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November 7, 2018

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
Attn: Heather Riley

RE: **Zia Hills BS/WC Unit Approvals**
Eddy & Lea Counties, New Mexico

Ms. Riley:

In accordance with OCD order R-20080, case number 16340, ConocoPhillips Company submits the following enclosures:

1. Bureau of Land Management approval of the Zia Hills BS/WC Unit
2. New Mexico State Land Office approval of the Zia Hills BS/WC Unit
3. An executed original version of the Zia Hills BS/WC Unit agreement

Please note that ConocoPhillips Company is the only working interest owner in the Zia Hills BS/WC Unit and therefore is the only signatory party. A copy of order R-20080 is also enclosed for reference. Please reach out to me at (281) 206-5651 or at hunter.a.smith@conocophillips.com if you have any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hunter Smith".

Hunter Smith
Landman



United States Department of the Interior



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 New Mexico State Office
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 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

NMNM 138329X
 3180 (NM920)

March 1, 2019

Reference:
 Zia Hills BS/WC Unit
 Lea and Eddy County, New Mexico
 Final Approval of Unit Agreement

Hunter Smith
 600 N. Dairy Ashford
 EC3-07-W336
 Houston, TX 77079-1175

Dear Hunter Smith:

The Zia Hills BS/WC Unit Agreement, Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico, is approved and effective on March 1, 2019. This agreement has been assigned No. NMNM 138329X.

The basic information is as follows:

1. The unit agreement submitted for the area designated shall provide for an initial three horizontal obligation well, the Zia Hills 19 112H and Zia Hills 20 105H to test the Wolfcamp formation and Zia Hills 25E 401H to test the Bone Spring formation, to be drilled in conformity with the terms of Section 9 of the Unit Agreement.
2. The unitized formation is from the top of the Bone Spring Formation to the bottom of the Wolfcamp Formation as defined in Section 3 of the Unit Agreement.
3. The unit embraces 13,383.35 acres, more or less, of which 12,605.23 acres (94.19%) is Federal.
4. The following Federal leases embrace lands within the unit area:

Tract No.	Serial Number	Description	Acres	Expiration Date
1	NMLC0064756	T. 26S, R. 31E NMPM	2,560.00	HBP
		Section 12: SW		
		Section 13: SE, W/2		
		Section 14: All		
		Section 23: All		
		Section 24: All		
2	*NMNM120904	T. 26S, R. 31E NMPM	160.00	HBP
		Section 13: NE		
3	*NMLC068282A	T. 26S, R. 31E NMPM	901.60	HBP
		Section 27: All		
		Section 35: All		
4	NMLC0068282B	T. 26S, R. 31E NMPM	900.80	HBP
		Section 25: All		
		Section 34: All		
5	NMLC0070869A	T. 26S, R. 31E NMPM	320.00	HBP
		Section 26: NW4, SE4		
6	*NMNM0392082A	T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM	160.49	HBP
		Section 07: E/2SW		
		Section 07: Lots 3,4		
7	NMNM120910	T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM	418.22	HBP
		Section 07: SE4		
		Section 31: All		
8	NMLC0062749C	T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM	722.00	HBP
		Section 17: N2NW		
		Section 18: All		
9	NMLC0062749B	T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM	321.45	HBP
		Section 19: NE, E2NW		
		Section 19: Lot 1,2		
10	NMLC0068281A	T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM	321.15	HBP
		Section 19: SE, E2SW		
		Section 19: Lot 3,4		
11	NMLC0068281B	T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM	1,841.48	HBP

		Section 17: NE, S/2NW, S2		
		Section 20: All		
		Section 30: All		
12	NMNM027508	T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM	1,440.00	HBP
		Section 26: NWNE, N2NW, SWNW.		
		Section 28: All		
		Section 29: All		
13	NMLC0071985	T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM	209.82	HBP
		Section 25: NENE		
		Section 27: SESE		
		Section 34: N2NE		
		Section 34: Lot 1-2		
14	NMNM027509	T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM	729.66	HBP
		Section 27: N2, N2S2, S2SW, SWSE		
		Section 34: N2NW		
		Section 34: Lot 3,4		
15	NMNM130738	T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM	258.92	HBP
		Section 33: All		
16	NMLC0069515	T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM	1,080.00	HBP
		Section 25: NWNE,S2N2,N2NW,S2;		
		Section 26: NENE,S2NE,SEW,S2;		
17	NMLC0068777	T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM	160.00	HBP
		Section 35: N2N2		
18	*NMNM 0002791A	T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM	99.64	HBP
		Section 35: Lots 1-4		
		Total Federal Acres	12,605.23	

* indicates committed leases to be considered for segregation pursuant to Section 17(g) of the unit agreement, Public Law 86-705, and 43 CFR 3107.3-2:

*NMNM120904 is held by production from one (1) producing wells on acreage outside the unit area:

Sumideros 12 WIPA Federal Com 2H (API: 30015450710000)

*NMLC068282A is held by production from five (5) producing wells inside the unit boundary:

Russell 35 Federal 1 (API: 30015058930000)
Russell 35 Federal 3 (API: 30015058920000)
Russell 35 Federal 4 (API: 30015058940000)
Russell 35 Federal 5 (API: 30015058950000)
Russell 35 Federal 6 (API: 3001526320000)

*NMNM0392082A is held by production from sixteen (16) producing wells outside the unit boundary: This is a non-contiguous lease. The producing wells are in Section 4 and 5, T. 26S, R. 32E NMPM.

