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#### **OPERATING AGREEMENT** 1 3 THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between Regeneration Energy Corp. 4 , hereinafter designated and 5 referred to as "Operator", and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter referred to individually herein 6 as "Non-Operator", and collectively as "Non-Operators". WITNESSETH: q 10 WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are owners of oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests in the land identified in 11 Exhibit "A", and the parties hereto have reached an agreement to explore and develop these leases and/or oil and gas interests for the 12 production of oil and gas to the extent and as hereinafter provided, 13 NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows: 14 1.5 ARTICLE I. 16 17 DEFINITIONS 18 19 As used in this agreement, the following words and terms shall have the meanings here ascribed to them; 20 A. The term "oil and gas" shall mean oil, gas, casinghead gas, gas condensate, and all other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons 21 and other marketable substances produced therewith, unless an intent to limit the inclusiveness of this term is specifically stated. B. The terms "oil and gas lease", "lease" and "leasehold" shall mean the oil and gas leases covering tracts of land 22 23 lying within the Contract Area which are owned by the parties to this agreement. C. The term "oil and gas interests" shall mean unleased fee and mineral interests in tracts of land lying within the 24 25 Contract Area which are owned by parties to this agreement. D. The term "Contract Area" shall mean all of the lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests intended to be 26 27 developed and operated for oil and gas purposes under this agreement. Such lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests 28 are described in Exhibit "A". E. The term "drilling unit" shall mean the area fixed for the drilling of one well by order or rule of any state or 29 30 federal body having authority. If a drilling unit is not fixed by any such rule or order, a drilling unit shall be the drilling unit as establish-31 ed by the pattern of drilling in the Contract Area or as fixed by express agreement of the Drilling Parties. 32 F. The term "drillsite" shall mean the oil and gas lease or interest on which a proposed well is to be located. G. The terms "Drilling Party" and "Consenting Party" shall mean a party who agrees to join in and pay its share of the cost of 33 34 any operation conducted under the provisions of this agreement. H. The terms "Non-Drilling Party" and "Non-Consenting Party" shall mean a party who elects not to participate 36 in a proposed operation. 37 38 Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the 39 singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine. 40 41 ARTICLE II. **EXHIBITS** 42 43 The following exhibits, as indicated below and attached hereto, are incorporated in and made a part hereof; 44 45 🗹 A. Exhibit "A", shall include the following information: (1) Identification of lands subject to this agreement, 46 47 (2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths, formations, or substances, 48 (3) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement, (4) Oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject to this agreement, 49 50 (5) Addresses of parties for notice purposes. B. Exhibit "B", Form of Lease. 51 🖺 52 ☑ C. Exhibit "C", Accounting Procedure. 53 🗹 D. Exhibit "D", Insurance. E. Exhibit "E", Gas Balancing Agreement. 54 ☑ 55 ☑ F. Exhibit "F", Non-Discrimination and Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities G. Exhibit "G", Tax Partnership. 56 If any provision of any exhibit, except Exhibits "E" and "G", is inconsistent with any provision contained in the body 57 58 of this agreement, the provisions in the body of this agreement shall prevail. 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69

### ARTICLE III. INTERESTS OF PARTIES 2 3 4 A. Oil and Gas Interests: 5 If any party owns an oil and gas interest in the Contract Area, that interest shall be treated for all purposes of this agreement 7 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 8 shall be deemed to own both the royalty interest reserved in such lease and the interest of the lessee thereunder. 10 B. Interests of Parties in Costs and Production: 11 Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne and 12 13 paid, and all equipment and materials acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned, by the parties as their interests are set 14 forth in Exhibit "A". In the same manner, the parties shall also own all production of oil and gas from the Contract Area subject to the 15 payment of royalties to the extent of \_\_\_\_ as shown of record which shall be borne as hereinafter set forth. 16 17 Regardless of which party has contributed the lease(s) and/or oil and gas interest(s) hereto on which royalty is due and 18 payable, each party entitled to receive a share of production of oil and gas from the Contract Area shall bear and shall pay or deliver, or 19 cause to be paid or delivered, to the extent of its interest in such production, the royalty amount stipulated hereinabove and shall hold the 20 other parties free from any liability therefor. No party shall ever be responsible, however, on a price basis higher than the price received 21 by such party, to any other party's lessor or royalty owner, and if any such other party's lessor or royalty owner should demand and 22 receive settlement on a higher price basis, the party contributing the affected lease shall bear the additional royalty burden attributable to 24 25 Nothing contained in this Article III.B. shall be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby, 27 C. Excess Royalties, Overriding Royalties and Other Payments: 28 29 Unless changed by other provisions, if the interest of any party in any lease covered hereby is subject to any royalty, 30 overriding royalty, production payment or other burden on production in excess of the amount stipulated in Article III.B., such party so 31 burdened shall assume and alone bear all such excess obligations and shall indemnify and hold the other parties hereto harmless from any 32 and all claims and demands for payment asserted by owners of such excess burden. 33 34 D. Subsequently Created Interests: 35 36 If any party should hereafter create an overriding royalty, production payment or other burden payable out of production 37 attributable to its working interest hereunder, or if such a burden existed prior to this agreement and is not set forth in Exhibit "A", or 38 was not disclosed in writing to all other parties prior to the execution of this agreement by all parties, or is not a jointly acknowledged and 39 accepted obligation of all parties (any such interest being hereinafter referred to as "subsequently created interest" irrespective of the 40 timing of its creation and the party out of whose working interest the subsequently created interest is derived being hereinafter referred 41 to as "burdened party"), and: 42 43 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 44 45 production free and clear of said subsequently created interest and the burdened party shall indemnify and save said other party, 46 or parties, harmless from any and all claims and demands for payment asserted by owners of the subsequently created interest; 47 and, 48 49 If the burdened party fails to pay, when due, its share of expenses chargeable hereunder, all provisions of Article VII.B. shall be 50 enforceable against the subsequently created interest in the same manner as they are enforceable against the working interest of 51 the burdened party. 52 ARTICLE IV. 53 TITLES 54 55 Title Examination: 57 Title examination shall be made on the drillsite of any proposed well prior to commencement of drilling operations or, if 58 59 the Drilling Parties so request, title examination shall be made on the leases and/or oil and gas interests included, or planned to be includ-60 ed, in the drilling unit around such well. The opinion will include the ownership of the working interest, minerals, royalty, overriding 61 royalty and production payments under the applicable leases. At the time a well is proposed, each party contributing leases and/or oil and 62 gas interests to the drillsite, or to be included in such drilling unit, shall furnish to Operator all abstracts (including federal lease status 63 reports), title opinions, title papers and curative material in its possession free of charge. All such information not in the possession of or 64 made available to Operator by the parties, but necessary for the examination of the title, shall be obtained by Operator. Operator shall

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

65 cause title to be examined by attorneys on its staff or by outside attorneys. Copies of all title opinions shall be furnished to each party

66 hereto. The cost incurred by Operator in this title program shall be borne as follows:

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

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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. Operator shall be responsible for the preparation and recording of pooling designations or declarations as well as the conduct of hearings before governmental agencies for the securing of spacing or pooling orders. This shall not prevent any party from appearing on its own behalf at any such hearing.

