

July 23, 2013

Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested No. 91 7199 9991 7030 0514 4082 State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Order of the Division No. R-13692

Case No. 14945, Application of COG Operating LLC for a Non-Standard Spacing and Proration Unit and Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico (Warhawk 3 Fed Com #1H)

#### Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Order No. R-13692, paragraph (9), enclosed is a copy of the itemized schedule of estimated costs of drilling, completing and equipping the proposed well ("well costs") previously mailed to the pooled working interest owners.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (432) 688-6609 or bhull@concho.com.

Sincerely,

**COG OPERATING LLC** 

**Brittany Hull** 

Land Coordinator - NM Basin

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June 5, 2013

#### VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Uncommitted Working Interest Owners Listed on Exhibit "A"

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Zeus 1932 Prospect (717093) Warhawk 3 Federal Com #1H N2N2 of Section 3:T19S-R32E Lea County, New Mexico

#### Gentlemen:

Pursuant to that certain Compulsory Pooling Order No. R-13692 (the "Order"), dated April 8, 2013, COG Operating LLC ("COG") has been granted approval to drill the subject well as follows:

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COG hereby proposes the drilling of a horizontal well to a depth sufficient to adequately test the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bone Spring formation at a total measured depth being approximately 14,020°. The surface location for this well is proposed at a legal location in Unit D with a bottom hole location at a legal location in Unit A (see attached plat for further detail), with the dedicated project area being the N2N2 of Section 3, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Included herewith is our Authority for Expenditure ("AFE") in the gross amount of \$6,272,000.00, being the total estimated cost to drill and complete said well.

COG is proposing to drill this well under the terms of a modified 1989 A.A.P.L 610 Model Form Operating Agreement, which is enclosed herewith for your review and execution. The Operating Agreement governs the N2 of Section 3, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Please have the appropriate party execute, notarize and return one (1) original of each signatory page, being the Operating Agreement and Recording Memorandum or Exhibit "H".

Please indicate your participation election in the space provided on the following page, sign and return this letter, along with a signed copy of the enclosed AFE and a copy of your geologic well requirements, to my attention at the letterhead address. You may also fax your response to 432.221.0856 or by email to chopson@concho.com. If you do not wish to participate in the proposed operation, please be aware that the non-participating interest will be subject to the Order (see attached Order for further detail).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 432.686.3049.

Sincerely,

COG Operating LLC

Caleb Hopsonhw

Caleb Hopson Landman

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Enclosures:

	I/We hereby elect to participate in the Warhawk 3 Federal Com #1H.
	I/We hereby elect to participate in the Warhawk 3 Federal Com #1H, plus acquire the proportionate share of any non-consent interest.
	I/We hereby elect <u>NOT</u> to participate in the Warhawk 3 Federal Com #1H.
Company: _	
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Date:	

## EXHIBIT "A"

## Uncommitted Working Interest Owners

## Helen G. Newell

2202 Boyd Street Midland, Texas 79701

#### **Larry Newell**

1401 Thomas Place Fort Worth, Texas 76107

# Larry Newell, Individually and as Executor of the Estate of Clay Newell

1401 Thomas Place Fort Worth, Texas 76107

#### Kenneth L. Hewitt

127 Peachtree Street 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Candler Building Atlanta, Georgia 30342

## S & C Construction, Inc.

P.O. Box 1509 Whitefish, Montana 59937

# Carol Louise Johnson Revocable Trust (2004),

Carol Louis Johnson, Trustee

1617 Valdez, N.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112

## Estate of William C. Johns, M.D.

1019 Douglas Avenue Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701

## Estate of James S. Shortle, M.D.

717 Encino Place NE, Suite 35 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87012

## Schultz Properties, LLC

100 N. Pennsylvania Roswell, New Mexico 88203

## **Endurance Resources LLC**

203 W. Wall St.
Midland, TX 79707
Attention: Jason South

#### COG OPERATING LLC AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURE DRILLING

SHL: 780 FNL & 170 FWL		PROSPECT NA	NTY: New Mexico, Lea	
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surance	202	5,000		5,0
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ocation/Pits/Road Expense	205	100,000	305 25,000	125,0
rilling / Completion Overhead	206	6,000	306	6,0
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## STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 14945 ORDER NO. R-13692

APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE DIVISION

## BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on January 24, 2013 at Santa Fc, New Mexico, before Examiner William V. Jones.

NOW, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner.

## FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and of the subject matter.
- (2) COG Operating LLC ("Applicant"), seeks approval of a non-standard 160-acre oil spacing and proration unit and project area ("the Unit") in the Bone Spring formation [North Lusk-Bone Spring Pool (41450)] consisting of the N/2 of the N/2 (Units A, B, C and D) of Section 3, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, in Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Unit in the Bone Spring formation.
- (3) The Unit is to be dedicated to Applicant's Warhawk 3 Federal Com. Well No. 1H (API No. 30-025-40635) ("the proposed well"), a horizontal well to be drilled from a standard surface location 780 feet from the North line and 170 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 3. The well will penetrate the Bone Spring formation in Unit D of Section 3 and continue horizontally in the Bone Spring to a standard terminus, or bottomhole location, 380 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit

- A) of Section 3. The well's completed interval will be entirely within the 330-foot setbacks from the outer boundaries of the well's project area.
- (4) There are no special pool rules for the North Lusk-Bone Spring Pool. Accordingly, spacing is governed by statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.A NMAC, which provides for standard 40-acre units, each comprising a governmental quarter-quarter section. The Unit consists of four adjacent quarter-quarter sections.
- (5) Applicant appeared at the hearing through counsel and presented geologic evidence by affidavit to the effect that:
  - (a) this area is suitable for development by horizontal drilling; and
  - (b) all quarter sections to be included in the Unit are expected to be productive in the Bone Spring, so that formation of the Unit as requested will not impair correlative rights.
- (6) No other party appeared at the hearing, or otherwise opposed the granting of this application.

#### The Division concludes that:

- (7) Approval of the proposed non-standard unit will enable Applicant to drill a horizontal well that will efficiently produce the reserves underlying the Unit, thereby preventing waste, and will not impair correlative rights.
- (8) Two or more separately owned tracts are embraced within the Unit, and/or there are royalty interests and/or undivided interests in oil and gas minerals in one or more tracts included in the Unit that are separately owned.
- (9) Applicant is an owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit. Applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill the proposed well to a common source of supply within the Unit at the proposed location.
- (10) There are interest owners in the Unit that have not agreed to pool their interests. There are also unlocated owners in the Unit. Accordingly, provision should be made to escrow funds for the account of such owners.
- (11) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, protect correlative rights, prevent waste and afford to the owner of each interest in the Unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense its just and fair share of hydrocarbons, this application should be approved by pooling all uncommitted interests, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas within the Unit.
- (12) COG Operating LLC should be designated the operator of the proposed well and of the Unit.

- (13) Any pooled working interest owner who does not pay its share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production its share of reasonable well costs plus an additional 200% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in drilling the well.
- (14) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) should be fixed at \$6.500 per month while drilling and \$650 per month while producing, provided that these rates should be adjusted annually pursuant to Section HLLA.3, of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations."

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) A non-standard 160-acre oil spacing and proration unit (the Unit) is hereby established in the Bone Spring formation (North Lusk-Bone Spring Pool (41450)) consisting of the N/2 of the N/2 (Units A, B, C and D) of Section 3, Towaship 19 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, in Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) Pursuant to the application of COG Operating LLC, all uncommitted interests, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas in the Bone Spring formation underlying the Unit, are hereby pooled.
- (3) The Unit shall be dedicated to Applicant's Warhawk 3 Federal Com. Well No. 1H (API No. 30-025-40635) ("the proposed well"), a horizontal well to be drilled from a standard surface location 780 feet from the North line and 170 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 3. The well will penetrate the Bone Spring formation in Unit D of Section 3 and continue horizontally in the Bone Spring to a standard terminus, or bottomhole location, 380 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 3. The well's completed interval will be entirely within the 330-foot setbacks from the outer boundaries of the well's project area.
- (4) The operator of the Unit shall commence drilling the proposed well on or before April 1, 2014, and shall thereafter continue drilling the well with due diligence to test the second Bone Spring sand.
- (5) In the event the operator does not commence drilling the proposed well on or before April 1, 2014, Ordering Paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be of no effect, unless the operator obtains a time extension from the Division Director for good cause demonstrated by satisfactory evidence.
- (6) Should the proposed well not be drilled and completed within 120 days after commencement thereof, then Ordering Paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be of no further effect, and the unit and project area created by this order shall terminate, unless operator appears before the Division Director and obtains an extension of the time for completion of the proposed well for good cause shown by satisfactory evidence. If the proposed well is not completed in all of the quarter-quarter sections included in the proposed unit within 120 days after commencement of drilling, then the operator shall apply to the Division

for an amendment to this Order to contract the Unit so that it includes only those quarterquarter sections in which the well is completed.

- (7) Upon final plugging and abandonment of the proposed well and any other well drilled on the Unit pursuant to Division Rule 13.9, the pooled unit created by this Order shall terminate, unless this order has been amended to authorize further operations.
- (8) COG Operating LLC (OGRID 229137) is hereby designated the operator of the well and of the Unit.
- (9) After pooling, uncommitted working interest owners are referred to as pooled working interest owners. ("Pooled working interest owners" are owners of working interests in the Unit, including unleased mineral interests, who are not parties to an operating agreement governing the Unit.) After the effective date of this order, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known pooled working interest owner in the Unit an itemized schedule of estimated costs of drilling, completing and equipping the proposed well ("well costs").
- (10) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished, any pooled working interest owner shall have the right to pay its share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying its share of reasonable well costs out of production as hereinafter provided, and any such owner who pays its share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges. Pooled working interest owners who elect not to pay their share of estimated well costs as provided in this paragraph shall thereafter be referred to as "non-consenting working interest owners."
- (11) The operator shall furnish the Division and each known pooled working interest owner (including non-consenting working interest owners) an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the proposed well. 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 the schedule, the actual well costs shall be deemed to be the reasonable well costs. If there is an objection to actual well costs within the 45-day period, the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (12) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any pooled working interest owner who has paid its share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator its share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator the amount, if any, that the estimated well costs it has paid exceed its share of reasonable well costs.
- (13) The operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:

- (a) the proportionate share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner; and
- (b) as a charge for the risk involved in drilling the well, 209% of the above costs.
- (14) The operator shall distribute the costs and charges withheld from production, proportionately, to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (15) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) are hereby fixed at \$6,500 per month while drilling and \$650 per month while producing, provided that these rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to Section III.1.A.3. of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations." The operator is authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of both the supervision charges and the actual expenditures required for operating the well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to pooled working interest owners.
- (16) Except as provided in Paragraphs (13) and (15) above, all proceeds from production from the well that are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true ewner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership. The operator shall notify the Division (Attention: Records Clerk) of the name and address of the escrow agent not later than one year from the date of issuance of this Order.
- (17) Should all the parties to this compulsory pooling order reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.
- (18) The operator of the well and Unit shall notify the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the compulsory pooling provisions of this order.
- (19) This Order is subject to approval of the United States Bureau of Land Management.
- (20) Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JAMI BAILEY

Director

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# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department OH, COMSERVATION DIVISION 1230 South St. Francis Dt. Sama Le, NM 87505

Form C-102 Revised October 15,2009 Submit one copy to appropriate District Office

☐ AMENDED REPORT

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## A.A.P.L. FORM 610 - 1989

## MODEL FORM OPERATING AGREEMENT

## OPERATING AGREEMENT

DATED

October 3, $2012$ ,				
OPERATOR <u>CO</u> C	Operating LLC	<del> </del>		
CONTRACT AREA	Township 19 South, Range 32 E	ast		
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OPERATING AGREEMENT 1 2.1 THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between \_\_\_\_COG Operating LLC hereinafter designated and referred to as "Operator," and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter referred to individually 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 6 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. 8 NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows: ARTICLE I. 10 DEFINITIONS ł 1 As used in this agreement, the following words and terms shall have the meanings here ascribed to them: 12 A. The term "AFE" shall mean an Authority for Expenditure prepared by a party to this agreement for the purpose of 13 estimating the costs to be incurred in conducting an operation hereunder. 14 B. The term "Completion" or "Complete" shall mean a single operation intended to complete a well as a producer of Oil 1.5 and Gas in one or more Zones, including, but not limited to, the setting of production casing, perforating, well stimulation 16 and production testing conducted in such operation. 17 C. The term "Contract Area" shall mean all of the lands, Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests intended to be 1 R developed and operated for Oil and Gas purposes under this agreement. Such lands, Oil and Gas Leases and Oil and Gas 19 20 Interests are described in Exhibit "A." D. The term "Deepen" shall mean a single operation whereby a well is drilled to an objective Zone below the deepest 21 Zone in which the well was previously drilled, or below the Deepest Zone proposed in the associated AFE, whichever is the 22 23 E. The terms "Drilling Party" and "Consenting Party" shall mean a party who agrees to join in and pay its share of the 24 25 cost of any operation conducted under the provisions of this agreement. F. The term "Drilling Unit" shall mean the area fixed for the drilling of one well by order or rule of any state or federal 26 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 27 established by the pattern of drilling in the Contract Area unless fixed by express agreement of the Drilling Parties. 28 G. The term "Drillsite" shall mean the Oil and Gas Lease or Oil and Gas Interest on which a proposed well is to be 29 30 located. H. The term "Initial Well" shall mean the well required to be drilled by the parties hereto as provided in Article VI.A. 31 I. The term "Non-Consent Well" shall mean a well in which less than all parties have conducted an operation as 32 provided in Article VI.B.2. 33 J. The terms "Non-Drilling Party" and "Non-Consenting Party" shall mean a party who elects not to participate in a 34 proposed operation. 35 K. The term "Oil and Gas" shall mean oil, gas, casinghead gas, gas condensate, and/or all other liquid or gaseous 36 hydrocarbons and other marketable substances produced therewith, unless an intent to limit the inclusiveness of this term is 37 specifically stated. 38 L. The term "Oil and Gas Interests" or "Interests" shall mean unleased fee and mineral interests in Oil and Gas in tracts 39 of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by parties to this agreement. 40 M. The terms "Oil and Gas Lease," "Lease" and "Leasehold" shall mean the oil and gas leases or interests therein 41 covering tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by the parties to this agreement. 42 N. The term "Plug Back" shall mean a single operation whereby a deeper Zone is abandoned in order to attempt a 43 44 Completion in a shallower Zone. O. The term "Recompletion" or "Recomplete" shall mean an operation whereby a Completion in one Zone is abandoned 45 in order to attempt a Completion in a different Zone within the existing wellbore, 46 P. The term "Rework" shall mean an operation conducted in the wellbore of a well after it is Completed to secure, 47 restore, or improve production in a Zone which is currently open to production in the wellbore. Such operations include, but 48 are not limited to, well stimulation operations but exclude any routine repair or maintenance work or drilling, Sidetracking, Deepening, Completing, Recompleting, or Plugging Back of a well. SD Q. The term "Sidetrack" shall mean the directional control and intentional deviation of a well from vertical so as to 51 change the bottom hole location unless done to straighten the hole or drill around junk in the hole to overcome other 52 mechanical difficulties. 53 R. The term "Zone" shall mean a stratum of earth containing or thought to contain a common accumulation of Oil and 54 Gas separately producible from any other common accumulation of Oil and Gas.

The term "Horizontal Weil" shall mean a well in which the horizontal component of the gross Completion interval in the Completed Zone or Zones exceeds the vertical component of the gross Completion interval in the Completed Zone or Zones.

The term "Vertical Weil" shall mean any well other than a Horizontal Weil. 55 t 56 57 Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the word "person" includes 58 natural and artificial persons, the plural includes the singular, and any gender includes the masculine, ferninine, and neuter. 59 60 EXHIBITS 61 The following exhibits, as indicated below and attached hereto, are incorporated in and made a part hereof: 62 X A. Exhibit "A," shall include the following information: 63 (1) Description of lands subject to this agreement, 64 (2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths, formations, or substances, 65 (3) Parties to agreement with addresses and telephone numbers for notice purposes, 66 <sup>l</sup> (4) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement, 67 (5) Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests subject to this agreement, 68 (6) Burdens on production. 69 X B. Exhibit "B," Form of Lease. 70 | X C. Exhibit "C," Accounting Procedure. 72 | X D. Exhibit "D." Insurance. 73 | X E. Exhibit "E," Gas Balancing Agreement. X F. Exhibit "F," Non-Discrimination and Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities.

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If any provision of any exhibit, except Exhibits "E," "F" and "G," 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:

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If any party owns an Oil and Gas Interest in the Contract Area, that Interest shall be treated for all purposes of this agreement and during the term hereof as if it were covered by the form of Oil and Gas Lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B," and the owner thereof shall be deemed to own both royalty interest in such lease and the interest of the lessee thereunder.

#### B. Interests of Parties in Costs and Production:

Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and materials acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned, by the parties as their interests are set forth in Exhibit "A." In the same manner, the parties shall also own all production of Oil and Gas from the Contract Area subject, however, to the payment of royalties and other burdens on production as described hereafter,

Regardless of which party has contributed any Oil and Gas Lease or Oil and Gas Interest on which royalty or other burdens may be payable and except as otherwise expressly provided in this agreement, each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, all burdens on its share of the production from the Contract Area up to, but not in excess-of, and shall indemnify, defend and hold the other parties free from any liability therefor. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this agreement, if any party has contributed hereto any Lease or Interest which is burdened with any royalty, overriding royalty, production payment or other burden on production in-excess of the amounts 20 | stipulated above, such party so burdened shall assume and alone bear all such excess-obligations and shall indemnify, defend and hold the other parties hereto harmless from any and all claims attributable to such excess-burden. However, so long as the Drilling Unit for the productive Zone(s) is identical with the Contract Area, each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, all burdens on production from the Contract Area due under the terms of the Oil and Gas Lease(s) which such party has contributed to this agreement, and shall indemnify, defend and hold the other parties free from any liability therefor.

No party shall ever be responsible, on a price basis higher than the price received by such party, to any other party's lessor or royalty owner, and if such other party's lessor or royalty owner should demand and receive settlement on a higher price basis, the party contributing the affected Lease shall bear the additional royalty burden attributable to such higher price.

Nothing contained in this Article III.B. shall be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby, and in the event two or more parties contribute to this agreement jointly owned Leases, the parties' undivided interests in said Leaseholds shall be deemed separate leasehold interests for the purposes of this agreement.

#### C. Subsequently Created Interests:

If any party has contributed hereto a Lease or Interest that is burdened with an assignment of production given as security for the payment of money, or if, after the date of this agreement, any party creates an overriding royalty, production payment, net profits interest, assignment of production or other burden payable out of production attributable to its working interest hereunder, such burden shall be deemed a "Subsequently Created Interest." Further, if any party has contributed hereto a Lease or Interest burdened with an overriding royalty, production payment, net profits interests, or other burden payable out of production created prior to the date of this agreement, and such burden is not shown on Exhibit "A," such burden also shall be deemed a Subsequently Created Interest. to the extent such burden causes the burdens on such party's Lease or Interest to exceed the amount stipulated in Article III.B. above.

The party whose interest is burdened with the Subsequently Created Interest (the "Burdened Party") shall assume and alone bear, pay and discharge the Subsequently Created Interest and shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other parties from and against any liability therefor. Further, if the Burdened Party fails to pay, when due, its share of expenses chargeable hereunder, all provisions of Article VII.B. shall be enforceable against the Subsequently Created Interest in the same manner as they are enforceable against the working interest of the Burdened Party. If the Burdened Party is required under this agreement to assign or relinquish to any other party, or parties, all or a portion of its working interest and/or the production attributable thereto, said other party, or parties, shall receive said assignment and/or production free and clear of said Subsequently Created Interest, and the Burdened Party shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless said other party, or parties, from any and all claims and demands for payment asserted by owners of the Subsequently Created Interest.

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### A. Title Examination:

Title examination shall be made on the Drillsite of any proposed well prior to commencement of drilling operations and, if a majority in interest of the Drilling Parties so request or Operator so elects, title examination shall be made on the entire Drilling Unit, or maximum anticipated Drilling Unit, of the well. The opinion will include the ownership of the working interest, minerals, royalty, overriding royalty and production payments under the applicable Leases. Each party contributing Leases and/or Gil and Gas Interests to be included in the Drillsite or Drilling Unit, if appropriate, 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 the 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 to each Drilling Party. Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts, fees paid outside attorneys / for title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in royalty opinions and division order title opinions) and other direct charges as provided in Exhibit "C" 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. Title examination on any Drillsite or Drilling Unit shall be at the discretion of Operator if such title is common with another Drillsite or Drilling Unit on which title examination has been made.

