing and notifying Operator within ten days after receiving notice from Operator, to furnish in kind all or part of his share of such Material suitable for use and acceptable to Operator.

4. Warranty of Material Furnished by Operator

Operator does not warrant the Material furnished. In case of defective Material, credit shall not be passed to the Joint Account until adjustment has been received by Operator from the manufacturers or their agents.

V. INVENTORIES

The Operator shall maintain detailed records of Controllable Material.

1. Periodic Inventories, Notice and Representation

At reasonable intervals, Inventories shall be taken by Operator of the Joint Account Controllable Material. Written notice of intention to take inventory shall be given by Operator at least thirty (30) days before any inventory is to begin so that Non-Operators may be represented when any inventory is taken. Failure of Non-Operators to be represented at an inventory shall bind Non-Operators to accept the inventory taken by Operator.

2. Reconciliation and Adjustment of Inventories

Reconciliation of a physical inventory with the Joint Account shall be made, and a list of overages and shortages shall be furnished to the Non-Operators within six months following the taking of the inventory. Inventory adjustments shall be made by Operator with the Joint Account for overages and shortages, but Operator shall be held accountable only for shortages due to lack of reasonable diligence.

3. Special Inventories at the expense of the requesting party

Special Inventories may be taken whenever there is any sale or change of interest in the Joint Property. It shall be the duty of the party selling to notify all other Parties as quickly as possible after the transfer of interest takes place. In such cases, both the seller and the purchaser shall be governed by such inventory.

4. Expense of Conducting Periodic Inventories

The expense of conducting periodic Inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless agreed to by the Parties.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE
DRILLING

OPERATOR R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. WELL NAME #1 Tracy

LOCATION 1650' FSL & 2140' FEL, Section 10, T-22-S, R-27-E

CO/PARISH Eddy STATE New Mexico

AFE # PROSPECT # Esperanza PROPOSED WELL DEPTH 3600'

DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	DRILLING	ACTUAL
PERMITS & SURVEYING		$ 550	$
DIRT WORK, ROADS - PAD - PITS - SURFACE DAMAGE		16,000	
CONTRACT DRILLING FT @ $ 16.50 /FT		59,400	

DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE DAYS @ $5800.00 /DAY		11,600	

FUEL		250	
WATER		7,500	
BITS		---	
CASING CREWS & TOOLS		500	
CEMENT & SERVICE - SURFACE sx		3,500	
- INTERMEDIATE sx		---	
- sx		---	
- sx		---	
CORE & ANALYSIS		---	
DRILLING FLUIDS		7,000	
DRILL STEM TEST TEST @ $3000.00 /TEST		3,000	
ELECTRIC LOGS - RUN 1		7,300	
- RUN 2		---	
- RUN 3		---	
- RUN 4		---	
MUD LOGGER DAYS @ $ /DAY		---	
PIT LINER		1,500	
RENTAL TOOLS		---	
SUPERVISION - ENGINEERING 5 DAYS @ $ 350.00/DAY + EXP		1,750	
SUPERVISION - GEOLOGICAL 5 DAYS @ $ 350.00/DAY + EXP		1,750	
TRUCKING		500	
MISC. LABOR		---	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		12,200	
OVERHEAD		1,200	

INFLATION FACTOR		---	
TOTAL INTANGIBLE DRILLING COST (1)		$ 135,500	$
DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)			
CASING HEAD		$ 1,250	$
SURFACE CASING 500 FT 8-5/8" SIZE @ $ 13.50/FT		6,750	
INT. CASING FT SIZE @ $ /FT			
TRUCKING		250	
		1,750	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)			
INFLATION FACTOR			
TOTAL TANGIBLE DRILLING COST (2)		$ 10,000	$
TOTAL DRILLING COST (1 + 2)		$ 145,500	$
DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT)			
CEMENT & SERVICES		$ 3,000	$
LOCATION CLEAN UP DAY RIG TIME +		6,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		1,000	
TOTAL INTANGIBLE ABANDONMENT (3)		$ 10,000	$
TOTAL DRY HOLE COST (1 + 2 + 3)		$ 155,500	$

OWNER	%

PREPARED BY — DATE

Richard A. Mendenhall — August 21, 1981

OPERATOR APPROVAL — DATE

PARTNER INTEREST — DRY HOLE COST

PARTNER APPROVAL — DATE

REMARKS:

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COMPLETION

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AFE # _____ PROSPECT # Esperanza PROPOSED WELL DEPTH 3600'

