UNIT AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE

NOPAL DRAW UNIT AREA

COUNTY OF EDDY

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

1 2 3	THIS AGREEMENT, entered into as of the 18th day of November , 19 77, by and between the parties subscribing, ratifying, or consenting hereto, and herein referred to as the "parties hereto,"
4	WITNESSETH:
5 6 7	WHEREAS, the parties hereto are the owners of working, royalty, or other oil and gas interests in the unit area subject to this agreement; and
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	WHEREAS, the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, 41 Stat. 437, as amended, 30 U. S. C. secs. 181 et seq., authorizes Federal lessees and their representatives to unite with each other, or jointly or separately with others, in collectively adopting and operating a cooperative or unit plan of development or operation of any oil or gas pool, field, or like area, or any part thereof for the purpose of more properly conserving the natural resources thereof whenever determined and certified by the Secretary of the Interior to be necessary or advisable in the public interest; and
16 17 18 19	WHEREAS, the parties hereto hold sufficient interests in the
20 21 22 23	WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the parties hereto to conserve natural resources, prevent waste, and secure other benefits obtainable through development and operation of the area subject to this agreement under the terms, conditions, and limitations herein set forth;
24_ 25 26 27	NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the promises herein contained, the parties hereto commit to this agreement their respective interests in the below-defined unit area, and agree severally among themselves as follows:
28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37	1. ENABLING ACT AND REGULATIONS. The Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, supra, and all valid pertinent regulations, including operating and unit plan regulations, heretofore issued thereunder or valid, pertinent, and reasonable regulations hereafter issued thereunder are accepted and made a part of this agreement as to Federal lands, provided such regulations are not inconsistent with the terms of this agreement; and as to non-Federal lands, the oil and gas operating regulations in effect as of the effective date hereof governing drilling and producing operations, not inconsistent with the terms hereof or the laws of the State in which the non-Federal land is located, are hereby

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38 accepted and made a part of this agreement.

2. UNIT AREA. The area specified on the map attached hereto marked Exhibit "A" is hereby designated and recognized as constituting the unit area, containing 1920 acres, more or less.

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Exhibit "A" shows, in addition to the boundary of the unit area, the boundaries and identity of tracts and leases in said area to the extent known to the Unit Operator. Exhibit "B" attached hereto is a schedule showing to the extent known to the Unit Operator the acreage, percentage, and kind of ownership of oil and gas interests in all land in the unit area. However, nothing herein or in said schedule or map shall be construed as a representation by any party hereto as to the ownership of any interest other than such interest or interests as are shown in said map or schedule as owned by such party. Exhibits "A" and "B" shall be revised by the Unit Operator whenever changes in the unit area render such revision necessary, or when requested by the Oil and Gas Supervisor, hereinafter referred to as "Supervisor" and not less than six copies of the revised exhibits shall be filed with the Supervisor.

The above-described unit area shall when practicable be expanded to include therein any additional tract or tracts regarded as reasonably necessary or advisable for the purposes of this agreement, or shall be contracted to exclude lands not within any participating area whenever such expansion or contraction is necessary or advisable to conform with the purposes of this agreement. Such expansion or contraction shall be effected in the following manner:

- 24 (a) Unit Operator, on its own motion or on demand of the Director 25 of the Geological Survey, hereinafter referred to as "Director," after 26 preliminary concurrence by the Director, shall prepare a notice of proposed 27 expansion or contraction describing the contemplated changes in the 28 boundaries of the unit area, the reasons therefor, and the proposed 29 effective date thereof, preferably the first day of a month subsequent 30 to the date of notice.
- 31 (b) Said notice shall be delivered to the Supervisor, and copies 32 thereof mailed to the last known address of each working interest owner, 33 lessee, and lessor whose interests are affected, advising that 30 days 34 will be allowed for submission to the Unit Operator of any objections.
- 35 (c) Upon expiration of the 30-day period provided in the preceding 36 item (b) hereof, Unit Operator shall file with the Supervisor evidence 37 of mailing of the notice of expansion or contraction and a copy of any 38 objections thereto which have been filed with the Unit Operator, together 39 with an application in sufficient number, for approval of such expansion 40 or contraction and with appropriate joinders.
- 41 (d) After due consideration of all pertinent information, the ex-42 pansion or contraction shall, upon approval by the Supervisor, become 43 effective as of the date prescribed in the notice thereof.
- (e) All legal subdivisions of unitized lands (i.e., 40 acres by
 Government survey or its nearest lot or tract equivalent in instances
 of irregular surveys, however, unusually large lots or tracts shall be
 considered in multiples of 40 acres, or the nearest aliquot equivalent
 thereof), no parts of which are entitled to be in a participating area
 within 5 years commencing the first day of the month following the effective
 date of the first initial participating area established under this unit

agreement, shall be eliminated automatically from this agreement, effective as of the first day thereafter, and such lands shall no longer be a part of the unit area and shall no longer be subject to this agreement, unless at the expiration of said 5-year period diligent drilling operations are in progress on unitized lands not entitled to participation, in which event all such lands shall remain subject hereto for so long as such drilling operations are continued diligently, with not more than 90 days time elapsing between the completion of one such well and the commencement of the next such well, except that the time allowed between such wells shall not expire earlier than 30 days after the expiration of any period of time during which drilling operations are prevented by a matter beyond the reasonable control of Unit Operator as set forth in the section hereof entitled "Unavoidable Delay"; provided that all legal subdivisions of lands not in a participating area and not entitled to become partici-pating under the applicable provisions of this agreement within 10 years after said first day of the month following the effective date of said first initial participating area shall be eliminated as above specified. Determination of creditable "Unavoidable Delay" time shall be made by unit operator and subject to approval of the Supervisor. Elimination taking place after the completion of a well that has deferred elimination shall be effective on the first day after the time allowed to commence the next well. The Unit Operator shall, within 90 days after the effective date of any elimination hereunder, describe the area so eliminated to the satisfaction of the Supervisor and promptly notify all parties in interest.