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, provided, however, that Operator may, at its sole discretion, attempt to secure curative matter required in connection with Leases or Oil and Last Interests contributed by any Non-Operator, and each Non-Operator agrees to cooperate with such elforts and timely provide information relating to such matter to Departor, and the costs incorred by Operator for such curative matter that the addressed in the same form and institute as costs of the provided of the provided of the properties. The provided of the provide

and recording of pooling designations or declarations and communitization agreements as well as the conduct of hearings before governmental agencies for the securing of spacing or pooling orders or any other orders necessary or appropriate to the conduct of operations hereunder. This shall not prevent any party from appearing on its own behalf at such hearings.

Operator shall make no charge for services rendered by its staff attorneys or other personnel in the performance of the above

No well shall be drilled on the Contract Area until after (1) the title to the Drillsite or Drilling Unit, if appropriate, has been examined as above provided, and (2) the title has been approved by the examining attorney or title has been accepted by Operator, all of the Drilling Parties in such well-

#### B. Loss or Failure of Title:

1. Failure of Title: Should any Oil and Gas Interest or Oil and Gas Lease be lost through failure of title, which results in a reduction of interest from that shown on Exhibit "A," the party credited with contributing the affected Lease or Interest (including, if applicable, a-successor-in-interest to-such-party)-shall have ninety (99) days from final determination of title failure to acquire a new loase or other instrument curing the entirety of the title failure, which acquisition will not be subject to-Article-VIII-B., and failing to do-so, this agreement, novertheless, shall continue in force as to all remaining Oil and Gas Leases and Interests; and

-(a) The-party credited-with-contributing the Oil and Gas Lease or Interest affected-by the title failure (including, if applicable, a successor in interest-to-such party)-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 previously paid or incurred, but there shall be no additional liability on its part to the other parties hereto by reason of such title failure;

(h). There-shall be no retreactive adjustment of expenses incurred or revenues received from the operation of the Lease or Interest which has failed, but the interests of the parties contained on Exhibit A shall be revised on an acreace 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 Lease or Interest failed:

(a) If the proportionate-interest of the other parties hereto in any producing well-previously drilled on the Contract Area is increased by reason of the title failure, the party who bere the costs incurred in connection with such well attributable to the Lease-or-Interest which has failed shall-receive the proceeds attributable to the increase in such interest fless costs and burdens attributable thereto) until-it has been-reimbursed for-unrecovered costs paid by it in connection with such well attributable to such failed-Lease or Interests

(d)-Should any person-not a party-to-this agreement, who is determined to be the owner of any Lease or Interest 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:

(e) Any liability to account to a person not a party to this agreement for prior production of Oil and Gas which arises by-reason of title failure-shall be bome-severally by each-party (including-a predecessor to a-ourrent party) who received production for-which such-accounting is required based on the amount of such production received, and each such party shall severally indemnify, defend and hold harmless all other parties hereto for any such liability to account:

-(f) No-charge shall be made to the joint account for legal expenses, fees or salaries in connection with the defense of the Lease or Interest claimed to have failed, but if the party contributing such Lease or Interest hereto elects to defend its title it shall bear all expenses in connection therewith; and

(g) If any-perty is given credit-on-Exhibit "A" to a Losse or Interest which is limited colely to ownership of an interest in the wellbore of any well-or wells and the production therefrom, such party's obsence of interest in the remainder of-the-Contract Area-chall-be-considered a Failure of Title-es-to-such remaining-Contract Area-unless that absence of interest is reflected on Exhibit "A."

2. Loss by Non Payment or Erronsous Payment of Amount Due: If, through mistake or oversight, any rental, shut in well peyment, minimum-royalty-or-royalty-payment, or other payment-necessary to maintain all or a portion of an Oil and Gas Lease or interest is not-paid or is erroneously-paid, and as a result-a Lease or Interest 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 sequres a new-Lease-or-Interest-severing-the same interest-within ninery (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 reflected on Exhibit "A" shall-be-revised on an acreage basis, effective-as-of-the-date-of-termination of the-Lease or Interest 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. If 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 Cas-attributable-to-the-lost-Lease-or-Interest, calculated on an acreage basis, for the development and operating costs proviously paid on account of such Lease or Interest, it-shall-be-reimburged-for-unrecovered-actual costs-previously-paid-by-it-(but-not-for-its-share-of-the-cost-of-uny dry hole previously drilled or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following as is necessary to effect reimbursement:

-(n) Proceeds of Oil and Gas-produced prior to termination of the Lease or Interest, less operating expenses and lease burdens-chargeable hereunder-to-the person-who-failed to make payment, previously-accrued to the credit of the lest Lease or Interest, on an agreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs;

-(b) Proceeds of Oil and Gas, less operating expenses and lease burdens chargeable bereamder to the person who failed to-make-payment, up-to-the-amount-of-unrecovered-costs attributable to that portion of Oil and Gas-thereafter-produced and marketed-(excluding-production-from-any-wells-thereafter-drilled)-which; in the absence of such Lease or Interest termination, would be attributable to the lost Lease or Interest on an enreage basis and which as a result of such Lease or Interest termination is credited to other parties, the proceeds of said portion of the Oil and Gas to be contributed by the other parties in proportion to their respective interests reflected on Exhibit "A": and.

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

3. Other-Losses: All losses of Leases or Interests committed to this agreement -other-than those set forth-in Articles IV.B.I. and IV.B.2. above, shall be joint losses and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests shown on Exhibit "A." This shall include but not be limited to the loss of any Lease or Interest through failure to develop or because express or implied covenants have not been performed (other than performance which requires only the payment of money), and the loss of any Lense by expiration at the end of its primary term if it is not renewed or extended. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area on account of any joint loss.

4. Curing Title: In the event of a Failure of Title under Article IV.B.1. or a loss of title under Article IV.B.2. above, any Lease or Interest acquired by any party hereto (other-than-the-party-whose-interest has failed-or-was-lost) during the ninety (90)-day-period-provided-by-Article-IV-B.1. and Article-IV-B.2. above-covering all or a portion of the interest that has failed or was lost shall be offered-at-cost-to-the-party-whose-interest-has-failed-or-was-lost,-and / the provisions of Article VIII.B. 74 ) shall-not apply to such acquisition.

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#### A. Designation and Responsibilities of Operator:

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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. In its performance of services hereunder for the Non-Operators, Operator shall be an independent contractor not subject to the control or direction of the Non-Operators except as to the type of operation to be undertaken in accordance with the election procedures contained in this agreement. Operator shall not be deemed, or hold itself out as, the agent of the Non-Operators with authority to bind them to any obligation or liability assumed or incurred by Operator as to any third party. Operator shall conduct its activities under this agreement as a reasonable prudent operator, in a good and workmanlike manner, with due diligence and dispatch, in accordance with good oilfield practice, and in compliance with applicable law and regulation, but in no event shall it have any liability as Operator to the other parties for losses sustained or liabilities incurred except such as may result from gross negligence or willful misconduct.

#### 14 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 hereunder in the Contract Area, or is no longer capable of serving as Operator, Operator shall be deemed to have resigned without any action by Non-Operators, except the selection of a successor. Operator may be removed only for good cause by the affirmative vote of Non-Operators owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A" remaining after excluding the voting interest of Operator, such vote shall not be deemed effective until a written notice has been delivered to the Operator by a Non-Operator detailing the alleged default and Operator has failed to cure the default within thirty (30) days from its receipt of the notice or, if the default concerns an operation then being conducted, within forty-eight (48) hours of its receipt of the notice. For purposes hereof, "good cause" shall mean not only gross negligence or willful misconduct but also the material breach of or inability to meet the standards of operation contained in Article V.A. or material failure or inability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

Subject to Article VII.D.1., 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 affiliate, subsidiary, parent or successor corporation shall not be the basis for removal of Operator.

- 2. <u>Selection of Successor Operators</u>. Upon the resignation or removal of Operator under any provision of this agreement, 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. 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"; provided, however, if an Operator which has been removed or is deemed to have resigned fails to vote or votes only to succeed itself, the successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of the party or parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A" remaining after excluding the voting interest of the Operator that was removed or resigned. The former Operator shall promptly deliver to the successor Operator all records and data relating to the operations conducted by the former Operator to the extent such records and data are not already in the possession of the successor operator. Any cost of obtaining or copying the former Operator's records and data shall be charged to the joint account.
- 3. Effect of Bankruptey; If Operator becomes insolvent, bankrupt or is placed in receivership, it shall be deemed to have resigned without any action by Non-Operators, except the selection of a successor. If a petition for relief under the federal bankruptey laws is filed by or against Operator, and the removal of Operator is prevented by the federal bankruptey court, all Non-Operators and Operator shall comprise an interim operating committee to serve until Operator has elected to reject or assume this agreement pursuant to the Bankruptey Code, and an election to reject this agreement by Operator as a debtor in possession, or by a trustee in bankruptey, shall be deemed a resignation as Operator without any action by Non-Operators, except the selection of a successor. During the period of time the operating committee controls operations, all actions shall require the approval of two (2) parties to this agreement, during the period of time the operating committee controls operations, a third party acceptable to Operator, Non-Operator and the federal bankruptey court shall be selected as a member of the operating committee, and all actions shall require the approval of two (2) members of the operating committee without regard for their interest in the Contract Area based on Exhibit "A."

#### C. Employees and Contractors:

The number of employees or contractors 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 or contractors shall be the employees or contractors of Operator.

#### D. Rights and Duties of Operator:

- 1. Connectitive Rates and Use of Affiliates; 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 are customary and usual in the area in contracts of independent contractors who are doing work of a similar nature. All work performed or materials supplied by affiliates or related parties of Operator shall be performed or supplied at competitive rates, pursuant—to—written—agreement, and in accordance with customs and standards prevailing in the industry.
- 2. <u>Discharge of Joint Account Obligations</u>: 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 Exhibit "C.". Operator shall keep an accounte record of the joint account hereunder, showing expenses incurred and charges and credits made and received.
- 3. <u>Protection from Liens</u>: Operator shall pay, or cause to be paid, as and when they become due and payable, all accounts of contractors and suppliers and wages and salaries for services rendered or performed, and for materials supplied on, to or in respect of the Contract Area or any operations for the joint account thereof, and shall keep the Contract Area free from

liens and encumbrances resulting therefrom except for those resulting from a bona fide dispute as to services rendered or materials supplied

- 4. Custody of Funds: Operator shall hold for the account of the Non-Operators any funds of the Non-Operators advanced or paid to the Operator, either for the conduct of operations hereunder or as a result of the sale of production from the Contract Area, and such funds shall remain the funds of the Non-Operators on whose account they are advanced or paid until used for their intended purpose or otherwise delivered to the Non-Operators or applied toward the payment of debts as provided in Article VII.B. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to establish a fiduciary relationship between Operator and Non-Operators for any purpose other than to account for Non-Operator funds as herein specifically provided. Nothing in this paragraph shall require the maintenance by Operator of separate accounts for the funds of Non-Operators unless the parties otherwise specifically agree.
- 5. Access to Contract Area and Records: Operator shall, except as otherwise provided herein, permit each Non-Operator or its duly authorized representative, at the Non-Operator's sole risk and cost, full and free access at all reasonable times to all operations of every kind and character being conducted for the joint account on the Contract Area and to the records of operations conducted thereon or production therefrom, including Operator's books and records relating thereto. Such access rights shall not be exercised in a manner interfering with Operator's conduct of an operation hereunder and shall not obligate Operator to furnish any geologic or geophysical data of an interpretive nature unless the cost of preparation of such interpretive data was charged to the joint account. Operator will furnish to each Non-Operator upon request copies of any and all reports and information obtained by Operator in connection with production and related items, including, without limitation, meter and chart reports, production purchaser statements, run tickets and monthly gauge reports, but excluding purchase contracts and pricing information to the extent not applicable to the production of the Non-Operator secking the information. Any audit of Operator's records relating to amounts expended and the appropriateness of such expenditures shall be conducted in accordance with the audit protocol specified in Exhibit "C."
- 6. Filing and Furnishing Governmental Reports: Operator will file, and upon written request promptly furnish copies to each requesting Non-Operator not in default of its payment obligations, all operational notices, reports or applications required to be filed by local, State, Federal or Indian agencies or authorities having jurisdiction over operations hereunder. Each Non-Operator shall provide to Operator on a timely basis all information necessary to Operator to make such fillings.
- 7. Drilling and Testing Operations: The following provisions shall apply to each well drilled hereunder, including but not 22
- (a) Operator will promptly advise Non-Operators of the date on which the well is spudded, or the date on which 79 30 drilling operations are commenced.
- (b) Operator will send to Non-Operators such reports, test results and notices regarding the progress of operations on the well 31 as the Non-Operators shall reasonably request, including, but not limited to, daily drilling reports, completion reports, and well logs. 32
- (c) Operator shall adequately test all Zones encountered which may reasonably be expected to be capable of producing 33 Oil and Gas in paying quantities as a result of examination of the electric log or any other logs or cores or tests conducted 34
  - 8. Cost Estimates: Upon request of any Consenting Party, Operator shall furnish estimates of current and cumulative costs incurred for the joint account at reasonable intervals during the conduct of any operation pursuant to this agreement. Operator shall not be held liable for errors in such estimates so long as the estimates are made in good faith.
  - 9. Insurance: At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the workers compensation law of the state where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a selfinsurer for liability under said compensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall be as provided in Exhibit "C." Operator shall also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D" attached hereto and made a part hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the workers 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 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 automotive equipment.

#### ARTICLE VI DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT

#### 51 A. Initial Well:

On or before the 31st day of December ..., 2013 , Operator shall commence the drilling of the Initial 52.1 53 Well at the following location:

55 1 A legal location in the N/2 of Section 3, T-19-S, R-32-E

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and shall thereafter continue the drilling of the well with due diligence to

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The drilling of the Initial Well and the participation therein by all parties is obligatory, subject to Article VI.C.1. as to participation in Completion operations and Article VI.F. as to termination of operations and Article XI as to occurrence of force majoure.

#### B. Subsequent Operations:

1. Proposed Operations: If any party hereto should desire to drill any well on the Contract Area other than the Initial Well, or if any party should desire to Rework, Sidetrack, Deepen, Recomplete or Plug Back a dry hole or a well no longer capable of producing in paying quantities in which such party has not otherwise relinquished its interest in the proposed objective Zone under 73 | this agreement, the party desiring to drill, Rework, Sidetrack, Deepen, Recomplete or Plug Back such a well shall give written notice of the proposed operation to the parties who have not otherwise relinquished their interest in such objective Zone

under this agreement and to all other parties in the case of a proposal for Sidetracking or Deepening, specifying the work to be performed, the location, proposed depth, objective Zone and the estimated cost of the operation. The parties to whom such a notice is delivered shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice within which to notify the party proposing 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 a proposal to Rework, Sidetrack, Recomplete, Plug Back or Deepen may be given by telephone and the response period shall be limited to forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays. Failure of a party to whom such notice is delivered 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 proposal by a party to conduct an operation conflicting with the operation initially proposed shall be delivered to all parties within the time and in the manner provided in Article VI.B.6.

If all parties to whom such notice is delivered elect to participate in such a proposed operation, the parties shall be contractually committed to participate therein provided such operations are commenced within the time period hereafter set forth, and Operator shall, no later than ninety (90) days after expiration of the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as practicable after the expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour period when a drilling rig is on location, as the case may be), actually commence the proposed operation and thereafter complete it with due diligence at the risk and expense of the parties participating therein; provided, however, said commencement date may be extended upon written notice of same by Operator to the other parties, for a period of up to thirty (30) additional days if, in the sole opinion of Operator, such additional time is reasonably necessary to obtain permits from governmental authorities, surface rights (including rights-ofway) or appropriate drilling equipment, or to complete title examination or curative matter required for title approval or acceptance. If the actual operation has not been commenced within the time provided (including any extension thereof as specifically permitted herein or in the force majeure provisions of Article XI) and if any party hereto still desires to conduct said operation, written notice proposing same must be resubmitted to the other parties in accordance herewith as if no prior proposal had been made. Those parties that did not participate in the drilling of a well for which a proposal to Deepen or Sidetrack is made hereunder shall, if such parties desire to participate in the proposed Deepening or Sidetracking operation, reimburse the Drilling Parties in accordance with Article VI.B.4. in the event of a Deepening operation and in accordance with Article VI.B.5, in the event of a Sidetracking operation.

#### 2. Operations by Less Than All Parties:

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(a) <u>Determination of Participation</u>. If any party to whom such notice is delivered as provided in Article VI.B.1. or VI.C.1. (Option No. 2) 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, no later than ninety (90) days after the expiration of the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as practicable after the expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour period when a drilling rig is on location, as the case may be) actually commence 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: (i) request Operator to perform the work required by such proposed operation for the rights and duties granted to and imposed upon the Operator under this agreement are granted to and imposed upon the operator under this agreement are granted to and imposed upon the party designated as Operator for an operation in which the original Operator is a Non-Consenting Party. 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 all Parties of the total interest of the parties approving such operation and its recommendation as to whether the Consenting Parties should proceed with the operation as proposed. Each Consenting Party, within forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday, and legal holidays) after delivery of such notice, shall advise the proposing party of its desire to (i) limit participation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" or (ii) carry only its proportionate part (determined by dividing such party's interest in the Contract Area by the interests of all Consenting Parties in the Contract Area) of Non-Consenting Parties' interests, or (iii) earry its proportionate part (determined as provided in (ii)) of Non-Consenting Parties' interests together with all or a portion of its proportionate part of any Non-Consenting Parties' interests that any Consenting Party did not elect to take. Any interest of Non-Consenting Parties that is not carried by a Consenting Party shall be deemed to be carried by the party proposing the operation if such party does not withdraw its proposal. Failure to advise the proposing party within the time required shall be deemed an election under (i). In the event a drilling rig is on location, notice may be given by telephone, and the time permitted for such a response shall not exceed a total of forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays). The proposing party, at its election, may withdraw such proposal if there is less than 100% participation and shall notify all parties of such decision within ten (10) days, or within twenty-four (24) hours if a drilling rig is on location, following expiration of the applicable response period. If 100% subscription to the proposed operation is obtained, the proposing party shall promptly notify the Consenting Parties of their proportionate interests in the operation and the party serving as Operator shall commence such operation within the period provided in Article VI.B.I., subject to the same extension right as provided therein.

(b) Relinquishment of Interest for Non-Participation. 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, then subject to Articles VI.B.6. and VI.E.3., the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well and restore the surface location at their sole cost, risk and expense; provided, however, that those Non-Consenting Parties that participated in the drilling, Deepening or Sidetracking of the well shall remain liable for, and shall pay, their proportionate shares of the cost of plugging and abandoning the well and restoring the surface location insofar only as those costs were not increased by the subsequent operations of the Consenting Parties. If any well drilled, Reworked, Sidetracked, Deepened, Recompleted or Plugged Back under the provisions of this Article results in a well canable of producing 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 (if the Operator did not conduct the operation) 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, Sidetracking, Recompleting, 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 or, in the case of a Reworking, Sidetracking,

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Deepening, Recompleting or Plugging Back, or a Completion pursuant to Article VI.C.1. Option No. 2, all of such Non-Consenting Party's interest in the production obtained from the operation in which the Non-Consenting Party did not elect to participate. Such relinquishment shall be effective 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 applicable ad valorem, production, severance, and excise taxes, royalty, overriding royalty and other interests not excepted by Article III.C. 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:

(i) 400 % 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 refinquished 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 such Non-Consenting Party had it participated in the well from the beginning of the operations; and

(ii) 400 % of (a) that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling, Reworking, Sidetracking, Deepening, Plugging Back, testing, Completing, and Recompleting, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C., and of (b) that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the wellhead connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had participated therein.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article VI.B., if the well does not reach the deepest objective Zone described in the notice proposing the well for reasons other than the encountering of granite or practically impenetrable substance or other condition in the hole rendering further operations impracticable, Operator shall give notice thereof to each Non-Consenting Party / who submitted or vited for an alternative proposal under Article VI.B.6. to drill the well to a shallower Zone than the deepest objective Zone proposed in the notice under which the well—was drilled, and each such Non-Consenting Party shall have the option to participate in the initial proposed Completion of the well by paying its share of the cost of drilling the well to its actual depth, calculated in the manner provided in Article VI.B.4. (a). If any such Non-Consenting Party does not elect to participate in the first Completion proposed for such well, the retiriquishment provisions of this Article VI.B.2. (b) shall apply to such party's interest.