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

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### B. Loss of Title:

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- 1. Failure of Title: Should any oil and gas interest or lease, or interest therein, be lost through failure of title, which loss results in a reduction of interest from that shown on Exhibit "A", the party contributing the affected lease or interest shall have ninety (90) days from final determination of title failure to acquire a new lease or other instrument curing the entirety of the title failure, which acquisi-21 tion will not be subject to Article VIII.B., and failing to do so, this agreement, nevertheless, shall continue in force as to all remaining oil 22 and gas leases and interests: and,
  - (a) The party whose oil and gas lease or interest is affected by the title failure shall bear alone the entire loss and it shall not be entitled to recover from Operator or the other parties any development or operating costs which it may have theretofore paid or incurred, but there shall be no additional liability on its part to the other parties hereto by reason of such title failure;
- (b) There shall be no retroactive adjustment of expenses incurred or revenues received from the operation of the interest which has 27 been lost, but the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, as of the time it is determined finally that title failure has occurred, so that the interest of the party whose lease or interest is affected by the title failure will thereafter be reduced in the Contract Area by the amount of the interest lost;
- (c) If the proportionate interest of the other parties hereto in any producing well theretofore drilled on the Contract Area is 31 increased by reason of the title failure, the party whose title has failed shall receive the proceeds attributable to the increase in such in-32 terest (less costs and burdens attributable thereto) until it has been reimbursed for unrecovered costs paid by it in connection with such
  - (d) Should any person not a party to this agreement, who is determined to be the owner of any interest in the title which has failed, pay in any manner any part of the cost of operation, development, or equipment, such amount shall be paid to the party or parties who bore the costs which are so refunded:
  - (e) Any liability to account to a third party for prior production of oil and gas which arises by reason of title failure shall be borne by the party or parties whose title failed in the same proportions in which they shared in such prior production; and,
  - (f) No charge shall be made to the joint account for legal expenses, fees or salaries, in connection with the defense of the interest claimed by any party hereto, it being the intention of the parties hereto that each shall defend title to its interest and bear all expenses in connection therewith.

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2. Loss by Non-Payment or Erroneous Payment of Amount Due: If, through mistake or oversight, any rental, shut-in well payment, minimum royalty or royalty payment, is not paid or is erroneously paid, and as a result a lease or interest therein terminates, there shall be no monetary liability against the party who failed to make such payment. Unless the party who failed to make the required payment secures a new lease covering the same interest within ninety (90) days from the discovery of the failure to make proper payment, which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, effective as of the date of termination of the lease involved, and the party who failed to make proper payment will no longer be credited with an interest in the Contract Area on account of ownership of the lease or interest which has terminated. In the event the party who failed to make the required payment shall not have been fully reimbursed, at the time of the loss, from the proceeds of the sale of oil and gas attributable to the lost interest, calculated on an acreage basis, for the development and operating costs theretofore paid on account of such interest, it 52 shall be reimbursed for unrecovered actual costs theretofore paid by it (but not for its share of the cost of any dry hole previously drilled or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following as is necessary to effect reimbursement:

(a) Proceeds of oil and gas, less operating expenses, theretofore accrued to the credit of the lost interest, on an acreage basis, 55 up to the amount of unrecovered costs;

- (b) Proceeds, less operating expenses, thereafter accrued attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, of that portion of 57 oil and gas thereafter produced and marketed (excluding production from any wells thereafter drilled) which, in the absence of such lease termination, would be attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, the proceeds of said portion of the oil and gas to be contributed by the other parties in proportion to their respective interest; and,
  - (c) Any monies, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, that may be paid by any party who is, or becomes, the owner of the interest lost, for the privilege of participating in the Contract Area or becoming a party to this agreement.

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3. Other Losses: All losses incurred, other than those set forth in Articles IV.B.1. and IV.B.2. above, shall be joint losses and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

1		ARTICLE V.
2		OPERATOR
4 5	A.	Designation and Responsibilities of Operator:
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7 8 9 10	requ have	rator of the Contract Area, and shall conduct and direct and have full control of all operations on the Contract Area as permitted and ired by, and within the limits of this agreement. It shall conduct all such operations in a good and workmanlike manner, but it shall no liability as Operator to the other parties for losses sustained or liabilities incurred, except such as may result from gross igence or willful misconduct.
11 12 13	В.	Resignation or Removal of Operator and Selection of Successor:
14 15 16 17 18 19	Oper may affirm after	1. Resignation or Removal of Operator: Operator may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to Non-Operators, perator terminates its legal existence, no longer owns an interest hereunder in the Contract Area, or is no longer capable of serving as rator, Operator shall be deemed to have resigned without any action by Non-Operators, except the selection of a successor. Operator be removed if it fails or refuses to carry out its duties hereunder, or becomes insolvent, bankrupt or is placed in receivership, by the mative vote of two (2) or more Non-Operators owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A" remaining excluding the voting interest of Operator. Such resignation or removal shall not become effective until 7:00 o'clock A.M. on the
20 21 22 23 24 25	by the date.	day of the calendar month following the expiration of ninety (90) days after the giving of notice of resignation by Operator or action he Non-Operators to remove Operator, unless a successor Operator has been selected and assumes the duties of Operator at an earlier. Operator, after effective date of resignation or removal, shall be bound by the terms hereof as a Non-Operator. A change of a corte name or structure of Operator or transfer of Operator's interest to any single subsidiary, parent or successor corporation shall not be basis for removal of Operator.
26 27 28 29 30 31 32	Oper base succ	2. <u>Selection of Successor Operator</u> : Upon the resignation or removal of Operator, a successor Operator shall be selected by parties. The successor Operator shall be selected from the parties owning an interest in the Contract Area at the time such successor rator is selected. The successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest d on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A"; provided, however, if an Operator which has been removed fails to vote or votes only to eed itself, the successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based wnership as shown on Exhibit "A" remaining after excluding the voting interest of the Operator that was removed.
33	C.	Employees:
34 35 36 37		The number of employees used by Operator in conducting operations hereunder, their selection, and the hours of labor and the pensation for services performed shall be determined by Operator, and all such employees shall be the employees of Operator.
38 39	D.	Drilling Contracts:
40 41 42 43 44 45 46	rates such	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 res, Operator may employ its own tools and equipment in the drilling of wells, but its charges therefor shall not exceed the prevailing in the area and the rate of such charges shall be agreed upon by the parties in writing before drilling operations are commenced, and work shall be performed by Operator under the same terms and conditions as are customary and usual in the area in contracts of intendent contractors who are doing work of a similar nature.
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49		ARTICLE VI.
50 51		DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT
52 53	A.	Initial Well:
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58 59	and:	shall thereafter continue the drilling of the well with due diligence to  Test the Bone Spring Formation
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63 64		ss granite or other practically impenetrable substance or condition in the hole, which renders further drilling impractical, is entered at a lesser depth, or unless all parties agree to complete or abandon the well at a lesser depth.
65 66 67 68	_	Operator shall make reasonable tests of all formations encountered during drilling which give indication of containing oil and in quantities sufficient to test, unless this agreement shall be limited in its application to a specific formation or formations, in which it Operator shall be required to test only the formation or formations to which this agreement may apply.