Hallertau 4 Federal 04H (API: 30025404750000)
Hallertau 4 Federal 05H (API: 30025410620000)
Hallertau 4 Federal 06H (API: 30025416280000)
Hallertau 4 Federal 07H (API: 30025404760000)
Hallertau 4 Federal 08H (API: 30025404770000)
Hallertau 4 Federal 09H (API: 30025418780000)
Hallertau 5 Federal 10H (API: 30025433040000)
Hallertau 5 Federal 11H (API: 30025438860000)
Hallertau 5 Federal 16H (API: 30025438870000)
Hallertau 5 Federal 01H (API: 30025404360000)
Hallertau 5 Federal 03H (API: 30025404550000)
Hallertau 5 Federal 04H (API: 30025402540000)
Hallertau 5 Federal 05H (API: 30025426650000)
Hallertau 5 Federal 08H (API: 30025426660000)
Hallertau 5 Federal 09H (API: 30025433030000)
Union 'B' Federal 1 (API: 30025301070000)

*NMNM002791A (part of Secondary Recovery Unit NMNM070994X), is held by production from two (2) producing wells on acreage inside the unit area:

North El Mar Unit 59 (API: 30025253890000)
North El Mar Unit 69 (API: 30025253900000)

All lands and interests are fully, effective or partially committed. All parties owning interests within the unit were invited to join the unit agreement.

In view of the foregoing commitment status, effective control of operations within the unit area is assured. We are of the opinion that the agreement is necessary and advisable in the public interest and for the purpose of more properly conserving natural resources.

This unit provides for the drilling of obligation wells pursuant to Section 9 of the Unit Agreement. The obligation wells are considered a contractual commitment on the part of the Unit Operator. No extension of time will be granted to commence the obligation well other than "unavoidable delay" per Section 24 of the Unit Agreement, where justified. Any extension granted for "unavoidable delay" requires convincing written justification and documentation prior to the critical date, and is limited to 30 days with possible renewal for 30-day periods if the delay is extensive, with timely written documentation for each extension. The unit operator shall submit to the Authorized Officer an application for a participating area with sufficient technical



justification as soon as practicable upon completion of the obligation wells in their respective formations.

Any producible wells that exist in the unit area prior to unitization will not be recognized as unit wells until after an initial participating area is established based on the completion of a unit well capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities as defined in Section 9 of the agreement.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 3183.4(b) and Section 9 of the Unit Agreement, if the Public Interest Requirement is not fulfilled, the unit will be declared invalid, and no lease committed to this agreement shall receive the benefits of 43 CFR 3107.3-2 and 3107.4.

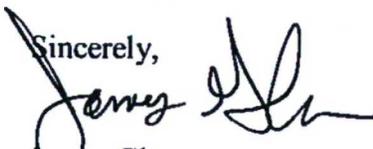
Approval of this agreement does not warrant or certify that the operator thereof and other holders of operating rights hold legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject leases which are committed hereto.

All unit wells shall be operated by the Unit Operator.

Copies of the approved agreement are being distributed to the appropriate Federal offices. You are requested to furnish all interested parties with appropriate evidence of this approval.

As provided in 43 CFR 3165.3(b), you may request an administrative review of this decision before the State Director. Per 43 CFR 3165.4, you may appeal any instructions, orders, or decisions issued by the BLM New Mexico State Office directly to the Interior Board of Land Appeals pursuant to the regulations found at 43 CFR 4. A copy of Form 1842-1, Information on Taking Appeals to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, is enclosed.

Sincerely,



James Glover
Supervisory Geologist

Enclosures
Zia Hills BS/WC Unit Certification Determination
Zia Hills BS/WC Unit Agreement
Zia Hills BS/WC Unit Agreement Exhibits A, B, and C
BLM Form 1842-1

cc: w/ enclosures:
NMP0220, C. Walls

cc w/o enclosures:
NM9200, J. Glover
NM9200, M. Dupre
ONRR, Denver (MS357B-1)



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6 November 2018

RE: Final Approval of Unit Agreement
Zia Hills Unit
Lea and Eddy Counties, New Mexico

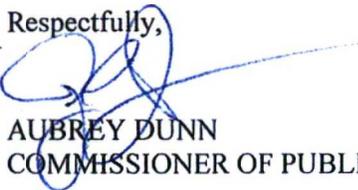
Dear Mr. Smith:

This office has received your letter of 22 October 2018 in which ConocoPhillips requested final approval for the Zia Hills Unit, Lea and Eddy Counties, New Mexico.

The New Mexico State Land Office has this date granted final approval for the Zia Hill BS/WC Unit Agreement NMNM 138329X. State Land Office approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Enclosed are five (5) Certificates of Approval.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance, please contact Acting Units Manager Stephen Wust at 505.827.5774.