If conditions warrant extension of the 10-year period specified in this subsection 2(e), a single extension of not to exceed 2 years may be accomplished by consent of the owners of 90% of the current unitized working interests and 60% of the current unitized basic royalty interests (exclusive of the basic royalty interests of the United States), on a total-nonparticipating-acreage basis, respectively, with approval of the Director, provided such extension application is submitted to the Director not later than 60 days prior to the expiration of said 10-year period.

Any expansion of the unit area pursuant to this section which embraces lands theretofore eliminated pursuant to this subsection 2(e) shall not be considered automatic commitment or recommitment of such lands.

- 3. UNITIZED LAND AND UNITIZED SUBSTANCES. All land committed to this agreement shall consitute land referred to herein as "Unitized land" or "land subject to this agreement". All oil and gas in any and all formations of the unitized land are unitized under the terms of this agreement and herein are called "unitized substances".
- 4. UNIT OPERATOR. GULF OIL CORPORATION is hereby designated as Unit Operator and by signature hereto as Unit Operator agrees and consents to accept the duties and obligations of Unit Operator for the discovery, development, and production of unitized substances as herein provided. Whenever reference is made herein to the Unit Operator, such reference means the Unit Operator acting in that capacity and not as an owner of interest in unitized substances, and the term "working interest owner" when used herein shall include or refer to Unit Operator as the owner of a working interest when such an interest is owned by it.
- 5. RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF UNIT OPERATOR. Unit Operator shall have the right to resign at any time prior to the establishment of a participating area or areas hereunder, but such resignation shall not become effective so as to release Unit Operator from the duties and

obligations of Unit Operator and terminate Unit Operator's rights as such for a period of 6 months after notice of intention to resign has been served by Unit Operator on all working interest owners and the Supervisor, and until all wells then drilled hereunder are placed in a satisfactory condition for suspension or abandonment whichever is required by the Supervisor, unless a new Unit Operator shall have been selected and approved and shall have taken over and assumed the duties and obliga-7 tions of Unit Operator prior to the expiration of said period.

Unit Operator shall have the right to resign in like manner and subject to like limitations as above provided at any time a participating area established hereunder is in existence, but, in all instances of resignation or removal, until a successor unit operator is selected and approved as hereinafter provided, the working interest owners shall be jointly responsible for performance of the duties of unit operator. and shall not later than 30 days before such resignation or removal becomes effective appoint a common agent to represent them in any action to be taken hereunder.

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The resignation of Unit Operator shall not release Unit Operator from any liability for any default by it hereunder occurring prior to 19 the effective date of its resignation. 20

The Unit Operator may, upon default or failure in the performance of its duties or obligations hereunder, be subject to removal by the same percentage vote of the owners of working interests as herein provided for the selection of a new Unit Operator. Such removal shall be effective upon notice thereof to the Supervisor.

The resignation or removal of Unit Operator under this agreement shall not terminate its right, title or interest as the owner of a working interest or other interest in unitized substances, but upon the resignation or removal of Unit Operator becoming effective, such Unit Operator shall deliver possession of all equipment, materials and appurtenances used in conducting the unit operations and owned by the working interest owners to the new duly qualified successor Unit Operator or to the owners thereof if no such new Unit Operator is elected, to be used for the purpose of conducting unit operations hereunder. herein shall be construed as authorizing removal of any material, equipment and appurtenances needed for the preservation of any wells.

- SUCCESSOR UNIT OPERATOR. Whenever the Unit Operator shall tender his or its resignation as Unit Operator or shall be removed as hereinabove provided, or a change of Unit Operator is negotiated by working interest owners, the owners of the working interests in the participating area or areas according to their respective acreage interests in such participating area or areas, or, until a participating area shall have been established, the owners of the working interests according to their respective acreage interests in all unitized land, shall by majority vote select a successor Unit Operator: Provided, That, if a majority but less than 75 per cent of the working interests qualified to vote are owned by one party to this agreement, a concurring vote of one or more additional working interest owners shall be required to select a new operator. Such selection shall not become effective until
- a Unit Operator so selected shall accept in writing the duties 50 and responsibilities of Unit Operator, and 51

(b) the selection shall have been approved by the Supervisor. If no successor Unit Operator is selected and qualified as herein provided, the Director at his election may declare this unit agreement terminated.

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- ACCOUNTING PROVISIONS AND UNIT OPERATING AGREEMENT. Unit Operator is not the sole owner of working interests, costs and expenses incurred by Unit Operator in conducting unit operations hereunder shall be paid and apportioned among and borne by the owners of working interests, all in accordance with the agreement or agreements entered into by and between the Unit Operator and the owners of working interests, whether one or more, separately or collectively. Any agreement or agreements entered into between the working interest owners and the Unit Operator as provided in this section, whether one or more, are herein referred to as the "unit operating agreement." Such unit operating agreement shall also provide the manner in which the working interest owners shall be entitled to receive their respective proportionate and allocated share of the benefits accruing hereto in conformity with their underlying operating agreements, leases, or other independent contracts, and such other rights and obligations as between Unit Operator and the working interest owners as may be agreed upon by Unit Operator and the working interest owners; however, no such unit operating agreement shall be deemed either to modify any of the terms and conditions of this unit agreement or to relieve the Unit Operator of any right or obligation established under this unit agreement, and in case of any inconsistency or conflict between the unit agreement and the unit operating agreement, this unit agreement shall prevail. Three true copies of any unit operating agreement executed pursuant to this section should be filed with the Supervisor, prior to approval of this unit agreement.
- 8. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF UNIT OPERATOR. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the exclusive right, privilege, and duty of exercising any and all rights of the parties hereto which are necessary or convenient for prospecting for, producing, storing, allocating, and distributing the unitized substances are hereby delegated to and shall be exercised by the Unit Operator as herein provided. Acceptable evidence of title to said rights shall be deposited with said Unit Operator and, together with this agreement, shall constitute and define the rights, privileges, and obligations of Unit Operator. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed to transfer title to any land or to any lease or operating agreement, it being understood that under this agreement the Unit Operator, in its capacity as Unit Operator, shall exercise the rights of possession and use vested in the parties hereto only for the purposes herein specified.
- DRILLING TO DISCOVERY. Within 6 months after the effective date hereof, the Unit Operator shall begin to drill an adequate test well at a location approved by the Supervisor, unless on such effective date a well is being drilled conformably with the terms hereof, and thereafter continue such drilling diligently until all formations of Pennsylvania age have been tested or until at a lesser depth unitized substances shall be discovered which can be produced in paying quantities (to-wit: quantities sufficient to repay the costs of drilling, and producing operations, with a reasonable profit) or the Unit Operator shall at any time establish to the satisfaction of the Supervisor that further drilling of said well would be unwarranted or impracticable, provided, however, that Unit Operator shall not in any event be required to drill said well to a depth in excess of 10,400 feet. Until the discovery of a deposit of unitized substances capable

