

Stogner, Michael

From: McGee, Cindy [Cindy.McGee@usa.apachecorp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2004 8:57 AM
To: mstogner@state.nm.us
Cc: Moreno, Mario
Subject: RE: (no subject)

Mike,

Jim Bruce requested that we send you a copy of the attached Communitization Agreements. Should you need anything further, please let me know.

Cindy McGee
Apache Corporation
(918) 491-4958

-----Original Message-----

From: Moreno, Mario
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2004 9:49 AM
To: McGee, Cindy
Subject: FW: (no subject)

Please email all Comm Agreements to Mike Stogner with OCD, his email is attached. Thanks

Mario

-----Original Message-----

From: JamesBruc@aol.com [mailto:JamesBruc@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 6:39 PM
To: Moreno, Mario
Subject: (no subject)

Mario: Mike Stogner is working on the wells involving state lands, but he didn't have complete copies of the communitization agreements. Could you please e-mail copies of all communitization agreements to him? Thanks. His address is:

mstogner@state.nm.us

Jim

2/25/2004

COMMUNITIZATION AGREEMENT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
)
COUNTY OF LEA)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the December 5, 2003, by and between the parties subscribing, ratifying or consenting hereto, such parties hereinafter being referred to as "Parties hereto";*

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico is authorized by the Legislature, as set forth in Sec. 19-10-53, New Mexico Statutes, Annotated, 1978, in the interest of conservation of oil & gas and the prevention of waste to consent to and approve the development or operation of State lands under agreements made by lessees of oil & gas leases thereon, jointly or severally with other oil & gas lessees of State Lands, or oil and gas lessees or mineral owners of privately owned or fee lands, for the purpose of pooling or communitizing such lands to form a proration unit or portion thereof, or well-spacing unit, pursuant to any order, rule or regulation of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department where such agreement provides for the allocation of the production of oil or gas from such pools or communitized area on an acreage or other basis found by the Commissioner to be fair and equitable.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto, own working, royalty, or other leasehold interests or operating rights under the oil and gas leases and lands subject to this agreement, which leases are more particularly described in the schedule attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, said leases, insofar as they cover the Grayburg formation (hereinafter referred to as "said formation") in and under the land hereinafter described cannot be independently developed and operated in conformity with the well spacing program established for such formation in and under said lands; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to communitize and pool their respective interests in said leases subject to this agreement for the purpose of developing, operating and producing hydrocarbons in the said formation in and under the land hereinafter described subject to the terms hereof.

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NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual advantages to the parties hereto, it is mutually covenanted and agreed by and between the undersigned as follows:

- 1. The lands covered by this agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "communitized area") are described as follows:**

Township 21 South Range 37 East N. M. P. M.

Section 16: W/2NE/4; E/2NW/4

Lea County, New Mexico,

Limited to production from the STATE C TRACT 12 WELL NO 17, located 1,310' FNL & 2,590' FWL of said Section 16.

containing 160.00 acres, more or less. It is the judgment of the parties hereto that the communitization, pooling and consolidation of the aforesaid land into a single unit for the development and production of hydrocarbons from the said formation in and under said land is necessary and advisable in order to properly develop and produce the hydrocarbons in the said formation beneath the said land in accordance with the well spacing rules of the Oil Conservation Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, and in order to promote the conservation of the hydrocarbons in and that may be produced from said formation in and under said lands, and would be in the public interest;

AND, for the purposes aforesaid, the parties hereto do hereby communitize for proration or spacing purposes only the leases described in Exhibit "A" hereto insofar as they cover hydrocarbons within and that may be produced from the said formation (hereinafter referred to as "Communitized Substances") beneath the above-described land, into a single communitization, for the development, production, operation and conservation of the hydrocarbons in said formation beneath said lands.

Attached hereto and made a part of this agreement for all purposes, is Exhibit "A" showing the acreage, and ownership (Lessees of Record) of all leases within the communitized area.

- 2. The communitized area shall be developed and operated as an entirety with the understanding and agreement between the parties hereto that all communitized substances produced therefrom shall be allocated among the leases described in Exhibit "A" hereto in the proportion that the number of surface acres covered by each of such leases and included within the communitized area bears to the total number of acres contained in the communitized area.**
- 3. Subject to Paragraph 4, the royalties payable on communitized substances allocated to the individual leases and the rentals provided for in said leases**

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shall be determined and paid in the manner and on the basis prescribed in each of said leases. Except as provided for under the terms and provisions of the leases described in Exhibit "A" hereto or as herein provided to the contrary, the payment of rentals under the terms of said leases shall not be affected by this agreement; and except as herein modified and changed or heretofore amended, the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement shall remain in full force and effect as originally issued and amended.

