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MODEL FORM OPERATING AGREEMENT

OPERATING AGREEMENT

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OPERATOR Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP

CONTRACT AREA N/2 Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M.

Limited to the Mesaverde and Dakota Formations

Mesaverde - Containing 320.00 acres, more or less;

Dakota - Containing 326.92 acres, more or less

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WORTH, TEXAS, 76137-2791, APPROVED
FORM. A.A.P.L. NO. 610 - 1982 REVISED

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OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP, hereinafter designated and referred to as "Operator", and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter referred to individually herein as "Non-Operator", and collectively as "Non-Operators".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are owners of oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests in the land identified in Exhibit "A", and the parties hereto have reached an agreement to explore and develop these leases and/or oil and gas interests for the production of oil and gas to the extent and as hereinafter provided,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS

- As used in this agreement, the following words and terms shall have the meanings here ascribed to them:
A. The term "oil and gas" shall mean oil, gas, casinghead gas, gas condensate, and all other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons and other marketable substances produced therewith, unless an intent to limit the inclusiveness of this term is specifically stated.
B. The terms "oil and gas lease", "lease" and "leasehold" shall mean the oil and gas leases covering tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by the parties to this agreement.
C. The term "oil and gas interests" shall mean unleased fee and mineral interests in tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by parties to this agreement.
D. The term "Contract Area" shall mean all of the lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests intended to be developed and operated for oil and gas purposes under this agreement. Such lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests are described in Exhibit "A".
E. The term "drilling unit" shall mean the area fixed for the drilling of one well by order or rule of any state or federal body having authority. If a drilling unit is not fixed by any such rule or order, a drilling unit shall be the drilling unit as established by the pattern of drilling in the Contract Area or as fixed by express agreement of the Drilling Parties.
F. The term "drillsite" shall mean the oil and gas lease or interest on which a proposed well is to be located.
G. The terms "Drilling Party" and "Consenting Party" shall mean a party who agrees to join in and pay its share of the cost of any operation conducted under the provisions of this agreement.
H. The terms "Non-Drilling Party" and "Non-Consenting Party" shall mean a party who elects not to participate in a proposed operation.

Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.

ARTICLE II. EXHIBITS

The following exhibits, as indicated below and attached hereto, are incorporated in and made a part hereof:

- A. Exhibit "A", shall include the following information:
(1) Identification of lands subject to this agreement,
(2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths, formations, or substances,
(3) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement,
(4) Oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject to this agreement,
(5) Addresses of parties for notice purposes.
B. Exhibit "B", Form of Lease.
C. Exhibit "C", Accounting Procedure.
D. Exhibit "D", Insurance.
E. Exhibit "E", Gas Balancing Agreement.
F. Exhibit "F", Non-Discrimination and Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities.
G. Exhibit "G", Tax Partnership.

If any provision of any exhibit, except Exhibits "E" and "G", is inconsistent with any provision contained in the body of this agreement, the provisions in the body of this agreement shall prevail.

ARTICLE III.
INTERESTS OF PARTIES

4 A. Oil and Gas Interests:

6 If any party owns an oil and gas interest in the Contract Area, that interest shall be treated for all purposes of this agreement
7 and during the term hereof as if it were covered by the form of oil and gas lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B", and the owner thereof
8 shall be deemed to own both the royalty interest reserved in such lease and the interest of the lessee *thereunder*.

10 B. Interests of Parties in Costs and Production:

12 Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne and
13 paid, and all equipment and materials acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned, by the parties as their interests are set
14 forth in Exhibit "A". In the same manner, the parties shall also own all production of oil and gas from the Contract Area subject to the
15 payment of royalties to the extent of one-eighth (1/8) which shall be borne as hereinafter set forth.