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If, in Operator's judgment, the well will not produce oil or gas in paying quantities, and it wishes to plug and abandon the well as a dry hole, the provisions of Article VI.E.1. shall thereafter apply.

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#### B. Subsequent Operations:

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1. Proposed Operations: Should any party hereto desire to drill any well on the Contract Area other than the well provided 9 for in Article VI.A., or to rework, deepen or plug back a dry hole drilled at the joint expense of all parties or a well jointly owned by all 10 the parties and not then producing in paying quantities, the party desiring to drill, rework, deepen or plug back such a well shall give the 11 other parties written notice of the proposed operation, specifying the work to be performed, the location, proposed depth, objective forma-12 tion and the estimated cost of the operation. The parties receiving such a notice shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice 13 within which to notify the party wishing to do the work whether they elect to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. If a drill-14 ing rig is on location, notice of a proposal to rework, plug back or drill deeper may be given by telephone and the response period shall be 15 limited to forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday, and legal holidays. Failure of a party receiving such notice to reply within 16 the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. Any notice or response given by telephone shall be promptly confirmed in writing.

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If all parties elect to participate in such a proposed operation, Operator shall, within ninety (90) days after expiration of the notice 22 period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible 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 at the risk and expense of all par-24 ties hereto; provided, however, said commencement date may be extended upon written notice of same by Operator to the other parties, 25 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 26 permits from governmental authorities, surface rights (including rights-of-way) or appropriate drilling equipment, or to complete title ex-27 amination or curative matter required for title approval or acceptance. Notwithstanding the force majeure provisions of Article XI, if the 28 actual operation has not been commenced within the time provided (including any extension thereof as specifically permitted herein) and if any party hereto still desires to conduct said operation, written notice proposing same must be resubmitted to the other parties in accor-30 dance with the provisions hereof as if no prior proposal had been made.

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2. Operations by Less than All Parties: If any party receiving such notice as provided in Article VI.B.I. or VII.D.I. (Option 35 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 36 giving the notice and such other parties as shall elect to participate in the operation shall, within ninety (90) days after the expiration of 37 the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour period when a drilling rig is 38 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 40 a Non-Consenting Party, the Consenting Parties shall either: (a) request Operator to perform the work required by such proposed opera-41 tion for the account of the Consenting Parties, or (b) designate one (1) of the Consenting Parties as Operator to perform such work. Con-42 senting Parties, when conducting operations on the Contract Area pursuant to this Article VI.B.2., shall comply with all terms and con-43 ditions of this agreement.

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If less than all parties approve any proposed operation, the proposing party, immediately after the expiration of the applicable 48 notice period, shall advise the Consenting 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 50 (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) after receipt of such notice, shall advise the proposing party of its desire to (a) limit par-51 ticipation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" or (b) carry its proportionate part of Non-Consenting Parties' interests, and 52 failure to advise the proposing party shall be deemed an election under (a). In the event a drilling rig is on location, the time permitted for 53 such a response shall not exceed a total of forty-eight (48) hours (inclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays). The proposing party, at its election, may withdraw such proposal if there is insufficient participation and shall promptly notify all parties of such decision.

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The entire cost and risk of conducting such operations shall be borne by the Consenting Parties in the proportions they have 59 elected to bear same under the terms of the preceding paragraph. Consenting Parties shall keep the leasehold estates involved in such 60 operations free and clear of all liens and encumbrances of every kind created by or arising from the operations of the Consenting Parties. 61 If such an operation results in a dry hole, the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well and restore the surface location at their 62 sole cost, risk and expense. If any well drilled, reworked, deepened or plugged back under the provisions of this Article results in a producer of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, the Consenting Parties shall complete and equip the well to produce at their sole cost and risk,

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### ARTICLE VI continued

1 and the well shall then be turned over to Operator and shall be operated by it at the expense and for the account of the Consenting Par-2 ties. Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of any such well by Consenting Parties 3 in accordance with the provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, 4 and the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-Consenting 5 Party's interest in the well and share of production therefrom until the proceeds of the sale of such share, calculated at the well, or market value thereof if such share is not sold, (after deducting production taxes, excise taxes, royalty, overriding royalty and other interests not excepted by Article III.D. payable out of or measured by the production from such well accruing with respect to such interest 8 until it reverts) shall equal the total of the following:

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(a) 100% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of any newly acquired surface equipment beyond the wellhead 13 connections (including, but not limited to, stock tanks, separators, treaters, pumping equipment and piping), plus 100% of each such 14 Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of operation of the well commencing with first production and continuing until each such Non-15 Consenting Party's relinquished interest shall revert to it under other provisions of this Article, it being agreed that each Non-16 Consenting Party's share of such costs and equipment will be that interest which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting 17 Party had it participated in the well from the beginning of the operations; and

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400 % of that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling, reworking, deepening, plugging back, testing and completing, 23 ment in the well (to and including the wellhead connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had 24 participated therein.