DESCRIPTION (INTANGIBLES)	ACCT #	FLOWING	PUMPING	ACTUAL
DIRT WORK, SURFACE DAMAGES, LEGAL		$	$ 8,000	$
DAYWORK W/DRILLPIPE 1 DAYS @ $ 5800.00 /DAY			5,800	
COMPLETION UNIT 5 DAYS @ $ 1500.00 /DAY			7,500	
CEMENT & SERVICE - PRODUCTION sx			4,000	
CASING CREW & TOOLS			2,250	
ELECTRIC LOG			1,500	
PERFORATION			1,500	
ROUSTABOUT LABOR				
STIMULATION $ ACID $ FRAC			3,000	
SUPERVISION - ENG. 10 DAYS @ $350.00/DAY + EXP			3,500	
TRUCKING			1,000	
MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)			4,000	
OVERHEAD			1,200	
RENTAL EQUIPMENT: PACKER, BOP, TEST TANK, ETC.			2,500	
INFLATION FACTOR				
TOTAL INTANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (4)		$	$ 45,750	$

DESCRIPTION (TANGIBLES)							
PRODUCTION CASING	3600	FT	5½"	SIZE @ $ 9.95	/FT	$	$ 35,820	$
		FT		SIZE @ $	/FT			
		FT		SIZE @ $	/FT			
		FT		SIZE @ $	/FT			
		FT		SIZE @ $	/FT			
RODUCTION TUBING	3600	FT	2-3/8"	SIZE @ $ 4.20	/FT		15,120	
		FT		SIZE @ $	/FT			
		FT		SIZE @ $	/FT			
		FT		SIZE @ $	/FT			
ANGER ASSEMBLY							1,750	
-MAS TREE								
ACKER & PRODUCTION ACCESSORIES							5,000	
UCKER RODS	3500	FT		SIZE @ $ 2.15	/FT		7,500	
ISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)							6,500	
UYLINE-ANCHOR							400	
NFLATION FACTOR								
TOTAL TANGIBLE COMPLETION COST (5)						$	$ 72,090	$
TOTAL COST THROUGH X-MAS TREE (4+5)						$	$ 117,840	$

OWNER	%	PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT			
		STORAGE TANKS 2-250 Bbl + 1 285 Bbl	$	$ 11,850	$
		WALKWAYS & STAIRWAYS		---	
		SEPARATORS		---	
		DEHYDRATORS		---	
		TREATING EQUIPMENT		5,000	
		METERS & REGULATING EQUIPMENT		---	
		FIELD PIPELINES		6,000	
		LEASING BLDG - DWELLING		---	
		FACILITY INSTALLATIONS		5,000	
		MISC. & CONTINGENCIES (10%)		6,000	
		PUMPING UNIT & ENGINE		32,000	
		HEATER/TREATER		7,000	
		INFLATION FACTOR		---	
TOTAL PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT (6)			$	$ 72,850	$
TOTAL COMPLETION COST (4 + 5 + 6)			$	$ 190,690	$
TOTAL DRILLING & COMPLETION COST (1+2+4+5+6)			$	$ 336,190	$