Respectfully,


AUBREY DUNN
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

AD/sw

cc: NMOCD – Attn: Mr. Daniel Sanchez
RMD – Attn: Mr. Roddy Martinez
OGMD and Units Reader Files

NM State Land Office Post-Approval Checklist
For Zia Hills Unit

- Within six months after the effective date of the unit, spud the initial obligation well for the unit.
- Name all unit wells as “Zia Hills Unit” wells.
- After 6 months from first production of the initial well, submit to the Land Commissioner
 - A “paying quantities” determination request.
 - A unit plan of development.
 - Plans of development should include
 1. A section that outlines ongoing development and/or maintenance in 2019 (address new drilling, recompletions, workovers, P&As, and any other activities that may impact production);
 2. An aerial photo (preferred) or map that illustrates both current and planned infrastructure for the unit: well locations, tank batteries, gathering systems, and any other facilities that may impact the surface of New Mexico State Trust lands;
 3. A list of active wells in the unit with their API numbers; and
 4. Any additional information that may have relevance to our approval of the Plan.
 - File subsequent plans of development on a calendar year basis not later than March 1 each year.

NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ConocoPhillips Company
Zia Hills BS/WC UNIT AGREEMENT
Eddy and Lea Counties, NEW MEXICO

There having been presented to the undersigned Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico for examination, a Unit Agreement for the development and operation of acreage which is described within the referenced Agreement, dated June 6th, 2018, which said Agreement has been executed by parties owning and holding oil and gas leases and royalty interests in and under the property described, and upon examination of said Agreement, the Commissioner finds:

- (a) That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy in said area.
- (b) That under the proposed agreement, the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil or gas in place under its lands in the area.
- (c) That each beneficiary Institution of the State of New Mexico will receive its fair and equitable share of the recoverable oil and gas under its lands within the area.
- (d) That such agreement is in other respects for the best interests of the State, with respect to state lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me under Sections 19-10-45, 19-10-46, 19-10-47, New Mexico Statutes annotated, 1978 Compilation, I the undersigned Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico, do hereby consent to and approve the said Agreement, however, such consent and approval being limited and restricted to such lands within the Unit Area, which are effectively committed to the Unit Agreement as of this date, and further, that leases insofar as the lands covered thereby committed to this Unit Agreement shall be and the same are hereby amended to conform with the terms of such Unit Agreement, and said leases shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with the terms and conditions of said Agreement. This approval is subject to all of the provisions of the aforesaid statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Approval is executed, with seal affixed, this 6th Day of November, 2018.



COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS
Of the State of New Mexico

This is the model Form for an onshore unit agreement
for unproven areas as found in 43 CFR 3186, with
modifications currently being used.

UNIT AGREEMENT
FOR DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION
OF THE
ZIA HILLS BS/WC UNIT AREA
COUNTIES OF EDDY AND LEA
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
NO. NMNM 138329X

THIS AGREEMENT entered into as of the 6th day of June 2018, by and between the parties subscribing, ratifying or consenting hereto, and herein referred to as the "parties hereto,"

WITNESSETH:

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

WHEREAS, THE Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, 41 Stat. 437, as amended, 30 U.S.C. Sec. 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 under a 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

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico is authorized by an Act of the Legislature (Section 19-10-45, 46, 47 NM Statutes 1978 Annotated) to consent to or approve this agreement on behalf of the State of New Mexico, insofar as it covers and includes lands and mineral interest of the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Oil Conservation Division of the New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department, hereinafter referred to as "Division", is authorized by an act of the Legislature (Chapter 70 and 71, NM Statutes 1978 Annotated) to approve this agreement and the conservation provisions hereof; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto hold sufficient interests in the Zia Hills BS/WC Unit Area covering the land hereinafter described to give reasonably effective control of operations therein; and

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;

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:

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 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 13,383.35 acres, more or less.

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 lands in the unit area. However, nothing herein or in Exhibits "A" or "B" 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 the Exhibits as owned by such party. Exhibits "A" and "B" shall be revised by the Unit Operator whenever changes in the unit area or in the ownership interests in the individual tracts render such revision necessary, or when requested by the Authorized Officer, hereinafter referred to as "AO", or when requested by the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as "Land Commissioner", and not less than four (4) copies of the revised Exhibits shall be filed with the proper Bureau of Land Management office, and one (1) copy thereof shall be filed with the Land Commissioner.

The above-described unit area shall when practicable be expanded to include therein any additional lands or shall be contracted to exclude lands whenever such expansion or contraction is deemed to be necessary or advisable to conform with the purposes of this agreement. Such expansion or contraction shall be effected in the following manner:

(a) Unit Operator, on its own motion (after preliminary concurrence by the AO), or on demand of the AO, or the Land Commissioner (after preliminary concurrence by the AO and the Land Commissioner) shall prepare a notice of proposed expansion or contraction describing the contemplated changes in the boundaries of the unit area, the reasons therefore, any plans for additional drilling, and the proposed effective date of the expansion or contraction, preferably the first day of a month subsequent to the date of notice.

(b) Said notice shall be delivered to the proper Bureau of Land Management office and the Land Commissioner and copies thereof mailed to the last known address of each working

interest owner, lessee and lessor whose interests are affected, advising that 30 days will be allowed for submission to the Unit Operator of any objections.

(c) Upon expiration of the 30-day period provided in the preceding item (b) hereof, Unit Operator shall file with the AO and the Land Commissioner, evidence of mailing of the notice of expansion or contraction and a copy of any objections thereto which have been filed with the Unit Operator, together with an application in triplicate, for approval of such expansion or contraction and with appropriate joinders.

(d) After due consideration of all pertinent information, the expansion or contraction shall, upon approval by the AO and the Land Commissioner, become effective as of the date prescribed in the notice thereof or such other appropriate date.

