

Case No.

986

Application, Transcript,
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ALBUQUERQUE ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY

824 SIMMS BUILDING
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

November 26, 1955

DUDLEY CORNELL
PRESIDENT

Mr. W. C. Macey, Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Macey:

Enclosed herewith is Application by El Paso
Natural Gas Company and Albuquerque Associated Oil
Company for an unorthodox spacing unit in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and
the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5
West, in triplicate.

Very truly yours,



DUDLEY CORNELL, President

DC:vr
Encl

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

January 11, 1956

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Mr. Leo R. Daniel
El Paso Natural Gas Company
P.O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

We enclose a copy of Order R-737 issued December 29, 1955,
by the Oil Conservation Commission in Case 986, which was heard
on December 14th.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Macey
Secretary - Director

WBM:brp
Encl.

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Memo

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From

WWM

Re: Case # 986

To

JWG

Go ahead and write
order today approving
the 240 acre unorthodox
unit as applied for.

WWM

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE STATE, ETC.

The Applicant of El Paso Natural
Gas Company and Albuquerque
Associated Oil Co. Order Unit
Spacing Unit Consisting of NE 1/4
and N 1/2 SW 1/4 of Section 15, Twp.
28 North, Range 5 West, NMPM,
Order the Alternative, Gas Company
Communitization of the S 1/2 of
Section 15, Twp. 28 North,
Range 5 West, NMPM.

Order of the Commission

By the Commission:

This Cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock
A.M. on Dec. 14, 1955, at Santa Fe, New
Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission,
hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this — day of Dec. 1955, the
Commission, a quorum being present, having
considered the records and testimony adduced,
and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

1) That due notice of date, time and place
of hearing and the free pass to and from hearing
been given as required by law, the Commission
has jurisdiction of the cause and the subject thereof.

2. That the applicant El Paso Natural Gas Company is the present operator of the San Juan 28-5 Unit Agreement, located in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, said unit agreement having ^{heretofore} been duly approved by the USGS, the Commission of Public Lands of New Mexico and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission.
3. That applicant Albuquerque Associated Oil Co. is the present owner and holder of Federal Oil and Gas Lease Santa Fe 080516, which covers, among other lands, the SE/4 and the N/2 SW/4 of Sec. 15, Twp. 28 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, said lands being committed to said San Juan 28-5 unit.
4. That the owner ^{in fee simple} of the S/2 SW/4 of Sec. 15, Twp. 28 North, Range 5 West, NMPM is Manuel A. Trujillo of Lumberton, New Mexico; that said acreage has never been committed to the terms of the San Juan 28-5 Unit Agreement and Unit Operating Agreement, and that said owner has refused, and still does refuse to commit said acreage to the unit.
5. That the entire S/2 of Sec. 15, Twp. 28 North, Range 5 West was included in the Mesquite Participating Area as an intervening drilling block for said unit, effective Jan. 1, 1955, in accordance with Art. II, para. 3 of the said San Juan 28-5 Unit Agreement; that in accordance with the terms and provisions of said paragraph of the Unit Agreement, a well must be commenced on the intervening drilling block.

within one year from the effective date
of said District Block Allocation in the
Participating Area; that therefore Applicant
El Paso Natural Gas Co. must commence
a well in the S/4 of said Sec. 15
by Jan. 1, 1956, to be completed within the defined
limits of the Permian-Messanade Gas Pool.

6. That under the terms of ~~Executive~~ ^{Oil Conservation} Commission Order R-110 ~~is~~ ^{that} a well must be drilled on a drilling unit ~~of one-half of a~~ ^{consisting of} one-half of a governmental section in which unit all interests have been consolidated; that applicant El Paso Natural Gas Co. has made diligent efforts to reach some agreement with the said Manuel Trujillo whereby the ~~entire~~ ^{entire} S/2 of the said Sec. 15 could be dedicated to a well to be drilled by said applicant, in accordance with Order R-110; that such efforts have been ~~to no avail~~ unsuccessful.
7. That the said Manuel Trujillo has, through his attorney, specifically advised the Commission that he does not wish to ~~contest~~ ^{contest} the application of the two applicants in the case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the application of El Paso Natural Gas Co. and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company for an ^{and production unit} ~~unit~~ consisting of the SE/4 and N/2 SW/4 of Sec. 15, Township 28 T6th 5 West, NM.P.M., ~~situated~~ ^{located} in ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, is ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~land~~ ^{land} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~United~~ ^{United} ~~States~~ ^{States} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~America~~ ^{America} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Indian~~ ^{Indian} ~~Reservation~~ ^{Reservation} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~United~~ ^{United} ~~States~~ ^{States} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~America~~ ^{America} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Indian~~ ^{Indian} ~~Reservation~~ ^{Reservation} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~United~~ ^{United} ~~States~~ ^{States} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~America~~ ^{America} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Indian~~ ^{Indian} ~~Reservation~~ ^{Reservation} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~United~~ ^{United} ~~States~~ ^{States} ~~of~~ ^{of} 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- 2) That a spacing unit and formation unit
consisting of the ground surface is hereby
created.

DONE in T. S. F. etc.

TELEPHONES
OFF. 3-6387 & 3-8388
RES. 3-7248

E. P. RIPLEY
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
5432 EAST SAN FRANCISCO
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

December 10, 1955

Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Application for Approval of El Paso Natural
Gas and Albuquerque Associated Oil Co. to
Drill Non-Conforming Well in Section 15,
Twp. 28N R. 5W.

Gentlemen:

Mr. M. A. Trujillo, owner of the acreage involved in
the above matter has asked that I write you advising
that he does not propose to contest the application
of El Paso Natural Gas and Albuquerque Associated Oil
Company. This decision is without prejudice to Mr.
Trujillo's future rights.

Yours very truly,



EPR:rs

E. P. Ripley

cc: El Paso Natural Gas
Foster Morrell

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EL PASO
NATURAL GAS COMPANY AND ALBUQUERQUE
ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX
SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF THE SE/4 AND
THE N/2 SW/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 28
NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, N. M. P. M., OR IN THE
ALTERNATIVE, FOR COMPULSORY COMMUNITI-
ZATION OF THE S/2 OF SECTION 15, TOWN-
SHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, N.M.P.M.

CASE NO: 986

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your Applicant, El Paso Natural Gas Company, represents that it is a Delaware Corporation with a permit to do business in the State of New Mexico, and that it is the present operator of the San Juan 28-5 Unit Agreement, located in the Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, said unit having been approved by the United States Geological Survey, the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico and the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico, effective August 25, 1953, and bearing #14-08-C01-949.

Your Applicant, Albuquerque Associated Oil Company, represents that it is a New Mexico Corporation, and that it is the present owner and holder of Federal Oil and Gas Lease Santa Fe C80516, dated September 1, 1951, and issued to Alice Bolack, which covers among other lands, the SE/4 and the N/2 SW/4 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., and that said lands are committed to the San Juan 28-5 Unit.

Your Applicants further represent the following:

That Mr. Manuel A. Trujillo, whose address is Lumberton, New Mexico, is the present owner in the fee simple of the S/2 SW/4 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., and that said acreage has never been committed to the terms of the San Juan 28-5 Unit Agreement and Unit Operating Agreement, and said Manuel A. Trujillo has refused and still refuses to commit said acreage to the unit.

That the S/2 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., was included in the Mesaverde Participating Area as an intervening drilling block for said unit, effective January 1, 1955, in accordance with Article II, paragraph 3 of the San Juan 28-5 Unit Agreement. In accordance with the terms and provisions of said paragraph in the Unit Agreement, a well must be commenced on the intervening drilling block within one year from the effective date of said drilling block's inclusion in the Participating Area, unless said time be extended by the Director, Commissioner and Commission, and shall be continued with due diligence to a depth necessary to test the horizon from which production is secured in said Participating Area." Therefore, El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator, must commence a well on the S/2 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., by January 1, 1956.

That Mr. Manuel A. Trujillo has been personally contacted and has refused to join in and pay his proportionate share of the costs of a Mesaverde well to be located on the S/2 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., and your Applicant represents that it has made diligent effort to reach some agreement whereby the entire S/2 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., could be dedicated to a Mesaverde gas well in accordance with the provisions of Order #R-110, as promulgated by this Commission, but that such efforts have been to no avail, inasmuch as Mr. Manuel A. Trujillo refuses to join in the drilling of this well in any way.

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Respectfully submitted,

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

By _____
Vice President

ALBUQUERQUE ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY

New Mexico Oil & Gas Engineering Committee
P. O. Box 127
December 2, 1955
Hobbs, New Mexico

El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas

November 25, 1955

REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. E. P. Ripley
Attorney at Law
54½ East San Francisco St.
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ripley:

In accordance with the request of Mr. Foster Morrell, please find enclosed a copy of our Application for an Unorthodox Spacing Unit consisting of the SE/4 and the N/2 SW/4 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M. This Application has been filed with the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico.

It is our understanding that you desired a copy of this Application in your capacity as attorney for Mr. Manuel A. Trujillo, owner of the mineral estate under the S/2 SW/4 of Section 15.

Very truly yours,



T. W. Bittick
Area Landman
Lease Department

TWB:pb
Encl.

cc: Mr. Foster Morrell - encl.
P. O. Box 993
Roswell, New Mexico

Mr. W. B. Macey ✓
Oil Conservation Commission
of the State of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico

COPY

El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas

November 25, 1955

Mr. M. B. Macey, Secretary
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Post Office Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Macey:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of an Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company for an unorthodox spacing unit consisting of the SE/4 and the N/2 SW/4 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West. Foster Morrell has previously discussed this matter with you. The Application has been sent to Albuquerque Associated Oil Company with the request that it be forwarded to your immediately. We are sending this copy to you in the meantime in the hope that we can get this on the December docket inasmuch as we have an obligation to commence this well by January 1, 1956, and, of course, need the matter settled before that time. We would certainly appreciate your cooperation in attempting to expedite the notices in this case if possible to get it on the December docket.

The reason we are asking for an unorthodox spacing unit in preference to forced pooling is the fact that under an order granting forced pooling we will have to take the risk of obtaining commercial production and to initially advance all drilling costs. If we can obtain commercial production we can recover our drilling costs out of production, but with the payout of wells in the San Juan Basin our money is tied up for five or seven years with no return whatsoever on this money so tied up. We have in the past financed considerable drilling in the San Juan Basin with no return to El Paso except for the gas produced being available for our pipeline. Our Treasurer is getting concerned about the sums of money we have tied up in drilling costs which we are not sure when and if they will pay out and of the fact that we are receiving nothing whatsoever for the money so invested.

It is my thought that if an unorthodox spacing order is granted that the party left out of the proper 320 acre drilling tract will then usually adopt a different attitude and will take steps to see that his tract is properly committed in order to avoid being drained.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Hamblin
R. L. Hamblin, Manager
Lease Department

RLH:ha
Air Mail - Special Delivery

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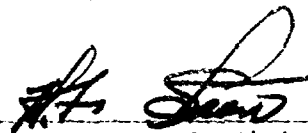
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Respectfully submitted,

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

By 
Vice President BCH
ALBUQUERQUE ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY

By 

BEFORE THE
Oil Conservation Commission
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO. 986

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

ADA DEARNLEY AND ASSOCIATES
COURT REPORTERS
605 SIMMS BUILDING
TELEPHONE 3-6691
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
December 14, 1955

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO. 986

Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company for approval of an unorthodox drilling and proration unit in the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, or in the alternative, an order compulsory pooling the acreage in question. Applicants, in the above-styled cause, request an order authorizing an unorthodox drilling and gas proration unit of 240 acres consisting of the following described acreage in Rio Arriba County: SE/4 and N/2 SW/4 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West. In the alternative, applicants request that the Commission enter an order pooling the S/2 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, containing 320 acres, into an orthodox drilling and proration unit. The above acreage lies within the boundaries of the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool and is also within the San Juan 28-5 Unit area heretofore approved by the Oil Conservation Commission.

BEFORE:

Honorable John F. Simms, Jr.,
Mr. E. S. (Johnny) Walker,
Mr. William B. Macey.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

MR. MACEY: The next case on the docket is Case 986.

MR. DANIEL: Leo R. Daniel, representing El Paso Natural Gas Company in Case 986. I will have two witnesses in this case, one being Mr. T. W. Bittick and the other Mr. Foster Morrell.

(Witness sworn.)

T. W. B I T T I C K,

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, testified as fol-

ADA DEARNLEY & ASSOCIATES
STENOGRAPHIC REPORTERS
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
TELEPHONE 3-6691

lows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. DANIEL:

Q State your name, please. A T. W. Bittick.

Q What is your address? A El Paso, Texas.

Q And for whom do you work?

A El Paso Natural Gas Company.

Q What capacity?

A Area land man for the San Juan Area, San Juan, New Mexico.

Q Does the 28-5 Unit fall within your scope of supervision with
El Paso Natural?

A Yes, sir.

Q Are you familiar with all the lands involved in this 28-5
Unit?

A Yes, sir.

Q Are you familiar with the S/2 of Section 15, which is in
Township 28 North, 5 West?

A Yes, sir.

Q And I will ask you, is that in the 28-5 Unit Area?

A Yes, sir, it is included in that area.

Q I hand you El Paso Natural Gas Company's Exhibit No. 1, and
ask you to describe what that is.

A It is a plat of the acreage included in the San Juan
28-5 Unit.

Q Was this particular plat prepared under your supervision?

A Yes, sir, it was.

Q And would you tell us in general what that plat shows?

A Well, specifically, the plat shows, colored in red, the

acreage which we propose as an unorthodox spacing Unit, it consists of the SE/4, N/2 of the SW/4, Section 15, Township 28, Range 5 West, and colored in blue is the S/2 of the NW/4 of Section 15, which we are seeking to exclude.

Q Are you familiar with the ownership of the S/2 of Section 15 there that you are looking at?

A Yes, sir, I am.

Q Would you tell us who, at the present time, in your mind, is the owner of the SE/4 and N/2 of the SW/4 of that section?

A That acreage is under federal lease, Albuquerque Associated Oil Company is the leasee and United States of America, Federal lease, Santa Fe 080516.

Q And is that particular area that we have just mentioned there, is that committed to the San Juan 28-5 Unit agreement?

A Yes, sir, it is.

Q Mr. Bittick, is the S/2 of Section 15 a proper drilling block under that particular unit agreement?

A Yes, sir, it is.

Q Would you classify, at the present time, that particular S/2 of Section 15 as an intervening drilling block?

A Yes, under the terms of the 28-5 unit agreement, the S/2 of Section 15 was, and designated as such in the participating area effective January 1, 1955.