of being produced in paying quantities, the Unit Operator shall continue drilling diligently one well at a time, allowing not more than 6 months between the completion of one well and the beginning of the next well, until a well capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities is completed to the satisfaction of said Supervisor or until it is reasonably proved that the unitized land is incapable of producing 7 unitized substances in paying quantities in the formations drilled here-Nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit the right of 8 9 the Unit Operator to resign as provided in Section 5 hereof, or as requir-10 ing Unit Operator to commence or continue any drilling during the period pending such resignation becoming effective in order to comply with the 11 requirements of this section. The Director may modify the drilling 12 13 requirements of this section by granting reasonable extensions of time when, in his opinion, such action is warranted. 14

Upon failure to comply with the drilling provisions of this section, the Director may, after reasonable notice to the Unit Operator, and each working interest owner, lessee, and lessor at their last known addresses, declare this unit agreement terminated.

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- PLAN OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION. Within 6 months 20 after completion of a well capable of producing unititzed substances 21 in paying quantities, the Unit Operator shall submit for the approval of the Supervisor an acceptable plan of development and operation for 22 23 the unitized land which, when approved by the Supervisor, shall consti-24 tute the further drilling and operating obligations of the Unit Operator under this agreement for the period specified therein. Thereafter, from 25 time to time before the expiration of any existing plan, the Unit Operator 26 shall submit for the approval of the Supervisor a plan for an additional 27 specified period for the development and operation of the unitized land. 28 Any plan submitted pursuant to this section shall provide for the explora-29 tion of the unitized area and for the diligent drilling necessary for 30 31 determination of the area or areas thereof capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities in each and every productive formation 32 and shall be as complete and adequate as the Supervisor may determine 33 to be necessary for timely development and proper conservation of the 34 35 oil and gas resources of the unitized area and shall
- (a) specify the number and locations of any wells to be drilled 36 37 and the proposed order and time for such drilling; and
- 38 (b) to the extent practicable specify the operating practices 39 regarded as necessary and advisable for proper conservation of natural 40 resources.
- Separate plans may be submitted for separate productive zones, subject 41 42 to the approval of the Supervisor.

43 Plans shall be modified or supplemented when necessary to meet changed conditions or to protect the interests of all parties to this 44 45 agreement. Reasonable diligence shall be exercised in complying with the obligations of the approved plan of development. The Supervisor 46 47 is authorized to grant a reasonable extension of the 6-month period herein prescribed for submission of an initial plan of development where 48 such action is justified because of unusual conditions or circumstances. 49 After completion hereunder of a well capable of producing any unitized 50 substance in paying quantities, no further wells, except such as may 51

be necessary to afford protection against operations not under this agreement or such as may be specifically approved by the Supervisor, shall be drilled except in accordance with a plan of development approved as herein provided.

Upon completion of a well 11. PARTICIPATION AFTER DISCOVERY. 5 capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities or as soon thereafter as required by the Supervisor, the Unit Operator shall submit for approval by the Supervisor a schedule, based on subdivisions of the public-land survey or aliquot parts thereof, of all unitized land then 9 regarded as reasonably proved to be productive of unitized substances 10 in paying quantities; all lands in said schedule on approval of the Supervi-11 sor to constitute a participating area, effective as of the date of 12 completion of such well or the effective date of the unit agreement, 13 whichever is later. The acreages of both Federal and non-Federal lands 14 shall be based upon appropriate computations from the courses and dis-15 tances shown on the last approved public-land survey as of the effective 16 date of the initial participating area. Said schedule also shall set 17 forth the percentage of unitized substances to be allocated as herein 18 provided to each unitized tract in the participating area so established, 19 and shall govern the allocation of production from and after the date 20 the participating area becomes effective. A separate participating 21 area shall be established in like manner for each separate pool or de-22 posit of unitized substances or for any group thereof produced as a 23 single pool or zone, and any two or more participating areas so established 24 may be combined into one with the consent of the owners of all working 25 interests in the lands within the participating areas so to be combined, 26 on approval of the Supervisor. The participating area or areas so establishe 27 shall be revised from time to time, subject to like approval, whenever 28 such action appears proper as a result of further drilling operations 29 or otherwise, to include additional land then regarded as reasonably 30 proved to be productive in paying quantities, or to exclude land then 31 regarded as reasonably proved not to be productive in paying quantities 32 and the percentage of allocation shall also be revised accordingly. 33 The effective date of any revision shall be the first of the month in 34 which is obtained the knowledge or information on which such revision 35 is predicated; provided, however, that a more appropriate effective date 36 may be used if justified by the Unit Operator and approved by the 37 Supervisor. No land shall be excluded from a participating area on account 38 of depletion of the unitized substances, except that any participating area 39 established under the provisions of this Unit Agreement shall terminate automatically when-40 ever all completions in the formation on which the participating area is based are 41

It is the intent of this section that a participating area shall represent the area known or reasonably estimated to be productive in paying quantities; but, regardless of any revision of the participating area, nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring any retroactive adjustment for production obtained prior to the effective date of the revision of the participating area.