(e) All legal subdivisions of lands (i.e., 40 acres by Government survey or its nearest lot or tract equivalent; in instances of irregular surveys, unusually large lots or tracts shall be considered in multiples of 40 acres or the nearest aliquot equivalent thereof), no parts of which are in or entitled to be in a participating area (as defined in Section 11) on or before the fifth anniversary of the effective date of the first initial participating area established under this unit agreement, shall be eliminated automatically from this agreement, effective of said fifth anniversary, and such lands shall no longer be a part of the unit area and shall no longer be subject to this agreement, unless diligent drilling operations under an approved plan of development are in progress on unitized lands on said fifth anniversary, 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. All legal subdivisions of lands not entitled to be in a participating area within 10 years after the effective date of the first initial participating area approved under this agreement shall be automatically eliminated from this agreement as of said tenth anniversary. 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 AO and the Land Commissioner and promptly notify all parties in interest. All lands reasonably proved productive of unitized substances in paying quantities and developed to the satisfaction of the AO and the Land Commissioner by diligent drilling operations under an approved plan of development after the aforesaid five-year period shall become participating in the same manner as during said first five-year period. However, when such diligent drilling operations cease, all nonparticipating lands not then entitled to be in a participating area shall be automatically eliminated effective as of the 91st day thereafter.

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. If conditions warrant extension of the 10-year period specified in this subsection, a single extension of not to exceed two years may be accomplished by consent of the owners of 90 percent of the working interest in the current nonparticipating unitized lands and the owners of 60 percent of the basic royalty interests (exclusive of the basic royalty interests of the United States) in nonparticipating unitized lands with approval of the AO, if on Federal land, and the Land Commissioner, if on state land, provided such extension application is submitted not later than 60 days prior to the expiration of said 10-year period.

3. UNITIZED LAND AND UNITIZED SUBSTANCES. All land now or hereafter committed to this agreement shall constitute 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 below the base of the Brushy Canyon formation at a measured depth of 7,678 feet down to the stratigraphic equivalent of to the top of the Cisco formation at a measured depth of 14,050 feet as encountered in the Stampede 27 1M (API #30-015-42118) and State ‘GR’ 1 (API #30-025-26785) are unitized under the terms of this agreement and herein are called “unitized substances.”

4. UNIT OPERATOR. CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY 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 only 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 six months after notice of intention to resign has been served by Unit Operator on all working interest owners, the AO, the Land Commissioner, and until all wells then drilled hereunder are placed in a satisfactory condition for suspension or abandonment, whichever is required by the AO, as to Federal lands, and the Land Commissioner, as to State, unless a new Unit Operator shall have been selected and approved and shall have taken over and assumed the duties and obligations 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 after 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.

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

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 AO and Land Commissioner.

The resignation or removal of Unit Operator under this agreement shall not terminate its right, title, or interest as the owner of 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 wells, equipment, materials, and appurtenances used in conducting the

unit operations to the new duly qualified successor Unit Operator or to the common agent, if no such new Unit Operator is selected to be used for the purpose of conducting unit operations hereunder. Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing removal of any material, equipment, or appurtenances needed for the preservation of any wells.

6. 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 according to their respective acreage interests in all unitized land shall, pursuant to Approval of the Parties requirements of the unit operating agreement, select a successor Unit Operator. Such selection shall not become effective until:

(a) a Unit Operator so selected shall accept in writing the duties and responsibilities of Unit Operator, and

(b) the selection shall have been approved by the AO and the Land Commissioner.

If no successor Unit Operator is selected and qualified as herein provided, the AO and the Land Commissioner at their election may declare this unit agreement terminated.

7. ACCOUNTING PROVISIONS AND UNIT OPERATION AGREEMENT. If the 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 agreement, and in case of any inconsistency or conflict between this agreement and the unit operating agreement, this agreement shall govern. Two copies of the unit operating agreement executed pursuant to this section shall be filed in the proper BLM office and one true copy with the Land Commissioner, 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 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.

9. DRILLING TO DISCOVERY. Within six (6) months after the effective date hereof, the Unit Operator shall commence to drill adequate test wells at locations approved by the AO, if on Federal land, or by the Land Commissioner, if on State land, unless on such effective date a well is being drilled in conformity with the terms hereof, and thereafter continue such drilling diligently until the Wolfcamp formation has been tested with two (2) one-mile horizontal wells and the Bone Springs formation has been tested with one (1) one-mile horizontal well as provided in Section 9a which can be produced in paying quantities (to wit: quantities sufficient to repay the costs of drilling, completing, and producing operations, with a reasonable profit) or the Unit Operator shall at any time establish to the satisfaction of the AO if on Federal land, or by the Land Commissioner, if on State land, that further drilling of said well would be unwarranted or impracticable. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit the right of the Unit Operator to resign as provided in Section 5, hereof, or as requiring Unit Operator to commence or continue any drilling during the period pending such resignation becoming effective in order to comply with the requirements of this section.