Q Are you familiar with the ownership of the S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 15?

A Yes, sir.

Q Who owns that, in your opinion.

A According to the information available to us, it belongs to

Mr. Manuel Trujillo of Lumberton, New Mexico.

Q Has that acreage been committed to the San Juan 28-5 Unit agreement?

A It has not.

Q Would you define for the Commissioner here what we mean when we say intervening drilling block?

A Well, under the terms of the Unit agreement, the N/2 and S/2 of various sections are set up as the proper drilling blocks for Mesaverde wells, and they, as commercial well is completed, it is taken into the participating area for the Mesaverde Formation. At such time as you have a completed well, for instance, Section 14 in the S/2 and Section 16 in the S/2, under the terms of the Unit agreement, the intervening drilling block comes into the participating area the same date that the second commercial well is completed there.

Q At what time was this particular intervening drilling block brought into the Unit?

A January 1, 1955.

Q And as such, under the terms of the Unit agreement, when must a well be completed in that drilling block?

A January 1, 1956.

Q I would like to point out to the Commission that the San Juan 28-5 Unit agreement was approved by the Commission as well as the Commissioner; that is a copy of that that is on file with you all at this time, and just for matters of reference, I would like to pass copies of that particular Unit agreement among you, and Unit operating agreement itself.

Mr. Bittick, who is operator of that particular Unit 28-5?

A El Paso Natural Gas Company.

Q And, as such, are they obligated to drill this particular well that we are talking about?

A Yes, we are under the terms of the Unit agreement, the operating agreement.

Q And that has to be drilled by what date?

A January 1, 1956.

Q Has the S/2 of the SW/4 been committed to the Unit agreement?

A No, sir.

Q Actually, without the Commission's approval can such a well be commenced until the S/2 of the SW/4 has been committed to the intervening drilling block of the Unit agreement?

A Well, it cannot be commenced until the entire S/2 is dedicated to the well.

Q You are familiar with the application in this matter?

A Yes.

Q And you are familiar with the fact that Albuquerque Associated has joined with us in this?

A Yes, sir.

Q To your own knowledge, do you know whether or not Albuquerque Associated is ready, willing and able to put up their money in this well?

A Yes, sir, they are.

Q Have they consented to the drilling of this well?

A Yes, sir.

Q To your knowledge, has Mr. Manuel A. Trujillo, the owner of this, been contacted?

A Yes, sir.

Q By El Paso? Would you tell us what your knowledge is of that

contact?

A El Paso Natural Gas Company requested Mr. Foster Morrell to contact Mr. Trujillo and make an attempt to either lease the land or in some way get Mr. Trujillo's consent to drill the well and put up the necessary cost

Q Do you know what the outcome of that contact was, to your knowledge?

A The outcome was this application.

Q El Paso is just wondering where the money is coming from in this particular thing. Incidentally, we are interested in that. Did you, at the time you filed this application, was all of the working interest owners of this particular unit 28-5 contacted and asked whether or not they would concur in such an unorthodox drilling block, proration unit we have asked for?

A Yes, they were. Every working interest owner in the unit was contacted and we asked their concurrence in the matter.

Q How many working interests, approximately, owners are there in this unit?

A I don't know. Let me have that list there. There are about twenty working interest owners in this here.

Q Have any of those working interest owners concurred in this application?

A The working interest owners representing about the ownership of about eighty-five per cent of the acreage in the unit have concurred in our application.

Q Have there been any objections?

A No objections.

MR. DANIEL: I would like to submit to the Commission copies.

photos of letters of concurrence on the part of working interest owners that have been turned in. These are 34 sets, just for reference.

Q I will ask you, Mr. Bittick, if Mr. Trujillo does not commit his acreage to the Unit, and in the event the Commission sees fit to order a compulsory communitization of this S/2, would you tell me what difficulties would be inherent in such communitization agreement in obtaining it and expediting it?

A Due to the fact that the two hundred and forty acres owned by Albuquerque Associated Oil Company is included in the Unit, we feel that there are many legal problems which have not been settled as yet and that compulsory communitization would not settle them, and therefore we feel at this time, in all probability, for any type of communitization agreement, we would have to obtain the signatures of all working interest owners, royalty owners and overriding royalty owners. In other words, everyone who originally signed the agreement would have to concur.

Q That would be numerous people, I presume?

A Yes, it would.

Q To your knowledge, has El Paso, they have attempted to take a lease or obtain the joinder to this unit from Mr. Trujillo?

A Yes.

Q El Paso is still willing to take a lease on Mr. Trujillo's land at this time?

A Yes, sir, we are willing to lease it or have him lease it to anyone else as long as it is committed, and we can get the money for the well.

MR. DANIEL: We have no other questions at this time. I

would like to introduce into the record this El Paso Exhibit No. 1.

That is all the questions I have of this witness.

MR. MACEY: Without objection, the Exhibit will be received.
Are there any questions of the witness? No questions, the witness may be excused.

(Witness excused.)

MR. DANIEL: The next witness is Mr. Morrell.

F O S T E R M O R R E L L,

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. DANIEL:

Q You have already been sworn? A Yes, sir.

Q Would you give your full name, address and occupation?

A Foster Morrell, Petroleum Consultant, Roswell, New Mexico.

Q Mr. Morrell, have you ever been requested on the part of El Paso Natural Gas Company to contact Mr. Manuel A. Trujillo with regard to committing his acreage in the S/2 of the SW/4, Section 15, Township 28, North, Range 5 West?

A Yes.

Q Would you tell us in your own words there how this came about and the story involved with it?

A Early in September of this year, I was requested by El Paso Natural Gas Company to contact Mr. Manuel A. Trujillo, to obtain either for El Paso Natural Gas Company a lease and commitment to the San Juan 28-5 unit agreement or to encourage Mr. Trujillo to lease the land to others so that it might be committed to the unit or to have him join the unit as a working interest owner in order that the well

on the intervening block, as has been testified heretofore, could be drilled within the time specified. That is, it must be commenced under the terms of the unit agreement before January 1, 1956. Numerous attempts were made to contact Mr. Trujillo; being in Lumberton, it was very difficult. Attempts were made by phone, letters, telegrams, and through his attorney, Mr. E. P. Ripley, of Santa Fe, New Mexico. I was able to see Mr. Trujillo in October, but at the time we met in Mr. Ripley's office, Mr. Ripley had been, unfortunately, called away to Kansas on account of the death of his brother; Mr. Trujillo would not make any statements in the absence of his attorney. On November the 20th, I personally visited Mr. Trujillo at his home in Lumberton, I fully explained the situation as to the necessity for the drilling of the well in the S/2 of Section 15, 27 -- Township 28 North, Range 5 West, explaining definitely that it was desirable to have the 80 acres committed to the well, that he had the opportunity to either lease to El Paso, to others, or to join the unit as a working interest owner. No constructive action was taken by Mr. Trujillo and we were faced with the necessity of the application which is now before you and the Case 986, this application was also explained to Mr. Trujillo so that he would be aware of the action that would be necessary by El Paso Natural Gas Company after they had exhausted all other means at hand to permit the drilling. Subsequently, I explained the entire situation to Mr. Ripley and still no constructive action has been taken, and the well must be commenced pursuant to the terms of the unit.

Q Do you know of your own knowledge, Mr. Morrell, whether a well location has been made by El Paso in the S/2 of Section 15?

A It is my understanding that it was made in the NE/4 of the

SW/4 Section 15, and El Paso has been ready, willing, and able to commence the well since early in September this year.

Q Is El Paso, to your knowledge, still willing to lease this land or afford him an opportunity to come in before the well is drilled?

A That is my understanding.

Q Or in any way joining with us on that?

A That is correct.

Q In your opinion, could a well be drilled on and produced from an unorthodox drilling unit composed of the SE/4 and NE/4 of Section 15 without waste?

A It could.

MR. DANIEL: I have no further questions.

MR. MACEY: Does anyone else have a question of the witness?

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. KITTS:

Q Do you know of your own knowledge, Mr. Morrell, that Mr. Trujillo owns the area as shown on the map?

A It is my understanding that that is also Mr. Trujillo's, according to Mr. Ripley, his attorney.

Q He does not own any other land joining there?

A Not at this time.

MR. NUTTER: A reference has been to Mr. Trujillo as owner, and yet, it shows that in the Exhibit, that it is owned by Jose Prexides Trujillo.

A The reason that was that, he was assumed to be the land owner at the time the unit agreement was initiated in 1953, and a letter was so directed to Jose in Lumberton. Since that time, Jose has assigned the lease to Manuel, and the lease has had a quiet title suit.

decision finally rendered by the Supreme Court of New Mexico in favor of Manuel A. Trujillo, according to Mr. Ripley.

MR. KITTS: Mr. Morrell, in your conversation with Mr. Trujillo and Mr. Ripley, did either of them at any time indicate that Mr. Trujillo was going to reserve his right to drill separately on the tract? Was that mentioned?

A That was mentioned. He said, "I might," and that was all, but no constructive action has been taken.

MR. UTZ: Do you know the foot location of the proposed well in Section 15?

A I don't have personal knowledge of the footage description; I could guess with you.

MR. MANKIN: Has the location been approved by the Federal Government for a starting well?

A That, I am not in a position to state.

MR. MACEY: Does anyone else have a question of the witness?

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. MACEY:

Q Mr. Morrell, do you know why Mr. Trujillo, do you have any knowledge of why Mr. Trujillo refused to join the unit agreement or to put his acreage into it, dedicate it to the well?

A I have no specific knowledge; I have opinions.

Q Do you care to express them?

A Well, I think he wants to hold off for as much as he can get.

Q I would like to know, don't we all. I would like to know if Mr. Trujillo had dedicated his acreage to the unit, in other words, he signed a unit agreement, and El Paso went in and drilled a well, as they are required to do, what would be Mr. Trujillo's position in re-

gard to payment for that well as to whether he would have to pay cash for his share of the well?

A The provisions of the unit operating agreement are such that the unit operator can request the cash in advance, based on an estimate of the total cost of the well, and, under the circumstances, I imagine that that would be, it would be my opinion that that would be the procedure that El Paso would use. Mr. Trujillo, by joining the unit agreement and unit operating agreement as a working interest owner, would participate as of the first day of the calendar month following the filing of his joinder with the supervisor and the Commission.

Q What if Mr. Trujillo wasn't in financial position to pay for the approximate twenty thousand dollar cost of the well, if he had entered it, is there any terms, any provisions in there?

A I believe there are provisions for delayed payments plus six per cent interest. I might also clear one statement that was made that might be confusing to the Commission, that although the S/2 of Section 15 is an intervening drilling block, effective January 1, 1955, and as such, has had attributed to it a percentage of production from the unit, but, that allocation of production to the S/2 of 15 as the intervening drilling block is made only to the two hundred and forty acres that is committed to the unit agreement. In other words, there is no allocation under the unit agreement to the lands that are not committed to the unit agreement.

MR. MACEY: For the purpose of the record, I have a letter here addressed to the Oil Commission from Mr. E. P. Ripley, dated December 10, "regards to the application for approval of El Paso Natural Gas and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company to drill non-conforming

wells in Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West. Gentlemen:

Mr. M. A. Trujillo, owner of the acreage involved, asked that I write you advising that he does not propose to contest the application. This decision is without prejudice to Mr. Trujillo's future rights. Yours very truly, E. B. Ripley.

MR. DANIEL: I would like to clarify something with the witness here. Isn't Mr. Manuel A. Trujillo's interest in this land a mineral, rather than a lease hold interest?

A It is a mineral interest, this is fee land, that is correct.

MR. DANIEL: That is all.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q I don't know whether you stated or not, but what is the estimated cost of the well that is to be drilled?

A In this area, the rough estimate is \$80,000.

Q And Mr. Trujillo's land is 25%?

A One-fourth of it, and his share would be \$20,000, that is correct.

MR. MACEY: Does anyone else have a question of the witness? If not, the witness may be excused. Do you have anything further?

MR. DANIEL: That is all.

MR. MACEY: Nothing further, we will take the case under advisement.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I, THURMAN J. MOODY, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the

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foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Commission for the State of New Mexico, held on Wednesday, December 14, 1955, is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

WITNESS MY HAND, this, the 30th day of December, 1955.

Therman J. Moody
Court Reporter.

EXHIBIT "B" - SAN JUAN UNIT 28-5 - RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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FEDERAL LANDS

T. 28 N. R. 5 W.

1	Sec. 9: Lots 1,2,SE/4	2453.70	S.F. 079250	U.S.A. 12 1/2%	Gordon Simpson	H. K. Riddle	2.50%	Gas Rights before payout:
	SE/4,SW/4 SW/4		10-1-49			Virgil E. Riddle	2.50%	El Paso Natural Gas Co. All
	Sec. 10: Lots 1,2,3,4,		5 yrs.				5.00%	Oil Rights at all times:
	S/2 S/2							General American Oil Co. All
	Sec. 11: Lots 1,2,3,4,							Gas Rights after payout:
	S/2 S/2							El Paso Natural Gas Co. 3/4
	Sec. 12: Lot 4, SW/4 SW/4							General American Oil Co. 1/4
	Sec. 13: W/2 NW/4							
	Sec. 14: N/2							
	Sec. 15: N/2							
	Sec. 16: N/2							
	Sec. 17: N/2							
	Sec. 18: N/2							

2	Sec. 30: NE/4,N/2 S/2	320.00	S.F. 079472	U.S.A. 12 1/2%	Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation	Grace Kramer Ernest	2.00%	To Base of MV Formation
			9-1-48			Guy R. Campbell	1.00%	Pacific Northwest
			5 yrs.			The Fort Worth Nat. Bank, Exec and Trustee of the estate of R. S. Magruder, deceased, and Helen Magruder	2.00%	Pipeline Corp. All
							5.00%	Below Base of MV Formation
								Phillips Petroleum Co. All

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3	Sec. 24: Lot 1, NW/4 NE/4, N/2 NW/4	171.89	S.F. 079519 9-1-49 5 yrs.	U.S.A. 12 3/4 All	Frank Patania	
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Squire Production Co.	1.176%	M.A. Romero	12.5000%
Waymon Peavy	1.307%	Joe Quinn	5.2500%
Wm. G. Webb	.131%	Omega Quinn	3.9375%
	2.614%	Robert P. Tinnin	1.3125%
		N.B. Stern	10.5000%
		H.O. Pool	10.5000%

Evelyn Ellen Wallace & James Algernon Brown, Trustees under the Last Will and Testament of Algernon W. Brown, deceased, and Evelyn G. Brown & James Algernon Brown

Forrest B. Miller 10.5000%

W.E. Alsop 8.7500%

T.H. McElvain 17.5000%

J.R. Abercrombie 10.5000%

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Sec. 12: Lots 1,2,3,5, SW/4 SE/4, SE/4 SW/4	2395.61	S.F. 079519-A 9-1-49 5 yrs.	U.S.A. 12 3/4 All	W. H. Sparks	
Sec. 13: Lots 1,2,3,4, NE/4 NW/4					
Sec. 20: E/2					
Sec. 21: NW/4 NE/4, S/2 NE/4, N/2 SE/4, SE/4 SE/4, NW/4					
Sec. 22: E/2, S/2 NW/4, SW/4					
Sec. 23: All					

M.A. Romero	.547%	Gas Rights before payout:	
Joe Quinn	.230%	El Paso Natural Gas Co.	All
Omega Quinn	.193%	Oil Rights before payout:	
Robert P. Tinnin	.037%	General American Oil Co.	All
N.B. Stern	.459%	Gas Rights after payout:	
H.O. Pool	.459%	El Paso Natural Gas Company	56.25%
Evelyn Ellen Wallace & James Algernon Brown, Trustees under the Last Will and Testament of Algernon W. Brown, deceased, and Evelyn G. Brown & James Algernon Brown	.459%	General American Oil Co.	18.75%
		O.R.I. Owners in % shown	25.00%
		Oil Rights after payout:	
		General American Oil Co.	75.00%
		O.R.I. Owners in % shown	25.00%

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Forrest B. Miller .383%
W. E. Alsop .383%
T.H. McElvain .766%
J.R. Abercrombie .459%
4.375%

5 Sec. 24: Lots 2,3,4, SW/4 1156.47 S.F. 079520 U.S.A. 12 1/2% All Frank Patania
NE/4, S/2 NW/4, 10-1-48
W/2 SE/4, SW/4 5 yrs.