(d) <u>Recoupment Matters</u>, 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 ad valorem, production, severance, excise, gathering and other taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's share of production not excepted by Article III.C.

In the case of any Reworking, Sidetracking, Plugging Back, Recompleting or Deepening 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, Sidetracking, Plugging Back, Recompleting or Deepening, 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 ninety (90) 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, Sidetracking, Deepening, Plugging Back, testing, Completing, Recompleting, 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.

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3. Stand-By Costs: When a well which has been drilled or Deepened has reached its authorized depth and all tests have been completed and the results thereof furnished to the parties, or when operations on the well have been otherwise terminated pursuant to Article VI.F., stand-by costs incurred pending response to a party's notice proposing a Reworking.

Sidetracking, Deepening, Recompleting, Plugging Back or Completing operation in such a well (including the period required under Article VI.B.6. to resolve competing proposals) shall be charged and borne as part of the drilling or Deepening operation just completed. Stand-by costs subsequent to all parties responding, or expiration of the response time permitted, whichever first occurs, and prior to agreement as to the participating interests of all Consenting Parties pursuant to the terms of the second grammatical paragraph of Article VI.B.2. (a), shall be charged to and borne as part of the proposed operation, but if the proposal is subsequently withdrawn because of insufficient participation, such stand-by costs shall be allocated between the Consenting Parties in the proportion each Consenting Party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all Consenting Parties.

In the event that notice for a Sidetracking operation is given while the drilling rig to be utilized is on location, any party may request and receive up to five (5) additional days after expiration of the forty-eight bour response period specified in Article VI.B.1. within which to respond by paying for all stand-by costs and other costs incurred during such extended response period. Operator may require such party to pay the estimated stand-by time in advance as a condition to extending the response period. If more than one party elects to take such additional time to respond to the notice, standby costs shall be allocated between the parties taking additional time to respond on a day-to-day basis in the proportion each electing party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all the electing parties.

4. <u>Deceming:</u> If less than all parties elect to participate in a drilling, Sidetracking, or Deepening operation proposed pursuant to Article VI,B.1., the interest relinquished by the Non-Consenting-Parties to the Consenting Parties under Article VI.B.2. shall relate only and be limited to the lesser of (i) the total depth actually drilled or (ii) the objective depth or Zone of which the parties were given notice under Article VI.B.1. ("Initial Objective"). Such well shall not be Deepened beyond the Initial Objective without first complying with this Article to afford the Non-Consenting Parties the opportunity to participate in the Deepening operation.

In the event any Consenting Party desires to drill or Deepen a Non-Consent Well to a depth below the Initial Objective, such party shall give notice thereof, complying with the requirements of Article VI.B.1., to all parties (including Non-Consenting Parties). Thereupon, Articles VI.B.1. and 2. shall apply and all patties receiving such notice shall have the right to participate or not participate in the Deepening of such well pursuant to said Articles VI.B.1. and 2. If a Deepening operation is approved pursuant to such provisions, and if any Non-Consenting Party elects to participate in the Deepening operation, such Non-Consenting party shall pay or make reimbursement (as the case may be) of the following costs and expenses.

(a) If the proposal to Deepen is made prior to the Completion of such well as a well capable of producing in paying quantities, such Non-Consenting Party shall pay (or reimburse Consenting Parties for, as the case may be) that share of costs and expenses incurred in connection with the drilling of said well from the surface to the initial Objective which Non-Consenting Party would have paid had such Non-Consenting Party agreed to participate therein, plus the Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of Deepening and of participating in any further operations on the well in accordance with the other provisions of this Agreement; provided, however, all costs for testing and Completion or attempted Completion of the well incurred by Consenting Parties prior to the point of actual operations to Deepen beyond the Initial Objective shall be for the sole account of Consenting Parties.

(b) If the proposal is made for a Non-Consent-Well that has been previously Completed as a well capable of producing in paying quantities, but is no longer capable of producing in paying quantities, such Non-Consenting Party shall pay (or reimburse Consenting Parties for, as the case may be) its proportionate share of all costs of drilling, Completing, and equipping said well from the surface to the Initial Objective, calculated in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above, less those costs recouped by the Consenting Parties from the sale of production from the well. The Non-Consenting Party shall also pay its proportionate share of all costs of re-entering said well. The Non-Consenting Parties' proportionate part (based on the percentage of such well Non-Consenting Party would have owned had it previously participated in such Non-Consent Well) of the costs of salvable materials and equipment remaining in the hole and salvable surface equipment used in connection with such well shall be determined in accordance with Exhibit "C." If the Consenting Parties have recouped the cost of drilling, Completing, and equipping the well at the time such Deepening operation is conducted, then a Non-Consenting Party may participate in the Deepening of the well with no payment for costs incurred prior to re-entering the well for Deepening

The foregoing shall not imply a right of any Consenting Party to propose any Deepening for a Non-Consent Well prior to the drilling of such well to its Initial Objective without the consent of the other Consenting Parties as provided in Article VIF.

- 5. <u>Sidetracking</u>: Any party having the right to participate in a proposed Sidetracking operation that does not own an interest in the affected wellbore at the time of the notice shall, upon electing to participate, tender to the wellbore owners its proportionate share (equal to its interest in the Sidetracking operation) of the value of that portion of the existing wellbore to be utilized as follows:
- (a) If the proposal is for Sidetracking an existing dry hole, reimbursement shall be on the basis of the actual costs incurred in the initial drilling of the well down to the depth at which the Sidetracking operation is initiated.
- (b) If the proposal is for Sidetracking a well which has previously produced, reimbursement shall be on the basis of such party's proportionate share of drilling and equipping costs incurred in the initial drilling of the well down to the depth at which the Sidetracking operation is conducted, calculated in the manner described in Article VI.B.4(b) above. Such party's proportionate share of the cost of the well's salvable materials and equipment down to the depth at which the Sidetracking operation is initiated shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C."
- 6. Order of Preference of Operations. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this agreement, if any party desires to propose the conduct of an operation that conflicts with a proposal that has been made by a party under this Article VI, such party shall have fifteen (15) days from delivery of the initial proposal, in the case of a proposal to drill a well or to perform an operation on a well where no drilling rig is on location, or twenty-four (24) hours, / exclusive-of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays, from delivery of the initial proposal, if a drilling rig is on location for the well on which such operation is to be conducted, to deliver to all parties entitled to participate in the proposed operation such party's alternative proposal, such alternate proposal to contain the same information required to be included in the initial proposal. Each party-receiving such proposals shall elect by delivery of notice to Operator within five (5) days after expiration of the proposal period, or within twenty-four (24) hours (24) hours (24) hours (24) hours (25) days after expiration of the proposal period, or within twenty-four (24) hours, of participate in one of the commetting proposals. Any party not electing within the time required that prevails shall be deemed not to have voted. The proposal / receiving the vote of the proposals in the case of a time vote, the

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initial proposal shall prevail. Operator shall deliver notice of such result to all parties entitled to participate in the operation within five (5) days after expiration of the election / period (of within twenty-four (24) hours, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays, if a drilling rig is on location). Each party shall then have two (2) days (or twenty-four (24) hours if a rig is on location) from receipt of such notice to elect by delivery of notice to Operator to participate in such operation or to relinquish interest in the affected well pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2.; failure by a party to deliver notice within such period shall be deemed an election not to participate in the prevailing proposal.

7. Conformity to Spacing Pattern. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that no wells shall be proposed to be drilled to or Completed in or produced from a Zone 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 Zone.

8. Paying Wells, No party shall conduct any Reworking, Deepening, Plugging Back, Completion, Recompletion, or Sidetracking, operation, under this agreement with respect to any well, then capable, of producing in paying quantities except with the consent of / all parties (but have not relinquished interests in the well at the time of such operation.

#### C. Completion of Wells; Reworking and Plugging Back:

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1. Completion: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled, Deepened or Sidetracked, except any well drilled, Deepened or Sidetracked pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement. Consent to the drilling,

Deepening or Sidetracking shall include:

| Deepening or Sidetracking shall include: | Horizontal Wells: | Deepening or Sidetracking, testing, Completing and | Option No. 1; /. All necessary expenditures for the drilling, Deepening or Sidetracking, testing, Completing and

equipping of the well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

Ontion: No. 2: / All necessary expenditures for the drilling;, Deepening, or Sidetracking and testing of the well. When such well has reached its authorized depth, and all logs, cores and other tests have been completed, and the results thereof furnished to the parties, Operator shall give immediate notice to the Non-Operators having the right to participate in a Completion attempt whether or not Operator recommends attempting to Complete the well, together with Operator's AFE for Completion costs if not previously provided. The parties receiving such notice shall have forty-eight (48) hours (//oxolustve of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) in which to elect by delivery of notice to Operator, to participate in a recommended Completion attempt or to make a Completion proposal with an accompanying AFE. Operator shall deliver any such Completion proposal, or any, Completion proposal conflicting with Operator's proposal, to the other parties entitled to participate in such Completion in accordance with the procedures specified in Article VI.B.6. Election to participate in a Completion attempt shall include consent to all necessary-expenditures for the Completing and equipping of such well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities but excluding any stimulation operation not contained on the Completion AFE. 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; provided, that Article VI.B.6. shall control in the case of conflicting Completion proposals. If one or more, but less than all, of the parties, elect to attempt a Completion, the provision of Article VI.B.2, hereof (the phrase "Reworking, Sidetracking, Deepening, Recompleting 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; provided, however, that Article VI.B.2. shall apply separately to each separate Completion or Recompletion attempt undertaken/hereunder, and an election to become a Non-Consenting Party as to one Completion or Recompletion attempt shall not prevent a party from becoming a Consenting Party in subsequent Completion or Recompletion attempts regardless whether the Consenting Parties as to earlier Completions or Recompletion have recouped their costs pursuant to Article VI.B.2.; provided further, that any recoupment of costs by a Consenting Party shall be made solely from the production attributable to the Zone in which the Completion attempt is made. Election by a previous Non-Consenting party to participate in a subsequent Completion or Recompletion attempt, shall require such party to pay its proportionate share of the cost of salvable materials and equipment installed in the well pursuant to the previous Completion or Recompletion attempt, insofar and only insofar as such materials and equipment benefit the Zone in which such party participates in a Completion attempt.

2. Rework Recomplete or Plug Back. No well shall be Reworked, Recompleted or Plugged Back except a well Reworked, Recompleted, or Plugged Back pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2, of this agreement. Consent to the Reworking, Recompleting or Plugging Back of a well shall include all necessary expenditures in conducting such operations and Completing and equipping of said well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

#### D. Other Operations:

Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of \_ Dollars (\$ 50,000,00 \_\_\_\_) except in connection with the Flfty Thousand drilling, Sidefracking, Reworking, Deepening, Completing, Recompleting or Plugging Back of a well that 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 mour such expenses as in its opinion are required to deal with the emergency tot safeguard life and property but Operator, as promptly as possible, shall report the emergency, to the other parties. If Operator prepares an AFE for its own use, Operator shall furnish any Non-Operator so requesting an information copy thereof for any single project costing in excess of Fifty Thousand \_\_\_\_). Any party who has not relinquished its interest in a well shall have the right to propose that (\$ 50,000.00 Operator perform repair work or undertake the installation of artificial lift equipment or ancillary production facilities such as 62 | salt water disposal wells or to conduct additional work with respect to a well drilled hereunder or other similar project (but 63 |, not-including the installation of gathering lines or other transportation or marketing facilities, the installation of which shall be-governed by-separate-agreement-between the parties) reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of the amount first set forth above in this Article VI.D. (except in connection with an operation required to be proposed under Articles VI.B.1. or VI.C.1. Option No. 2, which shall be governed exclusively be those Articles). Operator shall deliver such proposal to all parties entitled to participate therein. If within thirty (30) days thereof Operator secures the written consent of any party or parties owning at least 60 % of the interests, of the parties' entitled to participate in such operation, each party having the right; to participate, in such project shall be bound by the terms of such proposal and shall be obligated to pay its proportionate share of the costs of the proposed project as if it had consented to such project pursuant to the terms of the proposal.

#### E. Abandonment of Wells:

1. Abandonment of Dry Holes: Except for any well drilled or Deepened pursuant to Article VI.B.2., any well which has been drilled or Decpened 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 and legal holidays) after delivery 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 or Deepening such well. Any party who objects to plugging and abandoning such well by notice delivered to Operator within forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) after delivery of notice of the proposed plugging shall take over the well as of the end of such forty-eight (48) hour notice period and conduct further operations in search of Oil and/or Gas subject to the provisions of Article VI.B.; failure of such party to provide proof reasonably satisfactory to Operator of its financial capability to conduct such operations or to take over the well within such period or thereafter to conduct operations on such well or plug and abandon such well shall entitle Operator to retain or take possession of the well and plug and abandon the well. The party taking over the well shall indemnify Operator (if Operator is an abandoning party) and the other abandoning parties against liability for any further operations conducted on such well except for the costs of plugging and abandoning the well and restoring the surface, for which the abandoning parties shall remain proportionately liable.

2. Abandonment of Wells That Have Produced: Except for any well in which a Non-Consent operation has been conducted hereunder for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reimbursed as herein 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. Failure of a party to reply within 7 stage (60) days of delivery of notice of proposed and expense of all the parties hereto. Failure of a party to reply within / sexty (40).

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Thirty (30) proposed abandonment of any well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of such well, those wishing to continue its operation from the Zone then open to production shall be obligated to take over the well as of the expiration of the applicable notice period and shall indemnify Operator (if Operator is an abandoning party) and the other abandoning parties against liability for any further operations on the well conducted by such parties. Failure of such party or parties to provide proof reasonably satisfactory to Operator of their financial capability to conduct such operations or to take over the well within the required period or thereafter to conduct operations on such well shall entitle operator to retain or take possession of such well and plug and abandon the well.

Parties taking over a well as provided herein 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 and restoring the surface; provided, however, that in the event the estimated plugging and abandoning and surface restoration costs and the estimated cost of salvaging are higher than the value of the well's salvable material and equipment, each of the abandoning parties shall tender to the parties continuing operations their proportionate shares of the estimated excess cost. Each abandoning party shall assign to the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, or fitness for use of the equipment and material, all of its interest in the wellbore of the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the Leasehold insofar and only insofar as such Leasehold covers the right to obtain production from that wellbore in the Zone then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes and Oil and Gas Interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the nonabandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the wellbore and the Zone then open to production, for a term of one (1) year and so long thereafter as Oil and/or Gas is produced from the Zone 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 percentage of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignces. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portions 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 Zone then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon have the option, at its sole discretion, to request, Operator shall / continue to aperate 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. Upon proposed abandonment of the producing Zone assigned or leased, the assignor or lessor shall then have the option to repurchase its prior interest in the well (using the same valuation formula) and participate in further operations therein subject to the provisions hereof.

3. Abandonment of Non-Consent Operations: The provisions of Article VI.E.1, or VI.E.2, above shall be applicable as hetween Consenting Parties in the event of the proposed abandonment of any well excepted from said Articles; provided, however, no well shall be permanently plugged and abandoned unless and until all parties having the right to conduct further operations therein have been notified of the proposed abandonment and afforded the opportunity to elect to take over the well in accordance with the provisions of this Article VI,E.; and provided further, that Non-Consenting Parties who own an interest in a portion of the well shall pay their proportionate shares of abandonment and surface restoration cost for such well as provided in Article VI.B.2.(b).

#### F. Termination of Operations:

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Upon the commencement of an operation for the drilling, Reworking, Sidetracking, Plugging Back, Deepening, testing, Completion or plugging of a well, including but not limited to the Initial Well, such operation shall not be terminated without consent of parties bearing 50 % of the costs of such operation; provided, however, that in the event granite or other practically impenetrable substance or condition in the hole is encountered which renders further operations impractical, Operator may discontinue operations and give notice of such condition in the manner provided in Article VI.B.1, and the provisions of Article VI.B. or VI.E. shall thereafter apply to such operation, as appropriate.

#### 65 G. Taking Production in Kind:

 Option No. 1: Gas Balancing Agreement Attached
 have the right to
 Each party shall / 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 and Gas 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 chare of production in kind shall be required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of erator'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

directly from the purchaser thereof for its share of all production.

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If any party fails to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of the Oil 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 or sell-it-to-others at any time and from time to time, for the account of the non-taking party. Any such purchase or sale by Operator may be terminated by Operator upon at least (en (10) days written notice to the owner of said production and shall be subject always to the right of the owner of the production upon at least ten (10) days written notice to Operator to exercise at any time its-right-to-take-in-kind, or-separately dispose of, its-share-of-all-Oil-not-proviously-delivered-to-a-purchaser. Any purchase or sale by Operator of any other party's share of Oil-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.

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Any such sale by Operator shall be in a manner-commercially reasonable under the circumstances but Operator shall—have—no duty to share any existing—market or to obtain a price-equal to that received under—any existing market.—The sale or delivery by Operator of a non-taking party's share of Oil under the terms of any existing contract of Operator shall not give the non-taking-party-any-interest in or make the non-taking party a party to said contract. No purchase shall be made by Operator without first giving the non-taking party-at-least ten (10) days written-notice of such intended-purchase and the price to be paid or the pricing basis to be used-

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All-parties shall give timely written-notice to Operator of their Gas marketing arrangements for the following month, excluding price, and shall notify Operator immediately in the event of a change in such arrangements Operator shall maintain records of all marketing arrangements, and of volumes actually sold or transported, which records shall be made available to Non-Operators upon reasonable request-

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Operator shall sell all Oil and/or Gas produced from the Contract Area and owned by the Non-Operator(s) for their respective account(s), except that of any Non-Operator electing to have in kind on apparately dispose of its share of all till respective account(s), except that of any Non-Operator electing to have in kind on apparately dispose of its share of all till respective account(s), except that of any Non-Operator shall include the Non-Operator's Cas marketing arrangements, for the following innounts, and the Non-Operator shall include the Non-Operator's Cas marketing arrangements, for the following innounts, and the Non-Operator shall include the Non-Operator's Cas marketing arrangements for the following innounts, and the Non-Operator shall impure the notice to Operator of subsequent changes to its Gas marketing arrangements at least lifteen (15) days prior in exercising such change. Any Non-Operator staking in kind or separately disposing of its share of all of indior of cash in a marketing arrangements and volumes, actually sold or (tansported, which records) shall be made a wallable to Operator, upon reasonable request. After an election to take in kind or separately dispositely dispositely in the share of Oil and/or of the special state of the separately dispositely of the state of the separately of the separately dispositely and the separately dispositely shall be in a manner commercially reasonable under the circumstanges and shall be made at the same price as received by Operator under the terms of this arguments and volumes actually sold or transported, which records shall be made available to Non-Operator(s) year.

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reasonable request. 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 parties shall be in accordance with any Gas balancing agreement between the parties hereto, whether such an agreement is attached as Exhibit "E" or is a separate agreement. Operator shall give notice to all parties of the first sales of Gas from any well under this agreement. - - Option No. 21 No Gas Belancing Agreements

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- Each party shall execute such division orders and controls 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 directly from the purchaser thereof for its share of all production.
- If any party fails to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its appropriately share of the Oil and/or 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/or-Gas-or\_soll\_it\_to\_others at any time and from time to time, for the account of the non taking party. -- Any-such purchase or sale by Operator may be terminated by Operator-upon at-least-ten (10) days written notice to the owner of said-production and shall be subject always to the right-of the owner of the production upon at least ten-(10) days written notice to Operator exercise its right-to-take in kind, or separately dispose of, its share of all Oil and/or-Gas not previously delivered to--a-purchaser; --provided, however, that the effective date of any-such revocation-may be deferred at Operator's election for a period not to exceed-ninety (90) - days - if Operator - has committed - such production to a purchase contract having a term-extending-beyond such ten (10) day period. Any purchase or sale by Operator of any other

party's share of Oil and/or 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) vear.

Any-such sale by Operator shall be in a manner commercially reasonable under the circumstances, but Operator shall—have—no-duty-to-share—any—existing—market-or—transportation—arrangemant—or—to-obtain—a-prico-or-transportation fee equal to that received under any existing market or transportation arrangement. The cale or delivery by Operator of a non-taking party's share of production under the terms of any existing contract of Operator shall not give-the-non-taking-party-any-interest in-or-make the-non-taking-party-a-party-te-said-contract. No-purchase of Oil and-Gas-and-no-sale-of-Gas-shall-be-made-by-Operator-without-first-giving-the-non-taking-party-ten-days-written notice of such intended purchase or sale and the price to be paid or the pricing basis to be used. Operator shall give notice to all parties of the first-sale of Gas from any well under this Agreement.