PREPARED BY	DATE	OPERATOR APPROVAL	DATE
Richard A. Mendenhall	August 21, 1981		
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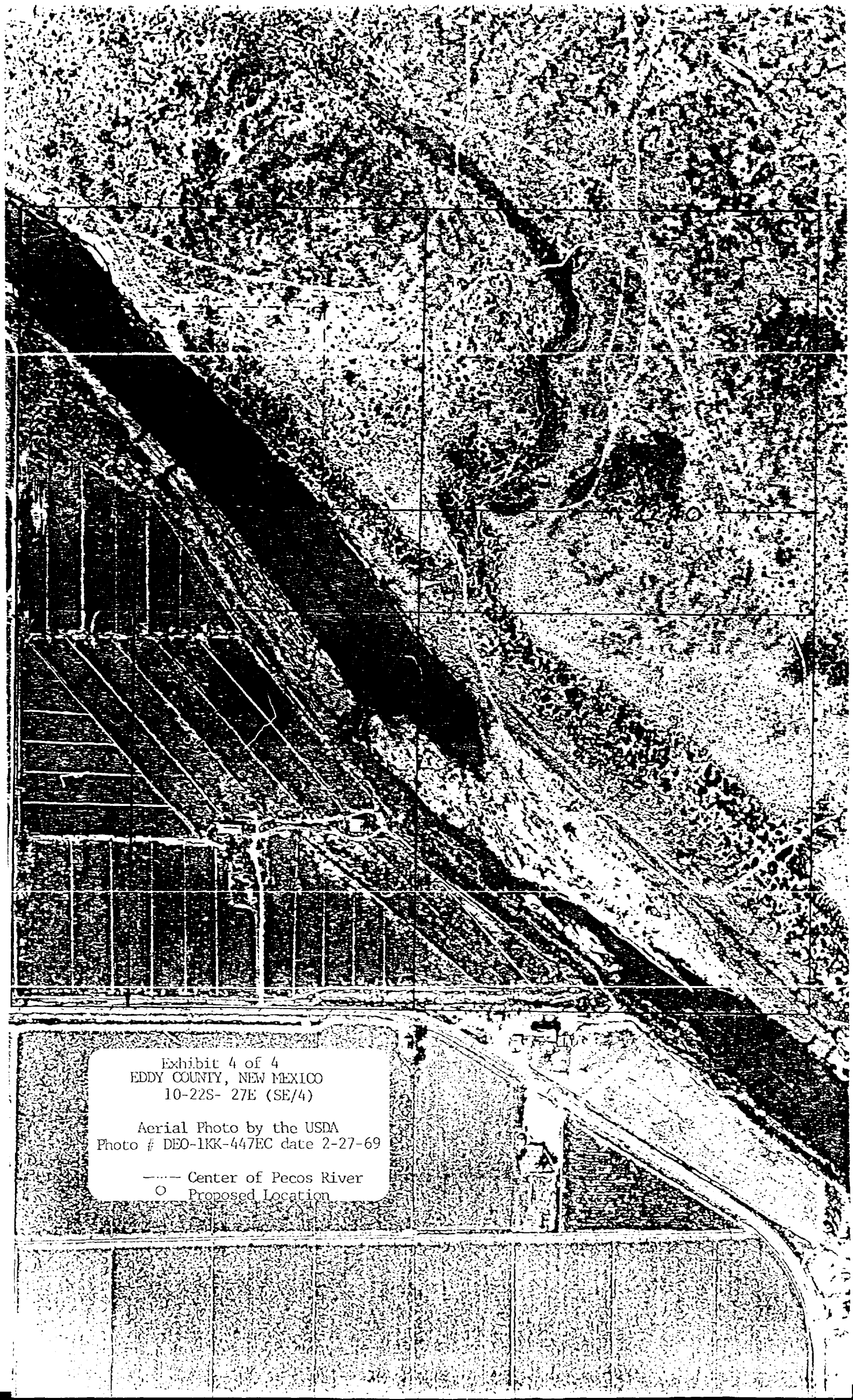

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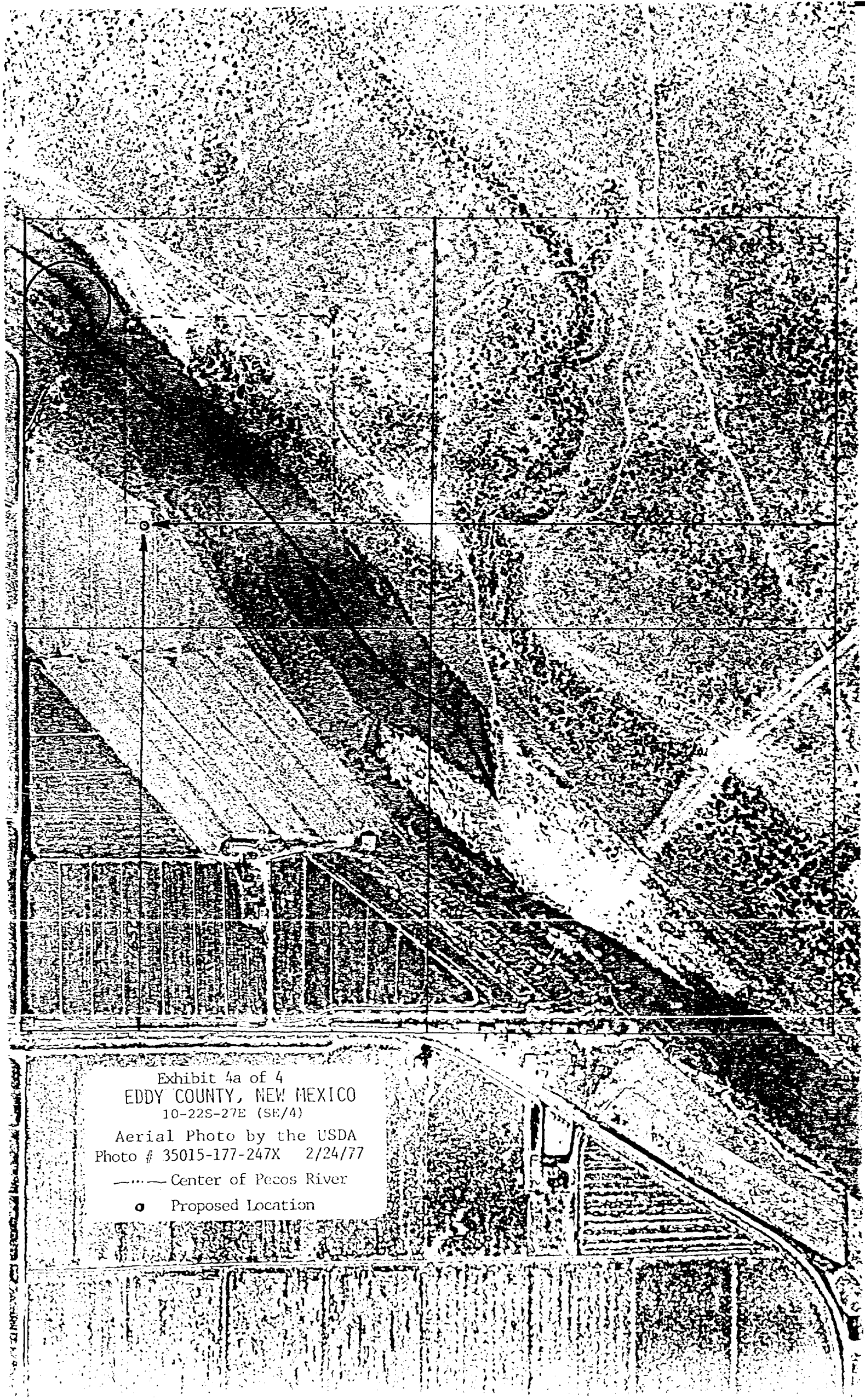