Squire Production Company 1.176%
Waymon Peavy 1.307%
Wm. G. Webb .131%
2.614%

M.A. Romero 12.5000%
Joe Quinn 5.2500%
Omega Quinn 3.9375%
Robert P. Tinnin 1.3125%
N.B. Stern 10.5000%
H.O. Pool 10.5000%
Evelyn Ellen Wallace & James Algernon Brown, Trustees under the Last Will & Testament of Algernon W. Brown, deceased and Evelyn G. Brown & James Algernon Brown 10.5000%
Forrest B. Miller 8.7500%
W. E. Alsop 8.7500%
T. H. McElvain 17.5000%
J.R. Abercrombie 10.5000%

6 Sec. 25: Lots 1,2,3,4, 1209.12 S.F. 079520-A U.S.A. 12 1/2% All W. H. Sparks
W/2 NE/4, NW/4, 10-1-48
W/2 SW/4, SW/4 SE/4 5 yrs.

M.A. Romero .547%
Joe Quinn .230%
Omega Quinn .193%
Robert P. Tinnin .037%
N.B. Stern .459%
H. O. Pool .459%

Gas Rights before payout:
El Paso Natural Gas Co. All
Oil Rights before payout:
General American Oil Co. All
Gas Rights after payout:
El Paso Natural Gas Co. 56.25%
General American Oil Co. 18.75%
O.R.I. Owners in %
shown 25.00%

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	<u>Oil Rights after payout:</u>	
	General American Oil	
	Co.	75.00%
	O.R.I. Owners in %	
	shown	25.00%

Squire Production Company	1.176	M.A. Romero	12.5000%
Waymon Peavy	1.307%	Joe Quinn	5.2500%
Wm. G. Webb	.131%	Omega Quinn	3.9375%
	<u>2.614%</u>	Robert P. Tinnin	1.3125%
		N. B. Stern	10.5000%

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T. H. McElvain	17.5000%
J. R. Abercrombie	10.5000%

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Working Interest Owner Under
Option Agreement, Operating
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						Forrest B. Miller .218%
						W. E. Alsop .218%
						T. H. McElvain .437%
						J. R. Abercrombie .263%
						<u>2.500%</u>

10	Sec. 21: NE/4 NE/4	40.00	NM 012880	U.S.A. 12 3/4 All	James B. Battle, Jr.	James B. Battle, Jr. 1.00%	El Paso Natural Gas Company All
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11	Sec. 30: NW/4	160.00	S.F. 080505 9-1-51 5 yrs.	U.S.A. 12 3/4 All	Thomas F. Harrington	Foster Morrell 5.00%	Thomas F. Harrington All
						Charles C. Harlan, Jr. 1.25%	

12	Sec. 19: SW/4	160.00	S.F. 080505-B 9-1-51 5 yrs.	U.S.A. 12 3/4 All	Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp.	Sam Dazzo 1.25%	To Base of MV Formation Pacific Northwest
						Thomas F. Harrington 1.25%	Pipeline Corp. All
						Guy R. Campbell .50%	Below Base of MV Formation
						Wilson Petroleum Company 1.00%	Phillips Petroleum Co. All
						<u>4.00%</u>	

13	Sec. 13: SW/4, W/2 E/2, SE/4 NW/4	600.00	S.F. 080516 9-1-51 5 yrs.	U.S.A. 12 3/4 All	Alice Bolack	None	Albuquerque Associated Oil Co. All
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14	Sec. 14: S/2 Sec. 16: S/2	640.00	S.F. 080516 9-1-51 5 yrs.	U.S.A. 12 3/4 All	Alice Bolack	Tom Bolack and Alice Bolack 5.00%	To Base of MV Formation El Paso Natural Gas Co. 1/2
							Tom & Alice Bolack 1/2
							Below Base of MV Formation
							Tom & Alice Bolack All

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15	Sec. 17: S/2 Sec. 18: SE/4, E/2 SW/4, NW/4 SW/4 Sec. 19: E/2, E/2 NW/4 Sec. 20: W/2	1320.00	S.F. 080516-A 9-1-51 5 yrs.	U.S.A. 12 3/4% All	Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp.	Alice Bolack 5.00%	To Base of MV Formation Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. All Below Base of MV Formation Phillips Petroleum Co. All
16	Sec. 7: Lots 1,2,3,4 S/2 S/2 Sec. 8: Lots 1,2,3,4, S/2 S/2	565.80	N.M. 010516 5-1-48 5 yrs.	U.S.A. 12 3/4% All	Gordon Simpson	Glen H. and Ruth Callow Arnold E. Carle H.K. Riddle 1.666667% 2.500000% .833333% 5.000000%	Gas Rights before payout: El Paso Natural Gas Co. All Oil Rights at all times: General American Oil Co. All Gas Rights after payout: El Paso Natural Gas Co. 3/4 General American Oil Co. 1/4

16 FEDERAL LAND TRACTS - 15,752.75 acres

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PATENTED LANDST. 28 N. R. 5 W.

17	Sec. 9: Lots 3,4, SE/4 SW/4, SW/4 SE/4	141.17	Agapita Gomez y Gomez John S. Matthews	8.333% 4.167%	Forrest B. Miller 2-7-47 10 yrs.	None	Forrest B. Miller	All
18	Sec. 15: S/2 SW/4 Sec. 22: N/2 NW/4	160.00	Jose Praxedes Trujillo				Unleased	
19	Sec. 18: SW/4 SW/4 Sec. 19: W/2 NW/4	120.00	Horace F. McKay, Jr.	12 3/4%	Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. 12-24-47 10 yrs.	None	To Base of MV Formation Pacific Northwest	All
20	Sec. 21: E/2 SW/4, NW/4 SW/4, SW/4 SE/4	160.00	Horace F. McKay, Jr.	12 3/4%	Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. 1-28-48 10 yrs.	None	To Base of MV Formation Pacific Northwest	All
21	Sec. 25: E/2 SW/4, NW/4 SE/4	120.00	Russell Ernest Arnold	12 3/4%	Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. 4-12-48 10 yrs.	None	To Base of MV Formation Pacific Northwest	All
22	Sec. 28: NE/4 NW/4, N/2 NE/4, SW/4 NE/4	160.00	Horace F. McKay, Jr.	12 3/4%	Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. 1-28-48 10 yrs.	None	To Base of MV Formation Pacific Northwest	All

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<u>Patented Lands (Continued)</u>						
<u>T. 28 N. R. 5 W.</u>						
23	Sec. 33: W/2 NE/4, E/2 NW/4	329.70	Joe Mangum (deceased)	Forrest B. Miller) 7-6-51) 5 yrs.) Forrest B. Miller) 6-30-51) 5 yrs.)	6.25% 6.25% None	Forrest B. Miller All
	Sec. 34: Lots 3, 4, N/2 SW/4		G. H. Lobato			
24	Sec. 34: Lot 1	296.06	Russell Ernest Arnold	Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp.	None	To Base of MV Formation Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. All
	Sec. 35: Lot 4, S/2 NE/4, NW/4 SE/4, N/2 SW/4			4-12-48 10 yrs.		Below Base of MV Formation Stanolind Oil & Gas Co. All
25	Sec. 35: NW/4	160.00	Russell Ernest Arnold	Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp.	None	To Base of MV Formation Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. All
				4-12-48 10 yrs.		Below Base of MV Formation Stanolind Oil & Gas Co. All

9 PATENTED LAND TRACTS - 1,646.93 acres

September 8, 1955

EXHIBIT "B"

San Juan 28-5 Unit Agreement

RECAPITULATION

	<u>Number of Tracts</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Federal Land	16	15,752.75	90.53
State Land	0	None	None
Patented Land	9	1,646.93	9.47
	<u>25</u>	<u>17,399.68</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

September 8, 1955

December 2, 1955

El Paso Natural Gas Company
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas

Attention: Mr. E. W. Eittick

Re: San Juan 28-5 Unit

Dear Mr. Eittick:

I have your letter of November 25, 1955 which was sent to Mr. W. E. Alsup. He has forwarded this letter to F. H. McElvain and me for handling. We have expressed our concurrence in the application for establishing an unorthodox spacing unit in the S/2 of Section 15, 28-N, 5-W.

Copy of your letter with the signature of W. E. Alsup thereon is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

Forrest B. Miller
Forrest B. Miller

FBM:fn

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El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas

November 25, 1935

Mr. W. E. Alsop
1247 Shafter Street
San Mateo, California

Re: San Juan 28-5 Unit

Dear Mr. Alsop:

As you are aware, the S/2 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, was included in the Reservoir Participating Area for the San Juan 28-5 Unit, effective January 1, 1935, and consequently a well was commenced on this intervening drilling block by January 1, 1935.

The S/2 SW/4 of Section 15 belongs to Mr. Manuel A. Trujillo, and has not been committed to the unit. Mr. Trujillo has refused to commit the acreage to the unit, and has also refused to pay his share of the costs of a well to be located on the S/2 of Section 15. El Paso Natural Gas Company, as Unit Operator, and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company, as the working interest owner under the remaining acreage in the S/2 of Section 15, have filed an application for an unorthodox spacing unit consisting of the SE/4 and the S/2 SW/4 of Section 15, with the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico, and in the alternative, have asked for forced pooling of the entire S/2 of Section 15. We anticipate this matter will come up for hearing before the Commission at the regular December hearing. We would like to request that you, as a working interest owner in the San Juan 28-5 Unit, address a letter to El Paso Natural Gas Company expressing your concurrence in the application by El Paso and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company, and your approval of the establishment of such unorthodox spacing unit.

Inasmuch as this matter should come up in December, we would very much appreciate your forwarding to us your letter of approval at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

T. W. Bittick

T. W. Bittick
Area Manager
Lease Department

TWB:pb

*If this is important
will you please answer for me*

I sign my name W. E. Alsop

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STANOLIND OIL AND GAS COMPANY

P. O. Box 115
Albuquerque, New Mexico
November 2, 1955

LEGAL
DEPARTMENT

Re: DE 20,102
San Juan 28-5 Unit
San Juan County
New Mexico

El Paso Natural Gas Company
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas

Attention: T. W. Rittick

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of November 25, 1955 requesting Stanolind, as a working interest owner in the San Juan 28-5 Unit, to express concurrence in the application by El Paso and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company for an unorthodox spacing unit consisting of SE/4 and N/2 SW/4 of Section 15-28N-5W.

You may consider this letter as evidence to the fact that Stanolind concurs in your request for the formation of said unorthodox spacing unit. Stanolind, however, specifically rejects joining in your request for forced pooling of the unleased tract owned by Manuel A. Trajillo, being the S/2 SW/4 Section 15-28N-5W.

We also wish to point out that Stanolind does not agree to share in any costs accruing from the formation of the unorthodox spacing unit inasmuch as Stanolind's working interest covers only the rights below the Mesaverde formation in the 28-5 Area. Working interest rights formerly owned by Stanolind in the 28-5 tract are now owned by Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation from the surface to the base of the Mesaverde formation, and Stanolind retained all rights below the base of the Mesaverde.

Yours very truly,

STANOLIND OIL AND GAS COMPANY

Ben H. Kees
Ben H. Kees
District Manager

JWD:lp

cc: Mr. D. B. Mason, Jr.
Attention: S. C. Holbing
Port Wash Office

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December 9, 1935

El Paso Natural Gas Company
Post Office Box 1492
El Paso, Texas

Gentlemen:

As a working interest owner in the San Juan 28-5 Unit, I wish to express my concurrence in the Application by El Paso Natural Gas Company and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company for an unorthodox spacing and gas production unit covering the SE/4 and the NW/4 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 East, N.M.P.M.

Very truly yours,


M. A. Ecker

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AMERICAN OIL COMPANY
605 CHINA BUILDING
EL PASO, TEXAS

November 27, 1935

Mr. T. W. Bittick
Area Landman
Lease Department
El Paso Natural Gas Company
El Paso, Texas

Re: San Juan 28-5 Unit

Dear Mr. Bittick:

I as working interest owner in the San Juan 28-5 Unit do hereby concur in the application of El Paso Natural Gas Company, as unit operator, and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company, as the working interest owner for an unorthodox spacing unit application for a well in the south half of section 15, township 23 north, range 5 west.

Very truly yours,

T. F. Harrington
T. F. Harrington

TFH:mla

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El Paso Natural Gas Company
Post Office Box 1492
El Paso, Texas

Re: San Juan 28-5 Unit
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

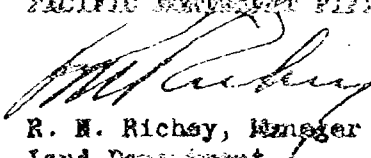
The S/2 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, was included as an intervening drilling block in the Participating Area Mesavada Formation for the San Juan 28-5 Unit effective January 1, 1955. Therefore, a well must be commenced on this drilling block by January 1, 1956.