- All-parties shall-give-timely written-notice-to Operator-of their-Gas-marketing-arrangements-for-the-following month, excluding price, and shall notify Operator-immediately in the event of a change in such anangements. Operator-shall-maintain-records-of-all-marketing-arrangements; and-of-volumes-actually-sold-or-transported, which records shall be made available to Non-Operators upon reasonable request-

ARTICLE VII.

#### EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES

72 A. Liability of Parties: 73

The liability of the parties shall be several, not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible only for its obligations,

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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, and no party shall have any liability to third parties hereunder to satisfy the default of any other party in the payment of any expense or obligation hereunder. It is not the intention of the parties to create, nor shall this agreement be construed as creating, a mining or other partnership, joint venture, agency relationship or association, or to render the parties liable as partners, co-venturers, or principals. In their relations with each other under this agreement, the parties shall not be considered fiduciaries or to have established a confidential relationship but rather shall be free to act on an arm's-length basis in accordance with their own respective self-interest, subject, however, to the obligation of the parties to act in good faith in their dealings with each other with respect to activities hereunder.

#### B. Liens and Security Interests:

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Each party grants to the other parties hereto a lien upon any interest it now owns or hereafter acquires in Oil and Gas Leases and Oil and Gas Interests in the Contract Area, and a security interest and/or purchase money security interest in any interest it now owns or hereafter acquires in the personal property and fixtures on or used or obtained for use in connection therewith, to secure performance of all of its obligations under this agreement including but not limited to payment of expense, interest and fees, the proper disbursement of all monies paid hereunder, the assignment or relinquishment of interest in Oil and Gas Leases as required hereunder, and the proper performance of operations hereunder. Such lien and security interest granted by each party hereto shall include such party's leasehold interests, working interests, operating rights, and royalty and overriding royalty interests in the Contract Area now owned or hereafter acquired and in lands pooled or unitized therewith or otherwise becoming subject to this agreement, the Oil and Gas when extracted therefrom and equipment situated thereon used or obtained for use in connection therewith (including, without limitation, all wells, tools, and tubular goods), and accounts (including, without limitation, accounts arising from gas imbalances or from the sale of Oil and/or Gas at the wellhead), contract rights, inventory and general intangibles relating thereto or arising therefrom, and all proceeds and products of the foregoing.

To perfect the lien and security agreement provided herein, each party hereto shall execute and acknowledge the recording supplement and/or any financing statement prepared and submitted by any party hereto in conjunction herewith or at any time following execution hereof, and Operator is authorized to file this agreement or the recording supplement executed herewith as a lien or mortgage in the applicable real estate records and as a financing statement with the proper officer under the Uniform Commercial Code in the state in which the Contract Area is situated and such other states as Operator shall deem appropriate to perfect the security interest granted hereunder. Any party may file this agreement, the recording supplement executed herewith, or such other documents as it deems necessary as a lien or mortgage in the applicable real estate records and/or a financing statement with the proper officer under the Uniform Commercial Code.

Each party represents and warrants to the other parties tereto that the lien and security interest granted by such party to the other parties shall be a first and prior lien, and each party hereby agrees to maintain the priority of said lien and security interest against all persons acquiring an interest in Oil and Gas Leases and interests covered by this agreement by, through or under such party. All parties acquiring an interest in Oil and Gas Leases and Oil and Gas Interests covered by this agreement, whether by assignment, merger, mortgage, operation of law, or otherwise, shall be deemed to have taken subject to the lien and security interest granted by this Article VII.B. as to all obligations attributable to such interest hereunder whether or not such obligations arise before or after such interest is acquired.

To the extent that parties have a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the state in which the Contract Area is situated, they 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 a party 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 party in the payment of its share of expenses, interests or fees, or upon the improper use of funds by the Operator, the other parties shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such defaulting party's share of Oil and Gas until the amount owed by such party, plus interest as provided in "Exhibit C," has been received, and shall have the right to offset the amount owed against the proceeds from the sale of such defaulting party's share of Oil and Gas. All purchasers of production may rely on a notification of default from the non-defaulting party or parties stating the amount due as a result of the default, and all parties waive any recourse available against purchasers for releasing production proceeds as provided in this pomerant.

If any party fails to pay its share of cost within one hundred twenty (120) 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. The amount paid by each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall be secured by the liens and security rights described in Article VII.B., and each paying party may independently pursue any remedy available hereunder or otherwise.

If any party does not perform all of its obligations hereunder, and the failure to perform subjects such party to foreclosure or execution proceedings pursuant to the provisions of this agreement, to the extent allowed by governing law, the defaulting party waives any available right of redemption from and after the date of judgment, any required valuation or appraisement of the mortgaged or secured property prior to sale, any available right to stay execution or to require a marshaling of assets and any required bond in the event a receiver is appointed. In addition, to the extent permitted by applicable law, each party hereby grants to the other parties a power of sale as to any property that is subject to the lien and security rights granted hereunder, such power to be exercised in the manner provided by applicable law or otherwise in a commercially reasonable manner and upon reasonable notice.

Each party agrees that the other parties shall be entitled to utilize the provisions of Oil and Gas tien law or other lien law of any state in which the Contract Area is situated to enforce the obligations of each party hereunder. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to the extent permitted by applicable law, Non-Operators agree that Operator may invoke or utilize the mechanics' or materialmen's lien law of the state in which the Contract Area is situated in order to secure the payment to Operator of any sum due hereunder for services performed or materials supplied by Operator. C. Advances:

Operator, at its election, shall have the right from time to time to demand and receive from one or more of 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. Defaults and Remedies:

If any party fails to discharge any financial obligation under this agreement, including without limitation the failure to make any advance under the preceding Article VII.C. or any other provision of this agreement, within the period required for such payment hereunder, then in addition to the remedies provided in Article VII.B. or elsewhere in this agreement, the remedies specified below shall be applicable. For purposes of this Article VII.D., all notices and elections shall be delivered.

only by Operator, except that Operator shall deliver any such notice and election requested by a non-defaulting Non-Operator, and when Operator is the party in default, the applicable notices and elections can be delivered by any Non-Operator. Election of any one or more of the following remedies shall not preclude the subsequent use of any other remedy specified below or otherwise available to a non-defaulting party.

- 1. Suspension of Rights: Any party may deliver to the party in default a Notice of Default, which shall specify the default, specify the action to be taken to cure the default, and specify that failure to take such action will result in the exercise of one or more of the remedies provided in this Article. If the default is not cured within thirty (30) days of the delivery of such Notice of Default, all of the rights of the defaulting party granted by this agreement may upon notice be suspended until the default is cured, without prejudice to the right of the non-defaulting party or parties to continue to enforce the obligations of the defaulting party previously accrued or thereafter accruing under this agreement. If Operator is the party in default, the Non-Operators shall have in addition the right, by vote of Non-Operators owning a majority in interest in the Contract Area after excluding the voting interest of Operator, to appoint a new Operator owning a majority in interest in the Contract Area after excluding the voting interest of Operator, to appoint a new Operator effective immediately. The rights of a defaulting party that may be suspended hereunder at the election of the non-defaulting parties shall include, without limitation, the right to receive information as to any operation conducted hereunder during the period of such default, the right to elect to participate in an operation proposed under Article VI.B. of this agreement, the right to participate in an operation being conducted under this agreement even if the party has previously elected to participate in such operation, and the right to receive proceeds of production from any well subject to this agreement.
- 2. Suit for Damages: Non-defaulting parties or Operator for the benefit of non-defaulting parties may sue (at joint account expense) to collect the amounts in default, plus interest accruing on the amounts recovered from the date of default until the date of collection at the rate specified in Exhibit "C" attached hereto. Nothing herein shall prevent any party from suing any defaulting party to collect consequential damages accruing to such party as a result of the default.
- 3. <u>Deemed Non-Consent:</u> The non-defaulting party may deliver a written Notice of Non-Consent Election to the defaulting party at any time after the expiration of the thirty-day cure period following delivery of the Notice of Default, in which event if the billing is for the drilling a new well or the Plugging Back, Sidetracking, Reworking or Deepening of a well which is to be or has been plugged as a dry hole, or for the Completion or Recompletion of any well, the defaulting party will be conclusively deemed to have elected not to participate in the operation and to be a Non-Consenting Party with respect thereto under Article VI.B. or VI.C., as the case may be, to the extent of the costs unpaid by such party, notwithstanding any election to participate theretofore made. If election is made to proceed under this provision, then the non-defaulting parties may not elect to sue for the unpaid amount pursuant to Article VII.D.2.

Until the delivery of such Notice of Non-Consent Election to the defaulting party, such party shall have the right to cure its default by paying its unpaid stare of costs plus interest at the rate set forth in Exhibit "C," provided, however, such payment shall not prejudice the rights of the non-defaulting parties to pursue remedies for damages incurred by the non-defaulting parties as a result of the default. Any, interest relinquished pursuant to this Article VII.D.3. shall be offered to the non-defaulting parties in proportion to their interests, and the non-defaulting parties electing to participate in the ownership of such interest shall be required to contribute their shares of the defaulted amount upon their election to participate therein.

- 4. Advance Payment; If a default is not cured within thirty (30) days of the delivery of a Notice of Default, Operator, or Non-Operators if Operator is the defaulting party, may thereafter require advance payment from the defaulting party of such defaulting party's anticipated share of any item of expense for which Operator, or Non-Operators, as the case may be, would be entitled to reimbursement under any provision of this agreement, whether or not such expense was the subject of the previous default. Such right includes, but is not limited to, the right to require advance payment for the estimated costs of drilling a well or Completion of a well as to which an election to participate in drilling or Completion has been made. If the defaulting party fails to pay the required advance payment, the non-defaulting parties may pursue any of the remedies provided in the Article VII.D. or any other default remedy provided elsewhere in this agreement. Any excess of funds advanced remaining when the operation is completed and all costs have been paid shall be promptly returned to the advancing party.
- 5. Costs and Attorneys' Fees: In the event any party is required to bring legal proceedings to enforce any financial obligation of a party hereunder, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recover all court costs, costs of collection, and a reasonable attorney's fee, which the lien provided for herein shall also secure.

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

#### F. Taxes:

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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 Lease 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 Lease, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such reduction. If the ad valorem taxes are 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 tax value generated by each party's working interest. Operator shall bill the other parties for their proportionate shares 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, excise, gathering and other taxes imposed upon or with respect to the production or handling of such party's share of Oil and Gas produced under the terms of this agreement.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

#### ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST

#### A. Surrender of Leases:

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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, such party shall give written notice of the proposed surrender to all parties, and the parties to whom such notice is delivered shall have thirty (30) days after delivery of the notice within which to notify the party proposing the surrender whether they elect to consent thereto. Failure of a party to whom such notice is delivered to reply within said 30-day period shall constitute a consent to the surrender of the Leases described in the notice. If all parties do not agree or consent thereto, the party destring 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 consenting to such surrender. If the interest of the assigning party is or includes an Oil and Gas Interest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not consenting to such surrender an oil and gas lease covering such Oil and Gas Interest for a term of one (1) 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 or lease, the assigning party shall be relieved from all obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the interest assigned or leased and the operation of any well attributable thereto, and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the assigned or leased premises and its equipment and production other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The party assignee or lessee shall pay to the party assignor or lessor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any well's salvable materials and equipment attributable to the assigned or leased acreage. The value of all salvable materials and equipment 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 and restoring the surface. If such value is less than such costs, then the party assignor or lessor shall pay to the party assignee or lessee the amount of such deficit. If the assignment or lease is in favor of more than one party, the interest shall be shared by such parties in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all such parties. If the interest of the parties to whom the assignment is to be made varies according to depth, then the interest assigned shall similarly reflect such variances.

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

#### B. Renewal or Extension of Leases:

If any party secures a renewal or replacement of an Oil and Gas Lease or Interest subject to this agreement, then all other parties shall be notified promptly upon such acquisition or, in the case of a replacement Lease taken before expiration of an existing Lease, promptly upon expiration of the existing Lease. The parties notified shall have the right for a period of thirty (30) days following delivery of such notice in which to elect to participate in the ownership of the renewal or replacement Lease, insofar as such Lease affects lands within the Contract Area, by paying to the party who acquired it their proportionate shares of the acquisition cost allocated to that part of such Lease within the Contract Area, which shall be in proportion to the interest held at that time by the parties in the Contract Area. Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal or replacement Lease shall be given an assignment of its proportionate interest therein by the acquiring party.

If some, but less than all, of the parties elect to participate in the purchase of a renewal or replacement 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 of all parties participating in the purchase of such renewal or replacement Lease. The acquisition of a renewal or replacement Lease by any or all of the parties hereto shall not cause a readjustment of the interests of the parties stated in Exhibit "A," but any renewal or replacement Lease in which less than all parties elect to participate shall not be subject to this agreement but shall be deemed subject to a separate Operating Agreement in the form of this agreement.

If the interests of the parties in the Contract Area vary according to depth, then their right to participate proportionately in renewal or replacement Leases and their right to receive an assignment of interest shall also reflect such depth variances.

The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal or replacement 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 or replacement Lease taken before the expiration of its predecessor Lease, or taken or contracted for or becoming effective within six (6) months after the expiration of the existing Lease, shall be subject to this provision so long as this agreement is in effect at the time of such acquisition or at the time the renewal or replacement Lease becomes effective; 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 or replacement Lease and shall not be subject to the provisions of this agreement.

The provisions in this Article shall also be applicable to extensions of Oil and Gas Leases.

#### G. Acreage-or-Cash-Contributions:

While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash-towards 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. Such acreage shall become a separate Contract Area and, to the stent passible, be governed by provisions identical to this agreement. Each party shall promptly notify all other parties of any acreage-or-cash contributions it may obtain in support of any well or any other operation on the Contract Area. The above provisions shall also be applicable to optional rights to earn acreage outside the Contract Area which are in support of well-drilled inside Contract Area.

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

#### D. Assignment; Maintenance of Uniform Interest:

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For the purpose of maintaining uniformity of ownership in the Contract Area in the Oil and Gas Leases, Oil and Gas Interests;-wells, equipment and production covered by this agreement no party shall sell, encumber, transfer or make other disposition of its interest in the Oil and Gas Leases and Oil and Gas Interests embraced within the Contract Area or in wells, equipment and production unless such disposition covers either

- -the entire interest of the party in all Oil and Gas Leases, Oil and Gas Interests, wells, equipment and production, or
- an equal undivided percent of the party's present interest in all Oil and Gas Leases, Oil and Gas Interests, wells, equipment and production in the Contract Area.

Every 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, and any transferee of an ownership interest in any Oil and Gas Lease or Interest shall be deemed a party to this agreement as to the interest conveyed from and after the effective date of the transfer of ownership; provided, however, that the other parties shall not be required to recognize any such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition for any purpose hereunder until thirty (30) days after they have received a copy of the instrument of transfer or other satisfactory evidence thereof in writing from the transferor or transferee. No assignment or other disposition of interest by a party shall relieve such party of obligations previously incurred by such party hereunder with respect to the interest transferred, including without limitation the obligation of a party to pay all costs attributable to an operation conducted hereunder in which such party has agreed to participate prior to making such assignment, and the lien and security interest pranted by Article VII.B. shall continue to burden the interest transferred to secure payment of any such obligations.

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 interest within the scope of the operations embraced in this agreement; however, all such coowners 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 thereof.

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

#### F. Preferential Bight to Purchases

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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 disposition, which shall instude the name and address of the prospective transferse (who must be ready, willing and able to purchase), the purchase price, a legal description-sufficient-to-identify the property, 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 the notice is delivered, to purchase for the stated consideration on the same terms-and conditions the interest which the other party proposes to sell; and, if this optional right is exercised, the purphasing parties shall-share the purphased interest in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all urchasing-parties.—However, there-shall-be-no-preferential-right-to-purchase-in-these-cases-where-<del>any</del>-party-wishes to mortgage its interests, or to transfer title to its interests to its interests, to for or pursuant to foreslosure of a mortgage of its interests, or-to-dispose of its interests by merger, reorganization, consolidation, or by sale of all or substantially all of its Oil and Gas assets to any party, or by transfer of its interests to a subsidiary or parent company or to a subsidiary of a parent company, or to any company in which such party owns a majority of the stock.

#### ARTICLE IX.

#### INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION

If, for federal income tax purposes, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, and if the parties have not otherwise agreed to form a tax partnership pursuant to Exhibit "G" or other agreement between them, each party thereby 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 1986, as amended ("Code"), 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 Treasury Regulation \$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 Code, 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 uninsured third party damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the expenditure 67 | does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$ 50,000.00 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 expenses of handling settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be a the joint expense of the parties participating in the operation from which the claim or suit arises. 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, such party shall immediately notify all other parties, and the claim or suit shall be treated as any other claim or suit involving operations hereunder.

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## 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 indemnify or make money payments or furnish security, 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 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, lightening, fire, storm, flood or other act of nature, 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.

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.

ARTICLE XII.

#### NOTICES

All notices authorized or required between the parties by any of the provisions of this agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be in writing and delivered in person or by United States mail, courier service, telegram, telex, telecopier or any other form of facsimile, postage or charges prepaid, and addressed to such parties at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A." All telephone or oral notices permitted by this agreement shall be confirmed immediately thereafter by written notice. The originating notice given under any provision hereof shall be deemed delivered only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed, and the time for such party to deliver any notice in response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. "Receipt" for purposes of this agreement with respect to written notice delivered hereunder shall be actual delivery of the notice to the address of the party to be notified specified in accordance with this agreement, or to the telecopy, facsimile or telex machine of such party. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States mail or at the office of the courier or telegraph service, or upon transmittal by telex, telecopy or facsimile, or when personally delivered to the party to be notified, provided, that when response is required within 24 or 48 hours, such response shall be given orally or by telephone, telex, telecopy or other facsimile within such period. Each party shall have the right to change its address at any time, and from time to time, by giving written notice thereof to all other parties. If a party is not available to receive notice orally or by telephone when a party attempts to deliver a notice required to be delivered within 24 or 48 hours, the notice may be delivered in writing by any other method specified herein and shall be deemed delivered in the same manner provided above for any responsive notice.

#### 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 subject 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.

- Ontion 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 provided, however, that production solely attributable to lands outside the Contract Area shall not perpetuate this agreement.

The termination of this agreement shall not relieve any party hereto from any expense, liability or other obligation or any remedy therefor which has accused or attached prior to the date of such termination.

Upon termination of this agreement and the satisfaction of all obligations hereunder, in the event a memorandum of this Operating Agreement has been filed of record, Operator is authorized to file of record in all necessary recording offices a notice of termination, and each party hereto agrees to execute such a notice of termination as to Operator's interest, upon request of Operator, if Operator has satisfied all its financial obligations.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

#### A. Laws, Regulations and Orders:

This agreement shall be subject to the applicable laws of the state in which the Contract Area 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: Refer to Article XVI., R. Choice of Law.

This—agreement—and—all—matters—pertaining—hereto, including—but—not—limited—to—matters—of—performance,—non-performance,—breach,—remedies,—procedures,—rights,—dutios,—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 of——————shall-govern.

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#### C. Regulatory Agencies:

Nothing herein contained shall grant, or be construed to grant, Operator the right or authority to waive or release any rights, privileges, or obligations which Non-Operators may have under federal or state laws or under rules, regulations or

orders promulgated under such laws in reference to oil, gas and mineral operations, including the location, operation, or production of wells, on tracts offsetting or adjacent to the Contract Area.

With respect to the operations hereunder, Non-Operators agree to release Operator from any and all losses, damages, injuries, claims and causes of action arising out of, incident to or resulting directly or indirectly from Operator's interpretation or application of rules, rulings, regulations or orders of the Department of Energy or Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or predecessor or successor agencies to the extent such interpretation or application was made in good faith and does not constitute gross negligence. Each Non-Operator further agrees to reimburse Operator for such Non-Operator's share of production or any refund, fine, levy or other governmental sanction that Operator may be required to pay as a result of such an incorrect interpretation or application, together with interest and penalties thereon owing by Operator as a result of such incorrect interpretation or application.