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In the absence of agreement at any time between the Unit Operator and the Supervisor as to the proper definition or redefinition of a participating area, or until a participating area has, or areas have, been established as provided herein, the portion of all payments affected thereby may be impounded in a manner mutually acceptable to the owners of working interests, and the Supervisor. Royalties due the United States, which shall be determined by the Supervisor and the amount thereof deposited, as directed by the Supervisor, to be held as unearned money until a

participating area is finally approved and then applied as earned or returned in accordance with a determination of the sum due as Federal royalty on the basis of such approved participating area.

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Whenever it is determined, subject to the approval of the Supervisor, that a well drilled under this agreement is not capable of production in paying quantities and inclusion of the land on which it is situated in a participating area is unwarranted, production from such well shall, for the purposes of settlement among all parties other than working interest owners, be allocated to the land on which the well is located so long as such land is not within a participating area established for the pool or deposit from which such production is obtained. Settlement for working interest benefits from such a well shall be made as provided in the unit operating agreement.

- ALLOCATION OF PRODUCTION. All unitized substances produced from each participating area established under this agreement, except any part thereof used in conformity with good operating practices within the unitized area for drilling, operating, camp and other production or development purposes, for repressuring or recycling in accordance with a plan of development approved by the Supervisor, or unavoidably lost, shall be deemed to be produced equally on an acreage basis from the several tracts of unitized land of the participating area established for such production and, for the purpose of determining any benefits accruing under this agreement, each such tract of unitized land shall have allocated to it such percentage of said production as the number of acres of such tract included in said participating area bears to the total acres of unitized land in said participating area, except that allocation of production hereunder for purposes other than for settlement of the royalty, overriding royalty, or payment out of production obligations of the respective working interest owners, shall be on the basis prescribed in the unit operating agreement whether in conformity with the basis of allocation herein set forth or otherwise. It is hereby agreed that production of unitized substances from a participating area shall be allocated as provided herein regardless of whether any wells are drilled on any particular part or tract of said participating area. If any gas produced from one participating area is used for repressuring or recycling purposes in another participating area, the first gas withdrawn from such last-mentioned participating area for sale during the life of this agreement shall be considered to be the gas so transferred until an amount equal to that transferred shall be so produced for sale and such gas shall be allocated to the participating area from which initially produced as constituted at the time of such final production.
- 42 DEVELOPMENT OR OPERATION OF NON-PARTICIPATING LAND OR FORMATIONS. 43 Any party hereto owning or controlling the working interest in any unitized land having thereon a regular well location may with the approval of the 44 Supervisor, at such party's sole risk, cost, and expense, drill a well 45 to test any formation for which a participating area has not been 46 47 established or to test any formation for which a participating area has been established if such location is not within said participating area, 48 unless within 90 days of receipt of notice from said party of his inten-49 tion to drill the well the Unit Operator elects and commences to drill 50 such a well in like manner as other wells are drilled by the Unit Operator 51 52 under this agreement.

If any well drilled as aforesaid by a working interest owner results in production such that the land upon which it is situated may properly be included in a participating area, such participating area shall be established or enlarged as provided in this agreement and the well shall thereafter be operated by the Unit Operator in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the unit operating agreement.

If any well drilled as aforesaid by a working interest owner obtains production in quantities insufficient to justify the inclusion in a participating area of the land upon which such well is situated, such well may be operated and produced by the party drilling the same subject to the conservation requirements of this agreement. The royalties in amount or value of production from any such well shall be paid as specified in the underlying lease and agreements affected.

ROYALTY SETTLEMENT. The United States and any State and all royalty owners who, under existing contract, are entitled to take in kind a share of the substances now unitized hereunder produced from any tract, shall hereafter be entitled to the right to take in kind their share of the unitized substances allocated to such tract, and Unit Operator, or in case of the operation of a well by a working interest owner as herein in special cases provided for, such working interest owner, shall make deliveries of such royalty share taken in kind in conformity with the applicable contracts, laws and regulations. ment for royalty interest not taken in kind shall be made by working interest owners responsible therefor under existing contracts, laws and regulations on or before the last day of each month for unitized substances produced during the preceding calendar month; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall operate to relieve the lessees of any land from their respective lease obligations for the payment of any royalties due under their leases.

If gas obtained from lands not subject to this agreement is introduced into any participating area hereunder, for use in repressuring, stimulation of production, or increasing ultimate recovery, which shall be in conformity with a plan first approved by the Supervisor, a like amount of gas, after settlement as herein provided for any gas transferred from any other participating area and with due allowance for loss or depletion from any cause, may be withdrawn from the formation into which the gas was introduced, royalty free as to dry gas, but not as to the products extracted therefrom; provided that such withdrawal shall be at such time as may be provided in the plan of operations or as may otherwise be consented to by the Supervisor as conforming to good petroleum engineering practice; and provided further, that such right of withdrawal shall terminate on the termination of this unit agreement.

Royalty due the United States shall be computed as provided in the operating regulations and paid in value or delivered in kind as to all unitized substances on the basis of the amounts thereof allocated to unitized Federal land as provided herein at the rates specified in the respective Federal leases, or at such lower rate or rates as may be authorized by law or regulation; provided, that for leases on which the royalty rate depends on the daily average production per well, said average production shall be determined in accordance with the operating regulations as though each participating area were a single consolidated lease.