You have advised us that Mr. Manuel A. Gujillo, owner of the mineral interest described as the S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, has refused to commit the acreage to the unit, and also refused to pay his share of the cost of a well to be located on the above described intervening drilling block. You further informed us that El Paso Natural Gas Company, Unit Operator, and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company, Working Interest Owner under the remaining acreage in the intervening drilling block, have filed an application with the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico for an unorthodox spacing unit consisting of the SE/4 and the S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West; and, as an alternative in the application you have asked for forced pooling of the entire S/2 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West.

Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation, as a Working Interest Owner in the San Juan 28-5 Unit, concurs in the application by El Paso Natural Gas Company, Unit Operator, and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company, Working Interest Owner, filed with the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

PACIFIC NORTHWEST PIPELINE CORPORATION


R. M. Richey, Manager
Land Department

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LAND AND GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT
PHILIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

November 1, 1950

Mr. J. L. Smith
Rio Arriba County
New Mexico

El Paso Natural Gas Company
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas

Attention: Mr. J. L. Smith

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 1, pointing out the fact that the SE 1/4 of Section 15-28-54, is an intervening half section in the Mesaverde Participating Area and requires the commencement of a well by January 1, 1950.

You point out that the NW 1/4 of Section 15 belongs to Mr. Manuel A. Trujillo, and he has not committed this tract to the unit and further refuses to do so, as well as, declines to pay his share of the costs of a well located on this half section.

You have requested that we advise of our concurrence in your application for the unorthodox spacing unit consisting of the SE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of Section 15. We have no objection to such action. However, in view of the fact that we have assigned our interest within the subject unit to Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation, insofar as the rights down to and including the Mesaverde formation are concerned, we feel you should secure the concurrence of Pacific Northwest to your proposed application.

Very truly yours,

PHILIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

G. E. Benskin
G. E. Benskin, Regional Landman
Northwest Region
Land and Geological Department

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cc: Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Attention: Mr. H. N. Richey

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November 29, 1955

El Paso Natural Gas Company
El Paso, Texas

Re: San Juan 28-5 Unit

Gentlemen:

It is our understanding that you, as unit operator, and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company, as the owner of all of the working interest in the S/2 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 15 West except the S/2 SW/4 of said Section 15 which belongs to Mr. Manuel A. Trujillo, have filed an application with the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico requesting an unorthodox spacing unit, consisting of the SE/4 and the N/2 SW/4 of Section 15, or, in the alternative, have forced pooling of the entire S/2 of Section 15.

This letter will evidence our support of and concurrence in the aforementioned application and our approval of the establishment of such unorthodox spacing unit.

Yours very truly,

William P. Barnes

William P. Barnes
Vice President
Land Department

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San Antonio
SAN ANTONIO

November 23, 1955



El Paso Natural Gas Co.
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas

Re: San Juan 88-5 Unit

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of November 22, 1955,
regarding the application of an unorthodox unit
spacing, I concur with the said application set
out in the above mentioned letter to me.

Jrs:ll

Very truly yours,

J. R. Abernethy
J. R. Abernethy

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T. H. McElvain
SARASOTA, FLORIDA
November 1, 1955

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SARASOTA, FLORIDA

El Paso Natural Gas Company
P. O. Box 1442
El Paso, Texas

Attention: T. W. Bittick

No. San Juan
28-5 Unit

Dear Mr. Bittick:

I have your letter of November 25th to me and one addressed to Forrest S. Miller, and I wish to answer for him as well as for myself.

We wish to express our concurrence in the application by El Paso Natural Gas Company and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company with respect to establishing an unorthodox spacing unit in the S/2 of Section 15, 28-N, 5-W.

Yours very truly,

T. H. McElvain
T. H. McELVAIN

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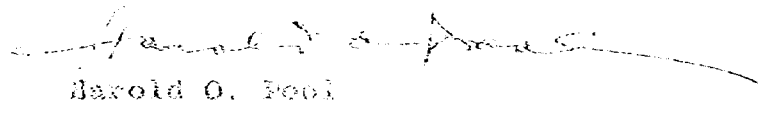
El Paso Natural Gas Company
Box 1452
El Paso, Texas

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DEPARTMENT

Gentlemen:

As a working interest owner in San Juan
28N 5W Unit I wish to express my con-
currence in the application by El Paso
Natural Gas Company and Albuquerque
Associated Oil Company for an unorthodox
spacing and gas production unit covering
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 15-28N 5W.

Very truly yours,


Harold O. Pool

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El Paso Natural Gas Company
Box 1462
El Paso, Texas

Gentlemen:

As a working interest owner in San Juan
28N 3W Unit I wish to express my con-
currence in the application by El Paso
Natural Gas Company and Albuquerque
Associated Oil Company for an unorthodox
spacing and gas proration unit covering
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 15-28N 3E.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Abernethy
J. H. Abernethy

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El Paso Natural Gas Company
Box 1492
El Paso, Texas

Gentlemen:

As a working interest owner in San Juan
28N 3W Unit 1 wish to express my con-
currence in the application by El Paso
Natural Gas Company and Albuquerque
Associated Oil Company for an unorthodox
spacing and gas production unit covering
83 $\frac{1}{2}$ and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 15-28N 3W.

Very truly yours,

cc: 12

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CARL H. WHITE
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El Paso Natural Gas Company
P. O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas

Gentlemen:

As working interest owners in San Juan 28 North 5 West Unit, we wish to express our concurrence in the application by El Paso Natural Gas Company and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company for an unorthodox spacing and gas production unit covering the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West.

Very truly yours,

ANITA S. FREEDMAN, MORRIS GOODMAN
and CARL E. GILBERT, Executors of
the Last Will and Testament of
Nathan B. Starr, Deceased

By: *Carl E. Gilbert*

CEG:CB

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 986
Order No. R-737

THE APPLICATION OF EL PASO NATURAL
GAS COMPANY AND ALBUQUERQUE ASSOCIATED
OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX SPACING
UNIT CONSISTING OF THE SE/4 AND N/2 SW/4
OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE
5 WEST, NMPM, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR
COMPULSORY COMMUNITIZATION OF THE S/2 OF
SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 5
WEST, NMPM, RIO ARriba COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on December 14, 1955, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 29th day of December, 1955, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the records and testimony adduced, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due notice of the time and place of hearing and the purpose thereof having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this case and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant El Paso Natural Gas Company is the present operator of the San Juan 28-5 Unit Agreement, located in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, said unit agreement having heretofore been duly approved by the USGS, the Commissioner of Public Lands of New Mexico and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission.

(3) That applicant, Albuquerque Associated Oil Company is the present owner and holder of Federal Oil and Gas Lease SantaFe 080516, which covers, among other lands, the SE/4 and the N/2 SW/4 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, said lands being committed to said San Juan 28-5 unit.

(4) That the owner in fee simple of the S/2 SW/4 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, is Manuel A. Trujillo of Lumberton, New Mexico; that said acreage has never been committed to the terms of the San Juan 28-5 Unit Agreement and Unit Operating Agreement, and that said owner has refused, and still does refuse to commit said acreage to the unit.

(5) That the entire S/2 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West was included in the Mesaverde Participating Area as an intervening drilling block for said unit, effective January 1, 1955, in accordance with Article II, Paragraph 3 of the said San Juan 28-5 Unit Agreement; that in accordance with the terms and provisions of said paragraph of the Unit Agreement, a well must be commenced on the intervening drilling blocks within one year from the effective date of said drilling blocks inclusion in the participating area; that therefore, applicant, El Paso Natural Gas Company must commence a well in the S/2 of said Section 15, by January 1, 1956, to be completed within the defined limits of the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool.

(6) That under the terms of Commission Order No. R-110 a well in the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool must be drilled on a drilling unit consisting of one-half of a governmental section in which unit all interests have been consolidated; that applicant El Paso Natural Gas Company has made diligent efforts to reach some agreement with the said Manuel Trujillo whereby the entire S/2 of the said Section 15 could be dedicated to a well to be drilled by said applicant, in accordance with Order R-110; that such efforts have been unsuccessful.

(7) That the said Manuel A. Trujillo has, through his attorney, specifically advised the Commission that he does not wish or intend to contest the application of the two applicants in this case.

(8) That applicant proposes to commence a well to be known as San Juan 28-5 Unit Well No. 10 to be located in the N/2 SW/4 of Section 15.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of El Paso Natural Gas Company and Albuquerque Associated Oil Company for an unorthodox spacing unit and proration unit consisting of the SE/4 and N/2 SW/4 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, located within the defined units of the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, be, and the same hereby is approved.

(2) That a spacing unit and proration unit consisting of the afore-said acreage is hereby created.

(3) That applicant is hereby granted permission to drill their proposed San Juan 28-5 Unit, Well No. 10, to be located in the N/2 SW/4 of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 5 West. Said well shall be granted an allowable upon completion in the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, based upon a proration unit size of 240 acres.

(4) That in the event said proration unit is increased to a standard unit of 320 acres the increase in the allowable assigned said well shall be effective the first day of the month following receipt by the Commission of notification from the applicant.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John F. Sims
JOHN F. SIMS, Chairman

E. S. Walper
E. S. WALPER, Member

W. B. Macey
W. B. MACEY, Member and Secretary



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UNIT OPERATING AGREEMENT
SAN JUAN 28-5 UNIT AREA

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 10th day of April, 1953, by and among El Paso Natural Gas Company, a Delaware corporation, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Unit Operator", and such other parties owning working interests subject to the Unit Agreement for the Development and Operation of the San Juan 28-5 Unit Area as may execute this agreement, hereinafter sometimes called "Nonoperators", all parties being sometimes referred to as "Working Interest Owners",

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto are also parties to that certain Unit Agreement for the Development and Operation of the San Juan 28-5 Unit Area, County of Rio Arriba, State of New Mexico, hereinafter called the "Unit Agreement" embracing the following described land:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

Township 28 North, Range 5 West

Section 7: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S/2 S/2
Section 8: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S/2 S/2
Section 9: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S/2 S/2
Section 10: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S/2 S/2
Section 11: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S/2 S/2
Section 12: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, S/2 SW/4, SW/4 SE/4
Sections 13 through 36: All

Containing 17,399.68 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto, in accord with the provisions of Sections 7 and 12 of the Unit Agreement, desire to provide for the apportionment of costs and benefits among Working Interest Owners and to establish related operating arrangements;

NOW, THEREFORE, premises considered, the parties hereto mutually agree that:

1. UNIT AGREEMENT CONFIRMED.

The Unit Agreement, including the exhibits thereto, is hereby confirmed and adopted and made a part of this agreement. Terms employed in this agreement shall bear the same meaning as given them in the Unit Agreement. The unit area shall be developed and operated for the production and handling of unitized substances in accord with the Unit Agreement and this Unit Operating Agreement. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between provisions of this agreement and the Unit Agreement, the Unit Agreement shall prevail.

2. TITLES.

a. Each of the parties hereto represents to all other parties hereto that its ownership of oil, gas and mineral interests in the unit area is correctly stated in the schedule attached as Exhibit B to the Unit Agreement. In the event such

representation of any party is erroneous or the title of any party hereto fails, in whole or in part, the interests of the parties hereunder shall be accordingly adjusted to the end that no party shall be credited with interests that it does not own. Parties contributing acreage to the unit and receiving credit hereunder therefor shall, subject to the provisions of Section 2c below, bear the entire loss occasioned by any failure of title or defect in their title or encumbrance thereon and shall save the other parties hereto harmless from any obligation or liability on account thereof. All title curative expense and all costs and expenses incurred in defending or establishing title to any interest in the unitized substances shall be borne by the party or parties hereto who claim such interest.

b. Within fifteen (15) days following its execution of this agreement, each Working Interest Owner shall furnish to the Unit Operator copies of its leases, operating agreements or other documents upon which it relies as establishing its ownership of working interests, together with copies of its rental receipts or other evidence satisfactory to establish that such leases, agreements and/or other documents remain in full force and effect. It shall also furnish any title data in its possession relating to its working interest ownership, including the title opinion of its attorney and any curative instruments acquired in relation thereto. Where outstanding title requirements have not been satisfied, the Working Interest Owner whose title is affected shall proceed to satisfy such title requirements with due diligence and furnish proof of the satisfaction thereof to the Unit Operator.

c. As a prerequisite to the drilling of any well hereunder, Unit Operator shall obtain a title opinion by a competent attorney or attorneys selected by it, based upon examination of complete abstract of title certified to date and/or the official county and/or state or federal records as well as examination of the material submitted pursuant to Section 2b above, approving title for drilling purposes to the half section Drilling Block (where the well is to be drilled to the Mesaverde or shallower formations) or to the appropriate spacing unit (where the well is to be drilled to formations below the Mesaverde) upon which the well is to be located; provided, however, that Unit Operator shall not be required to re-examine title to any Drilling Block or spacing unit for the drilling of any second or subsequent well thereon. The party or parties owning working interests in such Drilling Block or spacing unit shall furnish such abstracts promptly as

required and shall satisfy title requirements made by the examining attorney, at such party's or parties' sole expense, without delay in order that the drilling obligation stated in the Unit Agreement shall be timely performed. Costs of title examination shall be charged as a part of the cost of drilling the well. Approving opinion of title as a prerequisite of drilling may be waived upon approval of the owners of eighty per cent (80%) of the working interest committed to the unit. Any party hereto interested in obtaining the drilling of a well may post a bond in form satisfactory to the Unit Operator in an amount equal to one and one-half times the estimated cost of the proposed well, conditioned to protect all parties hereto against any loss of their investment in the well by reason of title failure, whereupon the requirement herein for an approving opinion of title will be waived. If title subsequently fails to any tract or tracts, the title to which has been cleared for drilling under this section, the Working Interest Owner thereof shall bear the entire loss in participation in unitized substances produced after such title failure which would be attributable to the leasehold estate or working interest in such tract under the terms of this agreement, but shall not be obligated to save any parties hereto harmless from any other loss occasioned thereby except to the extent of any indemnity agreement which may have been executed as hereinabove provided.

3. APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS AND BENEFITS.

Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, all costs, expenses and liabilities accruing or resulting from exploration, development, operation and maintenance of the unitized land shall be borne, and all unitized substances produced hereunder and other benefits accruing hereunder shall be owned and shared, by the Working Interest Owners who have executed the Unit Agreement and this agreement, as follows:

a. Costs and benefits accruing in the development and operation of any Drilling Block (as defined in Section 11 of the Unit Agreement) prior to its admission into a participating area shall be borne and shared in the proportion that the acreage owned by each of such Working Interest Owners owning working interests in the Drilling Block bears to the total of working interests owned by all such Working Interest Owners owning working interests in the Drilling Block. Costs and benefits accruing or resulting from development and operation of any participating area shall be borne by such Working Interest Owners owning interests in such participating area in the

same proportion that the interest owned by each bears to the total of interests owned by all such Working Interest Owners in said participating area. Except for the adjustment in investment in the Field Facilities as hereinafter provided, no adjustment of investment or previously incurred costs shall be made upon the admission of a Drilling Block into the participating area, but upon such admission all equipment used for the operations of the participating area shall thenceforth be owned by the Working Interest Owners in the enlarged participating area in the same proportions as provided herein for their sharing of costs and benefits. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, when any Drilling Block is admitted to the participating area prior to the completion thereon of a well capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities from the formation to which such participating area is applicable, Unit Operator shall comply with the obligation imposed by the Unit Agreement to drill a well thereon to the horizon from which production is being secured in the participating area, and all costs of drilling, completing, testing and equipping such well to produce shall be charged to and borne by such Working Interest Owners owning working interests in such Drilling Block in the proportions which the interests of each bear to the aggregate of all the interests of all such Working Interest Owners within said Drilling Block. Any such well shall be owned and operated for the benefit of parties owning interests in the participating area in the same manner as other wells in such participating area. Upon admission of a Drilling Block into a participating area, there shall be an adjustment of the cost of Field Facilities among all such Working Interest Owners in the enlarged participating area so that the cost of Field Facilities allocable to the enlarged participating area shall be borne by such Working Interest Owners in proportion to their participation in costs and benefits of operation of the enlarged participating area. Where Field Facilities serve more than one participating area, costs and ownership thereof shall be allocated between participating areas on a well basis and shall be adjusted upon drilling of additional wells so that each participating area shall bear such costs and own such Field Facilities in the proportion that the number of wells within such participating area, which upon their completion, shall have been capable of producing unitized

substances in paying quantities, bears to the total number of such wells within the unit area. No adjustment between participating areas shall be made on account of the cessation of production in paying quantities from any well or wells. "Field Facilities", as that term is used in this section, shall mean facilities which are installed for serving the entire unit operation, such as, but not limited to, warehouses, field offices, camps, gathering systems, field tankage other than that serving a particular well or Drilling Block, power stations and power lines, water stations and water lines. Costs of Field Facilities shall be deemed to be the tangible and intangible costs thereof as reflected by the Operator's books, depreciated at the rate of four per cent (4%) per annum, or fractional portion thereof, up to the period an adjustment is required. In the event book costs cannot be determined on certain classifications of equipment, the current market prices in effect as of the date a Drilling Block is admitted to the participating area shall be used as a basis for pricing. Roads shall not be considered a part of Field Facilities. Costs of all road construction required for the drilling of the four test wells in accord with Section 9 of the Unit Agreement shall be allocated to the Working Interest Owners owning working interest in the four Drilling Blocks upon which said test wells are drilled on an acreage basis. Roads required for the drilling of subsequent wells shall be charged as a part of the drilling costs and borne by the same party or parties as are required to pay the costs of drilling such wells. There will be no reallocation of road costs. In the event any well or wells capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities shall have been completed prior to the effective date of this agreement, such well or wells shall be turned over to the Unit Operator for operation hereunder on the first day of the month following the said effective date of this agreement, and the half section Drilling Block on which each such well is located shall constitute or become a part of the participating area for the formation in which such well is completed. Likewise, if any Working Interest Owner shall have started any well but it shall not have been completed on the effective date of this agreement, such Working Interest Owner shall proceed with due diligence to complete the drilling of such well and, if dry, to plug and abandon it or, if a producer, to test, complete and equip it to produce and then turn it over to the Unit Operator for operation hereunder. Adjustment for any such well or wells shall be only as hereinabove provided.

b. The cost of drilling, equipping and completing any initial test well projected to a depth below the base of Mesaverde formation, which is not required to be drilled by the terms of the Unit Agreement, and the cost of plugging and abandoning same if a dry hole shall be paid by all of such Working Interest Owners each in the proportion that its ownership of working interests on an acreage basis within the unit area bears to the total of all such interests of such parties; provided, however, that the Working Interest Owners of an area less than the area covered by the entire Unit Agreement, by agreement, may pay the cost of drilling, equipping and completing, or plugging and abandoning any initial test well projected to a depth below the base of the Mesaverde formation, and such costs shall be paid by all of such Working Interest Owners in the proportion provided by such agreement. Costs of drilling the second or any subsequent test well to formations lying below the Mesaverde, which is not required to be drilled by the terms of the Unit Agreement, shall be only in accord with an agreement to be reached by the parties participating in the drilling of such second or additional test wells. In the event any such test well so drilled shall encounter unitized substances in paying quantities so as to justify the establishment of a participating area or the enlargement of an existing participating area for the formation encountered, such participating area or enlargement shall be formed as provided in the Unit Agreement. On the establishment of any participating area, there shall be a retroactive adjustment of the cost of drilling, completing and equipping for production and operating of the said test well and of the cost of Field Facilities, to the end that the owners of working interests in the participating area newly established shall reimburse without interest the party or parties who paid for the costs and expenses of drilling, completing and equipping for production and operating the well less any income derived by said party or parties up to the date of settlement, and thereafter the costs incurred and benefits derived from the operation of the well shall be borne by and shall inure to the benefit of the Working Interest Owners in the participating area in proportion to their ownership of interests therein. On the enlargement of any participating area, there shall be an investment adjustment between the owners of working interests in the enlarged participating area, to the end that the investment within the enlarged participating area, including the investment in the allocated portion of Field Facilities, shall be paid for by the affected Working Interest Owners in the enlarged participating area in proportion to the interests of each therein and in proportion to their shares in the

costs of operation and revenue to be derived from the enlarged participating area, and also to the end that the parties who have previously paid said costs shall be reimbursed on the basis hereinafter set forth. The affected Working Interest Owners in the participating area before its enlargement shall receive credit for the intangible cost of drilling, completing and equipping for production all wells capable of producing unitized substances situated within said participating area. The costs to be so credited shall be measured by the average cost of drilling, completing and equipping for production wells of like character and depth in the field in a good and workmanlike manner at the time when said wells were drilled. Credit shall also be given for the casing and other tangible properties and facilities installed in the wells or used in connection with the operation thereof at a percentage of the original cost, such percentage to be determined as provided in the Accounting Procedure. The affected Working Interest Owners on any tract outside of the participating area that is to be admitted to the enlarged participating area shall likewise receive credit for the intangible cost of drilling, completing and equipping any wells on their respective lands so admitted, together with the value of the tangible equipment, facilities and structures located thereon and used in connection therewith, on the basis above set out. The sum total of all credit shall be the investment cost apportionable to the enlarged participating area. The investment adjustment shall be made by cash settlement among the Working Interest Owners through the Unit Operator. No credit shall be given for the previous cost of operating any wells or repairing or maintaining other property, nor shall there be any debit for or on account of production taken from wells prior to the effective date of the enlargement of the participating area.

c. In any investment adjustment made under the provisions of this Section 3, there shall be a separate adjustment for intangibles and a separate adjustment for tangibles and in such adjustment intangibles shall be exchanged only for intangibles or money and tangibles shall be exchanged only for tangibles or money.

4. ROYALTY AND OTHER PAYMENTS OUT OF PRODUCTION.

One-eighth (1/8) of all of the unitized substances produced hereunder, or the proceeds thereof, shall be set aside for the payment or delivery in kind, as the case may be, in accord with underlying leases and other documents requiring payment of royalties, by the Unit Operator or the Working Interest Owner in accord with Section 12 of the Unit Agreement. Where any working interest is burdened by royalties in excess of one-eighth (1/8) or by overriding royalties, oil payments or other payments out of production, the required payment in excess of one-eighth (1/8) shall be borne by the owner of the working interest so burdened. Before receiving its pro-

portionate share of the unitized substances produced hereunder or the proceeds thereof, each Working interest Owner shall pay or secure the payment of any such excess royalties or other payments constituting a burden upon its working interest.

5. RENTALS.

Each Working Interest Owner whose interest is chargeable with rentals, minimum royalties in excess of the royalties on actual production, or other payments in the nature of rentals required to maintain its working interest rights, shall properly pay such rentals, minimum royalties or other payments. The inadvertent failure of any party to properly make such payments shall not subject such party to liabilities hereunder except to the extent hereinabove provided in the event of loss of title.

6. TEST WELLS.

Unit Operator is hereby authorized and directed to carry out the drilling program outlined in Section 9 of the Unit Agreement. Subject to obtaining the necessary approval of State and Federal authorities as therein required, it is agreed that locations for the required test wells shall be as follows:

Approximate Center SW/4 Section 14, T-28-N, R-5-W
Approximate Center NE/4 Section 19, T-28-N, R-5-W
Approximate Center SW/4 Section 26, T-28-N, R-5-W
Approximate Center NE/4 Section 29, T-28-N, R-5-W

Said wells shall be drilled in such sequence as may be determined by the Unit Operator.

7. DETERMINATIONS BY MAJORITY VOTE.

In any matter in which the action of the Unit Operator requires the concurrence of the working interest parties hereto or any of them, Unit Operator will be governed by the decision of the owners of a majority of the working interest in the participating area, or the nonadmitted Drilling Block, as the case may be, unless otherwise specified herein or in the Unit Agreement, determined in the proportion that the acreage interest of each such party in the participating area or such affected Drilling Block bears to the total acreage interest in the participating area or affected Drilling Block. Matters affecting the unit area as a whole shall be determined in accordance with the proportionate acreage interest as above defined in the entire unit area. In any case where one working interest party hereto holds such a majority in interest, but less than the full working interest in the area affected,

his vote shall require the concurrence of one additional party in order to constitute the controlling vote.

In any case in which it is necessary to poll the working interest parties hereto, Unit Operator shall notify all affected Working Interest Owners in writing of the question for decision and its recommended course of action. Each such Working Interest Owner shall within ten (10) days of receipt of such notice advise Unit Operator in writing of its decision thereon. Within five (5) days thereafter Unit Operator shall notify each affected Working Interest Owner in writing of the result of such poll. In the event that any Working Interest Owner fails to advise Unit Operator in writing of its decision, within the 10-day period above provided, it shall be conclusively presumed that its decision is in accord with the course of action originally recommended by Unit Operator, except that, if the matter for decision is one where the nonresponding Working Interest Owner might elect, pursuant to the provisions of this agreement, not to participate originally in some element of cost or expense but instead to pay his share thereof out of production or the proceeds thereof, it shall be conclusively presumed that such nonresponding Working Interest Owner elects to follow that latter course.

The Unit Operator, except when otherwise required by governmental authority, shall not do any of the following without first obtaining the approval of such a majority interest, as provided above, in the affected participating area or Drilling Block or unit area, as the case may be:

a. Make any expenditure in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) other than normal operating expenses, except in connection with a well, the drilling of which has been previously authorized by or pursuant to this agreement; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to prevent Unit Operator from making an expenditure in excess of said amount if such expenditure becomes necessary because of a sudden emergency which may otherwise cause loss of life or extensive damage to property. In the event of such emergency expenditure, Unit Operator shall, within fifteen (15) days after making such expenditure, give written notice to the other parties.

b. Make any arrangement for the use of facilities owned by the Working

Interest Owners in the operation and development outside the unit area or determine the amount of any charges therefor unless otherwise provided for in this agreement or in the Unit Agreement.

c. Dispose of any major items of surplus material or equipment having original cost of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more, other than junk. Any such item or items of less cost may be disposed of without such consent.

d. Submit to the Supervisor, Commissioner or Commission any plan for further development of, or application for expansion or contraction of the unit area or of any participating area.

e. Abandon any well which is producing unitized substances.

8. DRILLING OF ADDITIONAL WELLS.

a. In addition to the required test wells, all other wells which Unit Operator is required to drill under the terms of the Unit Agreement or to comply with valid orders of governmental authorities having jurisdiction in the premises shall be drilled by Unit Operator for the account of the Working Interest Owners owning interests in the affected unit area, participating area or Drilling Block, as the case may be, as hereinabove provided. Unit Operator will also drill appropriate development wells within participating areas in accord with plans of development adopted by a majority vote of affected Working Interest Owners in accord with Section 7 above. Unit Operator will drill wells to the Mesaverde or any shallower formations at regular well locations outside of the applicable participating area upon request of the Working Interest Owner or Owners owning one hundred per cent (100%) of the working interest within the Drilling Block upon which the well is to be located. Such wells shall be drilled in order of their request and approval by applicable governmental authorities.

b. Unit Operator will not drill any well without the mutual consent of all the parties hereto other than as provided in Subsection "a" of this Section 8, except as hereinafter provided. Any Working Interest Owner owning a part of the working interests in a Drilling Block desiring that a well be drilled thereon to the Mesaverde or any shallower formation outside of the participating area

established hereunder for such formation, or any Working Interest Owner owning working interest in acreage constituting a spacing unit for wells drilled to any formation below the Mesaverde desiring that a well be drilled thereon to such deeper formation, shall so notify Unit Operator, specifying the proposed location, objective depth and estimated cost of such well. Upon receipt of such notice, the Unit Operator shall advise those other Working Interest Owners parties hereto who, under the provisions of this agreement, would be required to share the cost and risk of the proposed well. Each such party shall, by responsive notice given to the Unit Operator within thirty (30) days of receipt of the aforesaid notice, elect as to whether such party desires to join in the drilling of such well. Failure to respond within said thirty (30) days shall be deemed an election not to join in the drilling of the proposed well. If all of said parties elect to join, the well shall be drilled for the account of all such parties in accord with the preceding provisions of this agreement. If less than all of such parties elect to join in the drilling of such well, Unit Operator shall, upon obtaining required governmental approvals, proceed with due diligence to drill such well at the sole cost and risk of the party or parties electing to share in the costs thereof, hereinafter called the "drilling parties". In the event any such well is a dry hole (and is not taken over for plug back or deepening), it shall be plugged and abandoned at the sole cost of the drilling parties. In the event such well is a producer, it shall be tested, completed and equipped to produce by the Unit Operator at the sole cost of the drilling parties, and such drilling parties each in proportion to its contribution to the cost of drilling, testing, completing and equipping the well shall be entitled to receive the proceeds of production from the well or, if it is capable of producing in paying quantities, shall be entitled to receive the proceeds of production allocable to the interests admitted to the participating area on account of such well, after deducting therefrom all royalties, overriding royalties, production payments and one hundred per cent (100%) of the operating expenses attributable thereto, until said drilling parties shall have received therefrom one hundred fifty per cent (150%) of the costs of drilling, testing, completing and equipping said well to produce. For the purposes of this section, where a party takes in kind the proceeds of production from such a well shall be computed upon the same price basis as that employed for payment of royalties to the United States on comparable

production from the unit area. When the drilling parties shall have been reimbursed for one hundred fifty per cent (150%) of said costs as hereinabove provided, proceeds from the well shall thereafter be shared by the Working Interest Owners within the participating area in the manner stipulated in Section 3 above. Any amounts which may be realized from sale or disposition of the well or equipment thereon, or required in connection with the drilling, testing, completing, equipping and operating thereof, shall be paid to the drilling parties and credited against the total unreturned portion of said one hundred fifty per cent (150%) with the balance thereof, if any, to be divided as provided in Section 3 above among the parties owning the well. Locations of all wells drilled under this provision must be in accord with the spacing pattern adopted by the Unit Operator for the formation to which the well is projected.