9a. Multiple well requirements. Notwithstanding anything in this unit agreement to the contrary, except Section 25, UNAVOIDABLE DELAY, three (3) wells shall be drilled with not more than six-months time elapsing between the completion of the first well and commencement of drilling operations for the second well and with not more than six-months time elapsing between completion of the second well and the commencement of drilling operations for the third well, regardless of whether a discovery has been made in any well drilled under this provision. Both the initial well and the second well must be drilled in compliance with the above specified formation or depth requirements in order to meet the dictates of this section; and the bottom-hole location of the second well must be located a minimum of one (1) mile from the bottom-hole location of the initial well in order to be accepted by the AO and Land Commissioner as the second unit test well, within the meaning of this section. The third test well shall be diligently drilled, at a location approved by the AO, if on Federal land, or by the Land Commissioner, if on State land, to test the Bone Spring formation with a one-mile horizontal lateral, and must be located a minimum of one (1) mile from both the initial and the second test wells. Nevertheless, in the event of the discovery of unitized substances in paying quantities by any well, this unit agreement shall not terminate for failure to complete the three-well program, but the unit area shall be contracted automatically, effective the first day of the month following the default, to eliminate by subdivisions (as defined in Section 2(e) hereof) all lands not then entitled to be in participating area.

Until the establishment of a participating area, the failure to commence a well subsequent to the drilling of those multiple wells, as provided for in this section, within the time allowed including any extension of time granted by the AO and the Land Commissioner, shall cause this agreement to terminate automatically. Upon failure to continue drilling diligently any well other than the obligation well(s) commenced hereunder, the AO and the Land Commissioner may, after 15-days notice to the Unit Operator, declare this unit agreement terminated. Failure to commence

drilling the first of the multiple obligation wells on time and to drill it diligently to test the Wolfcamp formation with a one-mile horizontal lateral shall result in the unit agreement approval being declared invalid ab initio by the AO and the Land Commissioner. In the case of multiple well requirements, failure to commence drilling the required multiple wells beyond the first well, and to drill them diligently, may result in the unit agreement approval being declared invalid ab initio by the AO and the Land Commissioner.

The AO and Land Commissioner may modify any of the drilling requirements of this section by granting reasonable extensions of time when, in their opinion, such action is warranted.

10. PLAN OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION. Within six months after completion of a well capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities, the Unit Operator shall submit for the approval of the AO (and the Land Commissioner and the Division insofar as it covers and includes lands and mineral interest of the State of New Mexico), an acceptable plan of development and operation for the unitized land which, when approved by the AO and the Land Commissioner, shall satisfy the AO and the Land Commissioner and constitute the further drilling and development obligations of the Unit Operator under this agreement for a period of twelve (12) months. Thereafter, before the expiration of any existing plan, the Unit Operator shall submit for the approval of the AO, the Land Commissioner and the Division, a plan for an additional 12-month period for the development and operation of the unitized land. Subsequent plans should be filed on a calendar-year basis not later than March 1 of each year. Any proposed modification or addition to the existing plan should be filed as a supplement to the plan.

Any plan submitted pursuant to this section shall provide for the timely exploration of the unitized area, and for the diligent drilling necessary for determination of the area or areas capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities in each and every productive formation and developed to the satisfaction of the AO, the Land Commissioner and the Division. This plan shall be as complete and adequate as the AO and the Land Commissioner may determine to be necessary for timely development and proper conservation of the oil and gas resources in the unitized area and shall:

(a) Specify the number and locations of any wells to be drilled and the proposed order and time for such drilling; and

(b) Provide a summary of operations and production for the previous year.

Plans shall be modified or supplemented when necessary to meet changed conditions or to protect the interests of all parties to this agreement. Reasonable diligence shall be exercised in complying with the obligations of the approved plan of development and operation. The AO and the Land Commissioner are authorized to grant a reasonable extension of the six-month period herein prescribed for submission of the initial plan of development and operation where such action is justified because of unusual conditions or circumstances.

After completion of a well capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities, no further wells, except such as may be necessary to afford protection against operations not under

this agreement and such as may be specifically approved by the AO and the Land Commissioner , shall be drilled except in accordance with an approved plan of development and operation.

Failure to timely submit an acceptable plan of development that provides for the diligent drilling of the unit area in accordance with this section shall cause those lands in a participating area not developed to the satisfaction of the AO and the Land Commissioner by a prior approved plan of development to be eliminated from the participating area pursuant to the provisions of Section 11.

11. PARTICIPATION AFTER DISCOVERY. Determination as to whether a well completed within the Unit Area prior to the effective date of this agreement is capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities shall be deferred until the initial participating area is established as the result of the completion for production in paying quantities of the obligation wells in accordance with Section 9 of this Agreement.