17 Regardless of which party has contributed the lease(s) and/or oil and gas interest(s) hereto on which royalty is due and
18 payable, each party entitled to receive a share of production of oil and gas from the Contract Area shall bear and shall pay or deliver, or
19 cause to be paid or delivered, to the extent of its interest in such production, the royalty amount stipulated hereinabove and shall hold the
20 other parties free from any liability therefor. No party shall ever be responsible, however, on a price basis higher than the price received
21 by such party, to any other party's lessor or royalty owner, and if any such other party's lessor or royalty owner should demand and
22 receive settlement on a higher price basis, the party contributing the affected lease shall bear the additional royalty burden attributable to
23 such higher price.

25 Nothing contained in this Article III.B. shall be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby.

27 C. Excess Royalties, Overriding Royalties and Other Payments:

29 Unless changed by other provisions, if the interest of any party in any lease covered hereby is subject to any royalty,
30 overriding royalty, production payment or other burden on production in excess of the amount stipulated in Article III.B., such party so
31 burdened shall assume and alone bear all such excess obligations and shall indemnify and hold the other parties hereto harmless from any
32 and all claims and demands for payment asserted by owners of such excess burden.

34 D. Subsequently Created Interests:

36 If any party should hereafter create an overriding royalty, production payment or other burden payable out of production
37 attributable to its working interest hereunder, ~~or if such a burden existed prior to this agreement and is not set forth in Exhibit "A", or~~
38 ~~was not disclosed in writing to all other parties prior to the execution of this agreement by all parties, or is not a jointly acknowledged and~~
39 ~~accepted obligation of all parties~~ (any such interest being hereinafter referred to as "subsequently created interest" ~~irrespective of the~~
40 ~~timing of its creation and the party out of whose working interest the subsequently created interest is derived being hereinafter referred~~
41 to as "burdened party"), and:

- 43 1. If the burdened party is required under this agreement to assign or relinquish to any other party, or parties, all or a portion
44 of its working interest and/or the production attributable thereto, said other party, or parties, shall receive said assignment and/or
45 production free and clear of said subsequently created interest and the burdened party shall indemnify and save said other party,
46 or parties, harmless from any and all claims and demands for payment asserted by owners of the subsequently created interest;
47 and,
- 48 2. If the burdened party fails to pay, when due, its share of expenses chargeable hereunder, all provisions of Article VII.B. shall be
49 enforceable against the subsequently created interest in the same manner as they are enforceable against the working interest of
50 the burdened party.

ARTICLE IV.
TITLES

56 A. Title Examination:

58 Title examination shall be made on the drillsite of any proposed well prior to commencement of drilling operations or, if
59 the Drilling Parties so request, title examination shall be made on the leases and/or oil and gas interests included, or planned to be includ-
60 ed, in the drilling unit around such well. The ~~opinion~~ ^{title examination} will include the ownership of the working interest, / minerals, royalty, overriding
61 royalty and production payments under the applicable leases. At the time a well is proposed, each party contributing leases and/or oil and
62 gas interests to the drillsite, or to be included in such drilling unit, shall furnish to Operator all abstracts (including federal lease status
63 reports), title opinions, title papers and curative material in its possession free of charge. All such information not in the possession of or
64 made available to Operator by the parties, but necessary for the examination of the title, shall be obtained by Operator. Operator shall
65 cause title to be examined by attorneys / ~~or Landmen~~ ^{or Landmen} ~~updates, reports or~~ on its staff or by outside attorneys / ~~updates, reports or~~
66 hereto. The cost incurred by Operator in this title program shall be borne as follows:

67 *and at the written request of non-operator (at the sole cost and expense of non-operator),
68 Option No. 1: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and title examination (including preliminary, supplemental,
69 shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be a part of the administrative overhead as provided in Exhibit "C",
70 and shall not be a direct charge, whether performed by Operator's staff attorneys or by outside attorneys.