9. OPTION TO TAKE OVER WELLS.

If any well drilled under this agreement is a dry hole and the party or parties owning the well are ready to abandon it but the well can be plugged back or deepened to a different formation, Unit Operator shall so notify the Working Interest Owners in the affected unit area, participating area or Drilling Block, as the case may be, and such parties shall have the right to take over said well and cause the Unit Operator to plug back or deepen it, as the case may be, and to complete it for the account of the parties owning working interests in the unit area, participating area or Drilling Block, as the case may be, upon effecting an investment adjustment so as to reimburse the party or parties who shall have borne the cost of drilling said well for either their cost of drilling to the depth at which the well is taken over (computed in accordance with the Accounting Procedure attached hereto) or for the average cost of drilling from the surface to the formation in which the well is to be completed, whichever is the lesser amount. Working Interest Owners so notified hereunder shall respond as provided in Section 7. If one, but less than all, of the affected working interest parties elects to take the well over, then Unit Operator shall take it over and conduct the specified operation for the account of the electing party or parties, and such party or parties shall be entitled to recover one hundred fifty per cent (150%) of their costs in acquiring, deepening or plugging back, testing and completing the well in the same manner as provided in Section 8b above; provided, however, that where fifty per cent (50%)

of the affected Working Interest Owners elect to take the well over for use in satisfying the obligation to drill a test well hereunder, the well shall be drilled for the account of all of the affected Working Interest Owners. In the event any one well is completed as a paying producer in more than one formation, the Working Interest Owners of the respective participating areas established for such formations shall arrange for appropriate allocation of investment and operating costs of such well by separate agreement.

10. CHARGES FOR DRILLING OPERATIONS.

All wells drilled on the unit area shall be drilled on a competitive contract basis at the usual rates prevailing in the field. Any Working Interest Owner or Owners may bid and contract to use its or their tools and equipment in the drilling of any wells on the unit area. Unit Operator, if it so desires, may employ its own tools and equipment in the drilling of wells. In such event, the cost of drilling shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following charges: (a) all direct material and labor costs, (b) a proportionate amount of applicable departmental overheads and undistributed field costs, (c) rental charge on company equipment employed; all such charges to be determined in accordance with operator's accounting practice, provided that, in no event shall the total of such charges exceed the prevailing rate in the field and such work shall be performed by Unit Operator under the same terms and conditions as shall be customary and usual in the field in contracts of independent contractors who are doing work of a similar nature.

11. ACCESS TO OPERATIONS AND INFORMATION.

Representatives of each party hereto shall have free access to the entire unit area at all reasonable times to inspect and observe operations of every kind and character thereon. Each party hereto shall have access at all reasonable times to any and all information pertaining to wells drilled, production secured, and to the books, records and vouchers relating to the operation of the unit area. Unit Operator shall, upon request, furnish to the other parties hereto daily drilling reports, true and complete copies of well logs and other data relating to wells drilled, and shall also, upon request, make available samples and cuttings from any and all wells drilled on the unit area.

12. DISPOSITION OF PRODUCTION.

Each of the parties hereto shall take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of the unitized substances produced hereunder, exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations of the unit area and in preparing and treating oil for marketing purposes, and production unavoidably lost. In the event any party hereto shall fail to make the arrangements

necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of the unitized substances, Unit Operator shall have the right for the time being and subject to revocation at will by the party owning same to purchase such unitized substances or to sell the same to others at not less than the market price prevailing in the area. Each party hereto shall be entitled to receive directly payment for its proportionate share of the proceeds from the sale of unitized substances produced, saved and sold from the unit area, and on all purchases or sales each party shall execute any division order or contract of sale pertaining to its interest. Any extra expenditure incurred by reason of the taking in kind or separate disposition by any party hereto of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party.

13. PIPE AND OTHER TUBULAR GOODS.

Notwithstanding any limitations of the Accounting Procedure, Exhibit A, during such times as tubular goods and other equipment are not available at the nearest customary supply point Unit Operator shall be permitted to charge the joint account of parties responsible hereunder for all tubular goods and other equipment transferred from Unit Operator's warehouse or other stocks to the unit area for use on a particular participating area or Drilling Block, as the case may be, with such costs and expenses as may have been incurred in purchasing, shopping, and moving the required tubular goods and other equipment to the unit area; provided, however, that each affected Working Interest Owner shall be given the opportunity, in lieu of bearing its proportionate part of such costs, of furnishing in kind or in tonnage, as the parties may agree, its share of such tubular goods and other equipment required.

14. ADVANCES.

Each of the parties hereto shall promptly pay and discharge its proportionate part of all cost and expense on the basis set forth in the Accounting Procedure attached as Exhibit A. Unit Operator, at its election, may require the parties hereto to advance their respective proportion of development and operating costs according to the following conditions: On or before the first day of each calendar month, Unit Operator shall submit an itemized estimate of such costs for the succeeding calendar month to each of the parties hereto with a request for the payment of such party's proportionate part thereof. Within ten (10) days thereafter each of such parties shall pay, or secure the payment in a manner satisfactory to

Unit Operator, such party's proportionate share of such estimate. Unit Operator shall credit each Working Interest Owner with the advances so made. Should any party fail to pay or secure the payment of such party's proportionate part of such estimate, the same shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum until paid. Adjustments between estimates and actual costs shall be made by Unit Operator at the close of each calendar month and the accounts of the parties adjusted accordingly.

15. OPERATOR'S LIEN.

Unit Operator shall have a lien on the interest of each of the parties in the unit area, unitized substances produced therefrom, the proceeds thereof and the material and equipment thereon, to secure the payment of such party's proportionate part of the cost and expense of developing and operating the unitized lands and to secure the payment by any such party of such party's proportionate part of any advance estimate of such cost and expense. Unit Operator shall protect such property from all other liens arising from the operations hereunder.

16. INSURANCE.

Unit Operator, during the term hereof, shall purchase or provide protection comparable to that afforded under standard form policies of insurance for workmen's compensation with statutory limits, employer's liability insurance with a limit of at least \$25,000 and general public liability insurance with limits of at least \$30,000/\$60,000. Unit Operator shall charge to the joint account an amount equal to the premium applicable to the protection so provided. All losses not covered by standard form policies of insurance for hazards set out above shall be borne by the parties hereto as their interests appear at the time of any loss.

17. SURRENDER.

No party hereto shall surrender any of its working interest insofar as they relate to lands located within a participating area. However, should any party hereto at any time desire to surrender any of the oil and gas leases or operating agreements subject hereto, or any interest therein, insofar as they cover lands located outside such a participating area but within the unit area, it shall notify all other parties hereto in writing. Within thirty (30) days following receipt of such notice by the other parties hereto, the party desiring to surrender such working interests insofar as they affect such land may proceed

to surrender the same if such right is reserved in the leases or operating agreement, unless any other party or parties hereto have, within said 30-day period, given written notice to the party desiring to surrender that they desire an assignment of said working interests insofar as they cover said land. In such event the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or implied warranty of title, and subject to existing covenants, contracts and reservations, all its interest in such working interests insofar as they cover such land and the wells, material and equipment located thereon, to the party or parties desiring an assignment. Thereupon such assigning party shall be relieved from all obligations thereafter accruing (but not theretofore accrued) hereunder with respect to the interest assigned. From and after the making of such assignment, the assigning party shall have no further interest in the property assigned but shall be entitled to receive from the assignees payment for its interest therein in an amount equal to the salvage value of any salvable material located on said land. If such assignment shall run in favor of more than one party hereto, the interest covered shall be shared by such parties in the proportions that the interest of each party assignee in the lands committed to the Unit Agreement bears to the total interest of all parties assignee in the lands committed to the Unit Agreement.

18. TAXES.

Unit Operator shall, for the joint account, render for ad valorem tax purposes the entire working interests in the unit area of all parties hereto and all personal property used in connection with operations hereunder, or such part thereof as may at any time be subject to taxation. Unit Operator shall also pay all such ad valorem taxes, at the time and in the manner required by law, which may be assessed upon or against all or any portion of such working interests and personal property. Each party shall pay its proportionate part of the total taxes so paid and expenses incurred in connection with the rendering and payment thereof in accord with Accounting Procedure, Exhibit A. Nothing herein shall relieve any Working Interest Owner of the consequence of any loss of title occasioned by failure of the landowner to pay ad valorem taxes levied against the land to which its working interest relates.

19. EMPLOYEES.

The number of employees, the selection of such employees, the hours of

labor and the compensation for service to be paid any and all such employees shall be determined by the Unit Operator. Such employees shall be employees of Unit Operator.

20. LIABILITIES.

The liability of the parties hereunder shall be several and not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible only for its obligations as herein set out and shall be liable only for its proportionate share of the cost of developing and operating the unit area as determined by the provisions hereof.

21. FORCE MAJEURE.

This agreement and the respective rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be subject to all valid and applicable State and Federal laws, rules, regulations and orders, and in the event this agreement, or any provision thereof, is or the operations contemplated thereby are found to be inconsistent with or contrary to any such law, rule, regulation or order, the latter shall be deemed to control and this agreement shall be regarded as modified accordingly and as so modified shall continue in full force and effect. Unit Operator shall not be liable for any loss of property or of time caused by strikes, riots, fires, tornadoes, floods, inability to obtain tubular goods or other required materials or services or for any other cause beyond the reasonable control of Unit Operator in the exercise of due diligence.

22. NOTICES.

All notices that are required or authorized to be given hereunder shall be given in writing by United States mail or Western Union telegram, postage or charges prepaid, and addressed to the party to whom such notice is to be given at the address indicated for such party opposite its signature hereto. The originating notice to be given under any provision hereof shall be deemed given only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed, and the time for such party to give any response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. The second or any subsequent responsive notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States post office or with the Western Union Telegraph Company with postage or charges prepaid.

23. FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.

Unit Operator shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color or national origin and an identical provision shall be incorporated in all subcontracts.

24. UNLEASED INTERESTS.

Should the owner of any unleased interest in lands lying within the unit area become a party to the Unit Agreement and this agreement, such unleased interest shall be treated, for all purposes of this agreement, as if there were an oil and gas lease covering such unleased interest on a form providing for the usual and customary one-eighth (1/8) royalty and containing the usual and customary "lesser interest clause". This agreement shall in no way affect the right of the owner of any such unleased interest to receive an amount or share of unitized substances equivalent to the royalty which would be payable or due under the terms of the Unit Agreement if such unleased interest were subject to such an oil and gas lease.

25. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM.

This Unit Operating Agreement shall become effective as of the effective date of the Unit Agreement and shall remain in full force and effect during the life of such Unit Agreement. The terms hereof shall be considered as covenants running with the ownership of working interest committed hereto and shall be binding upon the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

26. EXECUTION BY COUNTERPARTS.

This agreement may be executed in counterparts with the same force and effect as if all parties executing any counterpart hereof had executed one original document. It shall be binding upon all parties executing any counterpart hereof whether or not signed by all parties listed below as owning working interests. Any party owning working interests within the unit area may execute this agreement at any time prior to its effective date. Any such Working Interest Owner desiring to join subsequent to the effective date hereof shall be permitted to join only in accord with such terms and conditions as may then be agreeable to the Unit Operator.

EXECUTED as of the day and year first above written.

Attest:

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

Assistant Secretary

By _____
Vice President

Bassett Tower
El Paso, Texas

UNIT OPERATOR AND WORKING INTEREST OWNER

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Bassett Tower
El Paso, Texas

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Bartlesville, Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

1404 Republic Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

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Assistant Secretary

Stanolind Building
Tulsa, Oklahoma

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EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

By: _____
Vice President

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

By: _____
Vice President

GENERAL AMERICAN OIL COMPANY OF TEXAS

By: _____
Vice President

STANOLIND OIL AND GAS COMPANY

By: _____
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Witness:

Frank Patania

117 East Coronado Road
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Witness:

T. H. McElvain

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Alice S. Bolack

Witness:

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UNIT AGREEMENT
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION
OF THE SAN JUAN 28-5 UNIT AREA,
COUNTY OF RIO ARRIBA,
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

This agreement entered into as of the 10th day of April,
1953, 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 Act of February 25, 1920, 41 Stat. 437, as amended by the
Act of August 8, 1946, 60 Stat. 950, 30 U. S. C. Secs. 181 et seq., authorizes
Federal lessees and their representatives to unite with each other, or jointly
or separately with others, in collectively adopting and operating a cooperative
or unit plan of development or operation of any oil or gas pool, field, or like
area, or any part thereof, for the purpose of more properly conserving the
natural resources thereof whenever determined and certified by the Secretary of
the Interior to be necessary or advisable in the public interest; and

Whereas the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico is
authorized by an act of the Legislature (Chapter 88, Laws 1943, New Mexico Statutes
1941 Annotated, Sections 8-1138 to 8-1141) to consent to and approve the develop-
ment or operation of lands of the State of New Mexico under this agreement; and

Whereas the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico is
authorized by an act of the Legislature (Chapter 72, Laws 1935, New Mexico Statutes
1941 Annotated, Sections 69-201 et seq.) to approve this agreement and the con-
servation provisions hereof; and

Whereas the parties hereto hold sufficient interests in the San Juan
28-5 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 re-
sources, 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 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 New Mexico are hereby accepted and made a part of this agreement.

2. Unit Area

The following-described land is hereby designated and recognized as constituting the unit area:

New Mexico Principal Meridian
Township 28 North, Range 5 West

Section 7: Lots 1,2,3,4, S/2 S/2	Section 11: Lots 1,2,3,4, S/2 S/2
Section 8: Lots 1,2,3,4, S/2 S/2	Section 12: Lots 1,2,3,4,5, S/2
Section 9: Lots 1,2,3,4, S/2 S/2	SW/4, SW/4 SE/4
Section 10: Lots 1,2,3,4, S/2 S/2	Sections 13 through 36, All
	containing 17,399.68 acres, more or less

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

The above-described unit area shall when practicable be expanded to include therein any additional tract or tracts regarded as reasonably necessary or advisable

for the purposes of this agreement, or shall be contracted to exclude lands not within any participating area whenever such expansion or contraction is necessary or advisable to conform with the purposes of this agreement. Such expansion or contraction shall be effected in the following manner;

(a) Unit Operator, on its own motion or on demand of the Director of the Geological Survey, hereinafter referred to as "Director", or on demand of the Commissioner and/or the Commission, shall prepare a notice of proposed expansion or contraction describing the contemplated changes in the boundaries of the unit area, the reasons therefor, and the proposed effective date thereof.