Upon completion of the obligation wells, designated in Section 9 of the Unit Agreement, as capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities, or as soon thereafter as required by the AO and the Land Commissioner, the Unit Operator shall submit for approval by the AO and the Land Commissioner, a schedule, based on subdivision of the public land survey or aliquot parts thereof, of all land then regarded as reasonably proved to be productive of unitized substances in paying quantities. These lands shall constitute a participating area on approval of the AO, and the Land Commissioner , effective as of the date of completion of such well or the effective date of this unit agreement, whichever is later. The acreages of both Federal and non-Federal lands shall be based upon appropriate computations from the courses and distances shown on the last approved public land survey as of the effective date of each initial participating area. The schedule shall also set forth the percentage of unitized substances to be allocated, as provided in Section 12, to each committed tract in the participating area so established, and shall govern the allocation of production commencing with the effective date of the participating area. A different participating area shall be established for each separate pool or deposit of unitized substances or for any group thereof which is produced as a single pool or zone, and any two or more participating areas so established may be combined into one, on approval of the AO and the Land Commissioner. When production from two or more participating areas is subsequently found to be from a common pool or deposit, the participating areas shall be combined into one, effective as of such appropriate date as may be approved or prescribed by the AO and the Land Commissioner. The participating area or areas so established shall be revised annually, subject to the approval of the AO and the Land Commissioner, to include additional lands then regarded as reasonably proved to be productive of Unitized Substances in paying quantities and developed to the satisfaction of the AO and the Land Commissioner under an approved plan of development or which are necessary for unit operations; or to exclude lands then regarded as not reasonably proved to be productive of Unitized Substances in paying quantities or that are not developed to the satisfaction of the AO and the Land Commissioner under an approved plan of development, unless diligent drilling operations are underway in accordance with an existing approved plan of development as provided in Section 10. The schedule of allocation percentages shall be revised accordingly. The effective date of any revision shall be the first of the month in which the knowledge or information is obtained on which such revision is predicated; provided however, that a more appropriate effective date may be used if justified by Unit Operator and approved by the AO and the Land Commissioner. No land shall

be excluded from a participating area on account of depletion of its unitized substances, except that any participating area established under the provisions of this unit agreement shall terminate automatically whenever all completions in the formation on which the participating area is based are abandoned.

It is the intent of this section that a participating area shall represent the area known or reasonably proved to be productive of unitized substances in paying quantities or which are necessary for unit operations; 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.

In the absence of agreement at any time between the Unit Operator, the AO and the Land Commissioner as to the proper definition or redefinition of a participating area, or until a participating area has, or areas have, been established, the portion of all payments affected thereby shall, except royalty due the United States and the State of New Mexico, be impounded in a manner mutually acceptable to the owners of committed working interests. Royalties due the United States and the State of New Mexico shall be determined by the AO and State and the amount thereof shall be deposited, as directed by the AO and State, until a participating area is finally approved and then adjusted in accordance with a determination of the sum due as Federal or State royalty on the basis of such approved participating area.

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

12. ALLOCATION OF PRODUCTION. All unitized substances produced from a participating area established under this agreement, except any part thereof used in conformity with good operating practices within the unitized area for drilling, operating and other production or development purposes, for repressuring or recycling in accordance with a plan of development and operations that has been approved pursuant to Section 10, or unavoidably lost, shall be deemed to be produced equally on an acreage basis from the several tracts of unitized land and unleased Federal or State land, if any, included in the participating area established for such production. Each such tract 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 and unleased Federal or State land, if any, included in said participating area. There shall be allocated to the working interest owner(s) of each tract of unitized land in said participating area, in addition, such percentage of the production attributable to the unleased Federal and State land within the participating area as the number of acres of such unitized tract included in said participating area bears to the total acres of unitized land in said participating area, for the payment of the compensatory royalty specified in Section 17 of this agreement. 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, including compensatory royalty obligations under Section 17, shall be prescribed as set forth in the unit operating agreement or as otherwise mutually agreed by the affected parties. 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 the 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 the latter 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 such area was defined at the time that such transferred gas was finally produced and sold.

13. DEVELOPMENT OR OPERATION OF NONPARTICIPATING LAND OR FORMATIONS. Any operator may with the approval of the AO and the Land Commissioner, at such party's sole risk, costs, and expense, drill a well on the unitized land to test any formation provided the well is outside any participating area established for that formation, unless within 90 days of receipt of notice from said party of his intention to drill the well, the Unit Operator elects and commences to drill the well in a like manner as other wells are drilled by the Unit Operator under this agreement.

If any well drilled under this section by a non-unit operator results in production of unitized substances in paying quantities 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 terms of this agreement and the unit operating agreement.

If any well drilled under this section by a non-unit operator that obtains production in quantities insufficient to justify the inclusion of the land upon which such well is situated in a participating area, 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.

14. ROYALTY SETTLEMENT. The United States and any State and any royalty owner, who is entitled to take in kind a share of the substances now unitized hereunder shall be hereafter be entitled to the right to take in kind its share of the unitized substances, and Unit Operator, or the non-unit operator in the case of the operation of a well by a non-unit operator as herein provided for in special cases, shall make deliveries of such royalty share taken in kind in conformity with the applicable contracts, laws, and regulations. Settlement for royalty interest not taken in kind shall be made by an operator responsible therefore under existing contracts, laws and regulations, or by the Unit Operator on or before the last day of each month for unitized substances produced during the preceding calendar month; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall operate to relieve the responsible parties 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,

in conformity with a plan of development and operation pursuant to Section 10, a like amount of gas, after settlement as herein provided for any gas transferred from any other participating area and with appropriate deduction for loss from any cause, may be withdrawn from the formation into which the gas is introduced, royalty free as to dry gas, but not as to any products which may be extracted therefrom; provided that such withdrawal shall be at such time as may be provided in the approved plan of development and operation or as may otherwise be consented to by the AO, the Land Commissioner, and the Division 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 30 CFR Group 200 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 in Section 12 at the rates specified in the respective Federal leases, or at such other rate or rates as may be authorized by law or regulation and approved by the AO; 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 the appropriate parties under existing contracts, laws, and regulations, provided that nothing herein contained shall operate to relieve the responsible parties of the land from their respective obligations for the payment of any rental or minimum royalty 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.