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An election not to participate in the drilling or the deepening of a well shall be deemed an election not to participate in any re-29 working or plugging back operation proposed in such a well, or portion thereof, to which the initial Non-Consent election applied that is 30 conducted at any time prior to full recovery by the Consenting Parties of the Non-Consenting Party's recoupment account. Any such 31 reworking or plugging back operation conducted during the recoupment period shall be deemed part of the cost of operation of said well 32 and there shall be added to the sums to be recouped by the Consenting Parties one hundred percent (100%) of that portion of the costs of 33 the reworking or plugging back operation which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein. If 34 such a reworking or plugging back operation is proposed during such recoupment period, the provisions of this Article VI.B. shall be ap-35 plicable as between said Consenting Parties in said well.

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During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's share of production, or the 40 proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of all production, severance, excise, gathering and other 41 taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's share of production not excepted by Ar-42 ticle III.D.

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In the case of any reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling operation, the Consenting Parties shall be permitted to use, free 47 of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of all such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon 48 abandonment of a well after such reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equip-49 ment to the owners thereof, with each party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of salvage.

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Within sixty (60) days after the completion of any operation under this Article, the party conducting the operations for the 54 Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an inventory of the equipment in and connected to the well, and an 55 itemized statement of the cost of drilling, deepening, plugging back, testing, completing, and equipping the well for production; or, at its 56 option, the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed statement of monthly bill-57 ings. Each month thereafter, during the time the Consenting Parties are being reimbursed as provided above, the party conducting the 58 operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities in-59 curred 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 60 realized from the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding month. In determining the quantity of oil and gas 61 produced during any month, Consenting Parties shall use industry accepted methods such as, but not limited to, metering or periodic 62 well tests. Any amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with any such operation 63 which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein shall be credited against the total unreturned costs 64 of the work done and of the equipment purchased in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as 65 above provided; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting Party.

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Notwithstanding any language under Article VI.B. to the contrary, in any well in which a completion attempt may be made at more than one depth, each party who participated in the initial operations hereto shall have the right to make a separate election as to each interval in which a completion is proposed. Should a party hereto elect not to 3 participate in a completion attempt as to any one interval, then those parties who elect to participate in the completion 4 attempt as to that interval, shall, in the proportions they have elected to bear, share all costs, risks and expenses of such completion attempt. Any recoupment of said expenses shall be made solely from the production attributable to

Gas production attributable to any Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest upon such Party election shall be sold to its purchaser, if available, under the terms of its existing gas sale contract. Such Non-Consenting Party 9 shall direct its purchaser to remit the proceeds receivable from such sale direct to the Consenting Parties until the 10 amounts provided for in this Article are recovered from the Non-Consenting Parties until the amounts provided for in this Article are recovered from the Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest. If such Non-Consenting Party has not contracted for sale of its gas at the time such gas is available for delivery, or has not made the election as provided above, the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive and sell such Non-Consenting Party's share of gas 13 as hereinabove provided during the recoupment period.

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this or any other agreement, a Non-Consenting Party, upon 16 notice in the writing to Operator, and/or any party carrying all or part of the non-consenting interest shall have the right 17 at all times and from time to time within two (2) years of the date it received notice that payout has occurred, to audit Operator's and/or carrying party's accounts and records relating to or connected with its operations on the Contract Area or on land pooled therewith, regardless of when such operations were conducted.

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If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest the amounts provided for above, 2 the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall automatically revert to it, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-3 Consenting Party shall own the same interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production 4 therefrom as such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging 5 back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be charged with and shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of 6 the operation of said well in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the Accounting Procedure attached hereto.

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Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that without the mutual consent of all parties, no wells shall 11 be completed in or produced from a source of supply from which a well located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, unless such well conforms to the then-existing well spacing pattern for such source of supply.

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The provisions of this Article shall have no application whatsoever to the drilling of the initial well described in Article VI.A. 17 except (a) as to Article VII.D.1. (Option No. 2), if selected, or (b) as to the reworking, deepening and plugging back of such initial well after if has been drilled to the depth specified in Article VI.A. if it shall thereafter prove to be a dry hole or, if initially completed for pro-19 duction, ceases to produce in paying quantities.

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3. Stand-By Time; When a well which has been drilled or deepened has reached its authorized depth and all tests have been 24 completed, and the results thereof furnished to the parties, stand-by costs incurred pending response to a party's notice proposing a 25 reworking, deepening, plugging back or completing operation in such a well shall be charged and borne as part of the drilling or deepen-26 ing operation just completed. Stand-by costs subsequent to all parties responding, or expiration of the response time permitted, whichever 27 first occurs, and prior to agreement as to the participating interests of all Consenting Parties pursuant to the terms of the second gram-28 matical paragraph of Article VI.B.2., shall be charged to and borne as part of the proposed operation, but if the proposal is subsequently 29 withdrawn because of insufficient participation, such stand-by costs shall be allocated between the Consenting Parties in the proportion 30 each Consenting Party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all Consenting Party 31 ties.

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4. Sidetracking: Except as hereinafter provided, those provisions of this agreement applicable to a "deepening" operation shall 36 also be applicable to any proposal to directionally control and intentionally deviate a well from vertical so as to change the bottom hole 37 location (herein call "sidetracking"), unless done to straighten the hole or to drill around junk in the hole or because of other 38 mechanical difficulties. Any party having the right to participate in a proposed sidetracking operation that does not own an interest in the affected well bore at the time of the notice shall, upon electing to participate, tender to the well bore owners its proportionate share (equal 40 to its interest in the sidetracking operation) of the value of that portion of the existing well bore to be utilized as follows:

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(a) If the proposal is for sidetracking an existing dry hole, reimbursement shall be on the basis of the actual costs incurred in 45 the initial drilling of the well down to the depth at which the sidetracking operation is initiated.

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(b) If the proposal is for sidetracking a well which has previously produced, reimbursement shall be on the basis of the well's 50 salvable materials and equipment down to the depth at which the sidetracking operation is initiated, determined in accordance with the 51 provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning.

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In the event that notice for a sidetracking operation is given while the drilling rig to be utilized is on location, the response period 56 shall be limited to forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays; provided, however, any party may request and 57 receive up to eight (8) additional days after expiration of the forty-eight (48) hours within which to respond by paying for all stand-by time 58 incurred during such extended response period. If more than one party elects to take such additional time to respond to the notice, stand 59 by costs shall be allocated between the parties taking additional time to respond on a day-to-day basis in the proportion each electing par-60 ty's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all the electing parties. In all other in-61 stances the response period to a proposal for sidetracking shall be limited to thirty (30) days.

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#### TAKING PRODUCTION IN KIND: 65 C.