#### ARTICLE XV. MISCELLANEOUS

#### A. Execution:

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This agreement shall be binding upon each Non-Operator when this agreement or a counterpart thereof has been executed by such Non-Operator and Operator notwithstanding that this agreement is not then or thereafter executed by all of the parties to which it is tendered or which are listed on Exhibit "A" as owning an interest in the Contract Area or which own, in fact, an interest in the Contract Area. Operator may, however, by written notice to all Non-Operators who have become bound by this agreement as aforesaid, given at any time prior to the actual spud date of the Initial Well but in no event later than five days prior to the date specified in Article VI.A. for commencement of the Initial Well, terminate this agreement if Operator in its sole discretion determines that there is insufficient participation to justify commencement of drilling operations. In the event of such a termination by Operator, all further obligations of the parties hereunder shall cease as of such termination. In the event any Non-Operator has advanced or prepaid any share of drilling or other costs hereunder, all sums so advanced shall be returned to such Non-Operator without interest. In the event Operator proceeds with drilling operations for the Initial Well without the execution hereof by all persons listed on Exhibit "A" as having a current working interest in such well, Operator shall indemnify Non-Operators with respect to all costs incurred for the Initial Well which would have been charged to such person under this agreement if such person had executed the same and operator shall revenues which would have been received by such person under this agreement if such person had executed the same.

#### B. Successors and Assigns:

This agreement shall be binding upon and shall insure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns, and the terms hereof shall be deemed to run with the Leases or Interests included within the Contract Area.

#### C. Counterparts:

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

#### D. Severability:

For the purposes of assuming or rejecting this agreement as an executory contract pursuant to federal bankruptcy laws, this agreement shall not be severable, but rather must be assumed or rejected in its entirety, and the failure of any party to this agreement to comply with all of its financial obligations provided herein shall be a material default.

# ARTICLE XVI. OTHER PROVISIONS

Refer to pages 17A through 17C for ARTICLE XVI., OTHER PROVISIONS.

#### ARTICLE XVI. OTHER PROVISIONS

# Attached to and made part of that certain Operating Agreement dated October 3, 2012, between COG Operating LLC, as Operator, and McCombs Energy, LLC, et al, as Non-Operator(s)

- A. <u>Conflicts.</u> In the event of a conflict between any provision of this Article XVI and other provisions of this agreement, this Article XVI shall control and prevail.
- B. <u>Priority of Proposals and Operations</u>. When the participating parties cannot agree on the sequence of further operations in any well operated under this agreement as a result of conflicting or competing proposals made in accordance with Article VI, the proposals shall be considered and the prevailing proposal determined in the following priority:
  - 1st additional logging, coring or testing;
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> completion attempt at the objective Zone;
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> plugging back and completion attempts at shallower depths, in order from the deepest to the shallowest depths;
  - 4th deepenings, in order from the shallowest to the deepest depths;
  - 5th sidetracking; and/or
  - 6th plugging and abandonment.

If at any time when proposals of any of the above operations are being considered, the hole or equipment is in such a condition that Operator recommends not to conduct one or more particular operations because they might put the hole, equipment and/or objective formation in jeopardy or result in the loss of either of them, such proposals shall be eliminated from the above order of priority. With regard to proposals for additional logging, coring or testing, if any, but not all, of the parties entitled to make elections to the proposals elect to pay the costs thereof, they may do so, and the only penalty to any party that elects not to pay such costs is that it shall not be entitled to the corresponding logs, cores or results of tests or any analyses of them without the consent of all parties who participated in the additional logging, coring or testing.

- C. Commencement of Operations. For the purposes of Articles VI.B.1 and VI.B.2, Operator may commence activities preliminary to actual drilling operations including, without limitation, building location, roads and pits, delivering materials and equipment to the well site, rigging up a drilling rig, and/or actual drilling operations, at any time either before or after giving the notice of proposed operations required by said Articles. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties receiving notice of proposed operations pursuant to Articles VI.B.1 and VI.B.2 shall have the full time allowed in which to make their election(s) and shall be subject to the non-consent provisions thereof to the same extent and in the same manner as provided in Article VI.B without reference to the time that such activities were commenced relative to giving notice.
- D. Operator's Authority to Perform Certain Ministerial Acts. Non-Operators hereby irrevocably authorize Operator (including any successor Operator validly serving hereunder) to take the following actions under or in connection with this agreement, for and on behalf and in the name of Non-Operators, all without necessity of further action or consent by Non-Operators:
  - (1) execute, deliver, and record in all appropriate public records any memoranda of this agreement (including any amendments or supplements hereto), any financing statements, and any and all other instruments and documents necessary or desirable to evidence, perfect, and enforce the terms of this agreement, including, without limitation, the liens and security interests established under Article VII.B hereof;
  - (2) execute and deliver appropriate modifications or updates to Exhibit "A" to this agreement to reflect subsequently-occurring events such as subsequent acquisitions of leases or changes in the interests of the parties.

The foregoing special powers shall survive any disability on the part of the applicable granting Non-Operator. The grant and existence of such powers shall not alter, diminish, or affect any obligations of Non-Operators under this agreement. The exercise or non-exercise of such powers shall be in the sole discretion of Operator, whose decisions with respect to exercise or non-exercise shall be non-actionable and shall be final, binding, and conclusive as to all parties:

- E. <u>Amendment of Operating Agreement.</u> Except as provided in Article XVI.D, this agreement may be amended only by a written document that is specific in stating that it is an amendatory document to this agreement and is executed by authorized representatives of each party hereto. All replacement pages to this agreement which result from actions authorized under Article XVI.D, or an amendment as provided herein, will be clearly marked as replacement pages and set forth the date of such amendment or replacement.
- F. Advance Payments. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VII.C of this agreement, Operator may, at its sole election, advance bill each Non-Operator who elects to participate in any approved operation hereunder, one hundred percent (100%) of Non-Operator's proportionate share of the costs attributable to the entire operation; provided, however, that any such advance billing for: i) Vertical Wells shall be limited to the costs of drilling, Deepening or Sidetracking and testing of such wells to their authorized depth, and ii) Horizontal Wells may include all necessary expenditures for the drilling, Deepening or Sidetracking, testing, Completing and equipping of such wells, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities. Non-Operators who have elected to participate in any such operations shall remit to Operator, within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice for advance billing as provided above,

#### ARTICLE XVI., continued

one hundred percent (100%) of the amount so invoiced. If Operator does not receive payment within the prescribed period of time, Operator may then, without prejudice to other existing remedies, at its sole option, deem such non-payment to constitute an election by said Non-Operator not to participate in the proposed operation, to become a Non-Consenting Party, and to be subject to the provision of Article VI.B of this agreement in the same manner, to the same extent, and with the same force as if said Non-Operator had initially elected to be a Non-Consenting Party to such operation.

- G. <u>Separate Measurement Facilities</u>. If any party hereto creates the necessity of separate measurement facilities by reason of assignments or other mortgages or conveyances within the Contract Area, such party shall alone bear the entire costs of purchasing, installing, and operating such separate measurement facility, which facility may be constructed and operated by Operator, at Operator's election, for the account of said party and shall be subject to all other provisions of this Operating Agreement including, without limitation, those provisions relating to advances for costs and offsets for unpaid expenses.
- H. <u>Bankruptcy</u>. If, following the granting of relief under the Bankruptcy Code to any party hereto as debtor thereunder, this agreement should be held to be an executory contract within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. Section 365, then the Operator or, if the Operator is the debtor in bankruptcy, the other parties, shall be entitled to a determination by the debtor or any trustee of the debtor within thirty (30) days from the date an order for relief is entered under the Bankruptcy Code, as to the rejection or assumption of this agreement. In the event of an assumption, Operator or the other parties shall be entitled to adequate assurances as to future performance of debtor's obligations hereunder and the protection of the interests of all other parties.
- I. Security. The lien and security interest granted by each Non-Operator to Operator, and by Operator to the Non-Operators, under Article VII.B shall extend not only to such party's oil and gas rights in the Contract Area (which for greater certainty shall include all of each party's leasehold interest and leasehold estate in the Contract Area), the oil and/or gas when extracted, and equipment (as mentioned in said Article), but also to all accounts, contract rights, inventory, and general intangibles constituting a part of, relating to, or arising out of said oil and gas rights, extracted oil and gas, and said equipment or which are otherwise owned or held by any such party in the Contract Area. Further, the lien and security interest of each of said parties shall extend to all proceeds and products of all of the property and collateral described in this paragraph and in Article VII.B as being subject to said lien and security interest.
- J. <u>E-mail as Form of Notice</u>. E-mail shall be an acceptable means of conferring notice under Article XII of this agreement and shall be effective upon receipt by the recipient in the case of an originating notice or upon transmission of the e-mail in the case of a responsive notice, provided in each instance that the e-mail transmission is addressed to the parties at the e-mail addresses set forth on attached Exhibit "A" and creates a record that may be retained, retrieved, and reviewed by the recipient and may be directly reproduced in paper form by the recipient through an automated process.
- K. <u>Interpretation.</u> This agreement shall never be construed for or against any party on the basis of which party drafted this agreement or any particular provision herein, or which party supplied the form of Operating Agreement. Each party agrees that this agreement has been purposefully drawn and correctly reflects its understanding of the transaction that it contemplates.
- L. <u>Covenants Running with Land/ Effect of Transfer.</u> The terms, covenants, and conditions of this agreement shall be covenants running with the lands covered hereby and leasehold estates therein and with each transfer or assignment of said lands or leasehold estates. Any assignment, conveyance or other transfer of an Oil and Gas Lease or Oil and Gas Interest that is subject to this agreement shall relieve the transferor from liability for the cost and expense of operations attributable to the transferred interest which are conducted after the effective date thereof; provided that, the transferor shall remain liable for and shall cause to be paid its proportionate part of the cost and expense of all operations for which it was obligated to pay and were commenced prior to the actual transfer, except costs and expenses arising out of or directly related to a specific operation in which the transferor elected (or was deemed to have elected) not to participate pursuant to Article VI. From and after the effective dated of the said assignment, conveyance or other transfer, the transferee shall be deemed to be a party to this agreement, subject to the performance of all obligations attributable to the transferred interest for all periods from and after the effective date of transfer. The assumption of liability by a transferred interest for all periods from and after the effective date of transfer, but shall in no event limit, diminish, or affect the direct and continuing liability of the transferring party under this agreement and applicable law for all periods prior to such date.
- M. Indemnity. In the performance of duties on the Contract Area, the Operator shall act as a reasonable prudent Operator in a good and workmanlike manner with due diligence and dispatch in accordance with good oilfield practice and in accordance with applicable law and regulation; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, EXCEPT FOR OPERATOR'S INTEREST IN THE CONTRACT AREA, NON-OPERATORS SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS OPERATOR FOR, FROM, AND AGAINST ANYAND ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, AND LIABILITY OF EVERY KIND AND CHARACTER (INCLUDING ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ATTORNEYS FEES), RESULTING FROM, ARISING OUT OF, OR INCIDENTAL TO OPERATOR'S PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES ON THE CONTRACT AREA EVEN IF SUCH LIABILITIES ARISE FROM OR ARE ATTRIBUTED TO OPERATOR'S NEGLIGENCE. THE ONLY LIABILITIES TO WHICH THIS INDEMNITY OBLIGATION DOES NOT APPLY ARE THOSE RESULTING FROM OPERATOR'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE AND INTENTIONAL TORTS FOR WHICH OPERATOR SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE.

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- N. Well access. In connection with the drilling of any wells under this agreement, each Non-Operator, its employees and representatives, shall have the right at all reasonable times, at its own risk and expense, to full and complete access to the derrick floor, well location and Contract Area; PROVIDED THAT: EACH NON-OPERATOR SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD OPERATOR HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE OF ANY NATURE OR KIND WHATSOEVER IN ANY WAY RESULTING FROM NON-OPERATOR'S ENTRY UPON, PRESENCE ON OR ACTIVITIES OF ITS RESPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND REPRESENTATIVES WHILE ON THE CONTRACT AREA, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, BODILY INJURY OR DEATH AT ANY TIME RESULTING THEREFROM AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY SUSTAINED BY THE NON-OPERATOR AND ITS RESPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND REPRESENTATIVES, EVEN IF SUCH LOSS OR DAMAGE RESULTS FROM OPERATOR'S NEGLIGENCE.
- O. <u>Relationship of Parties</u>. Except as it relates to handling of funds as specified in Article V.D.4, the parties shall not be considered fiduciaries or to have established a confidential relationship but rather the parties shall be free to act on an arms-length basis in accordance with their own respective self-interests.
- P. Foreclosure of Operator's Lien. In the event that the Contract Area is located in the State of Texas and Operator elects to foreclose its lien and security interest against the interest of any Non-Operator as provided for in this agreement, such may be foreclosed non-judicially in the manner provided for by the then current form of Deed of Trust promulgated by the State Bar of Texas, in accordance with the terms and provisions thereof, and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the laws of the State of Texas pertaining to non-judicial foreclosure sales, including, but not limited to, laws pertaining to giving of notice of such sale. For such purposes, each Non-Operator hereby appoints Operator, and each of its officers, as a trustee to carry out the trust imposed by such current Deed of Trust form, and agrees that a substitute trustee may be appointed in the manner provided for in such current Deed of Trust form. Operator shall be deemed to be the secured party and beneficiary under the terms and provisions of such then current Deed of Trust form, and the defaulting Non-Operator shall be deemed to be the grantor thereof, with the lien granted thereby covering and pertaining to all of the interest of the Non-Operator in the Contract Area.
- Q. <u>Severability</u>. In the event any provision contained herein should be deemed inconsistent with or contrary to any Federal, State, or Municipal law, rule or regulation, said provision shall be deemed to be modified to the extent required to comply with said law, rule or regulation and as so modified said provision in this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect without affecting the enforceability of the remaining provisions, duties, and liabilities set forth herein.
- R. Choice of Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Mexico. Any laws of the State of New Mexico which would apply the law of another state or country are waived and shall not apply to the enforcement and/or construction of this Agreement. The venue for any proceeding concerning this Agreement or any performance hereunder shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Lea County, New Mexico.

END OF ARTICLE XVI., OTHER PROVISIONS

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## Exhibit "A"

# Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement dated October 3, 2012 between COG Operating LLC, as Operator, and McCombs Energy, LLC, et al, as Non-Operator(s)

## 1. DESCRIPTION OF LANDS SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT:

T-19-S, R-32-E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico: Section 3: N2

## 2. RESTRICTIONS, IF ANY, AS TO DEPTHS, FORMATIONS OR SUBSTANCES:

From 5,000' subsurface down to 13,107' subsurface

# 3. PERCENTAGES OR FRACTIONAL INTERESTS AND ADDRESSES OF PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT:

Initial Well: Warhawk 3 Fed Com #1H Proration Unit: (160 acres) N/2N/2 of Section 3: T19S-R32E

Working Interest Owners	Working Interest in Initial Well Before Payout	Working Interest in Initial Well After Payout	Working Interest in All Subsequent Wells
COG Operating LLC 600 W. Illinois Avenue Midland, Texas 79701 Attn: Caleb Hopson Phone: (432) 686-3049 Fax: (432) 221-0856 Email: ehopson@concho.com	58.666667%	61.010416%	61.010416%
McCombs Energy, LLC 5599 San Felipe, Suite 1200 Houston, Texas 77056-2794 Attn: Ricky Haikin Phone: (713) 621-0033 Email: rhaikin@mccombsenergy.com	9.375000%	7.031250%	7.031250%
Nortex Corporation 1415 Louisiana, Suite 3100 Houston, Texas 77002 Attn: Land Manager Phone (713) 658-1142 Fax: (713) 658-0739	4.000000%	4.000000%	4.000000%
Kent Production LLC 1415 Louisiana, Suite 1300 Houston, Texas 77002	1.000000%	1.000000%	1.000000%
Margaret K. Hunker, Trustee of the Margaret K. Hunker Trust u/t/a dated November 5, 2002 7418 Spring Village Dr. #110 Springfield, Virginia 22150 Attn: Kay Tsui	0.312500%	0.312500%	0.312500%
Centennial, LLC P.O. Box 1837 Roswell, New Mexico 88202-1837 Attn: Don Fedric Phone: (575) 622-2700 Email: dmfedric@fedric.com	0.468750%	0.468750%	0.463750%
Norton LLC 60 Beach Avenue South Dartmouth, Massachusetts 02748	0.468750%	0.468750%	0.468750%

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Working Interest Owners	Working Interest in Initial Well Before Payout	Working Interest in Initial Well After Payout	Working Interest in All Subsequent Wells
Helen G. Newell P.O. Box 588 Bedford, Texas 76107	0.168750%	0.168750%	0.168750%
Larry Newell P.O. Box 588 Bedford, Texas 76107	0.018750%	0.018750%	0.018750%
Larry Newell, Individually and as Executor of the Estate of Clay Newell P.O. Box 588 Bedford, Texas 76107	0.187500%	0.187500%	0.187500%
Kenneth L. Hewitt 127 Peachtree Street 14 <sup>th</sup> Floor Candler Building Atlanta, Georgia 30303	1.250000%	1.250000%	1.250000%
S & C Construction, Inc. P.O. Box 1509 Whitefish, Montana 59937 Attn: Carolyn Cosby Phone: (406) 862-2690	2.734375%	2.734375%	2.734375%
SheerFive, LP 812 Eagle Pointe Montgomery, Texas 77316 Attn: Jeff Sherrick Phone: (713) 569-4713 Email: Jeffsherrick54@gmail.com	2.734375%	2.734375%	2.734375%
Read & Stevens, Inc. P.O. Box 1518 Roswell, New Mexico 88202-1518 Attn: Land Manager Phone: (575) 622-3770 Fax: (575) 622-3770	0.390625%	0.390625%	0.390625%
Carol Louise Johnson Revocable Trust (2004), Carol Louise Johnson, Trustee 1617 Valdez, N.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112	0.125000%	0.125000%	0.125000%
Martha L. Roberts Revocable Trust, Dated August 9, 2011, Martha L. Roberts, Trustee 3101 Castlerock Road, Villa 58 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120-1861	0.250000%	0.250000%	0.250000%
Prospector LLC P.O. Box 429 Roswell, New Mexico 88202	0.250000%	0.250000%	0.250000%
Estate of William C. Johns, M.D. 1019 Douglas Avenue Las Vegas, NM 87701 Attn: Lawrence C. Johns	0.187500%	0.187500%	0.187500%
Estate of James S. Shortle, M.D. 717 Encino Place NE, Suite 35 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87012	.0.187500%	0.187500%	0.187500%
Schultz Properties, LLC 100 N. Pennsylvania Roswell. New Mexico 88203	3.151650%	3.151650%	3.151650%
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Working Interest Owners	Working Interest in Initial Well Before Payout	Working Interest in Initial Well After Payout	Working Interest in All Subsequent Wells
Endurance Resources LLC 203 W. Wall St. Midland, TX 79707	14.072309%	14.072309%	14.072309%

<sup>\*</sup>WORKING INTEREST OWNERS/PERCENTAGES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UPON RECEIVING FINAL TITLE.

## 4. OIL AND GAS LEASES SUBJECT TO THIS OPERATING AGREEMENT:

Scrial No.:

NMNM 112932

Lessor:

United States of America COG Operating LLC

Lessee: Dated:

1/1/2005

Lands Covered:

T-19-S, R-32-E

Section 3: N2NE, SENE Lea County, New Mexico

Serial No.:

NMNM 104076

Lessor:

United States of America

Lessee: Dated: W.N. Price 3/1/1951

Lands Covered:

T-19-S, R-32-E Section 3: NW

Lea County, New Mexico

Serial No.:

NMLC 067982-B

Lessor:

United States of America

Lessee: Dated: Merit Energy Partners

Lands Covered:

11/1/1951 T-19-S, R-32-E

Section 3

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Lea County, New Mexico

## 5. BURDENS ON PRODUCTION:

Section 3: T-19-S, R-32-E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico:

\*Insofar as said lands cover the N2

Royalty Rate:

United States of America:

12.50%

## END OF EXHIBIT "A"

## EXHIBIT "C"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement dated October 3, 2012, between COG Operating LLC, as Operator, and McCombs Energy, LLC, et al, as Non-Operator(s)

# ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE JOINT OPERATIONS

#### 1. 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 canacity.

"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 or Petroleum Accountants Societies.

#### 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

- A. Unless otherwise provided for in the agreement, the Operator may require the Non-Operators to advance their share of estimated eash outlay for the succeeding month's operation within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the billing or by the first day of the month for which the advance is required, whichever is later. Operator shall adjust each monthly billing to reflect advances received from the Non-Operators.
- B. 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 prime rate in effect at <a href="Balks of America">Balks of America</a>.

  Dallas, Texas

  on the first day of the month in which delinquency occurs plus 1% 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.

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#### 5. Audits

- A. 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 a joint audit 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. The audits shall not be conducted more than once each year without prior approval of Operator, except upon the resignation or removal of the Operator, and shall be made at the expense of those Non-Operators approving such audit.
- B. The Operator shall reply in writing to an audit report within 180 days after receipt of such report.

