

RATIFICATION AND JOINDER OF UNIT AGREEMENT  
AND  
UNIT OPERATING AGREEMENT

In consideration of the execution of the Unit Agreement for the Development and Operation of the PANTHER HILL UNIT AREA, County of State of New Mexico, dated April 20, , 19 87, in form approved on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior and the Commission of Public Lands, and in consideration of the execution or ratification by other working interest owners of the contemporary Unit Operating Agreement which relates to said Unit Agreement the undersigned hereby expressly ratifies, approves and adopts said Unit Agreement as fully as though the undersigned had executed the original agreement.

This Ratification and Joinder shall be effective as to the undersigned's interests in any lands and leases, or interests therein, and royalties presently held or which may arise under existing option agreements or other interests in unitized substances, covering the lands within the Unit Area in which the undersigned may be found to have an oil and gas interest.

This Ratification and Joinder of Unit Agreement shall be binding upon the undersigned, his, her or its heirs, devisees, executors, assigns or successors in interest

EXECUTED this 23rd day of April, 1987.

YATES DRILLING COMPANY

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Attest

TRACT(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
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By: Peyton Yates

Attorney-in-Fact

Address: 105 South Fourth Street

Artesia, New Mexico 88210

STATE OF NEW MEXICO     )  
                                      : ss  
COUNTY OF EDDY         )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 23rd day of April, 1987 by Peyton Yates, Attorney-in-Fact for YATES DRILLING COMPANY, a New Mexico corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My commission expires:  
March 1, 1990

Theresa A. Herrera  
Notary Public

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EXECUTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1987.

ABO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

By \_\_\_\_\_

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Attest \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 105 South Fourth Street

TRACT(S) \_\_\_\_\_

Artesia, New Mexico 88210

STATE OF NEW MEXICO     )  
                                      : ss  
COUNTY OF EDDY         )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1987 by John A. Yates, Attorney-in-Fact for ABO PETROLEUM CORPORATION, a New Mexico corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My commission expires:

March 1, 1990

Miriam S. Morrow  
Notary Public

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EXECUTED this 23rd day of April, 1987.

MYCO INDUSTRIES, INC.

By Frank W. Yates Jr. 90

Address: 105 South Fourth Street

Artesia, New Mexico 88210

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Attest

TRACT(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO     )  
                                      : ss  
COUNTY OF EDDY         )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 23rd day of April, 1987 by Frank W. Yates Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for MYCO INDUSTRIES, INC., a New Mexico corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My commission expires:  
March 1, 1990

Duane A. Shaw  
Notary Public

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EXECUTED this 23rd day of April, 1987.

ESTATE OF MARTIN YATES III  
LILLIE M. YATES

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Attest

TRACT(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Frank W. Yates Jr. 78  
Frank W. Yates, Jr., as Attorney-in-Fact  
for Lillie M. Yates, individually and,  
with S.P. Yates, Personal Representatives  
of the Estate of Martin Yates III.

Address: 105 South Fourth Street

Artesia, New Mexico 88210

STATE OF NEW MEXICO     )  
                                      : ss  
COUNTY OF EDDY         )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 23rd day of April, 1987 by Frank W. Yates Jr., as Attorney-in-Fact for Lillie M. Yates, individually and with S.P. Yates, Personal Representatives of the Estate of Martin Yates III.

My commission expires:  
March 1, 1990

William A. Korman  
Notary Public

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EXECUTED this 6th day of May, 1987.

ATTEST:

DEPCO, Inc.

Michael D. Shepard  
Michael D. Shepard, Secretary

By: C. D. Crump  
C. D. Crump, Vice President  
Address: 1000 Petroleum Building  
100 Sixteenth Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202

TRACT(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
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STATE OF COLORADO )  
COUNTY OF DENVER )

On this 6th day of May, 1986<sup>7</sup>, before me personally C. D. Crump, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that ~~(s)~~ he executed the same as his ~~her~~ free act and deed.

My Commission Expires:

September 16, 1988.

SEAL

Rosalynne I. Condos  
Notary Public  
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1000 Petroleum Building  
110 Sixteenth Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202

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EXECUTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1987.

[Signature]  
Attest

TRACT(S) 2

MARALO, Inc.

[Signature]  
MARY RALPH LOWE,  
Chairman of the Board &  
Chief Executive Officer

Address: 4600 Post Oak Place - Suite 307

Houston, Texas 77027

STATE OF Texas )

COUNTY OF Harris )

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1987, before me personally Mary Ralph Lowe to me know to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that (s)he executed the same as his/her free act and deed.

My Commission Expires:

8-13-88

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[Signature]  
Notary Public  
Darlene D. Whitaker

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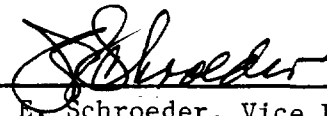
NICOR Exploration Company

Rebecca R. Strauss

Attest

Rebecca R. Strauss  
Assistant Secretary

TRACT(S) \_\_\_\_\_

J. E. Schroeder   
J. E. Schroeder, Vice President  
Address: 1667 Cole Blvd.

Golden, Colorado 80401

STATE OF COLORADO )

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON )

On this 20th day of May, 1987, before me personally J. E. Schroeder, Vice President of ~~NICOR Exploration Company~~ to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that (s)he executed the same as his/her free act and deed.

My Commission Expires:

2/23/88

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Judith A. Richmond  
Notary Public