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Each party shall have the right to Each party shall have in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all oil and gas produced from the Contract Area. 68 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 70 party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any party taking its share of production in kind shall be

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1 required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it uses.

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Each party shall execute such division orders and contracts as may be necessary for the sale of its interest in production from 4 the Contract Area, and, except as provided in Article VII.B., shall be entitled to receive payment directly from the purchaser thereof for 5 its share of all production

In the event any party shall fail to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of 8 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 9 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 at the 10 best price obtainable in the area for such production. Any such purchase or sale by Operator shall be subject always to the right of the 11 owner of the production to exercise at any time its right to take in kind, or separately dispose of, its share of all oil not previously 12 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 13 time as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the particular circumstances, but in no event for a period in excess 14 of one (1) year.

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In the event one or more parties' separate disposition of its share of the gas causes split-stream deliveries to separate pipelines and/or 17 deliveries which on a day-to-day basis for any reason are not exactly equal to a party's respective proportionate share of total gas sales to be allocated to it, the balancing or accounting between the respective accounts of the parties shall be in accordance with any gas balancing 19 agreement between the parties hereto, whether such an agreement is attached as Exhibit "E", or is a separate agreement.

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### 21 D. Access to Contract Area and Information:

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Each party shall have access to the Contract Area at all reasonable times, at its sole cost and risk to inspect or observe operations, 24 and shall have access at reasonable times to information pertaining to the development or operation thereof, including Operator's books 25 and records relating thereto. Operator, upon request, shall furnish each of the other parties with copies of all forms or reports filed with 26 governmental agencies, daily drilling reports, well logs, tank tables, daily gauge and run tickets and reports of stock on hand at the first of 27 each month, and shall make available samples of any cores or cuttings taken from any well drilled on the Contract Area. The cost of 28 gathering and furnishing information to Non-Operator, other than that specified above, shall be charged to the Non-Operator that requests the Information.

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#### 31 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 34 drilled or deepened under the terms of this agreement and is proposed to be completed as a dry hole shall not be plugged and abandoned 35 without the consent of all parties. Should Operator, after diligent effort, be unable to contact any party, or should any party fail to reply 36 within forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) after receipt of notice of the proposal to plug and abandon 37 such well, such party shall be deemed to have consented to the proposed abandonment. All such wells shall be plugged and abandoned in 38 accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of the parties who participated in the cost of drilling or deepening 39 such well. Any party who objects to plugging and abandoning such well shall have the right to take over the well and conduct further 40 operations in search of oil and/or gas subject to the provisions of Article VI.B.

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2. Abandonment of Wells that have Produced: Except for any well in which a Non-Consent operation has been conducted 43 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 45 be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of all the parties hereto. If, within 46 thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the proposed abandonment of any well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of such well, 47 those wishing to continue its operation from the interval(s) of the formation(s) then open to production shall tender to each of the other 48 parties its proportionate share of the value of the well's salvable material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of 49 Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. Each abandoning party shall assign 50 the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, or fitness for use of the equipment and 51 material, all of its interest in the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the leasehold estate as to, but only as to, the in-52 terval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes an oil and 53 gas interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-abandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the interval or in-54 tervals of the formation or formations then open to production, for a term of one (1) year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is pro-55 duced from the interval or intervals of the formation or formations covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached as Exhibit

57 \*\*Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary to this or any other agreement each party shall have the right at all times and from time to time, upon written notice, to audit all of taking party and/or operator's records and accounts related to or in connection with production or allocation of production from the contract area. Auditing of settlement 60 records shall also be applicable if taking party and/or operator distributes proceeds to the auditing party.

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1 "B". The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the "drilling unit" upon which the well is located. The payments by, and the 2 assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the 3 Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment of 4 interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

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Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the operation of or production from the well in the interval or intervals then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon request, Operator shall continue to operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and charges con-9 templated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of the separate ownership of the assigned 10 well. Upon proposed abandonment of the producing interval(s) assigned or leased, the assignor or lessor shall then have the option to 11 repurchase its prior interest in the well (using the same valuation formula) and participate in further operations therein subject to the pro-12 visions hereof.

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3. Abandonment of Non-Consent Operations: The provisions of Article VI.E.1. or VI.E.2 above shall be applicable as between 15 Consenting Parties in the event of the proposed abandonment of any well excepted from said Articles; provided, however, no well shall be 16 permanently plugged and abandoned unless and until all parties having the right to conduct further operations therein have been notified 17 of the proposed abandonment and afforded the opportunity to elect to take over the well in accordance with the provisions of this Article

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### ARTICLE VII. EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES

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#### 23 A. Liability of Parties:

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The liability of the parties shall be several, not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible only for its obligations, and 26 shall be liable only for its proportionate share of the costs of developing and operating the Contract Area. Accordingly, the liens granted 27 among the parties in Article VII.B. are given to secure only the debts of each severally. It is not the intention of the parties to create, nor 28 shall this agreement be construed as creating, a mining or other partnership or association, or to render the parties liable as partners.

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#### 30 B. Liens and Payment Defaults:

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Each Non-Operator grants to Operator a lien upon its oil and gas rights in the Contract Area, and a security interest in its share 33 of oil and/or gas when extracted and its interest in all equipment, to secure payment of its share of expense, together with interest thereon 34 at the rate provided in Exhibit "C". To the extent that Operator has a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the 35 state, Operator shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the ob-36 taining of judgment by Operator for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien 37 rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any Non-Operator in the payment of its share 38 of expense, Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from 39 the sale of such Non-Operator's share of oil and/or gas until the amount owed by such Non-Operator, plus interest, has been paid. Each 40 purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon Operator's written statement concerning the amount of any default. Operator grants a like lien 41 and security interest to the Non-Operators to secure payment of Operator's proportionate share of expense.

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If any party fails or is unable to pay its share of expense within sixty (60) days after rendition of a statement therefor by 44 Operator, the non-defaulting parties, including Operator, shall, upon request by Operator, pay the unpaid amount in the proportion that the interest of each such party bears to the interest of all such parties. Each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall, to obtain 46 reimbursement thereof, be subrogated to the security rights described in the foregoing paragraph.

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#### 48 C. Payments and Accounting:

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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 propor-52 tionate shares upon the expense basis provided in Exhibit "C". Operator shall keep an accurate record of the joint account hereunder, 53 showing expenses incurred and charges and credits made and received.