15. RENTAL SETTLEMENT. Rental or minimum royalties due on leases committed hereto shall be paid by working interest owners responsible therefor under existing contracts, laws and regulations, provided that nothing herein contained shall operate to relieve the lessees of any land from their respective lease obligations for the payment of any rental or minimum royalty in lieu thereof due under their leases. Rental or minimum royalty for lands of the United States subject to this agreement shall be paid at the rate specified in the respective leases from the United States unless such rental or minimum royalty is waived, suspended or reduced by law or by approval of the Secretary or his duly authorized representative.

 With respect to any lease on non-Federal land containing provisions which would terminate such lease unless drilling operations were within the time therein specified commenced upon the land covered thereby or rentals paid for the privilege of deferring such drilling operations, the rentals required thereby shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, be deemed to accrue and become payable during the term thereof as extended by this agreement and until the required drilling operations are commenced upon the land covered thereby or some portion of such land is included within a participating area.

- 21 16. CONSERVATION. Operations hereunder and production of unitized 22 substances shall be conducted to provide for the most economical and 23 efficient recovery of said substances without waste, as defined by or 24 pursuant to State or Federal law or regulation.
- 17. DRAINAGE. The Unit Operator shall take appropriate and adequate measures to prevent drainage of unitized substances from unitized land by wells on land not subject to this agreement, or, with prior consent of the Director, pursuant to applicable regulations pay a fair and reasonable compensatory royalty as determined by the Supervisor.
 - 18. LEASES AND CONTRACTS CONFORMED AND EXTENDED. The terms, conditions and provisions of all leases, subleases and other contracts relating to exploration, drilling, development or operation for oil or gas of lands committed to this agreement are hereby expressly modified and amended to the extent necessary to make the same conform to the provisions hereof, but otherwise to remain in full force and effect; and the parties hereto hereby consent that the Secretary shall and by his approval hereof, or by the approval hereof by his duly authorized representative, does hereby establish, alter, change or revoke the drilling, producing, rental, minimum royalty, and royalty requirements of Federal leases committed hereto and the regulations in respect thereto to conform said requirements to the provisions of this agreement, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all leases, subleases and contracts are particularly modified in accordance with the following:
- The development and operation of lands subject to this agreement under the terms hereof shall be deemed full performance of all obligations for development and operation with respect to each and every part or separately owned tract subject to this agreement, regardless of whether there is any development of any particular part or tract of the unit area, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any lease, operating agreement or other contract by and between the parties hereto, or their respective predecessors in interest, or any of them.

Drilling and producing operations performed hereunder upon any tract of unitized lands will be accepted and deemed to be performed upon and for the benefit of each and every tract of unitized land, and no lease shall be deemed to expire by reason of failure to drill or produce wells situated on the land therein embraced.

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- Suspension of drilling or producing operations on all unitized lands pursuant to direction or consent of the Secretary or his duly authorized representative shall be deemed to constitute such suspension pursuant to such direction or consent as to each and every tract of A suspension of drilling or producing operations limited 10a to specified lands shall be applicable only to such lands.
 - Each lease, sublease or contract relating to the exploration, drilling, development or operation for oil or gas of lands other than those of the United States committed to this agreement, which, by its terms might expire prior to the termination of this agreement, is hereby extended beyond any such term so provided therein so that it shall be continued in full force and effect for and during the term of this agreement.
 - Any Federal lease for a fixed term of twenty (20) years or any renewal thereof or any part of such lease which is made subject to this agreement shall continue in force beyond the term provided therein until the termination hereof. Any other Federal lease committed hereto shall continue in force beyond the term so provided therein or by law as to the land committed so long as such lease remains subject hereto, provided that production is had in paying quantities under this unit agreement prior to the expiration date of the term of such lease, or, in the event actual drilling operations are commenced on unitized land, in accordance with the provisions of this agreement, prior to the end of the primary term of such lease and are being diligently prosecuted at that time, such lease shall be extended for two years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act Revision of 1960.
 - Each sublease or contract relating to the operation and development of unitized substances from lands of the United States committed to this agreement, which by its terms would expire prior to the time at which the underlying lease, as extended by the immediately preceding paragraph, will expire, is hereby extended beyond any such term so provided therein so that it shall be continued in full force and effect for and during the term of the underlying lease as such term is herein extended.
 - The segregation of any Federal lease committed to this agreement is governed by the following provision in the fourth paragraph of Sec. 17 (j) of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended by the Act of September 2, 1960 (74 Stat. 781-784): "Any (Federal) lease heretofore or hereafter committed to any such (unit) plan embracing lands that are in part within and in part outside of the area covered by any such plan shall be segregated into separate leases as to the lands committed and the lands not committed as of the effective date of unitization: vided, however, That any such lease as to the non-unitized portion shall continue in force and effect for the term thereof but for not less than two years from the date of such segregation and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities."
- 51 Any lease, other than a Federal lease, having only a portion 52 of its lands committed hereto shall be segregated as to the portion committed and the portion not committed, and the provisions of such 53 53 lease shall apply separately to such segregated portions commencing

l as of the effective date hereof. In the event any such lease provides for a lump-sum rental payment, such payment shall be prorated between the portions so segregated in proportion to the acreage of the respective tracts.

19. COVENANTS RUN WITH LAND. The covenants herein shall be construed to be covenants running with the land with respect to the interest of the parties hereto and their successors in interest until this agreement terminates, and any grant, transfer, or conveyance, of interest in land or leases subject hereto shall be and hereby is conditioned upon the assumption of all privileges and obligations hereunder by the grantee, transferee, or other successor in interest. No assignment or transfer of any working interest, royalty, or other interest subject hereto shall be binding upon Unit Operator until the first day of the calendar month after Unit Operator is furnished with the original, photostatic, or certified copy of the instrument of transfer.