#### 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. Ecological and Environmental

Costs incurred for the benefit of the Joint Property as a result of governmental or regulatory requirements to satisfy environmental considerations applicable to the Joint Operations. Such costs may include surveys of an ecological or archaeological nature and pollution control procedures as required by applicable laws and regulations.

#### 2. Rentals and Royalties

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

#### 3. 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.
  - (4) Salaries and wages of Technical Employees either temporarily or permanently assigned to and directly employed in the operation or 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 3A of this Section II. Such costs under this Paragraph 3B 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 3A 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 3A and 3B of this Section II.
- D. Personal Expenses of those employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 3A and 3B of this Section II.

## 4. Employee Benefits

Operator's current costs or 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 3A and 3B of this Section II shall be Operator's actual cost not to exceed the percent most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies.

#### 5. 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.

#### 6. 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 where like material is normally available or railway receiving point nearest the Joint Property 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 where like material is normally available, or railway receiving point nearest the Joint Property 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, the option to equalize or charge actual trucking cost is available when the actual charge is \$400 or less excluding accessorial charges. The \$400 will be adjusted to the amount most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies.

#### 7. Services

The cost of contract services, equipment and utilities provided by outside sources, except services excluded by Paragraph 10 of Section II and Paragraph i, ii, and iii, 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.

#### 8. 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 gross investment less accumulated depreciation not to exceed <a href="Length: 10.0">Length: 10.0</a> by 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 8A 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.

#### 9. 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.

#### to. 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 automeys 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.

## 11. Taxe

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. If the ad valorem taxes are 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 tax value generated by each party's working interest.

#### 12. Insurance

Not 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 Worker's Compensation and/or Employers Liability under the respective state's laws, Operator may, at its election, include the risk under its selfinsurance program and in that event, Operator shall include a charge at Operator's cost not to exceed manual rates.

#### Abandonment and Reclamation

Costs incurred for abandonment of the Joint Property, including costs required by governmental or other regulatory authority.

#### 14. Communications

Cost of acquiring, leasing, installing, operating, repairing and maintaining communication systems, including radio and microwave facilities directly serving the Joint Property. In the event communication facilities/systems serving the Joint Property are Operator owned, charges to the Joint Account shall be made as provided in Paragraph 8 of this Section II.

#### 15. Other Expenditures

Any other expenditure not covered or dealt with in the foregoing provisions of this Section II, or in Section III and which

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	of direct benefit to the Joint Property and is incurred by the Operator in the necessary and proper conduct of the Joint
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	III. OVERHEAD
Ov	crhead - 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 IA, or ( ) Percentage Basis, Paragraph IB
	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 3A, 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 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.
íi.	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 be covered by the overhead rates, or ( X ) shall not be covered by the overhead rates.
iíi.	The salaries, wages and Personal Expenses of Technical Employees and/or costs of professional consultant service and contract services of technical personnel either temporarily or permanently assigned to and directly employed in the operation of the Joint Property:
	( X ) shall be covered by the overhead rates, or ( ) shall not 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 6,500,00 (Prorated for less than a full month)
	Producing Well Rate \$650.00
	(2) Application of Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis shall be as follows:
	(a) Drilling Well Rate

- - (1) Charges for drilling wells shall begin on the date the well is spudded and terminate on the date the drilling rig, completion rig, or other units used in completion of the well is released, whichever

is later, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling or completion operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive calendar days.

(2) Charges for wells undergoing any type of workover or recompletion for a period of five (5) consecutive work 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 or other units used in workover, commence through date of rig or other unit release, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive calendar days.

#### (h) Producing Well Rates

- 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 shall be made for the month in which plugging and abandonment operations are completed on any well. This one-well charge shall be made whether or not the well has produced except when drilling well rate applies.
- (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 recommended by COPAS each year, in the average weekly currings of Critical Petroleum and Gas Production-Workers for the last calendar year compared to the calendar year-preceding as shown by the index of average weekly currings of Critical Petroleum and Gas Production-Workers as published by the United States Department of Labor-Bureau of Luber 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:

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#### (2)—Application of Overhead—Percentage Basis shall be as follows:

Earthe-purpose of determining charges on a percentage-basis under-Paragraph 48 of this Section 411, development shall-include all costs-in-connection with-drilling-redeilting, deepening, or any remedial operations on any or all wells involving the use of drilling rig and crow-capable of drilling to the producing interval on the Joint-Property; also, preliminary-expenditures necessary in-preparation for drilling and expenditures incurred in abandoning when the well-is not completed as a producing and original cost of construction or installation of fixed assets and any other project closely 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 discomible 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

	A % of first \$100,000 or total cost if less, plus					
	B % of costs in excess of \$100,000 but less than \$1,000,000, plus					
	C % of costs in excess of \$1,000,000.					
	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 and artificial lift equipment shall be excluded.					
3.	Catastrophe Overhead					
To compensate Operator for overhead costs incurred in the event of expenditures resulting from a single occu- to oil spill, blowout, explosion, fire, storm, hurricane, or other catastrophes as agreed to by the Parties, which necessary to restore the Joint Property to the equivalent condition that existed prior to the event causing the expenditures, Operator shall either negotiate a rate prior to charging the Joint Account or shall charge the Join for overhead based on the following rates:						
	A % of total costs through \$100,000; plus					
	B % of total costs in excess of \$100,000 but less than \$1,000,000; plus					
	C % of total costs in excess of \$1,000,000.					
	Expenditures subject to the overheads above will not be reduced by insurance recoveries, and no other overhead provisions of this Section III shall apply.					
4.	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 reasons, 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 basis exclusive of cash discounts:					
	New Material (Condition A)     New Material including tubular goods, shall be priced at the New Price in effect on date of movement.					
	(1) Tubular Goods Other than Line Pipe					
	(a)—Tubular goods, sized-2-3/8-inches OD and larger, except-line-pipe, shall-be-priced at-fiastern-mill published carload-base prices offective as of date of movement-plus-transportation cost using the \$9,000 pound carload weight basis to the railway-receiving-point nearest-the Joint-Property-for-which published rail-rates for tubular goods exist. If the \$0,000 pound rail-rate-iv-not-offered, the 70,000 pound or 90,000 pound rail-rate may be used. Freight charges for tubing will-be calculated from Lorain, Ohio and casing from Youngstown, Ohio.					
	(b)—For grades which are special to one mill only, prices shall be computed at the mill base of that mill plus transportation cost from that mill to the railway receiving point nearest the Joint Property as provided above in Paragraph 2.A.(1)(a). For transportation cost from points other than Eastern mills, the 30,000					

Account for overhead based on the following rates for any Major Construction project in excess of \$ 25,000.00 ::

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pound Oil-Field Haulers-Association interstate truck-rate shall be used.

- (e) Special end finish tubular goods shall be priced at the lowest published out-of-stock-price, f.o.b.-Houston, Texas, plus transportation cost, using Oil Field-Haulers Association interstate 30,000 pound track rate. to the railway receiving point nearest the Joint-Property.
- (d) Macaroni tubing (size loss than 2.3/8 inch OD) shall be priced at the lowest published out-of-stock prices f.o.b. the supplier-plus-transportation-costs, using the Oil-Field-Haulers-Association-interstate-truck-rate per-weight of tubing transferred, to the railway receiving point nearest the Joint Property.

#### (2)—Line Pipe

- (a) Line pipe movements (except size 24 inch OD and larger with walls 1/4 inch and over) 30,000 pounds or more shall be priced under provisions of tubular goods pricing in Paragraph A.(1)(a) as provided above. Freight charges shall be calculated from Lorain, Ohio.
- (b) Line Pipe-ITXV-ements (except size 24-inch OD) and larger with walls 45 inch and over) less than 30,000 pounds shall be priced at fiastern mill published carload base prices offective as of date of shipmant. plus 20 percent, plus transportation costs based on freight rates as set forth under provisions of tubular goods-pricing in Paragraph A.(1)(a) as provided above. Freight charges shall be calculated from Lorain; Ohio:
- (c) Line pipe 24 inch OD and over and % inch wall and larger-shall be priced f.o.b. the point of manufacture at current new published-prices plus-transportation cost to the railway-receiving-point nearest the Joint Property.
- (d) Line pipe, including fabricated line pipe, drive pipe and conduit not listed on published price lists shall be priced at quoted prices plus freight to the railway-receiving point-nearest the Joint-Property or at prices agreed to by the Parties.
- (3) Other Material 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, or point of manufacture, plus transportation costs, if applicable, to the railway receiving point-nearest the Joint Property.
- (4) Unused now Material, except tubular goods, moved from the Joint Property shall be priced at the current new price, in effect on date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store neatest the Joint Property, or point of manufacture, plus transportation costs, if applicable, to the railway receiving point nearest the Joint Property- Unused new tubulars will be priced as provided above in Paragraph 2.A.(1) and (2).
- B. Good Used Material (Condition B)

Considered to be material in sound and serviceable condition and suitable for reuse without reconditioning, however, the cost of any reconditioning shall be absorbed by the transferring property.

- 1. Condition B Material moved to the Joint Property at seventy-five percent (75%) OF New Price.
- 2. Condition B Material moved from the Joint Property:
- (i) At seventy-five percent (75%) of New Price if Material was originally for the Joint Account as New Material; or
  - (ii) At sixty-five percent (65%) of New Price if Material was originally for the Joint Account as good used Material at seventy-five percent (75%) of new Price

Material in sound and serviceable condition and ruitable for reuse without reconditioning

(1) - Material moved to the Joint Property

At seventy five percent (75%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph A.

- (2) Material used on and moved from the Joint Property
  - At seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph A. 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 A, if Material was originally-charged to the Joint-Account as used-Material
- (3) -- Material not used on and moved from the Joint Property

At seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price as determined by Paragraph A.

The cost of reconditioning, it any, shall be absorbed by the transferring property-

- C. Other Used Material (Conditions C, D and E)
  - Condition C Material is material which is not in sound and serviceable condition and not suitable for its
    original function until after reconditioning and shall be priced at fifty percent (50%) of current new price
    as determined by Paragraph A. 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 Material shall be priced at a value commensurate with its use or at prevailing prices
  - 3. Condition E Material shall be priced at salvage value

#### (1)—Condition-G

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 A. The cost of reconditioning shall be charged to the receiving property, provided Condition C-value-plus-cost of reconditioning does not exceed Condition 13-value.

#### (2) - Condition D

Material, evoluding junk, no longer suitable for its original purpose, but usable for some other-purpose shall be priced on a basis commensurate with its use. Operator may dispose of Condition D Material under procedures normally used by Operator without prior-approval of Non-Operators.

- (a) Casing, tubing, or drill pipe used as line pipe shall be priced as Grade A and B seamless line pipe of comparable size and weight. Used casing, tubing or drill pipe utilized as line pipe shall be priced at used line pipe prices.
- (b) Caving, tubing or drill-pipe used as higher pressure service-lines than standard line pipe, e.g. power-oil-lines, shall be priced under normal pricing procedures for casing, tubing, or drill pipe. Upset-tubular goods shall be priced on a non-upset-basis.

#### (3)—Condition E

Junk shall be priced at provailing prices. Operator may dispose of Condition & Material under procedures normally utilized by 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 or unloading costs may be charged to the Joint Account at the rate of twenty-five cents (25¢) per-hundred weight on all tubular goods movements, in lieu of actual loading or unloading costs sustained at the stocking point. The above rate shall be adjusted as of the first day of April each year following January 1, 1985 by the same percentage increase or decrease used to adjust overhead rates in Section III, Paragraph 1.A.(3). Each year, the rate calculated shall be rounded to the nearest cent and shall be the rate in effect until the first day of April next year. Such rate shall be published each year by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies.
- (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

Adjustments to the Joint Account resulting from the reconciliation of a physical inventory shall be made within six months following the taking of the inventory, inventory adjustments shall be made by Operator to the Joint Account for overages and shortages, but, Operator shall be held accountable only for shortages due to lack of reasonable diligence.

#### Special Inventories

Special inventories may be taken whenever there is any sale, change of interest, or change of Operator 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. In cases involving a change of Operator, all Parties shall be governed by such inventory.

#### 4. Expense of Conducting Inventories

- A. The expense of conducting periodic inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless agreed to by the
- B. The expense of conducting special inventories shall be charged to the Parties requesting such inventories, except inventories required due to change of Operator shall be charged to the Joint Account.

#### VI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

The following, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, shall be made a part of and included in these Accounting Procedures.

- In the event Non-Operator is required under any applicable provision of the Operating Agreement or under Article 1(3) of
  the Accounting Procedure, to advance or prepay funds for operations to which it has convented, any discount offered by
  Vendors selling to the Joint Account and actually received by Operator during and applicable to such prepay situation shall
  be credited prorata by Operator to Non-Operator.
- Any volume discounts or special rebates which are credited to the Operator by vendors selling to the Joint Account shall be a credit to the Joint Account when received by the Operator.
- 3. In the event Operator plans to use his own equipment for any operations hereunder, or the equipment of any subsidiary, parent company or sister company, Operator agrees that the charge to the Joint Account for the use of such equipment shall be equal to the competitive market price for the use of similar equipment.
- In the event Operator plans to purchase goods and/or services for the Joint Account from his own subsidiaries, parent company or sister company, such goods and services shall be competitively priced.
- 5. Within one hundred twenty (120) days after close of operations on any well drilled hereunder, any unused or salvaged tubulars shall be credited to the Joint Account, offered proportionately to the Non-Operators "in-kind" or sold to a third party with a credit being reflected on the Joint Account.
- 6. Operator agrees to acquire any tubular goods obtained for the Joint Account at competitive market price. If Operator wished to use tubular goods from its own inventory, or the inventory of any subsidiary, parent company or sister company, such tubulars shall be charged to the Joint Account at prices which are equal to or lower than competitive market price. In no event shall Operator charge the Joint Account for material transfers from its own inventory at mill price when mill price is in excess of competitive market price.
- 7. The following shall be added to the existing provisions of Article 1.5 of the Accounting Procedure:
  - "Operator shall have ninety (90) days from receipt of the audit report to resolve all exceptions listed therein. If said exceptions are not resolved within the specified time period, interest shall begin accruing at the rate prescribed in Paragraph 3 above on all amounts finally credited to the Joint Account as a result of the audit".

## EXHIBIT "D"

Attached to and made part of that certain Operating Agreement dated October 3, 2012, between COG Operating LLC, as Operator, and McCombs Energy, LLC, et al, as Non-Operator(s)

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Operator shall carry for the benefit and expense of the joint account, insurance to cover operations pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

- (A) WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE as required by the laws of the state in which operations will be conducted and EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000.
- (B) GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE with limits of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence, bodily injury or property damage, which includes seepage and pollution coverage, a general aggregate limit of \$2,000,000; plus excess general liability coverage of \$5,000,000 per occurrence and not less than \$2,000,000 aggregate.
- (C) AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE (including all owned and non-owned automobiles) with a combined single limit of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury or property damage.

For more particular details as to the above coverages, deductibles and specific exclusions, please refer to insurance certificates or notify our office about specific information requests.

No other insurance will be purchased for the joint account without the consent of the parities hereto. Any party, individually, may procure and maintain at its own cost and expense, such other insurance as it deems proper to protect itself against claims and such shall inure to the benefit of such party.

1 NOTE: Instructions For Use of Gas Balancing

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	BY AND BETWEEN COG Operating LLC as Operator
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	RELATING TO THE N/2 of Section 3: T198-R32E AREA  Lea COUNTY/PARISH, STATE OF New Mexico
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31	1.03 "Full Share of Current Production" shall mean the Percentage Interest of each Party in the Gas actually produce
32	from the Balancing Area during each month,
33	1.04 "Gas" shall mean all hydrocarbons produced or producible from the Balancing Area, whether from a well classified
3-4	as an oil well or gas well by the regulatory agency having jurisdiction in such matters, which are or may be made
35	available for sale or separate disposition by the Parties, excluding oil, condensate and other liquids recovered by
36	field equipment operated for the joint account, "Gas" does not include gas used in joint operations, such as for fuel
37	recycling or reinjection, or which is vented or lost prior to its sale or delivery from the Balancing Area.
38	1.05 "Makeup Gas" shall mean any Gas taken by an Underproduced Party from the Balancing Area in excess of its Ful
39	Share of Current Production, whether pursuant to Section 3.3 or Section 4.1 hereof,
40	1.06 "Mef" shall mean one thousand cubic feet, A cubic foot of Gas shall mean the volume of gas contained in one cubic
41	foot of space at a standard pressure base and at a standard temperature base.
42	1.07 "MMBio" shall mean one million British Thermal Units. A British Thermal Unit shall mean the quantity of hea
43	required to mise one pound avoirdippois of pure water from 58.5 degrees Fahrenheit to 59.5 degrees Fahrenheit at a
44	constant pressure of 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute.
45	1.08 "Operator" shall mean the individual or entity designated under the terms of the Operating Agreement or, in the
46 47	event this Agreement is not employed in connection with an operating agreement, the individual or entity designated as the operator of the well(s) located in the Balancing Area.
48 49	1.09 "Overproduced Party" shall mean any Party baving taken a greater quantity of Cas from the Balancing Area than the Percentage interest of such Party in the cumulative quantity of all Gas produced from the Balancing Area.
50	1.10 "Overproduction" shall mean the cumulative quantity of Gas taken by a Party in excess of its Percentage laterest in
51	the cumulative quantity of all Gas produced from the Balancing Area.
52	1.11 "Party" shall mean those individuals or entities subject to this Agreement, and their respective heirs, successors
53	transferces and assigns.
54	1.12 "Percentage Interest" shall mean the percentage or decimal interest of each Party in the Gas produced from the
55	Balancing Area pursuant to the Operating Agreement covering the Balancing Area.
56	1.13 "Royalty" shall mean payments on production of Gas from the Dahareing Area to all owners of royalties, overriding
57	royalties, production payments or similar interests.
58	1.14 "Underproduced Party" shall mean any Party having taken a lesser quantity of Gas from the Balancing Area than
59	the Percentage Interest of such Party in the cumulative quantity of all Gas produced from the Balancing Area.
663	1.15 "Underproduction" shall mean the deficiency between the canadative quantity of Gas taken by a Party and in
61	Percentage Interest in the cumulative quantity of all Gas produced from the Balancing Area,
67	4-16- (E) (Optional). "Winter-Period" shall-meansthe month(s) of
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65	2.1 If this Agreement covers more than one Balancing Area, it shall be applied as if each Balancing Area were covered
66	by separate but identical agreements, All balancing hereunder shall be on the basis of Gas taken from the Balancing Area
67	measured in (Alternative 1) ☑ McK or-(Alternative 2) ☑-4MMBus,
68	2.2 In the event that all or part of the Gas deliverable from a Balancing Area is or becomes subject to one or more

## 71-3. RIGHT OF PARTIES TO TAKE GAS

3.1 Each Party desiring to take Gas will notify the Operator, or cause the Operator to be notified, of the volumes 73 nominated, the name of the transporting pipeline and the pipeline contract number (if available) and meter station telating 74 to such delivery, sufficiently in advance for the Operator, acting with reasonable diligence, to meet all nomination and other

69 maximum lawful prices, any Gas not subject to price controls shall be considered as produced from a single Balancing Area

70 and Gas subject to each maximum lawful price category shall be considered produced from a separate Balancing Area.

but in no event will advance notice of less than thirty (30) days be deemed sufficient for Operator to meet such requirements.

Toperator is authorized to deliver the volumes so nominated and confirmed (if confirmation is required) to the transporting pipeline in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

- 3 3.2. Each Party shall make a reasonable, good faith effort to take its Full Share of Current Production each month, to the extent that such production is required to maintain leases in effect, to protect the producing capacity of a well or reservoir, to preserve correlative rights, or to maintain oil production.
- 3.3 When a Party fails for any reason to take its Full Share of Current Production (as such Share may be reduced by the right of the other Parties to make up for Underproduction as provided herein), the other Parties shall be entitled to take any which such Party fails to take. To the extent practicable, such Gas shall be made available initially to cach Underproduced Party in the proportion that its Percentage Interest in the Balancing Area bears to the total Percentage Interests of all Underproduced Parties desiring to take such Gas. If all such Gas is not taken by the Underproduced Parties, the portion not taken shall then be made available to the other Parties in the proportion that their respective Percentage Interests in the Balancing Area bear to the total Percentage Interests in the
- 13 3.4 All Gas taken by a Party in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, regardless of whether such Party is 14 underproduced or overproduced, shall be regarded as Gas taken for its own account with title thereto being in such taking 15 Party.
- 3.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.3 hereof, no Overproduced Party shall be entitled in any month to take any formalized percent (300%) of its Percentage Interest of the Balancing Area's then-current Maximum Monthly Availability; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to the extent that it would production production to maintain oil production. "Maximum Monthly Availability" shall mean the maximum average monthly rate of production at which Gas can be delivered from the Balancing Area, as determined by the Operator, considering the maximum geney, mode of operation, production facility capabilities and pipeline pressures.
- 3.6 In the event that a Party fails to make arrangements to take its Full Share of Current Production required to be produced to maintain leases in effect, to protect the producing capacity of a well or reservoir, to preserve correlative rights, or to take for the account of such Party and render to such Party, on a current basis, the full proceeds of the sale, less any reasonable—marketing, compression, treating, gathering or transponation costs incurred directly in connection with the sale of such Full Share of Current Production. In making the sale contemplated herein, the Operator shall be obligated only to obtain such price and conditions for the sale as are reasonable under the circumstances and shall not be obligated to share any of its markets. Any-such-sale-by-Operator-under-the-terms-hereof-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 year. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3.4 hereof, Gas sold by Operator for a Party under the provisions hereof shall be deemed to be Gas taken for the account of such Party.