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Operator, at its election, shall have the right from time to time to demand and receive from the other parties payment in advance 56 of their respective shares of the estimated amount of the expense to be incurred in operations hereunder during the next succeeding 57 month, which right may be exercised only by submission to each such party of an itemized statement of such estimated expense, together 58 with an invoice for its share thereof. Each such statement and invoice for the payment in advance of estimated expense shall be submitted 59 on or before the 20th day of the next preceding month. Each party shall pay to Operator its proportionate share of such estimate within 60 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 61 due shall bear interest as provided in Exhibit "C" until paid. Proper adjustment shall be made monthly between advances and actual ex-62 pense to the end that each party shall bear and pay its proportionate share of actual expenses incurred, and no more.

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#### 64 D. Limitation of Expenditures:

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1. Drill or Deepen: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled or deepened, except any well drilled or deepened 67 pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement. Consent to the drilling or deepening shall include:

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	Option No. 1: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening, testing, completing and equipping of the well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.
4	Option No. 2: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening and testing of the well. When such well has reached its authorized depth, and all tests have been completed, and the results thereof furnished to the parties, Operator shall give immediate notice
7	to the Non-Operators who have the right to participate in the completion costs. The parties receiving such notice shall have forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) in which to elect to participate in the setting of casing and the completion at-
9	tempt. Such election, when made, shall include consent to all necessary expenditures for the completing and equipping of such well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities. Failure of any party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall
1	constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the completion attempt. If one or more, but less than all of the parties, elect to set pipe and to attempt a completion, the provisions of Article VI.B.2. hereof (the phrase "reworking, deepening or plugging
3	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.
4  5	2. Rework or Plug Back: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be reworked or plugged back except a well reworked or
	plugged back pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement. Consent to the reworking 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
8	and/or surface facilities.
20	3. Other Operations: Without the consent of all parties, Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated
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23 24	previously authorized by or pursuant to this agreement; provided, however, that, in case of explosion, fire, flood or other sudden emergency, whether of the same or different nature, Operator may take such steps and incur such expenses as in its opinion are required
25	to deal with the emergency to safeguard life and property but Operator, as promptly as possible, shall report the emergency to the other
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?7 ?8	an information copy thereof for any single project costing in excess of <u>fifteen thousand</u> Dollars (\$
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30 31	E. Rentals, Shut-in Well Payments and Minimum Royalties:
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	tributed 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 pay-
	ment is required to continue the lease in force, any loss which results from such non-payment shall be borne in accordance with the pro-
38 39	visions of Article IV.B.2.
10	Operator shall notify Non-Operator of the anticipated completion of a shut-in gas well, or the shutting in or return to production
11	of a producing gas well, at least five (5) days (excluding Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays), or at the earliest opportunity permitted by
	circumstances, prior to taking such action, but assumes no liability for failure to do so. In the event of failure by Operator to so notify
	Non-Operator, the loss of any lease contributed hereto by Non-Operator for failure to make timely payments of any shut-in well payment shall be borne jointly by the parties hereto under the provisions of Article IV.B.3.
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	F. Taxes:
17 18	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
50	become delinquent. Prior to the rendition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator information as to burdens (to include, but not
	be limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on leases and oil and gas interests contributed by such Non-
	Operator. If the assessed valuation of any leasehold estate is reduced by reason of its being subject to outstanding excess royalties, over- riding royalties or production payments, the reduction in ad valorem taxes resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or
	owners of such leasehold estate, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such reduc-
	tion. 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".
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50 51	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 deter-
	mination. During the pendency of administrative or judicial proceedings, Operator may elect to pay, under protest, all such taxes and any
53	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 account, together with any interest and penalty account, and the total cost shall then be assessed against the parties, and be paid by them, as

Each party shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, excise, gathering and other taxes imposed upon or with respect

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68 to the production or handling of such party's share of oil and/or gas produced under the terms of this agreement.

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#### 1 G. Insurance:

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At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the workmen's compensation law of 4 the state where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a self-insurer for liability under said compensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall be as provided in Exhibit "C". Operator shall 6 also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D", attached to and made a part hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the workmen's compensation 8 law of the state where the operations are being conducted and to maintain such other insurance as Operator may require.

In the event automobile public liability insurance is specified in said Exhibit "D", or subsequently receives the approval of the 11 parties, no direct charge shall be made by Operator for premiums paid for such insurance for Operator's automotive equipment.

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### ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST

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#### 16 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 19 or in part unless all parties consent thereto.

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However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any lease or in any portion thereof, and the other parties do not 22 agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or implied warranty of title, all of its interest in 23 such lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and equipment which may be located thereon and any rights in production 24 thereafter secured, to the parties not consenting to such surrender. If the interest of the assigning party is or includes an oil and gas in-25 terest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not consenting to such surrender an oil and gas lease covering 26 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 27 lease to be on the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Upon such assignment or lease, the assigning party shall be relieved from all 28 obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the interest assigned or leased and the operation of any well 29 attributable thereto, and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the assigned or leased premises and its equipment and pro-30 duction other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The party assignee or lessee shall pay to the 31 party assignor or lessor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any wells and equipment attributable to the assigned or leas-32 ed acreage. The value of all material shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of 33 salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. If the assignment or lease is in favor of more than one party, the interest 34 shall be shared by such parties in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all such parties.

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Any assignment, lease or surrender made under this provision shall not reduce or change the assignor's, lessor's or surrendering 37 party's interest as it was immediately before the assignment, lease or surrender in the balance of the Contract Area; and the acreage 38 assigned, leased or surrendered, and subsequent operations thereon, shall not thereafter be subject to the terms and provisions of this 39 agreement.

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

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If any party secures a renewal of any oil and gas lease subject to this agreement, all other parties shall be notified promptly, and 44 shall have the right for a period of thirty (30) days following receipt of such notice in which to elect to participate in the ownership of the 45 renewal lease, insofar as such lease affects lands within the Contract Area, by paying to the party who acquired it their several proper pro-46 portionate shares of the acquisition cost allocated to that part of such lease within the Contract Area, which shall be in proportion to the 47 interests held at that time by the parties in the Contract Area.

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If some, but less than all, of the parties elect to participate in the purchase of a renewal lease, it shall be owned by the parties 50 who elect to participate therein, in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the Contract Area 51 to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all parties participating in the purchase of such renewal lease. 52 Any renewal lease in which less than all parties elect to participate shall not be subject to this agreement.

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Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal lease shall be given an assignment / of its proportionate interest rein 55 by the acquiring party.