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Case 7362

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Re: R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., Compulsory Pooling Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Dan:

I am transmitting herewith, executed in triplicate, a new Application by R. A. Mendenhall, Ltd. for compulsory pooling regarding its #1 Hillger Well in NW¼SE¼ Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. Please note that we have requested that this Application be set for a hearing before the full Commission on September 29, 1981.

If anything in addition to this application needs to be furnished, please advise.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON,
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Conrad E. Coffield

CEC:rh
Enclosures

xc: R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd.

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POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO)

Case 7762

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

OF THE ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF R. A. MENDENHALL)
ASSOCIATES, LTD. FOR COMPULSORY)
POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO)

Case 7962

APPLICATION

R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., by its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application for an Order pooling all interests in the Delaware Mountain Group formation underlying the NW¼SE¼ Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof would show:

1. Applicant is entitled to proceed with the drilling of a well located in the NW¼SE¼ of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, under the authority of Applicant's ownership of an oil and gas leasehold interest therein.

2. Applicant proposes to drill its #1 Hillger 1650 feet from the South line and 2140 feet from the East line of Section 10, to a depth sufficient to test the Delaware Mountain Group formation at approximately 3,600 feet beneath the surface and seeks to dedicate the NW¼SE¼ of Section 10 to the well. Applicant has requested the parties listed on the attached schedule as leasehold owners of mineral interests in NW¼SE¼ Section 10 to agree to participate in the drilling of said well or to farmout or otherwise commit their interests to said well, but the parties so far have refused to do so.

3. Applicant asks that the Commission consider the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

3. The pooling of all interests in the Delaware Mountain Group formation in NW¼SE¼ Section 10 will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

4. Applicant respectfully requests the setting of this matter before a full Commission on September 29, 1981.

DATED this 10th day of September, 1981.

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Dockets Nos. 31-81 and 32-81 are tentatively set for October 7, and October 21, 1981. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY -SEPTEMBER 23, 1981

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 7353: Application of Texaco, Inc., for the amendment of Division Order No. R-5530, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-5530, which authorized its Central Vacuum Unit Area Pressure Maintenace Project, to increase the total project area allowable, or as an alternative, to reclassify the project as a waterflood project.

CASE 7354: Application of Corona Oil Company, for a pilot steam-enhanced oil recovery project, Guadalupe County, New Mexico.
Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a pilot steam-enhanced oil recovery project in the Santa Rosa formation by using two existing wells and three additional wells to be drilled to complete a five spot pattern located in the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 17, Township 11 North, Range 26 East.

CASE 7355: Application of Doyle Hartman for directional drilling and an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill his Bates Well No. 3, the surface location of which is 1635 feet from the South line and 1210 feet from the West line of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, in such a manner as to bottom it at a depth of 3500 feet in the Jalmat Gas Pool at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 20. The SW/4 of said Section 20 would be dedicated to the well.