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- 20. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM. This agreement shall become effective upon approval by the Secretary or his duly authorized representative and shall terminate five (5) years from said effective date unless:
 - (a) such date of expiration is extended by the Director, or
 - (b) it is reasonably determined pior to the expiration of the fixed term or any extension thereof that the unitized land is incapable of production of unitized substances in paying quantities in the formations tested hereunder and after notice of intention to terminate the agreement on such ground is given by the Unit Operator to all parties in interest at their last known addresses, the agreement is terminated with the approval of the Supervisor, or
 - (c) a valuable discovery of unitized substances has been made or accepted on unitized land during said initial term or any extension thereof, in which event the agreement shall remain in effect for such term and so long as unitized substances can be produced in quantities sufficient to pay for the cost of producing same from wells on unitized land within any participating area established hereunder and, should production cease, so long thereafter as diligent operations are in progress for the restoration of production or discovery of new production and so long thereafter as the unitized substances so discovered can be produced as aforesaid, or
 - (d) it is terminated as heretofore provided in this agreement.

This agreement may be terminated at any time by not less than 75 per centum, on an acreage basis, of the owners of working interests signatory hereto, with the approval of the Supervisor; notice of any such approval to be given by the Unit Operator to all parties hereto.

21. RATE OF PROSPECTING, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION. The Director is hereby vested with authority to alter or modify from time to time in his discretion the quantity and rate of production under this agreement when such quantity and rate is not fixed pursuant to Federal or State law or does not conform to any state-wide voluntary conservation or allocation program, which is established, recognized and generally adhered to by the majority of operators in such State, such authority being hereby limited to alteration or modification in the public interest, the purpose thereof and the public interest to be served thereby to be stated in the order of alteration or modification. Without regard to

the foregoing, the Director is also hereby vested with authority to alter or modify from time to time in his discretion the rate of prospecting and development and the quantity and rate of production under this agreement when such alteration or modification is in the interest of attaining the conservation objectives stated in this agreement and is not in violation of any applicable Federal or State law.

Powers in this section vested in the Director shall only be exercised after notice to Unit Operator and opportunity for hearing to be held not less than 15 days from notice.

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- 22. APPEARANCES. Unit Operator shall, after notice to other parties affected, have the right to appear for and on behalf of any and all interests affected hereby before the Department of the Interior and to appeal from orders issued under the regulations of said Department or to apply for relief from any of said regulations or in any proceedings relative to operations before the Department of the Interior or any other legally constituted authority; provided, however, that any other interested party shall also have the right at his own expense to be heard in any such proceeding.
- 23. NOTICES. All notices, demands or statements required hereunder to be given or rendered to the parties hereto shall be deemed fully given if given in writing and personally delivered to the party or sent by postpaid registered mail, addressed to such party or parties at their respective addresses set forth in connection with the signatures hereto or to the ratification or consent hereof or to such other address as any such party may have furnished in writing to party sending the notice, demand or statement.
- 24. NO WAIVER OF CERTAIN RIGHTS. Nothing in this agreement contained shall be construed as a waiver by any party hereto of the right to assert any legal or constitutional right or defense as to the validity or invalidity of any law of the State wherein said unitized lands are located, or of the United States, or regulations issued thereunder in any way affecting such party, or as a waiver by any such party of any right beyond his or its authority to waive.
- 25. UNAVOIDABLE DELAY. All obligations under this agreement requiring the Unit Operator to commence or continue drilling or to operate on or produce unitized substances from any of the lands covered by this agreement shall be suspended while, but only so long as, the Unit Operator despite the exercise of due care and diligence is prevented from complying with such obligations, in whole or in part, by strikes, acts of God, Federal, State or municipal law or agencies, unavoidable accidents, uncontrollable delays in transportation, inability to obtain necessary materials in open market, or other matters beyond the reasonable control of the Unit Operator whether similar to matters herein enumerated or not. No Unit obligation which is suspended under this section shall become due less than thirty (30) days after it has been determined that the suspension is no longer applicable. Determination of creditable "Unavoidable Delay" time shall be made by the Unit Operator subject to approval by the Supervisor.
- 26. NON-DISCRIMINATION. In connection with the performance of work under this agreement, the operator agrees to comply with all of the provisions of section 202 (1) to (7) inclusive, Executive Order 11246, (30 F.R. 12319), which is hereby incorporated by reference in this agreement.
- 27. LOSS OF TITLE. In the event title to any tract of unitized land shall fail and the true owner cannot be induced to join in this

unit agreement, such tract shall be automatically regarded as not committed hereto and there shall be such readjustment of future costs and benefits as may be required on account of the loss of such title. In the event of a dispute as to title as to any royalty, working interest, 5 or other interests subject thereto, payment or delivery on account thereof may be withheld without liability for interest until the dispute is 7 finally settled; provided, that, as to Federal land or leases, no pay-8 ments of funds due the United States should be wihheld, but such funds 9 shall be deposited as directed by the Supervisor to be held as unearned money pending final settlement of the title dispute, and then applied 10 as earned or returned in accordance with such final settlement.

Unit Operator as such is relieved from any responsibility for any defect or failure of any title hereunder.

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- NON-JOINDER AND SUBSEQUENT JOINDER. If the owner of any substantial interest in a tract within the unit area fails or refuses to subscribe or consent to this agreement, the owner of the working interest in that tract may withdraw said tract from this agreement by written notice to the Supervisor and the Unit Operator prior to the approval of this agreement by the Supervisor. Any oil or gas interests in lands within the unit area not committed hereto prior to submission of this agreement for final approval may thereafter be committed hereto by the owner or owners thereof subscribing or consenting to this agreement, and, if the interest is a working interest, by the owner of such interest also subscribing to the unit operating agreement. After operations are commenced hereunder, the right of subsequent joinder, as provided in this section, by a working interest owner is subject to such requirements or approvals, if any, pertaining to such joinder, as may be provided for in the unit operating agreement. After final approval hereof joinder by a non-working interest owner must be consented to in writing by the working interest owner committed hereto and responsible for the payment of any benefits that may accrue hereunder in behalf of such non-working interest. Joinder by any owner of a non-working interest, at any time, must be accompanied by appropriate joinder by the owner of the corresponding working interest in order for the interest to be regarded as committed Joinder to the unit agreement by a working interest owner, at hereto. any time, must be accompanied by appropriate joinder to the unit operating agreement, if more than one committed working interest owner is involved, in order for the interest to be regarded as committed to this unit agreement. Except as may otherwise herein be provided subsequent joinders to this agreement shall be effective as of the first day of the month following the filing with the Supervisor of duly executed counterparts of all or any papers necessary to establish effective commitment of any tract to this agreement unless objection to such joinder is duly made within 60 days by the Supervisor.
- 29. COUNTERPARTS. This agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts no one of which needs to be executed by all parties or may be ratified or consented to by separate instrument in writing specifically referring hereto and shall be binding upon all those parties who have executed such a counterpart, ratification, or consent hereto with the same force and effect as if all such parties had signed the same document and regardless of whether or not it is executed by all other parties owning or claiming an interest in the lands within the abovedescribed unit area.