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The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal leases whether they are for the entire interest covered by the expiring lease 58 or cover only a portion of its area or an interest therein. Any renewal lease taken before the expiration of its predecessor lease, or taken or 59 contracted for within six (6) months after the expiration of the existing lease shall be subject to this provision; but any lease taken or con-60 tracted for more than six (6) months after the expiration of an existing lease shall not be deemed a renewal lease and shall not be subject to 61 the provisions of this agreement.

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The provisions in this Article shall also be applicable to extensions of oil and gas leases.

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### 65 C. Acreage or Cash Contributions:

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While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash towards the drilling of a well or any other 68 operation on the Contract Area, such contribution shall be paid to the party who conducted the drilling or other operation and shall be 69 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 con-70 tribution is made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling Parties in the proportions

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1 said Drilling Parties shared the cost of drilling the well. Such acreage shall become a separate Contract Area and, to the extent possible, be governed by provisions identical to this agreement. Each party shall promptly notify all other parties of any acreage or cash contributions 3 it may obtain in support of any well or any other operation on the Contract Area. The above provisions shall also be applicable to op-4 tional rights to earn acreage outside the Contract Area which are in support of a well drilled inside the Contract Area.

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

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#### 9 D. Maintenance of Uniform Interests:

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For the purpose of maintaining uniformity of ownership in the oil and gas leasehold interests covered by this agreement, no 12 party shall sell, encumber, transfer or make other disposition of its interest in the leases embraced within the Contract Area and in wells, 13 equipment and production unless such disposition covers either:

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

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

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Every such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party shall be made expressly subject to this agreement 20 and shall be made without prejudice to the right of the other parties.

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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 23 require such co-owners to appoint a single trustee or agent with full authority to receive notices, approve expenditures, receive billings for 24 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 25 party's interest within the scope of the operations embraced in this agreement; however, all such co-owners shall have the right to enter 26 into and execute all contracts or agreements for the disposition of their respective shares of the oil and gas produced from the Contract 27 Area and they shall have the right to receive, separately, payment of the sale proceeds thereof.

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#### 29 E. Waiver of Rights to Partition:

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If permitted by the laws of the state or states in which the property covered hereby is located, each party hereto owning an 32 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 33 interest therein.

Should any party desire to sell all or any part of its interests under this agreement, or its rights and interests in the Contract

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#### 35 F. Preferential Right to Purchase:

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38 Area, it shall promptly give written notice to the other parties, with full information concerning its proposed sale, which shall include the 39 name and address of the prospective purchaser (who must be ready, willing and able to purchase), the purchase price, and all other terms 40 of the offer. The other parties shall then have an optional prior right, for a period of ten (10) days after receipt of the notice, to purchase 41 on the same terms and conditions the interest which the other party proposes to sell; and, if this optional right is exercised, the purchas-42 ing parties shall share the purchased interest in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all purchasing par-43 ties. However, there shall be no preferential right to purchase in those cases where any party wishes to mortgage its interests, or to 44 dispose of its interests by merger, reorganization, consolidation, or sale of all or substantially all of its assets to a subsidiary or parent com-45 pany or to a subsidiary of a parent company, or to any company in which any one party owns a majority of the stock.

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### ARTICLE IX. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION

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This agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, a relationship of partnership or an association 51 for profit between or among the parties hereto. Notwithstanding any provision herein that the rights and liabilities hereunder are several 52 and not joint or collective, or that this agreement and operations hereunder shall not constitute a partnership, if, for federal income tax 53 purposes, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, each party hereby affected elects to be excluded 54 from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as per-55 mitted and authorized by Section 761 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Operator is authorized and directed to ex-56 ecute on behalf of each party hereby affected such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the 57 United States or the Federal Internal Revenue Service, including specifically, but not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements, 58 and the data required by Federal Regulations 1.761. Should there be any requirement that each party hereby affected give further 59 evidence of this election, each such party shall execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be required by the 60 Federal Internal Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. No such party shall give any notices or take any other 61 action inconsistent with the election made hereby. If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Contract 62 Area is located or any future income tax laws of the United States contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, 63 Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, under which an election similar to that provided by Section 761 of the Code is per-64 mitted, each party hereby affected shall make such election as may be permitted or required by such laws. In making the foregoing elec-65 tion, each such party states that the income derived by such party from operations hereunder can be adequately determined without the 66 computation of partnership taxable income.

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ŀ	ARTICLE X.
2	CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS
3 4	Operator may settle any single uninsured third party damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the expenditure
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6	(\$ 15,000.00 ) and if the payment is in complete settlement of such claim or suit. If the amount required for settlement ex-
7	ceeds the above amount, the parties hereto shall assume and take over the further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is
8	delegated to Operator. All costs and expenses of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be at the joint ex-
9	pense 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
10	sued on account of any matter arising from operations hereunder over which such individual has no control because of the rights given
11	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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15	ARTICLE XI.  FORCE MAJEURE
16	PORCE MAJEURE
17	If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by force majeure to carry out its obligations under this agreement, other than
18	the obligation to make money payments, that party shall give to all other parties prompt written notice of the force majeure with
19	reasonably full particulars concerning it; thereupon, the obligations of the party giving the notice, so far as they are affected by the force
20	majeure, shall be suspending during, but no longer than, the continuance of the force majeure. The affected party shall use all reasonable
21	diligence to remove the force majeure situation as quickly as practicable.
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23	The requirement that any force majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes,
24	lockouts, or other labor difficulty by the party involved, contrary to its wishes; how all such difficulties shall be handled shall be entirely
25	within the discretion of the party concerned.
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27	The term "force majeure", as here employed, shall mean an act of God, strike, lockout, or other industrial disturbance, act of
28	the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightning, fire, storm, flood, explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint
29	or inaction, unavailability of equipment, and any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is
30	not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension.
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32 33	ARTICLE XII.
34	NOTICES
35	All notices authorized or required between the parties and required by any of the provisions of this agreement, unless otherwise
	specifically provided, shall be given in writing by mail or telegram, postage or charges prepaid, or by telex or telecopier and addressed to
	the parties to whom the notice is given at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A". The originating notice given under any provision hereof
	shall be deemed given only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed, and the time for such party to give any notice in
39	response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed given
40	when deposited in the mail or with the telegraph company, with postage or charges prepaid, or sent by telex or telecopier. Each party
41	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.
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43	ARTICLE XIII.
44	TERM OF AGREEMENT
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46	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
47	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
48 49	lease or oil and gas interest contributed by any other party beyond the term of this agreement.
50	Option No. 1: So long as any of the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement remain or are continued in force as to any part
51	of the Contract Area, whether by production, extension, renewal, or otherwise.
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53	Option No. 2: In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled under any provision of this
54	agreement, results in production of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, this agreement shall continue in force so long as any such well or
55	wells produce, or are capable of production, and for an additional period of days from cessation of all production; provided,
56	however, if, prior to the expiration of such additional period, one or more of the parties hereto are engaged in drilling, reworking, deepen-
57	ing, plugging back, testing or attempting to complete a well or wells hereunder, this agreement shall continue in force until such opera-
58	tions have been completed and if production results therefrom, this agreement shall continue in force as provided herein. In the event the
59	well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled hereunder, results in a dry hole, and no other well is producing, or capable
60	of producing oil and/or gas from the Contract Area, this agreement shall terminate unless drilling, deepening, plugging back or rework-
61	ing operations are commenced within days from the date of abandonment of said well.
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63	It is agreed, however, that the termination of this agreement shall not relieve any party hereto from any liability which has
64 65	accrued or attached prior to the date of such termination.
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## ARTICLE XIV. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