(b) Said notice shall be delivered to the Supervisor and Commissioner and/or the Commission, 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 Supervisor, Commissioner and the Commission 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.

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

All land committed to this agreement shall constitute land referred to herein as "unitized land" or "land subject to this agreement".

3. Unitized substances.

All oil and gas in any and all formations of the unitized land are unitized under the terms of this agreement and herein are called "unitized substances".

4. Unit Operator.

El Paso Natural Gas Company, a Delaware corporation with offices at El Paso, Texas, is hereby designated as Unit Operator and by signature hereto as Unit Operator agrees and consents to accept the duties and obligations of Unit Operator for the discovery, development, and production of unitized substances as herein provided. Whenever reference is made herein to the Unit Operator, such reference means the Unit Operator acting in that capacity and not as an owner of interest in unitized substances, and the term "working interest owner" when used herein shall include or refer to Unit Operator as the owner of a working interest when such an interest is owned by it.

5. Resignation or removal of unit operator.

Unit Operator shall have the right to resign at anytime prior to the establishment of a participating area or areas hereunder, but such resignation shall not become effective so as to release Unit Operator from the duties and obligations of Unit Operator and terminate Unit Operator's rights as such for a period of 6 months after notice of intention to resign has been served by Unit Operator on all working interest owners and the Director, Commissioner and the Commission, and until all wells then drilled hereunder are placed in a satisfactory condition for suspension or abandonment whichever is required by the Supervisor as to Federal lands and by the Commission as to other lands, 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 a participating area established hereunder is in existence, but provided, however, 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 becomes effective appoint a common agent to represent them in any action to be taken hereunder.

The resignation of Unit Operator shall not release 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 determined in like manner as herein provided for the selection of a new Unit Operator. Such removal shall be effective upon notice thereof to the Director and Commissioner.

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

used for the purpose of conducting unit operations hereunder. Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing removal of any material, equipment and 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, the owners of the working interests in the participating area or areas according to their respective acreage interests in such participating area or areas, or until a participating area shall have been established, the owners of the working interests according to their respective acreage interests in all unitized land, shall by majority vote select a successor Unit Operator; Provided, That, if a majority but less than 75 per cent of the working interests qualified to vote are owned by one party to this agreement, a concurring vote of one or more additional working interest owners shall be required to select a new operator. Such selection shall not become effective until (a) 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 Director and Commissioner. If no successor Unit Operator is selected and qualified as herein provided, the Director and Commissioner at their election may declare this unit agreement terminated.

7. Accounting provisions and unit operating agreement.

Costs and expenses incurred by Unit Operator in conducting unit operations hereunder shall be paid and apportioned among and borne by the owners of working interests, all in accordance with the agreement or agreements entered into by and between the Unit Operator and the owners of working interests, whether one or more, separately or collectively. Any agreement or agreements, entered into between the working interest owners and the Unit Operator as provided in this section, whether one or more, are herein referred to as the "unit operating agreement". Such unit operating agreement shall also provide the manner in which the working interest owners shall be entitled to receive their respective proportionate and allocated share of the benefits accruing hereto in conformity with their underlying operating agreements, leases, or other independent contracts, and such other rights and obligations as between Unit Operator and the working interest owners as may be agreed upon by Unit Operator and the working interest owners; however, no such unit operating agreement shall be deemed either to modify any of the terms and conditions of this unit agreement or to relieve the Unit Operator of any right.

or obligation established under this unit agreement, and in case of any inconsistency or conflict between the unit agreement and the unit operating agreement, this unit agreement shall prevail. Three true copies of any unit operating agreement executed pursuant to this section shall be filed with the Supervisor.

8. Rights and obligations of Unit Operator.

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the exclusive right, privilege, and duty of exercising any and all rights of the parties hereto which are necessary or convenient for prospecting for, producing, storing, allocating, and distributing the unitized substances are hereby delegated to and shall be exercised by the Unit Operator as herein provided. Acceptable evidence of title to said rights shall be deposited with said Unit Operator, and together with this agreement, shall constitute and define the rights, privileges, and obligations of Unit Operator. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed to transfer title to any land or to any lease or operating agreement, it being understood that under this agreement the Unit Operator, in its capacity as Unit Operator, shall exercise the rights of possession and use vested in the parties hereto only for the purposes herein specified.

9. Drilling to discovery.

Within 60 days after the effective date hereof, the Unit Operator shall begin to drill an adequate test well at a location selected by it and approved by the Supervisor if on Federal land or the Commission if on State or Patented land unless on such effective date a well is being drilled conformably with the terms hereof, and thereafter continue such drilling diligently until the Mesaverde formation has been tested or the Unit Operator shall at any time establish to the satisfaction of the Supervisor if on Federal land or the Commissioner if on State land or the Commission if on patented land that further drilling of said well would be unwarranted or impracticable; provided, however, that Unit Operator shall not

in any event be required to drill said well to a depth in excess of 6,000 feet. Within 30 days following completion of the aforesaid initial test well upon the unit area, Unit Operator shall commence the drilling of an additional well and shall thereafter continue drilling operations on the unit area, with not more than 30 days of elapsed time between the completion of one well and the commencement of the next succeeding well, until an aggregate of four wells shall be drilled to test the Mesaverde formation, commenced after July 1, 1952 (whether commenced before or after the effective date of this agreement), shall have been drilled thereon to said depths at locations selected by Unit Operator and approved by the Supervisor if on Federal land or the Commissioner if on State land or by the Commission if on patented land, so spaced over the unit area as to determine so far as may be practicable the productive acreage and gas reserves in the Mesaverde and shallower formations underlying said unit area.

In the event none of the wells drilled pursuant to the above specified drilling program results in obtaining production in paying quantities, then upon completion of the above-outlined drilling program until the discovery of a deposit of unitized substances capable of being produced in paying quantities, the Unit Operator shall continue drilling diligently one well at a time, allowing not more than 6 months between the completion of one well and the beginning of the next well, until a well capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities is completed to the satisfaction of said Supervisor if on Federal land, or the Commissioner if on State land, or the Commission if on privately owned land, or until it is reasonable proved that the unitized land is incapable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities in the formations drilled hereunder. 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. The Director and Commissioner may modify the drilling requirements of this section by granting reasonable extensions of time when, in their opinion, such action is warranted.

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

10. Plan of further development and operation.

Within 6 months after completion of a well capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities or within 6 months after completion of the drilling program outlined in Section 9 above, whichever is the later date, the Unit Operator shall submit for the approval of the Supervisor, the Commissioner and the Commission an acceptable plan of development and operation for the unitized land which, when approved by the Supervisor, the Commissioner and the Commission, shall constitute the further drilling and operating obligations of the Unit Operator under this agreement for the period specified therein. Thereafter, from time to time before the expiration of any existing plan, the Unit Operator shall submit for the approval of the Supervisor, the Commissioner and the Commission, a plan for an additional specified period for the development and operation of the unitized land. Any plan submitted pursuant to this section shall provide for the exploration of the unitized area and for the determination of the area or areas thereof capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities in each and every productive formation and shall be as complete and adequate as the Supervisor, the Commissioner and the Commission may determine to be necessary for timely development and proper conservation of the oil and gas resources of 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) to the extent practicable specify the operating practices regarded as necessary and advisable for proper conservation of natural resources. Separate plans may be submitted for separate productive zones, subject to the approval of the Supervisor, the Commissioner and the Commission. Said plan or 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. The Supervisor and Commissioner are authorized to grant a reasonable extension of the 6-month period herein prescribed for submission of an initial plan of development where such action is justified because of unusual conditions or circumstances. After completion hereunder of the drilling program outlined in Section 9

above, no further wells, except such as may be necessary to afford protection against operations not under this agreement or such as may be specifically approved by the Supervisor, the Commissioner and the Commission, shall be drilled except in accordance with a plan of development approved as herein provided.

11. Participation after discovery.

(a) Mesaverde and Shallower Formations:

That portion of the unit area lying above the base of the Mesaverde formation is hereby divided into Drilling Blocks containing 320 acres each, more or less, which Drilling Blocks shall constitute one-half sections, by government survey, the sections being divided by a line running east and west in such manner that each Drilling Block shall be either the North Half (N/2) or the South Half (S/2) of each given section; provided, however, that in any instances of irregular surveys that portion of a section which most nearly constitutes either the North Half (N/2) or the South Half (S/2) shall constitute a Drilling Block even though its acreage may be irregular, and provided further that any irregular strips or small tracts shall attach to the adjacent Drilling Blocks to which they most logically attach within the limitations for Drilling Blocks as herein set forth, and provided further that in the event any portion of the area subject to this agreement is not surveyed, Unit Operator shall project the survey from the nearest established government survey points for the purposes of this agreement.

Upon completion of a well capable of producing unitized substances from the Mesaverde or shallower formation or as soon thereafter as required by the Supervisor or the Commissioner, the Unit Operator shall determine whether said well is capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities and shall advise the Supervisor, the Commissioner, the Commission and the working interest owners of its conclusion in that regard, giving the data upon which its conclusion is based and identifying the Drilling Blocks upon which said well is located. Protests against said conclusion may be filed with the Director, the Commissioner and the Commission within 15 days thereafter, but unless the Director, the Commissioner or the Commission shall, within 30 days after the filing of the original statement of conclusion by Unit Operator, disapprove of such conclusion, the decision of the Unit Operator shall thereafter be binding upon the parties hereto. If any such well is determined to be capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities, all of the land in the Drilling Block shall constitute the participating area for the formation from which the well is producing, effective as of the date of first production on or after the effective date of this agreement. Unit Operator shall prepare a schedule setting forth the percentage

of unitized substances to be allocated, as herein provided, to each unitized tract in the participating area so established, and upon approval thereof by the Director, the Commissioner and the Commission, said schedule shall govern the allocation of production from and after the date the participating area becomes effective. A separate participating area shall be established in like manner for each separate pool or deposit of unitized substances or for any group thereof producing as a single pool or zone, and all of the provisions of this section of this agreement shall be considered as applicable separately for each such participating area. It is hereby agreed for the purposes of this agreement that all wells completed for production in the Fruitland formation shall be regarded as producing from a single zone or pool and all wells completed for production in the Pictured Cliffs formation shall be regarded as producing from a single zone or pool, and all wells completed for production in the Mesaverde group shall be regarded as producing from a single zone or pool. Additional Drilling Blocks, subject to any limitations elsewhere set out in this agreement, shall be admitted to the participating area on the first day of the month following the month in which it has been established that a well capable of production of unitized substances in paying quantities has been drilled on any such Drilling Block, and the percentage of allocation shall be revised accordingly, in which event all of the production prior to the effective date of admission of such drilling block to the participating area shall be credited solely to the account of that particular block. For the purposes hereof, it shall be deemed that the capability of a well to produce unitized substances in paying quantities has been established when so determined by the Unit Operator and when notice of such determination shall have been delivered to the Supervisor, the Commissioner, the Commission and the working interest owners, which notice includes the data upon which the determination is based and identifies the Drilling Block upon which the well is located, subject to the right of any interested party to protest in writing against said determination to the Unit Operator, the Director, the Commissioner and the Commission within 15 days thereafter, however, in any event, such determination shall become effective within 30 days from the date thereof unless disapproved within said 30-day period by the Director, Commissioner, or Commission. In the event such determination is not upheld and changed conditions subsequently warrant, a new determination based on new showings and a new effective date may be submitted and processed in the same manner as aforesaid. No land shall be excluded from a participating area on account of depletion of the unitized substances.

In the event that any drilling block is admitted to a participating area as hereinabove provided when it lies directly north, south, east or west of any Drilling Block already included in said participating area, and where there is one, but only one intervening Drilling Block on which no well has then been drilled, said intervening Drilling Block shall also be admitted to said participating area at the same time, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the Drilling Block which is then admitted to such participating area by reason of the completion of a well thereon capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities. In such event, the drilling of a well on such undrilled intervening Drilling Block shall be commenced within one year from the effective date of said Drilling Block's inclusion in the participating area, unless said time be extended by the Director, Commissioner, and Commission, and shall be continued with due diligence to a depth necessary to test the horizon from which production is secured in said participating area.

If the initial well on any Drilling Block is not capable of production in paying quantities and at a later date a well is drilled on such Drilling Block which is capable of production of unitized substances in paying quantities, then that portion of the Drilling Block considered to be capable of production in paying quantities by reasonable geologic inference shall be admitted to the participating area upon recommendation of the Unit Operator and approval of the Director, the Commissioner and the Commission. If geologic inference is not applicable, the forty-acre tract by government survey, existing or projected, on which the producible well is drilled and all other untested forty-acre tracts or lots approximating 40 acres lying within the Drilling Block shall be admitted to the participating area.

Regardless of any revision of the participating area, and except as herein elsewhere specifically provided, there shall be no retroactive adjustment for production obtained prior to the effective date of any such revision of the participating area.

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

(b) From Formations below the Mesaverde:

Upon completion of a well capable of producing unitized substances from formations lying below the base of the Mesaverde in paying quantities, or as soon thereafter as required by the Supervisor and Commissioner, the Unit Operator shall submit for approval by the Director, the Commissioner, and the Commission, a schedule based on subdivisions of the public-land survey or aliquot parts thereof, of all unitized land then regarded as reasonably proved to be productive of unitized substances in paying quantities; all land in said schedule on approval of the Director, the Commissioner, and the Commission to constitute a participating area, effective as of the date of first production. Said schedule also shall set forth the percentage of unitized substances to be allocated as herein provided to each unitized tract in the participating area so established, and shall govern the allocation of production from and after the date the participating area becomes effective.

A separate participating area shall be established in like manner for each separate pool or deposit of unitized substances or for any group thereof produced as a single pool or zone, and any two or more participating areas so established may be combined into one with the consent of the owners of all working interests in the lands within the participating areas so to be combined upon approval of the Director, the Commissioner, and the Commission. The participating area or areas so established shall be revised from time to time, subject to like approval, whenever such action appears proper as a result of further drilling operations or otherwise, to include additional land then regarded as reasonably proved to be productive in paying quantities and the percentage of allocation shall also be revised accordingly. The effective date of any revision shall be the first of the month in which is obtained the knowledge or information on which such revision is predicated, unless a more appropriate effective date is specified in the schedule. No land shall be excluded from a participating area on

account of depletion of the unitized substances.