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- 4.1 Effective the first day of any calendar month following at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Operator, any Underproduced Party may begin taking, in addition to its Full Share of Current production determined by multiplying twenty-five percent (25 %) of the Full Shares of Current Production of all Overproduced Parties by a fraction, the numerator of which is the Percentage Interests of such Underproduced Party and the denominator of which is the total of the Percentage Interests of all Underproduced Parties desiring to take Makeup Gas. In no event will an Overproduced Party be required to provide more than twenty-five produced Parties of the cleation of an Underproduced Party of the Full Shares of Current Production of all Overproduced Parties of the cleation of an Underproduced Party of take Makeup Gas. In no event will an percent (25 %) of its Full Share of Current Production for Makeup Gas. The Operator will promptly notify all Overproduced Parties of the election of an Underproduced Party to begin taking Makeup Gas. The Operator will promptly notify all Overproduced Parties of the election of an Underproduced Party to begin taking Makeup Gas. The Operator will promptly to commence taking makeup gas under the provisions of this paragraph shall remain in effect until such underproduced party give Operator thirty (30) days notice of its election to case taking makeup gas, in until such party's underproduced party give Operator thirty (30) days notice of its election to case taking makeup gas, in until such party's underproduced party give Operator thirty (30) days notice of its election to case taking makeup gas, in until such party's underproduced party give Operator thirty (30) days notice of its election to case taking makeup gas, in until such party's underproduced party give Operator thirty (30) days notice of its election to case taking makeup gas, in until such party's underproduced party give Operator thirty (30) days notice of its election to case taking makeup gas, in until such

  - 4.3 (Optional) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, at such time and for so long as Operator, or (insofar as concerns production by the Operator) any Underproduced Party, determines in good faith that an Overproduced Party has produced all of its share of the ultimately recoverable reserves in the Balancing Area, such Overproduced Party may be required to make available for Makeup Gas, upon the demand of the Operator or any Underproduced Party, up to one hundred percent (100 %) of such Overproduced Party's Full Share of Current Production.

#### 5. STATEMENT OF GAS BALANCES

- 5.1 The Operator will maintain appropriate accounting on a monthly and cumulative basis of the volumes of Gas that each Party is entitled to receive and the volumes of Gas actually taken or sold for each Party's account. Within / forther (169) days after the month of production, the Operator will furnish a statement for such month showing (1) each Party's Full Share of Current Production, (2) the total volume of Gas actually taken or sold for each Party's account. (3) the difference between the volume taken by each Party and that Party's Full Share of Current Production, (4) the Overproduction or Underproduction of each Party, and (5) other data as recommended by the provisions of the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies Bulletin No.24, as amended or supplemented hereafter. Each Party taking Gas will promptly provide to the Operator any data required by the Operator for preparation of the statements required hereunder.
- 5.2 If any Party fails to provide the data required herein for four (4) consecutive production months, the Operator, or where the Operator has failed to provide data, another Party, may audit the production and Gas sales and transportation volumes of the non-reporting Party to provide the required data. Such audit shall be conducted only after reasonable notice and during normal business hours in the office of the Party whose records are being audited. All costs associated with such audit will be charged to the account of the Party failing to provide the required data.

## 6, PAYMENTS ON PRODUCTION

6.1 Each Party taking Gas shall pay or cause to be paid all production and severance taxes due on all volumes of Gas 🐧

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owners—to—whom—it—is—accountable—as—if—such—Party—were-staking—its—Full—Share—of—Gurrent—Production,—and—only—its—Full—Share—of Current-Production.

62.10 (Optional - For use only with Section 6.2 Alternative 1 Entitlement) Upon written request of a Party taking less than it Full Share of Gunera Production in a given month ("Gunera Undermoducer"), any Party taking more than its—Full—Share—of—Gurrent—Production—in—such—month—f"Gurrent—Overproducer")—will—pay—to—such—Gurrent—Underproducer—an unrount—each—month—equal—to—tho—Royalty—percentage—of—the—proceeds—received—by—the—Current—Overproducer—for—that—portion—of the Current-Underproducer's Full-Share-of-Current-Production-taken-by-the-Current-Overproducer;-provided,-however;-that snoh--payment--will--not--exceed--the--Royalty--percentage---that--is---common---to--all--Royalty--burdens---in---the---Balanoing---Area-----Payments made -pursuant-to-this-Section-624 will be deemed -payments to the Undergraducal Party's Royalty owners -for purposes of Section 7.5.

6.2 🗵 (Alternative 2 - Sales) Each Party shall pay or cause to be paid Royalty due with respect to Royalty owners to whom it is accountable based on the volume of Gas actually taken for its account.

6.3 In the event that any governmental authority requires that Royalty payments be made on any other basis than that 14 provided for in this Section 6, each Party agrees to make such Royalty payments accordingly, commencing on the effective date required by such governmental authority, and the method provided for herein shall be thereby superseded.

#### 16 7. CASH SETTLEMENTS

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7.1 Upon the earlier of the plugging and abandonment of the last producing interval in the Balancing Area, the termination 18 of the Operating Agreement or any pooling or unit agreement covering the Balancing Area, or at any time no Gas is taken 19 from the Balancing Area for a period of / twelve-(19) consecutive months, any Party may give written notice calling for cash settlement of the Gas production imbalances among the Parties. Such notice shall be given to all Parties in the Balancing Area.

7.2 Within sixty (60) days after the notice calling for cash settlement under Section 7.1, the Operator will distribute to each 22 Party a Final Gas Settlement Statement detailing the quantity of Overproduction owed by each Overproduced Party to each 23 Underproduced Party and identifying the month-to-which such Overproduction is attributed, pursuant to the methodology set out in Section 7.4.

7-3- E (Alternative I Direct-Party-to-Party-Settlement) - Within-sisty (60) - days-after-receipt-of-the-Final-Gas-Settlement Statement,—cach—Overproduced—Party—will—pay—to—cach—Underproduced—Party—entitled—to—settlement—tho—appropriate—cash sottlement,—accompanied—by—appropriate—accounting—detail.—At—the—time—of—payment,—the—Overproduced—Party—will—notify—the Operator of the Gas imbalance settled by the Overproduced Party's payment-

7.3 🖸 (Alternative 2 - Settlement Through Operator) Within sixty (60) days after receipt of the Final Gas Settlement Statement, each Overproduced Party will send its eash sentlement, accompanied by appropriate accounting detail, to the Operator. The Operator will distribute the monies so received, along with any settlement owed by the Operator as an Overproduced Party, to each Underproduced Party to whom settlement is due within ninety (90) days after issuance of the 33 Final Gas Settlement Statement. In the event that any Overproduced Party fails to pay any settlement due hereunder, the 34 Operator may turn over responsibility for the collection of such settlement to the Party to whom it is owed, and the Operator will have no further responsibility with regard to such settlement.

7-3-1-1-(Optional -- For use only with -- Section - 7-3, -- Alternative -- 2 -- Settlement -- Through -- Operator) -- Any -- Party -- shall have the\_right\_at\_any\_time\_upon\_thiny\_(30)\_days'-prior\_written\_notice\_te\_all\_other\_Parties\_te\_demand-that\_any\_settlements\_due\_such Party—for—Overproduction—be--paid--directly--to--such--Party--by--the---Overproduced---Party-- rather---than--being---paid--through---the Operator, In the event that an Overproduced Party pays the Operator any sums due to an Undergoduced Party at any stime after-thirty-(30)-days-following-the-receipt-of-the-notice-provided-for-herein, the-Overproduced-Party-will-continue-to-be-liable to such Underproduced Party-for-any-sums-so-paid contil-payment is actually received by the Underproduced Party-

7.4 - (Alternative 1 - Historical Sales Basis) - The amount of the cash culturem will be based on the proceeds received—by—the—Overproduced—Party—under---an---Ann's—Length—Agreement—for—the—Gas—taken—from—time—to—time—by—the Overproduced\_Party-in-excess\_of-the-Overproduced\_Party's-Full\_Share-of-Gurrent\_Production.\_Any-Makeup-Gas-taken-by-the Underproduced-Party-prior-to-monetary-settlement-hereunder-will-be-applied-to-offset-Overproduction-chronologically-in-the order-of-acemat-

7.4 🖾 (Alternative 2 - Most Recent Sales Basis) The amount of the each settlement will be based on the proceeds 48 received by the Overproduced Party under an Arm's Length Agreement for the volume of Gas that constituted Overproduction by the Overproduced Party from the Balancing Area. For the purpose of implementing the cash settlement provision of the Section 7, an Overproduced Party will not be considered to have produced any of an Underproduced Party's share of Gas until 51 the Overproduced Party has produced cumulatively all of its Percentage Interest share of the Gas ultimately produced from the 52 Balancing Area.

7.5 The values used for calculating the cash settlement under Section 7.4 will include all proceeds received for the sale of the 54 Gas by the Overproduced Party calculated at the Balancing Area, after deducting any production or severance taxes paid and any 55 Royalty actually paid by the Overproduced Party to an Underproduced Party's Royalty owner(s), to the extent said payments 56 amounted to a discharge of said Underproduced Party's Royalty obligation, as well as any reasonable marketing, compression, 57 treating, gathering or transportation costs incurred directly in connection with the sale of the Overproduction.

7.5.1 2 (Optional - For Valuation Under Percentage of Proceeds Contracts) For Overproduction sold under a gas 59 purchase contract providing for payment based on a percentage of the proceeds obtained by the purchaser upon resale of 60 residue gas and liquid hydrocarbons extracted at a gas processing plant, the values used for calculating cash settlement will 61 include proceeds received by the Overproduced Party for both the liquid hydrocarbons and the residue gas attributable to the 62 Overproduction.

7:5.2 (Optional - Valuation for Processed Gas - Option - 1) For Overproduction - processed for the account of the Overproduced--Party-at-a-gas-processing-plant-for-the-extraction-of--liquid-hydrocarbons,--the-full-quantity--of--the-Overproduction will—be—valued—for—purposes—of—cash—settlement—at—the—prices—received—by—the—Overproduced—Party—for—the—sale—of—the—residue—gas attributable—to—the—Overproduction—without—regard—to—proceeds—attributable—to—fiquid—hydrocarbons—which—may—have—been extracted-from the Overproduction.

7.5.2 (Optional - Valuation for Processed Gas - Option 2) For Overproduction processed for the account of the 69 Overproduced Party at a gas processing plant for the extraction of liquid hydrocarbons, the values used for calculating cash 70 settlement will include the proceeds received by the Overproduced Party for the sale of the liquid hydrocarbons extracted from 71 the Overproduction, less the actual reasonable costs incurred by the Overproduced Party to process the Overproduction and to 72 transport, fractionate and handle the liquid hydrocarbons extracted therefrom prior to sale.

7.6 To the extent the Overproduced Party did not sell all Overproduction under an Arm's Length Agreement, the cash 74 settlement will be based on the weighted average price received by the Overproduced Party for any gas sold from the 1 Balancing Area under Arm's Length Agreements during the months to which such Overproduction is attributed. In the event 2 that no sales under Arm's Length Agreements were made during any such month, the eash settlement for such month will be 3 based on the spot sales prices published for the applicable geographic area during such month in a mutually acceptable pricing

percent (\_\_\_\_12\_\_%) per annum or the maximum lawful 7.7 Interest compounded at the rate of twelve 6 rate of interest applicable to the Balancing Area, whichever is less, will accrue for all amounts due under Section 7.1 beginning the first day following the date payment is due pursuant to Section 7.3. Such interest shall be borne by the Operator on any Overproduced Party in the proportion that their respective delays beyond the deadlines set out in Sections 7.2 and 7.3 contributed to the accord of the interest.

7.8 In lieu of the eash settlement required by Section 7.3, an Overproduced Party may deliver to the Underproduced Party 11 an offer to settle its Overproduction in-kind and at such rates, quantities, times and sources as may be agreed upon by the 12 Underproduced Party, If the Parties are unable to agree upon the manner in which such in-kind settlement gas will be 13 furnished within sixty (60) days after the Overproduced Party's offer to settle in kind, which period may be extended by 14 agreement of said Parties, the Overproduced Party shall make a cash settlement as provided in Section 7.3. The making of an 15 in-kind settlement offer under this Section 7.8 will not delay the accrual of interest on the cash settlement should the Parties 16 fail to reach agreement on an in-kind settlement.

7.9 🖸 (Optional - For Balancing Areas Subject to Federal Price Regulation) That portion of any monies collected by an 18 Overproduced Party for Overproduction which is subject to tefund by orders of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or 19 other governmental authority may be withheld by the Overproduced Party until such prices are fully approved by such 20 governmental authority, unless the Underproduced Party furnishes a conjunate undertaking, acceptable to the Overproduced 21 Party, agreeing to hold the Overproduced Party harmless from financial loss due to refund orders by such governmental authority,

7.10- (Optional --- Interin: -- Cash -- Balancing) -- At -- any -- time -- during -- the -- term -- of -- this -- Agreement -- any -- Overproduced -- Party may\_in\_its\_side\_discretion\_make\_cash\_settement(s)\_with\_the\_Underproduced\_Parties\_covering\_all\_or=part\_of\_its\_outstanding\_Gas imbalance-provided—that—such-settlements-must--be-made-with--all---Underproduced--Parties-proportionately--based--on--the--relative every—(wenty-four—(24)—months—Such—settlements—will—be—calculated—in—the—some—manner—provided—above—for—final—cash settlements.—The—Overproduced—Party—will—provide—Operator—a—detailed—accounting—of--any—such—cash—settlement—within—thirty—(30) days after the settlement is made.

#### 30 8. TESTING

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Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, any Party shall have the right, from time to time, to 31 32 produce and take up to one hundred percent (100%) of a well's entire Gas stream to meet the reasonable deliverability test(s) 33 required by such Party's Gas purchaser, and the right to take any Makeup Gas shall be subordinate to the right of any Party to 34 conduct such tests; provided, however, that such tests shall be conducted in accordance with prudent operating practices only 30 \_\_) days' prior written notice to the Operator and shall last no longer than 34 after thirty \_\_\_) hours. 72

#### 37 9. OPERATING COSTS

Nothing in this Agreement shall change or affect any Party's obligation to pay its proportionate share of all costs and 39 liabilities incurred in operations on or in connection with the Balancing Area, as its share thereof is set forth in the Operating 40 Agreement, irrespective of whether any Party is at any time selling and using Gas or whether such sales or use are in proportion to its Percentage Interest in the Balancing Area. 41

## 42 10. LIQUIDS

The Parties shall share proportionately in and own all liquid hydrocarbons recovered with Gas by field equipment operated 44 for the joint account in accordance with their Percentage Interests in the Balancing Area.

#### 45 H. AUDITRIGHTS

Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties hereto, and further 46 47 notwithstanding any termination or cancellation of this Agreement, for a period of two (2) years from the end of the calendar 48 year in which any information to be furnished under Section 5 or 7 hereof is supplied, any Party shall have the right to audit 49 the records of any other Party regarding quantity, including but not limited to information regarding Btu-content. 50 Any Underproduced Party shall have the right for a period of two (2) years from the end of the calendar year in which any 51 cash settlement is received pursuant to Section 7 to audit the records of any Overproduced Patty as to all matters concerning 52 values, including but not limited to information regarding prices and disposition of Gas from the Balancing Area, Any such 53 audit shall be conducted at the expense of the Party of Parties desiring such audit, and shall be conducted, after reasonable 54 notice, during normal business hours in the office of the Party whose records are being audited. Each Party hereto agrees to 55 maintain records as to the volumes and prices of Gas sold each month and the volumes of Gas used in its own operations, 56 along with the Royalty paid on any such Gas used by a Party in its own operations. The audit rights provided for in this 57 Section 11 shall be in addition to those provided for in Section 5.2 of this Agreement.

12.1 As between the Parties, in the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of 60 any gas sales contract, or in the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of the 61 Operating Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall govern,

12.2 Each Party agrees to defend, indennify and hold harmless all other Parties from and against any and all liability for 63 any claims, which may be asserted by any third party which now or hereafter stands in a contractual relationship with such 64 indemnifying Party and which arise out of the operation of this Agreement or any activities of such indemnifying Party under 65 the provisions of this Agreement, and does further agree to save the other Parties harmless from all judgments or damages 66 sustained and costs incurred in connection therewith.

12.3 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, Operator is authorized to administer the provisions of this 68 Agreement, but shall have no liability to the other Parties for losses sustained or liability incurred which arise out of or in 69 connection with the performance of Operator's duties bereunder, except such as may result from Operator's gross negligence or 70 willful misconduct. Operator shall not be liable to any Underproduced Party for the failure of any Overproduced Party, (other 71 (fran Operator) to pay any amounts owed pursuant to the terms hereof.

12.4 This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for as long as the Operating Agreement shall remain in force and 73 effect as to the Balancing Area, and thereafter until the Gas accounts between the Parties are settled in full, and shall inure to 74 the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties hereto, and their respective heirs, successors, legal representatives

1 and assigns, if any. The Parties hereto agree to give notice of the existence of this Agreement to any successor in interest of 2 any such Party and to provide that any such successor shall be bound by this Agreement, and shall further make any transfer of 3 any interest subject to the Operating Agreement, or any part thereof, also subject to the terms of this Agreement.

12.5 Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the 5 singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.

12.6 In the event that any "Optional" provision of this Agreement is not adopted by the Parties to this Agreement by a 7 typed, printed or handwritten indication, such provision shall not form a part of this Agreement, and no inference shall be 8 made concerning the intent of the Parties in such event. In the event that any "Attenuative" provision of this Agreement is not 9 so adopted by the Parties, Alternative 1 in each such instance shall be deemed to have been adopted by the Parties as a result 10 of any such omission. In those cases where it is indicated that an Optional provision may be used only if a specific Alternative 11 is selected: (i) an election to include said Optional provision shall not be effective unless the Alternative in question is selected; 12 and (ii) the election to include said Optional provision must be expressly indicated hereon, it being understood that the 13 selection of an Alternative either expressly or by default as provided herein shall not, in and of itself, constitute an election to 14 include an associated Ontional provision.

12.7 This Agreement shall bind the Parties in accordance with the provisions bereof, and nothing herein shall be construed 15 16 or interpreted as creating any rights in any person or entity not a signatory hereto, or as being a stipulation in favor of any 17 such oerson or entity.

12.8 If contemporaneously with this Agreement becoming effective, or thereafter, any Party requests that any other Party 19 execute an appropriate memorandum or notice of this Agreement in order to give third parties notice of record of same and 20 submits same for execution in recordable form, such memorandum or notice shall be duly executed by the Party to which such request is made and delivered promptly thereafter to the Party making the request. Upon receipt, the Party making the request 22 shall cause the meananandum or notice to be duly recorded in the appropriate real property or other records affecting the

12.9 In the event Internal Revenue Service regulations require a uniform method of computing taxable income by all Parties, each Party agrees to compute and report income to the Internal Revenue Service (select one) @-as-if-such-Party-were taking\_its\_Full\_Share\_of\_Gurren=Production-during\_each\_relevant\_tax\_period\_in\_accordance\_with\_such\_regulations,\_insofar\_ns\_same relate-to-entitlement-method-tax-computations;-or- based on the quantity of Gas taken for its account in accordance with 28 such regulations, insofar as same relate to sales method tax computations.