30. SURRENDER. Nothing in this agreement shall prohibit the exercise by any working interest owner of the right to surrender vested in such party in any lease, sub-lease, or operating agreement as to all or any part of the lands covered thereby, provided that each party who will or might acquire such working interest by such surrender or by forfeiture as hereafter set forth, is bound by the terms of this agreement.

 If as a result of any such surrender, the working interest rights as to such lands become vested in any party other than the fee owner of the unitized substances, said party shall forfeit such rights and no further benefits from operation hereunder as to said land shall accrue to such party, unless within ninety (90) days thereafter said party shall execute this agreement and the unit operating agreement as to the working interest acquired through such surrender, effective as though such land had remained continuously subject to this agreement and the unit operating agreement. And in the event such agreements are not so executed, the party next in the chain of title shall be and become the owner of such working interest at the end of such ninety (90) day period, with the same force and effect as though such working interest had been surrendered to such party.

If as the result of any such surrender or forfeiture the working interest rights as to such lands become vested in the fee owner of the unitized substances, such owner may:

- 24 (1) Execute this agreement and the unit operating agreement as a 25 working interest owner, effective as though such land had remained 26 continuously subject to this agreement and the unit operating agreement.
 - (2) Again lease such lands but only under the condition that the holder of such lease shall within thirty (30) days after such lands are so leased execute this agreement and the unit operating agreement as to each participating area theretofore established hereunder, effective as though such land had remained continuously subject to this agreement and the unit operating agreement.
 - (3) Operate or provide for the operation of such land independently of this agreement as to any part thereof or any oil or gas deposits therein not then included within a participating area.

If the fee owner of the unitized substances does not execute this agreement and the unit operating agreement as a working interest owner or again lease such lands as above provided with respect to each existing participating area, within six (6) months after any such surrender or forfeiture, such fee owner shall be deemed to have waived the right to execute the unit operating agreement or lease such lands as to each such participating area, and to have agreed, in consideration for the compensation hereinafter provided, that operations hereunder as to any such participating area or areas shall not be affected by such surrender.

For any period the working interest in any lands are not expressly committed to the unit operating agreement as the result of any such surrender or forfeiture, the benefits and obligations of operations accruing to such lands under this agreement and the unit operating agreement shall be shared by the remaining owners of unitized working interests in accordance with their respective participating working interest ownerships in any such participating area or areas, and such owners of

working interests shall compensate the fee owner of unitized substances in such lands by paying sums equal to the rentals, minimum royalties, and royalties applicable to such lands under the lease in effect when the lands were unitized, as to such participating area or areas.

Upon commitment of a working interest to this agreement and the unit operating agreement as provided in this section, an appropriate accounting and settlement shall be made, to reflect the retroactive effect of the commitment, for all benefits accruing to or payments and expenditures made or incurred on behalf of such surrendered working interest during the period between the date of surrender and the date of recommitment, and payment of any moneys found to be owing by such an accounting shall be made as between the parties then signatory to the unit operating agreement and this agreement within thirty (30) days after the recommitment. The right to become a party to this agreement and the unit operating agreement as a working interest owner by reason of a surrender or forfeiture as provided in this section shall not be defeated by the nonexistence of a unit operating agreement and in the event no unit operating agreement is in existence and a mutually acceptable agreement between the proper parties thereto cannot be consummated, the Supervisor may prescribe such reasonable and equitable agreement as he deems warranted under the circumstances.

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit the right of joinder or subsequent joinder to this agreement as provided elsewhere in this agreement. The exercise of any right vested in a working interest owner to reassign such working interest to the party from whom obtained shall be subject to the same conditions as set forth in this section in regard to the exercise of a right to surrender.

- 31. TAXES. The working interest owners shall render and pay for their account and the account of the royalty owners all valid taxes on or measured by the unitized substances in and under or that may be produced, gathered and sold from the land subject to this contract after the effective date of this agreement, or upon the proceeds or net proceeds derived therefrom. The working interest owners on each tract shall and may charge the proper proportion of said taxes to the royalty owners having interests in said tract, and may currently retain and deduct sufficient of the unitized substances or derivative products, or net proceeds thereof from the allocated share of each royalty owner to secure reimbursement for the taxes so paid. No such taxes shall be charged to the United States or the State of New Mexico or to any lessor who has a contract with his lessee which requires the lessee to pay such taxes.
- 32. NO PARTNERSHIP. It is expressly agreed that the relation of the parties hereto is that of independent contractors and nothing in this agreement contained, expressed or implied, nor any operations conducted hereunder, shall create or be deemed to have created a partnership or association between the parties hereto or any of them.
- 33. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT SPECIAL STIPULATIONS. Nothing in this agreement shall modify or change any special federal stipulations relating to surface management, surface disturbances, or cultural resources attached to and made a part of any oil and gas lease covering lands within the Unit Area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed and have set opposite their respective names the date of execution.