### A. Laws, Regulations and Orders:

This agreement shall be subject to the conservation laws of the state in which the 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.

### 10 B. Governing Law:

This agreement and all matters pertaining hereto, including, but not limited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties, and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the law of the state in which the Contract Area is located. If the Contract Area is in two or more states, the law of the state of **New Mexico**15 shall govern.

### 17 C. Regulatory Agencies:

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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 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, regulations or orders of the Department of Energy or predecessor or successor agencies to the extent such interpretation or application was made in good faith. Each Non-Operator further agrees to reimburse Operator for any amounts applicable to such Non-Operator's share of production that Operator may be required to refund, rebate or 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.

Non-Operators authorize Operator to prepare and submit such documents as may be required to be submitted to the purchaser of any crude oil sold hereunder or to any other person or entity pursuant to the requirements of the "Crude Oil Windfall Profit Tax Act of 1980", as same may be amended from time to time ("Act"), and any valid regulations or rules which may be issued by the Treasury Department from time to time pursuant to said Act. Each party hereto agrees to furnish any and all certifications or other information which is required to be furnished by said Act in a timely manner and in sufficient detail to permit compliance with said Act.

## ARTICLE XV. OTHER PROVISIONS

### 39 A. Priority of Operations

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, it is agreed that when a well drilled under the terms of this Agreement shall have been drilled to the objective formation or depth and the parties participating in the well cannot mutually agree upon the sequence and timing of further operations regarding said well, the proposals shall be considered in the following order:

- A proposal to attempt to complete the well at either the objective depth or objective formation, including the testing and logging of such well at such depth;
- A proposal to plug back and attempt to complete said well above the objective formation (if there is more than one proposal to plug back, the proposals will be considered in ascending order);
- A proposal to deepen said well in order to attempt a completion below the objective formation (if there is more than one proposal to deepen, the proposals shall be considered in descending order);
- 4. A proposal to sidetrack the well; and
- 5. A proposal to plug and abandon the well.

 Notwithstanding any other provisions herein, if during the term of this agreement, a well is required to be drilled, deepened, reworked, plugged back, sidetracked, or re-completed, or any other operation that may be required in order to (1) continue a lease or leases in force and effect, or (2) maintain a unitized area or any portion thereof in force and effect, or (3) earn or preserve an interest in and to oil and/or gas and other minerals, which may be owned by a third party of which, failing in such operation, may revert to a third party, or, (4) comply with an order issued by a regulatory body having jurisdiction in the premises, failing in which certain rights would terminate, the following shall apply. Should less than all of the parties hereto elect to participate and pay their proportionate part of the costs to be incurred in such operation, those parties desiring to participate shall have the right to do so at their sole cost, risk and expense. Promptly following the conclusion of such operation, each of those parties not participating agree to execute and deliver an appropriate assignment to the total interest of each non-participating party in and to the lease, leases, or rights which would have terminated or which otherwise may have been preserved by virtue of such operation, and in and to the lease, leases or rights within the balance of the drilling unit upon which the well was drilled, excepting, however, wells therefore completed and capable of producing in paying quantities. Such assignment shall be delivered to the participating parties in the proportion that they bore the expense attributable to the non-participating parties' interest. For the purpose of defining a required operation under this provision, such operation will be deem required if proposed within six (6) months prior to the date such rights would terminate (including a Pugh Clause or Continuous Development Clause) or any extension thereof.

## 65 C. Multiple Proposals

Without the agreement of all the parties it is specifically provided that no notice or combination of notices by any party or parties shall be permitted under Article VI hereof which proposes the drilling of more than one well. Further, the provisions of Article VI, insofar as same pertains to notification by a party of its desire to drill a well, shall be suspended for so long as (1) a prior notice has been given which is still in force and effect and the period of time during which the well regarding same may be commenced has not expired, or (2) a well is then being drilled hereunder. This paragraph shall not apply under those circumstances where the well to which notice is directed is a well which is required under the terms of a lease or contract or one required to maintain a lease or portion thereof in force

1 2	ARTICLE XVI. MISCELLANEOUS
3 4 5	This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns.
6 7	This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original for all purposes.
8 9	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of
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12	OPERATOR
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18 19	Ry Rave Miller
20	By: Raye Miller Title: President
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23 24	NON-OPERATORS
25	THE ALL AR COMPANY
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### **EXHIBIT "A"**

Attached to a made a part of that certain Joint Operating Agreement dated July 10, 2012, by and between Regeneration Energy Corp., as Operator, and The Allar Company, et al, as Non-Operators.

### I. CONTRACT AREA/DEPTH RESTRICTIONS:

Township 24 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 17: ALL

Township 25 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 11: S/2 Section 12: ALL

Section 13: NE/4, E/2NW/4

# II. NAME, WORKING INTEREST PERCENTAGES, AND ADDRESSES OF THE PARTIES FOR NOTICE PURPOSES:

Working Interest

Regeneration Energy Corp.

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P.O. Box 210

Artesia, NM 88211-0210

The Allar Company

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PO Box 1567

Graham, TX 76450

Chevron USA Inc.

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PO Box 2100

Houston, TX 77252-2100

### III. OIL AND GAS LEASES SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT:

Federal Lease Number:

NM 113418

Lease Date:

March 1, 2005

Lessor:

United States of America

Lessee:

The Allar Company

Federal Lease Number:

NM 113419

Lease Date:

March 1, 2005

Lessor:

United States of America

Lessee:

The Allar Company