- 4. The State of New Mexico hereafter is entitled to the right to take in kind its share for the communitized substances allocated to such tract, and Operator shall make deliveries of such royalty share taken in kind in conformity with applicable contracts, laws, and regulations.*
- 5. There shall be no obligation upon the parties hereto to offset any well or wells situated on the tracts of land comprising the communitized area, nor shall the Operator be required to measure separately the communitized substances by reason of the diverse ownership of the separate tracts of land comprising the said communitized area; provided, however, that the parties hereto shall not be released from their obligation to protect the communitized area from drainage of communitized substances by wells which may be drilled within offset distance (as that term is defined) of the communitized area.*
- 6. The commencement, completion, and continued operation or production of a well or wells for communitized substances on the communitized area shall be considered as the commencement, completion, continued operation or production as to each of the leases described in Exhibit "A" hereto.*
- 7. The production of communitized substances and disposal thereof shall be in conformity with the allocations, allotments, and quotas made or fixed by any duly authorized person or regulatory body under applicable Federal or State laws. This agreement shall be subject to all applicable Federal and State laws, executive orders, rules and regulations affecting the performance of the provisions hereof, and no party hereto shall suffer a forfeiture or be liable in damages for failure to comply with any of the provisions of this agreement if compliance is prevented by or if such failure results from compliance with any such laws, orders, rules and regulations.*
- 8. Apache Corporation shall be the Operator of said communitized area and all matters of operation shall be determined and performed by Apache Corporation.*
- 9. This agreement shall be effective as of the date hereinabove written upon execution by the necessary parties, notwithstanding the date of execution, and upon approval by the Commissioner of Public Lands, shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one year from the date hereof and as long*

thereafter as communitized substances are produced from the communitized area in paying quantities; provided, that this agreement shall not expire if there is a well capable of producing gas in paying quantities located upon some part of the communitized area, if such a well is shut-in due to the inability of the operator to obtain a pipeline connection or to market the gas therefrom, and if either: (a) a shut-in royalty has been timely and properly paid pursuant to the provisions of one of the State of New Mexico oil and gas leases covering lands subject to this agreement so as to prevent the expiration of such lease; or (b) each of the State of New Mexico oil and gas leases covering lands subject to this agreement is in its primary term (if a five-year lease), or in its primary or secondary term (if a ten-year lease), or is held by production from another well. Provided further, however, that prior to production in paying quantities from the communitized area, and upon fulfillment of all requirements of the Commissioner of Public Lands with respect to any dry hole or abandoned well drilled upon the communitized area, this Agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the parties hereto. This agreement shall not terminate upon cessation of production of communitized substances if, within sixty (60) days thereafter, reworking or drilling operations on the communitized area are commenced and are thereafter conducted with reasonable diligence. As to lands owned by the State of New Mexico, written notice of intention to commence such operations shall be filed with the Commissioner within thirty (30) days after the cessation of such production, and a report of the status of such operations shall be made by the Operator to the Commissioner every thirty (30) days, and the cessation of such operations for more than twenty (20) consecutive days shall be considered as an abandonment of such operations as to any lease from the State of New Mexico included in this agreement.

10. *Operator will furnish the Oil Conservation Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, and the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico, with any and all reports, statements, notices and well logs and records which may be required under the laws and regulations of the State of New Mexico.*
11. *It is agreed between the parties hereto that the Commissioner of Public Lands, or his duly authorized representatives, shall have the right of supervision over all operations under the communitized area to the same extent and degree as provided in the oil and gas leases described in Exhibit "A" hereto and in the applicable oil and gas regulations of the State of New Mexico.*
12. *If any order of the Oil Conservation Division of the New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department, upon which this agreement is*

predicated or based is in anyway changed or modified, then in such event said agreement is likewise modified to conform thereto.

13. *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 instruments, in writing, specifically referring hereto, and shall be binding upon all parties who have executed such a counterpart, ratification or consent hereto with the same force and effect as if all parties had signed the same document.*
14. *This agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and shall extend to and be binding upon their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the day and year first above written.

OPERATOR: APACHE CORPORATION

BY: _____

Title: _____

LESSEES OF RECORD:

**OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP**

By: _____

Title: _____

LESSEES OF RECORD:

CHEVRON U.S.A INC.

By: _____

Title: _____

STATE OF _____)

_____)ss

COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____ 20____ by _____, as Attorney in Fact on behalf of _____ Company.

My Commission Expires

Notary Public

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STATE OF _____)

COUNTY OF _____)ss
)

*The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____
by _____, as Attorney in Fact on behalf of
_____ Company.*

My Commission Expires

Notary Public

EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of that Communitization Agreement dated December 5, 2003, by and between Apache Corporation, Occidental Permian Limited Partnership, covering the W/2NE/4; E/2NW/4 Section 16 Township 21 North Range 37 East, Lea, County, New Mexico.

Operator of Communitized Area:

Apache Corporation

Description of Leases Committed:

Tract No. 1

Lessor:

**State of New Mexico acting by and through its
Commissioner of Public Lands**

Lessee of Record:

Occidental Permian Limited Partnership

Serial No. of Lease:

B-1557-1

Date of Lease:

December 27, 1932

**Description of Lands
Committed:**

T21S, R37E, Section 16: E/2 NW/4

No. of Acres:

16.988 of 80

Tract No. 2

Lessor:

**State of New Mexico acting by and through its
Commissioner of Public Lands**

Lessee of Record:

Chevron U.S.A. Inc.

Serial No. of Lease:

B-1732-1

Date of Lease:

February 28, 1933

**Description of Lands
Committed:**

T-21S, R37E, Section 16: W/2 NE/4

No. of Acres:

23.012 of 80

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RECAPITULATION

TRACT NO.	NO. OF ACRES COMMITTED	PERCENTAGE OF INTEREST IN COMMUNITIZED AREA
Lease No. 1	-	42.47%
Lease No. 2	-	57.53%

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