Rentals on State of New Mexico lands subject to this agreement shall be paid at the rate specified in the respective leases.

With respect to any lease on non-Federal land containing provisions which would terminate such lease unless drilling operations are commenced upon the land covered thereby within the time therein specified or rentals are 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 until some portion of such land is included within a participating area.

16. CONSERVATION. Operations hereunder and production of unitized substances shall be conducted to provide for the most economical and efficient recovery of said substances without waste, as defined by or pursuant to State or Federal law or regulation.

17. DRAINAGE.

(a) The Unit Operator shall take such measures as the AO and the Land Commissioner deems appropriate and adequate to prevent drainage of unitized substances from unitized land by wells on land not subject to this agreement, which shall include the drilling of protective wells and

which may include the payment of a fair and reasonable compensatory royalty, as determined by the AO as to Federal leases and the Land Commissioner as to State leases.

(b) Whenever a participating area approved under Section 11 of this agreement contains unleased Federal lands, the value of 12-1/2 percent of the production that would be allocated to such Federal lands under Section 12 of this agreement, if such lands were leased, committed and entitled to participation, shall be payable as compensatory royalties to the Federal Government. Parties to this agreement holding working interests in committed leases within the applicable participating area shall be responsible for such compensatory royalty payment on the volume of production reallocated from the unleased Federal lands to their unitized tracts under Section 12. The value of such production subject to the payment of said royalties shall be determined pursuant to 30 CFR Part 206. Payment of compensatory royalties on the production reallocated from unleased Federal land to the committed tracts within the participating area shall fulfill the Federal royalty obligation for such production, and said production shall be subject to no further Federal royalty assessment under Section 14 of this agreement. Payment of compensatory royalties as provided herein shall accrue from the date the committed tracts in the participating area that includes unleased Federal lands receive a production allocation, and shall be due and payable monthly by the last day of the calendar month next following the calendar month of actual production. If leased Federal lands receiving a production allocation from the participating area become unleased, compensatory royalties shall accrue from the date the Federal lands become unleased. Payment due under this provision shall end when the unleased Federal tract is leased or when production of unitized substances ceases within the participating area and the participating area is terminated, whichever occurs first.

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 on 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, as to Federal leases, and the Land Commissioner, as to State leases, each 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 and State 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:

(a) 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 separately owned tract subject to this agreement, regardless of whether there is any development of any particular tract of this unit area.

(b) 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.

(c) Suspension of drilling or producing operations on all unitized lands pursuant to direction or consent of the AO and the Land Commissioner shall be deemed to constitute such suspension pursuant to such direction or consent as to each and every tract of unitized land. A suspension of drilling or producing operations limited to specified lands shall be applicable only to such lands.

(d) 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 and the State of New Mexico 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.

(e) Any 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 of unitized substances in paying quantities is established 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 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, as amended.

(f) 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.

(g) The segregation of any Federal lease committed to this agreement is governed by the following provision in the fourth paragraph of Sec. 17(m) of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended by the Act of September 2, 1960 (74 Stat. 781-784) (30 U.S.C. 226(m)):

“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: Provided, 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.”

If the public interest requirement is not satisfied, the segregation of a lease and/or extension of a lease pursuant to 43 CFR 3107.3-2 and 43 CFR 3107.4, respectively, shall not be effective.

(h) In the event the Initial Obligation Well is commenced prior to the expiration date of the shortest term State Lease within the Unit Area, any lease embracing lands of the State

of New Mexico which is made the subject to this agreement, shall continue in force beyond the term provided therein as to the lands committed hereto until the termination hereof.

(i) Any lease, embracing lands of the State of New Mexico, having only a portion of its lands committed hereto shall be segregated as to the portion committed and the portion not committed, and the provisions of such lease shall apply separately to such segregated portions commencing as of the effective date hereof; provided, however, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of this agreement to the contrary, such lease shall continue in full force and effect beyond the term provided therein as to all lands embraced in such lease, if oil or gas is being produced in paying quantities from some part of the lands embraced in such lease at the expiration of the fixed term of such lease; or if, at the expiration of the fixed term, the lessee or the Unit Operator is then engaged in bona fide drilling or reworking operations on some part of the lands embraced in such lease, then the same as to all lands embraced therein shall remain in full force and effect so long as such operations are being diligently prosecuted, and if they result in the production of oil or gas, said lease shall continue in full force and effect as to all the lands embraced therein, so long thereafter as oil or gas in paying quantities is being produced from any portion of said lands.

19. COVENANTS RUN WITH THE LAND. The covenants herein shall be construed to be covenants running with the land with respect to the interests 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.

20. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM. This agreement shall become effective upon approval by the AO and the Land Commissioner and shall automatically terminate five years from said effective date unless:

(a) Upon application by the Unit operator such date of expiration is extended by the AO and the Land Commissioner, or

(b) It is reasonably determined prior 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 this agreement on such ground is given by the Unit Operator to all parties in interest at their last known address, this agreement is terminated with approval of the AO and the Land Commissioner, or

(c) A valuable discovery of unitized substances in paying quantities has been made or accepted on unitized land during said initial term or any extension thereof, in which event this agreement shall remain in effect for such term and so long thereafter 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. Should production cease and diligent drilling

or reworking operations to restore production or new production are not in progress within 60 days and production is not restored or should new production not be obtained in paying quantities on committed lands within this unit area, this agreement will automatically terminate effective the last day of the month in which the last unitized production occurred, or

(d) It is voluntarily terminated as provided in this agreement. Except as noted herein, this agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the discovery of unitized substances which can be produced in paying quantities by not less than 75 per centum, on an acreage basis, of the working interest owners signatory hereto, with the approval of the AO and the Land Commissioner. The Unit Operator shall give notice of any such approval to all parties hereto. If the public interest requirement is not satisfied, the approval of this unit by the AO and the Land Commissioner shall be invalid.