29 13. ASSIGNMENT AND RIGHTS UPON ASSIGNMENT

13.1 Subject to the provisions of Sections 13.2 (if elected) and 13.3 hereof, and notwithstanding anything in this Agreement 31 or in the Operating Agreement to the contrary, if any Party assigns (including any sale, exchange or other transfer) any of its 32 working interest in the Balancing Area when such Party is an Underproduced or Overproduced Party, the assignment or other 33 act of transfer shall, insofar as the Parties hereto are concerned, include all interest of the assigning or transferring Party in the 34 Gas, all rights to receive or obligations to provide or take Makeup Gas and all rights to receive or obligations to make any monetary payment which may ultimately be due hereunder, as applicable. Operator and each of the other Parties hereto shall 36 thereafter treat the assignment accordingly, and the assigning or transferring Party shall look solely to its assignee or other 37 transferee for any interest in the Gas or monetary payment that such Party may have or to which it may be entitled, and shall cause its assignee or other transferee to assume its obligations hereunder. 38

13.2 @ (Optional - Cash Settlement Upon Assignment) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement (including but not 40 limited to the provisions of Section 13.1 hereof) or in the Operating Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the provisions 41 of Section 13.3 hereof, in the event an Overproduced Party intends to sell, assign, exchange or otherwise transfer any of its 42 interest in a Balancing Area, such Overproduced Party shall notify in writing the other working interest owners who are Parties hereto in such Balancing Area of such fact at least thirty 30 \_\_\_\_ ) days prior to closing the \_ (\_\_ transaction. Thereafter, any Underproduced Party may demand from such Overproduced Party in writing, within ) days after receipt of the Ovenproduced Party's notice, a cash settlement of its 45 fifteen 15 Underproduction from the Balancing Area, The Operator shall be notified of any such demand and of any each settlement pursuant to this Section 13, and the Overproduction and Underproduction of each Party shall be adjusted accordingly. Any cash settlement pursuant to this Section 13 shall be paid by the Overproduced Party on or before the earlier to occur (i) of sixty (60) days after receipt of the Underproduced Party's demand or (ii) at the closing of the transaction in which the Overproduced 50 Party sells, assigns, exchanges or otherwise transfers its interest in a Balancing Area on the same basis as otherwise set forth in 51 Sections 7.3 through 7.6 hereof, and shall bear interest at the rate set forth in Section 7.7 hereof, beginning sixty (60) days after the Overproduced Party's sale, assignment, exchange or transfer of its interest in the Balancing Area for any amounts not paid. Provided, however, if any Underproduced Party does not so demand such cash settlement of its Underproduction from the 54 Balancing Area, such Underproduced Party shall look exclusively to the assignce or other successor in interest of the Overproduced Party giving notice hereunder for the satisfaction of such Underproduced Party's Underproduction in accordance 55 56 with the movisions of Section 13.1 bercof.

13.3 The provisions of this Section 13 shall not be applicable in the event any Party mortgages its interest or disposes of its 58 interest by merger, reorganization, consolidation or sale of substantially all of its assets to a subsidiary or parent company, or to any company in which any parent or subsidiary of such Party owns a majority of the stock of such company.

#### 14. OTHER PROVISIONS

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#### **EXHIBIT "F"**

Attached to and made part of that certain Operating Agreement dated October 3, 2012, between COG Operating LLC, as Operator, and McCombs Energy, LLC, et al, as Non-Operator(s)

#### NONDISCRIMINATION AND CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

 Egual Opportunity Clause (41 CFR 60-1.4) (Applicable only to contracts or purchase orders for more than \$10,000.)

During the performance of this contract, the Operator agrees as follows:

- (1) The Operator will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, cotor, religion, sex, or national origin. The Operator will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or terminations, including apprenticeship. The Operator agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) The Operator will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Operator, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (3) The Operator will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Operator's commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (4) The Operator will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (5) The Operator will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (6) In the event of the Operator's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Operator may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (7) The Operator will include the provisions of paragraph (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of the Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Operator will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: <a href="Provided">Provided</a>, however, that in the event the Operator becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the contracting agency, the Operator may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.
- B. <u>Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities (41 CFR 60-1.8.)</u> (Applicable only to contracts or purchase orders which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause set out above.)

The Operator certifies that it does not, and will not, maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not, and will not, permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The Operator agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity Clause in this contract or purchase order. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.

The Operator further agrees that (except where it has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) it will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause; that it will retain such certifications in its files; and that it will forward the following notice to such proposed subcontractors.

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTORS OF REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATIONS OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES. A Certificate of Nonsegregated Facilities must be submitted prior to the award of a subcontract exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause. The certification may be submitted either for each subcontract or for all subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually).

C. <u>Affirmative Action Compliance Program (41 CFR 60-1.40.)</u> (Applicable only if (a) the Operator has 50 or more employees and (b) the contract or purchase order is for \$50,000 or more.)

The Operator shall develop a written affirmative action program for each of its establishments, and within 120 days from the effectiveness of this contract or purchase order, shall maintain a copy of separate programs for each establishment, including evaluations of utilization of minority group personnel and the job classification tables, at each local office responsible for the personnel matters of such establishment.

D. Employer Information Report (41 CFR 60-1.7.) (Applicable only if (a) the Operator has 50 or more employees, and (b) the Operator is not exempt (pursuant to section 60-1.5 of Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations) from the requirement for filing Employer Information Report EEO-1, and (c) the contract or purchase order is for \$50,000 or more.)

The Operator agrees to file with the appropriate Federal agency annually, on or before the 31st day of March, complete and accurate reports on Standard Form 100 (EEO-1) promulgated jointly by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Plans for Progress or such form as may hereafter be promulgated in its place.

E. Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era (41 CFR 60-250.) (Applicable only to contracts or purchase orders for \$10,000 or more.)

The affirmative action clause prescribed in section 60-250.4 of Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations is incorporated herein by reference (as permitted by section 60-250.22 of said Regulations) as if set out in full at this point. If the Operator (a) has 50 or more employees and (b) this contract or purchase order is for \$50,000 or more, then within 120 days from the effectiveness of this contract or purchase order, the Operator shall prepare and maintain an affirmative action program at each establishment which shall set forth the Operator's policies, practices and procedures in accordance with section 60-250.6 of said Regulations.

F. Affirmative Action for Handicapped Workers (41 CFR 60-741.4.) (Applicable only to contracts or purchase orders for \$2,500 or more.)

The Affirmative Action Clause prescribed in section 60-741.4 of Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations is incorporated herein by reference (as permitted by section 60-741.22 of said Regulations) as if set out in full at this point. If the Operator (a) has 50 or more employees and (b) this contract or purchase order is for \$50,000 or more, then, within 120 days of the effectiveness of this contract or purchase order, the Operator shall prepare and maintain an affirmative action program at each establishment, which program shall set forth the Operator's policies, practices and procedures in accordance with section 60-741.6 of said Regulations.

- G. <u>Utilizațion of Minority Business Enterprises (Federal Procurement Regulations 1-1.13.)</u> (Applicable to contracts or purchase orders which may exceed \$10,000.)
  - (1) It is the policy of the Government that minority business enterprises shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of Government contracts.
  - (2) The Operator agrees to use his best efforts to carry out this policy in the award of his subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient performance of this contract. As used in this contract, the term "minority business enterprise" means a business, at least 50 percent of which is owned by minority group members or, in case of publicly owned businesses, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minority group members. For the purposes of this definition, minority group members are Negroes, Spanish-speaking American persons, American-Orientals, American-Indians, American-Eskimos, and American Aleuts. Contractors may rely on written representations by subcontractors regarding their status as minority business enterprises in lieu of an independent investigation.

End of Exhibit "F"

#### EXHIBIT "H"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement dated effective October 3, 2012, by and between COG OPERATING LLC, as Operator, and McCombs Energy, LLC, et al, as Non-Operator(s), covering acreage in Lea County, New Mexico

## MODEL FORM RECORDING SUPPLEMENT TO OPERATING AGREEMENT AND FINANCING STATEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between \_\_\_\_COG\_Operating LLC\_, hereinafter referred to as "Operator," and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, hereinafter referred to individually as "Non-Operator," and collectively as "Non-Operators."

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" (said land, Leases and Interests being hereinafter called the "Contract Area"), and in any instance in which the Leases or Interests of a party are not of record, the record owner and the party hereto that owns the interest or rights therein are reflected on Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have executed an Operating Agreement dated October 3, 2012 (herein the "Operating Agreement"), covering the Contract Area for the purpose of exploring and developing such lands, Leases and Interests for Oil and Gas; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have executed this agreement for the purpose of imparting notice to all persons of the rights and obligations of the parties under the Operating Agreement and for the further purpose of perfecting those rights capable of perfection.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual rights and obligations of the parties hereto, it is agreed as follows:

- 1. This agreement supplements the Operating Agreement, which Agreement in its entirety is incorporated herein by reference, and all terms used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Operating Agreement.
- 2. The parties do hereby agree that:
  - A. The Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests of the parties comprising the Contract Area shall be subject to and burdened with the terms and provisions of this agreement and the Operating Agreement, and the parties do hereby commit such Leases and Interests to the performance thereof.
  - B. The exploration and development of the Contract Area for Oil and Gas shall be governed by the terms and provisions of the Operating Agreement, as supplemented by this agreement.
  - C. All costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement and the Operating Agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and materials acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned, by the parties hereto, as provided in the Operating Agreement.
  - D. Regardless of the record title ownership to the Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests identified on Exhibit "A," all production of Oil and Gas from the Contract Area shall be owned by the parties as provided in the Operating Agreement; provided nothing contained in this agreement shall be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby.
  - E. Each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, all burdens on its share of the production from the Contract Area as provided in the Operating Agreement.
  - F. An overriding royalty, production payment, net profits interest or other burden payable out of production hereafter created, assignments of production given as security for the payment of money and those overriding royalties, production payments and other burdens payable out of production hereafter and defined as Subsequently Created Interests in the Operating Agreement shall be (i) bome solely by the party whose interest is burdened therewith, (ii) subject to suspension if a party is required to assign or relinquish to another party an interest which is subject to such burden, and (iii) subject to the lien and security interest hereinafter provided if the party subject to such burden fails to pay its share of expenses chargeable hereunder and under the Operating Agreement, all upon the terms and provisions and in the times and manner provided by the Operating Agreement.
  - G. The Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests which are subject hereto may not be assigned or transferred except in accordance with those terms, provisions and restrictions in the Operating Agreement regulating such transfers.
    - This agreement and the Operating Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, and assigns, and the terms hereof shall be deemed to run with the leases or interests included within the lease Contract Area.
  - H. The parties shall have the right to acquire an interest in renewal, extension and replacement leases, leases proposed to be surrendered, wells proposed to be abandoned, and interests to be relinquished as a result of non-participation in subsequent operations, all in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Operating Agreement.
  - 1. The rights and obligations of the parties and the adjustment of interests among them in the event of a failure or loss of title, each party's right to propose operations, obligations with respect to participation in operations on the Contract Area and the consequences of a failure to participate in operations, the rights and obligations of the parties regarding the marketing of production, and the rights and remedies of the parties for failure to comply with financial obligations shall be as provided in the Operating Agreement.
  - f. Each party's interest under this agreement and under the Operating Agreement shall be subject to relinquishment for its failure to participate in subsequent operations and each party's share of production and costs shall be reallocated on the basis of such relinquishment, all upon the terms and provisions provided in the Operating Agreement.
  - K. All other matters with respect to exploration and development of the Contract Area and the ownership and transfer of the Oil and Gas Leases and/m Oil and Gas Interest therein shall be governed by the terms and provisions of the Operating Agreement.
- 3. The parties hereby grant reciprocal liens and security interests as follows:
  - A. Each party grants to the other parties hereto a lien upon any interest it now owns or hereafter acquires in Oil and Gas Leases and Oil and Gas Interests in the Contract Area, and a security interest and/or purchase money security interest it now owns or hereafter acquires in the personal property and fixtures on or used or obtained for use in connection therewith, to secure performance of all of its obligations under this agreement and the Operating Agreement including but not limited to payment of expense, interest and fees, the proper disbursement of all monies paid under this agreement and the Operating Agreement, the assignment or relinquishment of interest in Oil and Gas Leases as required under this agreement and the Operating Agreement, and the proper performance of operations under this agreement and the Operating Agreement, such lien and security interest granted by each party hereto shall include such party's leasehold interests, working interests, operating rights, and royalty and overriding royalty interests in the Contract Area now owned or hereafter acquired and in lands pooled or unitized therewith or otherwise becoming subject to this agreement and the Operating Agreement, the Oil and Gas when extracted therefrom and equipment situated thereon or used or obtained for use in connection therewith (including, without limitation, all wells, tools, and tubular goods), and accounts (including, without limitation,

- accounts arising from the sale of production at the wellhead), contract rights, inventory and general intangibles relating thereto or arising therefrom, and all proceeds and products of the foregoing.
- B. Each party represents and warrants to the other parties hereto that the lien and security interest granted by such party to the other parties shall be a first and prior lien, and each party hereby agrees to maintain the priority of said lien and security interest against all persons acquiring an interest in Oil and Gas Leuses and Interests covered by this agreement and the Operating Agreement by, through or under such party. All parties acquiring an interest in Oil and Gas Leuses and Oil and Gas Interests covered by this agreement and the Operating Agreement, whether by assignment, merger, mortgage, operation of law, or otherwise, shall be deemed to have taken subject to the lien and security interest granted by the Operating Agreement and this instrument as to all obligations attributable to such interest under this agreement and the Operating Agreement whether or not such obligations arise before or after such interest is acquired.
- C. To the extent that the parties have a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the state in which the Contract Area is situated, they 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 a party 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 party in the payment of its share of expenses, interest or fees, or upon the improper use of funds by the Operator, the other parties shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such defaulting party's share of Oil and Gas until the amount owed by such party, plus interest, has been received, and shall have the right to offset the amount owed against the proceeds from the sale of such defaulting party's share of Oil and Gas. All purchasers of production may rely on a notification of default from the non-defaulting party or parties stating the amount due as a result of the default, and all parties waive any recourse available against purchasers for releasing production proceeds as provided in this paragraph.
- D. If any party fails to pay its share of expenses within one hundred-twenty (120) 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. The amount paid by each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall be secured by the liens and security rights described in this paragraph 3 and in the Operating Agreement, and each paying party may independently pursue any remedy available under the Operating Agreement or otherwise.
- E. If any party does not perform all of its obligations under this agreement or the Operating Agreement, and the failure to perform subjects such party to forcelosure or execution proceedings pursuant to the provisions of this agreement or the Operating Agreement, to the extent allowed by governing law, the defaulting party waives any available right of redemption from and after the date of judgment, any required valuation or appraisement of the mortgaged or secured property prior to sale, any available right to say execution or to require a marshalling of assets and any required bond in the event a receiver is appointed. In addition, to the extent permitted by applicable law, each party hereby grants to the other parties a power of sale as to any property that is subject to the lien and security rights granted hereunder or under the Operating Agreement, such power to be exercised in the manner provided by applicable law or otherwise in a commercially reasonable manner and upon teasonable notice.
- F. The lien and security interest granted in this paragraph 3 supplements identical rights granted under the Operating Agreement.
- G. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Non-Operators agree that Operator may invoke or utilize the mechanics' or materialmen's lien law of the state in which the Contract Area is situated in order to secure the payment to Operator of any sum due under this agreement and the Operating Agreement for services performed or materials supplied by Operator.
- H. The above described security will be financed at the wellhead of the well or wells located on the Contract Area and this Recording Supplement may be filed in the land records in the County or Parish in which the Contract Area is located, and as a financing statement in all recording offices required under the Uniform Commercial Code or other applicable state statutes to perfect the above-described security interest, and any party hereto may file a continuation statement as necessary under the Uniform Commercial Code, or other state laws.
- 4. This agreement shall be effective as of the date of the Operating Agreement as above recited. Upon termination of this agreement and the Operating Agreement and the satisfaction of all obligations thereunder, Operator is authorized to file of record in all necessary recording offices a notice of termination, and each party hereto agrees to execute such a notice of termination as to Operator's interest, upon the request of Operator, if Operator has complied with all of its financial obligations.
- 5. This agreement and the Operating Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. No sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition shall be made by any party of any interest in the Leases or Interests subject hereto except as expressly permitted under the Operating Agreement and, if permitted, shall be made expressly subject to this agreement and the Operating Agreement and without prejudice to the rights of the other parties. If the transfer is permitted, the assignee of an ownership interest in any Oil and Gas Lease shall be deemed a party to this agreement and the Operating Agreement as to the interest assigned from and after the effective date of the transfer of ownership; provided, however, that the other parties shall not be required to recognize any such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition for any purpose hereunder until thirty (30) days after they have received a copy of the instrument of transfer or other satisfactory evidence thereof in writing from the transferor or transferee. No assignment or other disposition of interest by a party shall relieve such party of obligations previously incurred by such party under this agreement or the Operating Agreement with respect to the interest transferred, including without limitation the obligation of a party to pay all costs attributable to an operation conducted under this agreement and the Operating Agreement in which under this agreement and hereby shall continue to burden the interest transferred to secure payment of any such obligations.
- In the event of a conflict between the terms and provisions of this agreement and the terms and provisions of the Operating Agreement, then, as between the parties, the terms and provisions of the Operating Agreement shall control.
- 7. This agreement shall be binding upon each Non-Operator when this agreement or a counterpart thereof has been executed by such Non-Operator and Operator notwithstanding that this agreement is not then or thereafter executed by all of the parties to which it is tendered or which are listed on Exhibit "A" as owning an interest in the Contract Area or which own, in fact, an interest in the Contract Area. In the event that any provision herein is illegal or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall not be affected, and shall be enforced as if the illegal or unenforceable provision did not appear herein.
- Other provisions.

COG OPERATING LLC..., who has prepared and circulated this form for execution, represents and warrants that the form was printed from and, with the exception(s) listed below, is identical to the AAPL Form 610RS-1989 Model. Form Recording Supplement to Operating Agreement and Financing Statement, as published in computerized form by Forms On-A-Disk, Inc. No changes, alterations, or modifications, other than those made by strikethrough and/or insertion and that are clearly recognizable as changes in Articles , have been made to the form.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of the <u>3rd</u> day of <u>October</u>, <u>2012</u>.

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## ATTEST OR WITNESS Carol Louise Johnson Revocable Trust (2004), Carol Louise Johnson, Trustee Carol Louise Johnson Date: Address: 1617 Valdez, N.E. Alhuquerque, New Mexico 87112 ATTEST OR WITNESS Martha L. Roberts Revocable Trust, dated August 9, 2011, Martha L. Roberts, Trustee By: Martha L. Roberts Type or Print Name Title: Trustee Date: 3101 Castlerock Road, Villa 58 Address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120-1861 ATTEST OR WITNESS Prospector, LLC Type or Print Name Title: Date: P.O. Box 429 Address: Roswell, New Mexico 88202 ATTEST OR WITNESS By: Estate William C. Johns, M.D. Date: Address: \_ ATTEST OR WITNESS By: Estate of James S. Shortle, M.D. Date: Address: \_\_\_ ATTEST OR WITNESS Schultz Properties, LLC Ву: Type or Print Name Title: Date; Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST OR WITNESS Endurance Resources LLC Type or Print Name Title: Address: \_\_

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Note: The following forms of acknowledgment are the short forms approved by the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.

The validity and effect of these forms in any state will depend upon the statutes of that state.

Individual acknowledgment:		
State of) ss.		
) ss. County of)		
This instrument was acknowledged before me on		
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(Seal, if any)		<del></del>
	Title (and Rank)	
	My commission expires:	
Acknowledgment in representative capacity:		
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State of) > ss.		
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#### Exhibit "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Model Form Recording Supplement to Operating Agreement and Financing Statement dated October 3, 2012, between COG Operating LLC, as Operator, and McCombs Energy, LLC, et al, as Non-Operator(s)

# OIL AND GAS LEASES SUBJECT TO THIS MODEL FORM RECORDING SUPPLEMENT TO OPERATING AGREEMENT AND FINANCING STATEMENT:

Serial No.: NMNM 112932

Lessor: United States of America COG Operating LLC

Dated: 1/1/2005

Lands Covered: T-19-S, R-32-E

Section 3: N2NE, SENE Lea County, New Mexico

Serial No.: NMNM 104076

Lessor: United States of America

**Lessee:** W.N. Price **Dated:** 3/1/1951

Lands Covered: T-19-S, R-32-E

Section 3: NW

Lea County, New Mexico

Scrint No.: NMLC 067982-B
Lessor: United States of America
Lessee: Merit Energy Partners

Dated: 11/1/1951 Lands Covered: T-19-S, R-32-E

Section 3

\*Insofar as said lease covers the SWNE

Lea County, New Mexico