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

In the absence of agreement at any time between the Unit Operator and the Director, the Commissioner, and the Commission as to the proper definition or redefinition of a participating area, or until a participating area has, or areas have, been established as provided herein, the portion of all payments affected hereby may be impounded in a manner mutually acceptable to the owners of working interests, except royalties due the United States and the State of New Mexico, which shall be determined by the Supervisor and the Commissioner and the amount thereof deposited as directed by the Supervisor and the Commissioner, respectively, to be held as unearned money until a participating area is finally approved and then applied as earned or returned in accordance with a determination of the sum due as Federal and State Royalty on the basis of such approved participating area.

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

12. Allocation of production.

All unitized substances produced from each participating area established under this agreement, except any part thereof used in conformity with good operating practices within the unitized area for drilling, operating, camp and other production or development purposes, for repressuring or recycling in accordance with a plan of development approved by the Supervisor and Commissioner, or unavoidably lost, shall be deemed to be produced equally on the acreage basis from the several tracts of

unitized land of the participating area established for such production and, for the purpose of determining any benefits accruing under this agreement, each such tract of unitized land shall have allocated to it such percentage of said production as the number of acres of such tract included in said participating area bears to the total acres of unitized land in said participating area, except that allocation of production hereunder for purposes other than for settlement of the royalty, overriding royalty, or payment out of production obligations of the respective working interest owners, shall be on the basis prescribed in the unit operating agreement whether in conformity with the basis of allocation herein set forth or otherwise. It is hereby agreed that production of unitized substances from a participating area shall be allocated as provided herein regardless of whether any wells are drilled on any particular part or tract of said participating area. If any gas produced from one participating area is used for repressuring or recycling purposes in another participating area, the first gas withdrawn from such last mentioned participating area for sale during the life of this agreement shall be considered to be the gas so transferred until an amount equal to that transferred shall be so produced for sale and such gas shall be allocated to the participating area from which initially produced as constituted at the time of such final production.

13. Development or operation of non-participating land or formations and drilling of wells not mutually agreed upon.

Any party or parties hereto owning or controlling the working interests or a majority of the working interests in any unitized land having thereon a regular well location may, with the approval of the Supervisor as to Federal land, the Commissioner as to State land and the Commission as to privately owned land, and subject to the provisions of the Unit Operating Agreement, at such party's sole risk, cost and expense drill a well to test any formation for which a participating area has not been established or to test any formation for which a participating area has been established if such location is not within said participating area, or drill any well not mutually agreed to by all interested parties, 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 such well in like manner as other wells are drilled by the Unit Operator under this agreement.

If any well drilled as aforesaid by a working interest owner results in production such that the land upon which it is situated may properly be included in a participating area, such participating area shall be established or enlarged

as provided in this agreement, and the party or parties paying the cost of drilling such well shall be reimbursed as provided in the unit operating agreement for the cost of drilling such well, and the well shall thereafter be operated by Unit Operator in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the unit operating agreement.

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

14. Royalty Settlement.

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

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

engineering practice; and provided further, that such right of withdrawal shall terminate on the termination of this unit agreement.

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

Royalty due on account of State and privately owned lands shall be computed and paid on the basis of all unitized substances allocated to such lands.

15. Rental settlement.

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

Rentals on State of New Mexico lands subject to this agreement shall be paid at the rates specified in the respective leases, or may be reduced or suspended upon the order of the Commissioner pursuant to applicable laws and regulations.

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

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.

The Unit Operator shall take appropriate and adequate measures to prevent drainage of unitized substances from unitized land by wells on land not subject to this agreement, including wells on adjacent unit areas, or pursuant to applicable regulations pay a fair and reasonable compensatory royalty as determined by the Supervisor for Federal lands or as approved by the Commissioner for State lands.

18. Leases and contracts conformed and extended.

The terms, conditions, and provisions of all leases, subleases, and other contracts relating to exploration, drilling, development, or operation for oil or gas of lands committed to this agreement are hereby expressly modified and amended to the extent necessary to make the same conform to the provisions hereof, but otherwise to remain in full force and effect; and the parties hereto hereby consent that the Secretary as to Federal leases and the Commissioner as to State leases shall and 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 part or separately owned tract subject to this agreement, regardless of whether there is any development of any particular part or tract of the unit area, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any lease, operating agreement or other contract by and between the parties hereto, or their respective predecessors in interest, or any of them.

(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 Secretary (or his duly authorized representative) and the Commissioner or with the approval of the Commission shall be deemed to constitute such suspension pursuant to such direction or consent as to each and every tract of unitized land.

(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, 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 for a fixed term of twenty (20) years or any renewal thereof or any part of such lease which is made subject to this agreement shall continue in force beyond the term provided therein until the termination hereof. Any other Federal lease committed hereto shall continue in force beyond the term so provided therein or by law as to the committed land so long as such land remains committed hereto, provided unitized substances are discovered in paying quantities within the unit area prior to the expiration date of the primary term of such lease.

(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) Any lease having only a portion of its lands committed hereto shall be segregated as to the portion committed and the portion not committed, and the terms of such lease shall apply separately to such segregated portions commencing as of the effective date hereof. In the event any such lease provides for a lump sum rental payment, such payment shall be prorated between the portions so segregated in proportion to the acreage of the respective tracts.

19. Convenants run with land.

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

20. Effective date and term.

This agreement shall become effective upon approval by the Secretary or his duly authorized representative and shall terminate on July 1, 1957, unless (a) such date of expiration is extended by the Director and 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 the agreement on such ground is given by the Unit Operator to all parties in interest at their last known addresses, the agreement is terminated with the approval of the Director and Commissioner, or (c) a valuable discovery of unitized substances has been made on unitized land during said initial term or any extension thereof, in which event the agreement shall remain in effect for such term and so long as unitized substances can be produced in paying quantities, i. e., in this particular instance in quantities sufficient to pay for the cost of producing same from wells on unitized land within any participating area established hereunder and, should production cease, so long thereafter as diligent operations are in progress for the restoration of production or discovery of new production and so long thereafter as the unitized substances so discovered can be produced as aforesaid, or (d) it is terminated as heretofore provided in this agreement.

This agreement may be terminated at any time by not less than 75 per centum,

on an acreage basis, of the owners of working interests signatory hereto, with the approval of the Director and Commissioner; notice of any such approval to be given by the Unit Operator to all parties hereto.

21. Rate of prospecting, development, and production.

All production and the disposal thereof shall be in conformity with allocations, allotments and quotas made or fixed by any duly authorized person or regulatory body under any Federal or State statute. The Director is hereby vested with authority to alter or modify from time to time, in his discretion, the rate of prospecting and development and within the limits made or fixed by the Commission to alter or modify the quantity and rate of production under this agreement, such authority being hereby limited to alteration or modification in the public interest, the purpose thereof and the public interest to be served thereby to be stated in the order of alteration or modification; 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 development in the absence of the specific written approval thereof by the Commissioner and as to any lands of the State of New Mexico or privately-owned lands subject to this agreement as to the quantity and rate of production in the absence of specific written approval thereof by the Commission.

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

22. Automatic Elimination.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this agreement, any lease, no portion of which is included within a participating area within 5 years after the first sale of unitized substances from any lands subject to this agreement, shall be automatically eliminated from this agreement and said lease, and the lands covered thereby shall no longer be a part of the unit area and shall no longer be subject to this agreement, unless at the expiration of said 5 year period drilling operations are in progress on such lease, in which event the lands covered by such lease shall remain subject hereto and within said unit area for so long as such drilling operations are continued diligently and, so long thereafter as such lands or any portion thereof may be included in a participating area hereunder. Inasmuch as any elimination under this section is automatic, the Unit Operator shall, within 90 days after any such elimination hereunder, describe the area so eliminated, and promptly notify all parties in interest.

23. Conflict of supervision.

Neither the Unit Operator nor the Working Interest Owners nor any of them shall be subject to any forfeiture, termination or expiration of any rights hereunder or under any leases or contracts subject hereto, or to any penalty or liability on account of delay or failure in whole or in part to comply with any applicable provision thereof to the extent that the said Unit Operator, working interest owners or any of them are hindered, delayed or prevented from complying therewith by reason of failure of the Unit Operator to obtain, in the exercise of due diligence, the concurrence of proper representatives of the United States and proper representatives of the State of New Mexico in and about any matters or thing concerning which it is required herein that such concurrence be obtained. The parties hereto, including the Commission, agree that all powers and authority vested in the Commission in and by any provisions of this contract are vested in the Commission and shall be exercised by it pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the State of New Mexico and subject in any case to appeal or judicial review as may now or hereafter be provided by the laws of the State of New Mexico.

24. Appearances.

Unit Operator shall, after notice to other parties affected, have the right to appear for or on behalf of any and all interests affected hereby before the Department of the Interior and the Commission and to appeal from orders issued under the regulations of said Department and/or Commission or to apply for relief from any of said regulations or in any proceedings relative to operations before the Department of the Interior, the Commission, or any other legally constituted authority; provided, however, that any other interested party shall also have the right at his own expense to be heard in any such proceeding.

25. Notices.

All notices, demands or statements required hereunder to be given or rendered to the parties hereto shall be deemed fully given if given in writing and personally delivered to the party or sent by postpaid registered mail, addressed to such party or parties at their respective addresses set forth in connection with the signatures hereto or to the ratification or consent hereof or to such other address as any such party may have furnished in writing to party sending the notice, demand or statement.

26. No waiver of certain rights.

Nothing in this agreement contained shall be construed as a waiver by any

party hereto of the right to assert any legal or constitutional right or defense as to the validity or invalidity of any law of the State wherein said unitized lands are located, or of the United States, or regulations issued thereunder in any way affecting such party, or as a waiver by any such party of any right beyond his or its authority to waive.

27. Unavoidable delay.

All obligations under this agreement requiring the Unit Operator to commence or continue drilling or to operate on or produce unitized substances from any of the lands covered by this agreement shall be suspended while, but only so long as, the Unit Operator despite the exercise of due care and diligence is prevented from complying with such obligations, in whole or in part, by strikes, acts of God, Federal, State, or municipal law or agencies, unavoidable accidents, uncontrollable delays in transportation, inability to obtain necessary materials in open market, or other matters beyond the reasonable control of the Unit Operator whether similar to matters herein enumerated or not.

28. Fair employment.

The Unit Operator shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color or national origin, and an identical provision shall be incorporated in all subcontracts.

29. Loss of title.

In the event title to any tract of unitized land shall fail and the true owner cannot be induced to join in this unit agreement, such tract shall be automatically regarded as not committed hereto and there shall be such readjustment of future costs and benefits as may be required on account of the loss of such title. In the event of a dispute as to title as to any royalty, working interest, 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 Federal land and State land or leases, no payments of funds due the United States or the State of New Mexico should be withheld, but such funds of the United States shall be deposited as directed by the Supervisor, and such funds of the State shall be deposited as directed by the 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.

30. Non-joinder and subsequent joinder.

If the owner of any substantial interest in a tract within the unit area fails or refuses to subscribe or consent to this agreement, the owner of the working interest in that tract may withdraw said tract from this agreement by written notice to the Director, the Commissioner and the Unit Operator prior to the approval of this agreement by the Director. Any such tract not so withdrawn shall be considered as unitized, and any necessary adjustments of royalty occasioned by failure of the royalty and record owner to join will be for the account of the corresponding working interest owner. Any oil or gas interests in lands within the unit area not committed hereto prior to submission of this agreement for final approval may thereafter be committed hereto by the owner or owners thereof subscribing or consenting to this agreement, and, if the interest is a working interest, by the owner of such interest also subscribing to the unit operating agreement. After operations are commenced hereunder, the right of subsequent joinder, as provided in this section, by a working interest owner is subject to such requirements or approvals, if any, pertaining to such joinder, as may be provided for in the unit operating agreement. After final approval hereof, joinder by a non-working interest owner must be consented to in writing by the working interest owner committed hereto and responsible for the payment of any benefits that may accrue hereunder in behalf of such non-working interest. Prior to final approval hereof, joinder by any owner of a non-working interest must be accompanied by appropriate joinder by the owner of the corresponding working interest in order for the interest to be regarded as effectively committed hereto. Except as may otherwise herein be provided, subsequent joinders to this agreement shall be effective as of the first day of the month following the filing with the Supervisor and Commissioner of duly executed counterparts of all or any papers necessary to establish effective commitment of any tract to this agreement unless objection to such joinder is duly made within 60 days by the Director or Commissioner.

31. 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.

32. Surrender.

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

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

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

(1) Execute this agreement and the unit operating agreement as a working interest owner, effective as though such land had remained continuously subject to this agreement and the unit operating agreement.

(2) Again lease such lands but only under the condition that the holder of such lease shall within thirty (30) days after such lands are so leased execute this agreement and the unit operating agreement as to each participating area therefore established hereunder, effective as though such land had remained continuously subject to this agreement and the unit operating agreement.

(3) Operate or provide for the operation of such land independently of this agreement as to any part thereof or any oil or gas deposits therein not then included within a participating area.

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

For any period the working interest in any lands are not expressly committed to the unit operating agreement as the result of any such surrender or forfeiture, the benefits and obligations of operations accruing to such lands under this agreement and the unit operating agreement shall be shared by the remaining owners of unitized working interests in accordance with their respective participating working interest ownerships in any such participating area or areas, and such owners of working interests shall compensate the fee owner of unitized substances in such lands by paying sums equal to the rentals, minimum royalties, and royalties applicable to such lands under the lease in effect when the lands were unitized, as to such participating area or areas.

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

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit the right of joinder or subsequent joinder to this agreement as provided elsewhere in this agreement. The

exercise of any right vested in a working interest owner to reassign such working interest to the party from whom obtained shall be subject to the same conditions as set forth in this section in regard to the exercise of a right to surrender.

33.

This agreement provides for approval hereof by the Commissioner and in addition contains provisions authorizing the Commissioner to exercise certain functions. It is hereby understood and agreed that, as there are no State Lands included within the unit area, the Commissioner will exercise none of the functions prescribed in this agreement until such time as State Lands may be included in an approved participating area by expansion of the unit area.

In the event the Commissioner should not approve this agreement, it shall nevertheless be effective upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior, or his duly authorized representative, and the Commission, and thereupon all of the provisions of this agreement pertaining to the functions of the Commissioner shall be of no effect.

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