CASE 7356: Application of S & I Oil Company for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.
Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the W/2 SW/4 of Section 12, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, Cha Cha-Gallup Oil Pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7357: Application of Union Oil Company of California for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.
Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Atoka and Morrow formations underlying the W/2 of Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 33 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7343: (Continued from September 9, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Caribou Four Corners, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.
Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Cha Cha Gallup Oil Pool underlying the E/2 NW/4 of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7358: Application of John Yuronka for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.
Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Langley Mattix Pool underlying the SW/4 of Section 6, Township 23 South, Range 37 East, to form four 40-acre tracts, each to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said wells.

CASE 7359: Application of Energy Reserves Group for creation of a new gas pool and an unorthodox location, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks creation of a new Cisco gas pool for its Miller Com Well No. 1, located in Unit M of Section 12, Township 6 South, Range 33 East.

Applicant further seeks approval of an unorthodox location for its Miller "A" Well No. 1-Y, to be drilled 1800 feet from the South line and 1700 feet from the East line of Section 11 of the same township. The S/2 of said Section 11 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 7345: (Continued from September 9, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Lovington Penn Pool underlying the N/2 NE/4 of Section 13, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7360: Application of L. J. Buck for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Seven Rivers formation in the interval from 3221 feet to 3250 feet in his Monco Well No. 2 in Unit M of Section 25, Township 25 South, Range 36 East.

CASE 7352: (Continued from September 9, 1981 Examiner Hearing)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for designation of a tight formation, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act 18-CFR Section 271.701-705, seeks the designation as a tight formation of the Permo-Penn and formation underlying all of the following townships:

Township 17 South, Ranges 24 thru 26 East;

18 South, 24 and 25 East;

19 South, 23 thru 25 East;

20 South, 21 thru 24 East;

20½ South, 21 and 22 East;

21 South, 21 and 22 East;

Also Sections 1 thru 12 in 22 South, 21 and 22 East,

All of the above containing a total of 315,000 acres more or less.

CASE 7329: (Readvertised)

Application of Loco Hills Water Disposal Company for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Order No. R-3221 to permit the commercial disposal of produced brine into several unlined surface pits located in the N/2 SW/4 SW/4 of Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 30 East.

Dockets Nos. 31-81 and 32-81 are tentatively set for October 7, and October 21, 1981. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 29, 1981

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION - MORGAN HALL
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

CASE 7116: (DE NOVO)

Application of Southland Royalty Company for designation of a tight formation, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Dakota formation underlying portions of Township 31 and 32 North, Ranges 10, 11, 12, and 13 west, containing 93,860 acres, more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR Section 271.701-705.

Upon application of Consolidated Oil & Gas, Inc., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 7361: Application of Southland Royalty Company for designation of a tight formation, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Dakota formation underlying all or portions of Township 31 North, Ranges 10 and 11 West, and Township 32 North, Ranges 10, 11, 12, and 13 West, containing 92,871 acres more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR Section 271. 701-705.

CASE 7362: Application of R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd., for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Delaware Mountain Group formation underlying the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

Memo

From

R. L. STAMETS
Technical
Support Chief

To / Dan

Conrad Offield
Said OK to go ahead
with dismissal and
Commission hearing on
Sept 29.

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION SANTA FE

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF R.A. MENDENHALL Associates, LTD. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 7362

Order No. R-6809

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 am on SEPTEMBER 29, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this _____ day of _____, 19____, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, R.A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD., seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Delaware Mountain Group Formation underlying the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Esperanza-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at a standard location thereon.

(4) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

(5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the oil and gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.

(6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(7) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.

(8) That any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

(9) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

(10) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(11) That $ 2500.00 per month while drilling and $ 275.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

(13) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before ~~January~~ February 1, 1982, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Delaware Mountain Group formation underlying the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Esperanza-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 40-acre ~~gas spacing~~ oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of February, 1982, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Delaware Mountain Group formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of February, 1982, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

(2) That R.A. Mendenhall Associates LTD is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(3) That after the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.

(4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(5) That the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

(6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided

above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:

(A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.

(9) That $2500.00 per month while drilling and $275.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

(11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.

(13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION ~~DIVISION~~ COMMISSION

CASE NO. 7362
Order No. R-6809-A

APPLICATION OF R. A. MENDENHALL ASSOCIATES, LTD. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

It appearing to the Commission that Order No. R-6809, dated October 20, 1981, does not correctly state the intended order of the Commission,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Finding No. (11) on Page 2 of Order No. R-6809 and Order No. (9) on Pages 4 and 5 of said Order No. R-6809 are hereby corrected to reflect charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) of $3300.00 per month while drilling and $335.00 per month while producing.

(2) That the corrections set forth in this order be entered nunc pro tunc as of October 20, 1981.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this _____ day of November, 1981.

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