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# OPERATING AGREEMENT

DATED

April 17 , 19 89 ,

OPERATOR \_\_\_\_\_\_ BP EXPLORATION INC, formerly Sohio Petroleum Company

CONTRACT AREA Lots 3 and 4, E1/2 SW1/4 of Section 30,

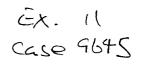
Township 17 South, Range 38 East N.M.P.M.

COUNTY OR PARISH OF \_\_\_\_\_ LEA \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OF \_\_\_\_ NEW MEXICO

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## III. OVERHEAD

### **Overhead - Drilling and Producing Operations**

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

(X) Fixed Rate Basis, Paragraph 1A, or

( ) Percentage Basis, Paragraph 1B

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, such charge shall be in lieu of costs and expenses of all offices and salaries or wages plus applicable burdens and expenses of all personnel, except those directly chargeable under Paragraph 3A, Section II. The cost and expense of services from outside sources in connection with matters of taxation, traffic, accounting or matters before or involving governmental agencies shall be considered as included in the overhead rates provided for in the above selected Paragraph of this Section III unless such cost and expense are agreed to by the Parties as a direct charge to the Joint Account.

ii. The salaries, wages and Personal Expenses of Technical Employees and/or the cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly employed on the Joint Property:

( ) shall be covered by the overhead rates, or

(X) shall not be covered by the overhead rates.

iii. The salaries, wages and Personal Expenses of Technical Employees and/or costs of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel either temporarily or permanently assigned to and directly employed in the operation of the Joint Property:

( ) shall be covered by the overhead rates. or

- (x) shall not be covered by the overhead rates.
- A. Overhead Fixed Rate Basis
  - (1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates per well per month:

Drilling Well Rate \$ 5700.00 (Prorated for less than a full month) Producing Well Rate \$ 570.00

- (2) Application of Overhead Fixed Rate Basis shall be as follows:
  - (a) Drilling Well Rate
    - (1) Charges for drilling wells shall begin on the date the well is spudded and terminate on the date the drilling rig, completion rig, or other units used in completion of the well is released, whichever is later, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling or completion operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive calendar days.
    - (2) Charges for wells undergoing any type of workover or recompletion for a period of five (5) consecutive work days or more shall be made at the drilling well rate. Such charges shall be applied for the period from date workover operations, with rig or other units used in workover, commence through date of rig or other unit release, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive calendar days.
  - (b) Producing Well Rates
    - (1) An active well either produced or injected into for any portion of the month shall be considered as a onewell charge for the entire month.
    - (2) Each active completion in a multi-completed well in which production is not commingled down hole shall be considered as a one-well charge providing each completion is considered a separate well by the governing regulatory authority.
    - (3) An inactive gas well shut in because of overproduction or failure of purchaser to take the production shall be considered as a one-well charge providing the gas well is directly connected to a permanent sales outlet.
    - (4) A one-well charge shall be made for the month in which plugging and abandonment operations are completed on any well. This one-well charge shall be made whether or not the well has produced except when drilling well rate applies
    - (5) All other inactive wells uncluding but not limited to inactive wells covered by unit allowable, lease allowable, transferred allowable, etc.) shall not qualify for an overhead charge.
- (3) The well rates shall be adjusted as of the first day of April each year following the effective date of the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached. The adjustment shall be computed by multiplying the rate currently in use by the percentage increase or decrease in the average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Production Workers for the last calendar year compared to the calendar year preceding as shown by the index of average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Production Workers as published by the United States Department of Labor. Burear of Labor Statistics, or the equivalent Canadian index as published by Statistics Canada, as applicable. The adjusted rates shall be the rates currently in use, plus or minus the computed adjustment.

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# ARTICLE XVI. MISCELLANEOUS This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original for all purposes. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 17th day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ April \_\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_89 \_\_\_. OPERATOR BP EXPLORATION INC., formerly Sohio Petroleum Company By: Brown, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact NON-OPERATORS YATES PETROLEUM CORP. DAVID PETROLEUM CORP. By: By: President Edward K. David, SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P. EOLIN R. MCMILLAN & KAY MCMILLAN HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY <u>By:</u> George M. Yates, President SPIRAL INC. By: George M.Yates, Vice-President EXPLORERS PETROLEUM CORP. By: George M.Yates, President YATES ENERGY CORP. By: Fred G.Yates, President

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COUNTY OF HARRIS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>17th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 1989 by T. R. Brown, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact of BP EXPLORATION INC., formerly SOHIO PETROLEUM COMPANY, A Delaware corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss. COUNTY OF CHAVES

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 57 day of 744, 1989 by Edward K. David, President of DAVID PETROLEUM CORP., a Texas forporation, on behalf of said corporation.

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My commission expires: 11-29 -92

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ss. COUNTY OF CHAVES

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 57  $M_{A}$ , 1989 by COLIN R. MCMILLAN AND WIFE, KAY MCMILLAN. da y of

My commission expires:

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11-29-92

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SS. COUNTY OF CHAVES

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day , 1989 by George M. Yates, President of HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY of a New Mexico corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My commission expires:

Notary Public

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## EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement dated April 17, 1989, between BP Exploration Inc., Operator and David Petroleum Corporation, et al as Non-operators.

# CONTRACT AREA:

The Contract Area shall be the following described lands situated in Lea County, New Mexico.

Township 17 South, Range 38 East Section 30: Lots 3 & 4, E/2 SW/4 Containing 155.56 acres, more or less.

# WORKING INTEREST AND ADDRESSES OF PARTIES:

*BP Exploration Inc. P. O. Box 4587 Houston, TX 77120	43.5204
*David Petroleum Corporation **116 W. First St. Roswell, New Mexico 88201	13.9535
*Colin R. McMillan **118 W. First St. Roswell, New Mexico 88201	16.5108
**Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South Fourth St. Artesia, New Mexico 88210	13.0561
Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L. P. 500 W. Illinois, Suite 500 Midland, Texas 75701	11.3967
Harvey E. Yates Company (HEYCO) P. O. Box 1933 Roswell, New Mexico 88202	.8916
Spiral, Inc. P. O. Box 1933 Roswell, New Mexico 88202	.1172
Explorer's Petroleum Corporation P. O. Box 1933 Roswell, New Mexico 88202	.1172
Yates Energy Corporation P. O. Box 2323	.4365
Roswell, New Mexico 88202	100.0000%

\*These Interests are subject to that certain Exploration Agreement dated October 15, 1988 between BP Exploration Inc., formerly Sohio Petroleum Company and David Petroleum Corporation and Colin R. McMillan.

\*\*These interests are subject to that certain Exploration Agreement dated December 20, 1988 between Yates Petroleum Corporation, David Petroleum Corporation and Colin R. McMillan.