Date of S:	ignature and Address
(Date)	11-17-77
(Address)	P. O. Box 1150 Midland, Texas 79702
ATTEST:	. / 1
	Assistant Secretary

UNIT OPERATOR AND WORKING INTEREST OWNER GULF OIL CORPORATION

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WORKING INTEREST OWNERS

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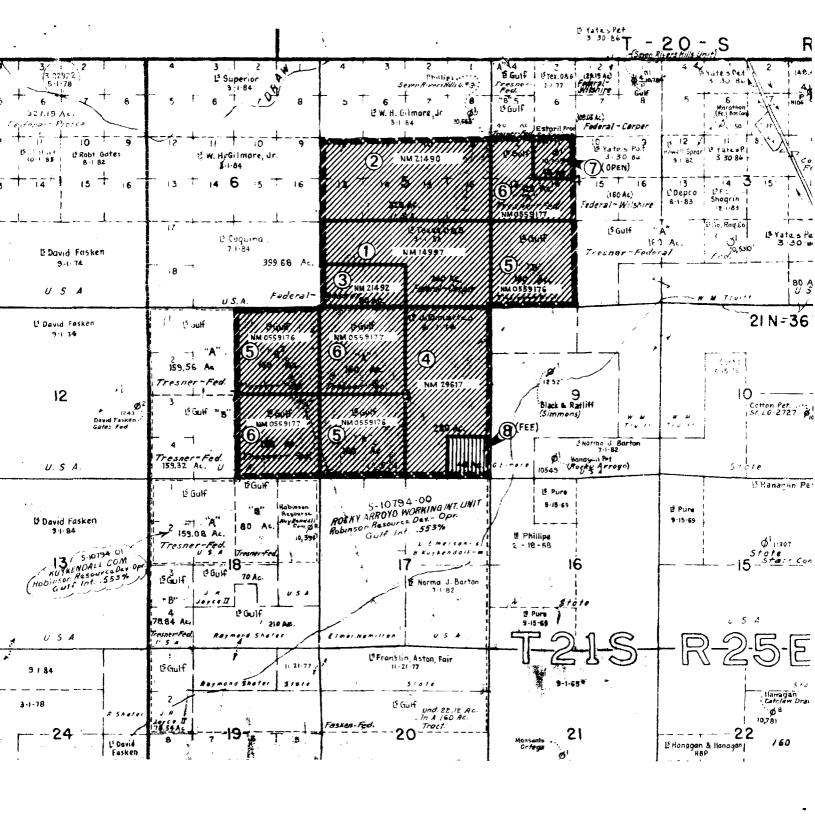


Exhibit A

NOPAL DRAW UNIT AREA Eddy County, New Mexico

Tract Numbers Legend 1. NM 14997 🗪 Unit Outline Area 2. NM 21490 3. NM 21492 Federal Lands -4. NM 29617 1,880 Acres 5. NM 0559176 97.9167% Unit Area 6. NM 0559177 7. Open KGS Fee -8. Fee (Yates Petroleum) 40 Acres 2.0833% Unit Area

EXHIBIT "A" NOPAL DRAW UNIT

UNIT AREA DESCRIPTION

T-21-S, R-25-E, N.M.P.M.

Section 4: Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, and SW/4
Section 5: South 2/3
Section 7: E/2
Section 8: All

Containing 1920.00 acres, more or less, Eddy County, New Mexico.

EXHIBIT "B"

SCHEDULE OF LANDS AND LEASES

NOPAL DRAW UNIT

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T-21-S, R-25-E Sec 7: NE/4, Sec 8: SW/4, Sec 4: SW/4 of South 640	Sec 8: NE/4, N/2 SE/4, SW/4 SE/4	T-21-S, R-25-E Sec 5: S/2 SW/4 of South 640 T-21-S, R-25-E	T-21-S, R-25-E Sec 5: Lots 9 thru 16	T-21-S, R-25-E Sec 5: SE/4, N/2 SW/4 of South 640	Description
480	280	80	320	240	Acres
NM-0559176	NM-29617	NM-21492	NM-21490	NM-14997	EDDY OC Serial No. and Expiration Date
12.5% U.S.A.	12.5% U.S.A.	12.5% U.S.A.	12.5% U.S.A.	12.5% U.S.A.	COUNTY, NEW MEXICO Basic Royalty and Percentage
Gulf Oil Corporatio	RRDC 100%	Coquina Oil Corp. 100%	W. H. Gilmore 75% Gulf 12.5% RRDC 6.25% Roy L. McKay 6.25%	Texas Oil & Gas Corporation 100%	Lessee of Record and Percentage
Gulf Oil Corporation James L. Harden 4% 100% Gerlad T. Tresner 1%	John DiMatteo 4%	Dean A. Chase 5%	None	John B. Vreeland 4.5% Sherman & Jon Nelson .5%	Overriding Royalty and Percentage
James L. Harden 4% NE/4 Sec 7 & SW/4 Gerlad T. Tresner 1% Sec 8, Gulf 55.30000% RRDC 38.01951% Yates 1.90865% Holly & RS 4.77184% SW/4 Sec 4, Gulf 100%	REDC 100%	Coquina 100%	Gilmore 75% Gulf 12.5% RRDC 6.25% McKay 6.25%	7% Texas Oil & Gas 1 Corporation 100%	Working Interest and Percentage

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TOTAL: 40 Acres Fee Land	T-21-S, R-25-E Sec 8: SE/4 SE/4	1,880 Acres Federal Land	T-21-S, R-25-E Sec 4: NE/4 NW/4 of the South 640	T-21-S, R-25-E Sec 7: SE/4, Sec 8: NW/4 Sec 4: NW/4 NW/4, S/2 NW/4 of South 640
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	Yates Petroleum ux Corporation 100%			Gulf Oil Corporation 100%
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RECAPITULATION

Total	Fee Lands	Federal Lands
1,920	40	1,880
100.00000% of Unit Area	2.08333% of Unit Area	97.91667% of Unit Area