21. RATE OF PROSPECTING, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION. The AO 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 are not fixed pursuant to Federal or State law, or do not conform to any Statewide voluntary conservation or allocation program which is established, recognized, and generally adhered to by the majority of operators in such State. The above authority is hereby limited to alteration or modifications which are in the public interest. The public interest to be served and the purpose thereof, must be stated in the order of alteration or modification. Without regard to the foregoing, the AO 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; provided, further, that no such alteration or modification shall be effective as to any land of the State of New Mexico, as to the rate of prospecting and developing in the absence of the specific written approval thereof by the Land Commissioner and also to any lands of the State of New Mexico.

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

22. APPEARANCES. The 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 the Land Commissioner, and to appeal from orders issued under the regulations of said Department or Land Commissioner, or to apply for relief from any of said regulations, or in any proceedings relative to operations before the Department or the Land Commissioner, or any other legally constituted authority; provided, however, that any other interested party shall also have the right at its 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 in writing and shall be personally delivered to the party or parties, or sent by postpaid registered or certified mail, to the last-known address of the party or parties.

24. NO WAIVER OF CERTAIN RIGHTS. Nothing contained in this agreement 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 where the 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 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 or equipment in the open market, or other matters beyond the reasonable control of the Unit Operator, whether similar to matters herein enumerated or not.

26. NONDISCRIMINATION. In connection with the performance of work under this agreement, the Unit Operator agrees to comply with all the provisions of section 202 (1) to (7) inclusive, of Executive Order 11246 (30 FR 12319), as amended, which are 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 to any royalty, working interest, or other interests subject thereto, payment or delivery on account thereof may be withheld without liability for interest until the dispute is finally settled; provided, that, as to as to Federal and State lands or leases, no payments of funds due the United States or the State of New Mexico should be withheld, but such funds shall be deposited as directed by the AO and such funds of the State of New Mexico shall be deposited as directed by the Land Commissioner, to be held as unearned money pending final settlement of the title dispute, and then applied 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.

28. NONJOINDER 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 the tract from this agreement by written notice delivered to the proper BLM office, the Land Commissioner, and the Unit Operator prior to the approval of this agreement by the AO and the Land Commissioner. Any oil or gas interests in lands within the unit area not committed hereto prior to 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 approval(s), if any, pertaining to such joinder, as may be provided for in the unit operating agreement. After final approval hereof, joinder by a nonworking 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 nonworking interest. A nonworking interest may not be committed to this unit agreement unless the corresponding working interest is committed hereto. Joinder to the unit agreement by a working interest owner, at any time, must be accompanied by appropriate joinder to the unit operating agreement, in order for the interest to be regarded as committed to this agreement. Except as may otherwise herein be provided, subsequent joinders to this agreement shall be effective as of the date of the filing with the AO and the Land Commissioner of duly executed counterparts of all or any papers necessary to establish effective commitment of any interest and/or tract to this agreement.

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 above-described 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 by any lease, sublease, 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 may forfeit such rights and further benefits from operations hereunder as to said land to the party next in the chain of title who shall be and become the owner of such working interest.

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

- (a) Accept those working interest rights subject to this agreement and the unit operating agreement; or
- (b) Lease the portion of such land as is included in a participating area established hereunder subject to this agreement and the unit operating agreement; or
- (c) Provide for the independent operation of any part of such land that is not then included within a participating area established hereunder.

If the fee owner of the unitized substances does not accept the working interest rights subject to this agreement and the unit operating agreement or lease such lands as above provided within six months after the surrendered or forfeited, working interest rights become vested in the fee owner; 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 the unitized working

interests in accordance with their respective working interest ownerships, 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.

An appropriate accounting and settlement shall be made for all benefits accruing to or payments and expenditures made or incurred on behalf of such surrendered or forfeited working interests subsequent to the date of surrender or forfeiture, and payment of any moneys found to be owing by such an accounting shall be made as between the parties within 30 days.

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 covered by this agreement after its effective date, or upon the proceeds derived therefrom. The working interest owners on each tract shall and may charge the proper proportion of said taxes to royalty owners having interests in said-tract, and may currently retain and deduct a sufficient amount 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 to 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 contained in this agreement, expressed or implied, nor any operations conducted hereunder, shall create or be deemed to have created a partnership association between the parties hereto or any of them.

34. SURFACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STIPULATIONS. Nothing in this agreement shall modify or change either the special Federal lease stipulations relating to surface management or such special Federal lease stipulations relating to surface and environmental protection, attached to and made a part of, Oil and Gas Leases covering lands within the Unit Area.

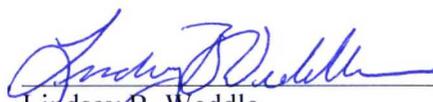
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed and have set opposite their respective names the date of execution.

ConocoPhillips Company
Unit Operator



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ConocoPhillips Company
Working Interest Owner



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