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1 Option No. 2: *Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and fees paid outside attorneys / for title examination
2 (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions /) shall be borne by the Drilling Parties
3 in the proportion that the interest of each Drilling Party bears to the total interest of all Drilling Parties as such interests appear in Ex-
4 hibit "A". Operator shall make no charge for services rendered by its staff attorneys or other personnel in the performance of the above
5 functions.
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7 Each party shall be responsible for securing curative matter and pooling amendments or agreements required in connection
8 with leases or oil and gas interests contributed by such party. Operator shall be responsible for the preparation and recording of pooling
9 designations or declarations as well as the conduct of hearings before governmental agencies for the securing of spacing or pooling orders.
10 This shall not prevent any party from appearing on its own behalf at any such hearing.
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12 No well shall be drilled on the Contract Area until after (1) the title to the drillsite or drilling unit has been examined as above
13 provided, and (2) the title has been approved by the examining attorney or title has been accepted by all of the parties who are to par-
14 ticipate in the drilling of the well.
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16 **B. Loss of Title:**

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18 1. Failure of Title: Should any oil and gas interest or lease, or interest therein, be lost through failure of title, which loss results in a
19 reduction of interest from that shown on Exhibit "A", the party contributing the affected lease or interest shall have ninety (90) days
20 from final determination of title failure to acquire a new lease or other instrument curing the entirety of the title failure, which acquisi-
21 tion will not be subject to Article VIII.B., and failing to do so, this agreement, nevertheless, shall continue in force as to all remaining oil
22 and gas leases and interests; and,

23 (a) The party whose oil and gas lease or interest is affected by the title failure shall bear alone the entire loss and it shall not be
24 entitled to recover from Operator or the other parties any development or operating costs which it may have theretofore paid or incurred,
25 but there shall be no additional liability on its part to the other parties hereto by reason of such title failure;

26 (b) There shall be no retroactive adjustment of expenses incurred or revenues received from the operation of the interest which has
27 been lost, but the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, as of the time it is determined finally that title failure has oc-
28 curred, so that the interest of the party whose lease or interest is affected by the title failure will thereafter be reduced in the Contract
29 Area by the amount of the interest lost;

30 (c) If the proportionate interest of the other parties hereto in any producing well theretofore drilled on the Contract Area is
31 increased by reason of the title failure, the party whose title has failed shall receive the proceeds attributable to the increase in such in-
32 terest (less costs and burdens attributable thereto) until it has been reimbursed for unrecovered costs paid by it in connection with such
33 well;

34 (d) Should any person not a party to this agreement, who is determined to be the owner of any interest in the title which has
35 failed, pay in any manner any part of the cost of operation, development, or equipment, such amount shall be paid to the party or parties
36 who bore the costs which are so refunded;

37 (e) Any liability to account to a third party for prior production of oil and gas which arises by reason of title failure shall be
38 borne by the party or parties whose title failed in the same proportions in which they shared in such prior production; and,

39 (f) No charge shall be made to the joint account for legal expenses, fees or salaries, in connection with the defense of the interest
40 claimed by any party hereto, it being the intention of the parties hereto that each shall defend title to its interest and bear all expenses in
41 connection therewith.
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43 2. Loss by Non-Payment or Erroneous Payment of Amount Due: If, through mistake or oversight, any rental, shut-in well
44 payment, minimum royalty or royalty payment, is not paid or is erroneously paid, and as a result a lease or interest therein terminates,
45 there shall be no monetary liability against the party who failed to make such payment. Unless the party who failed to make the required
46 payment secures a new lease covering the same interest within ninety (90) days from the discovery of the failure to make proper payment,
47 which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, effective as of the
48 date of termination of the lease involved, and the party who failed to make proper payment will no longer be credited with an interest in
49 the Contract Area on account of ownership of the lease or interest which has terminated. In the event the party who failed to make the
50 required payment shall not have been fully reimbursed, at the time of the loss, from the proceeds of the sale of oil and gas attributable to
51 the lost interest, calculated on an acreage basis, for the development and operating costs theretofore paid on account of such interest, it
52 shall be reimbursed for unrecovered actual costs theretofore paid by it (but not for its share of the cost of any dry hole previously drilled
53 or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following as is necessary to effect reimbursement:

54 (a) Proceeds of oil and gas, less operating expenses, theretofore accrued to the credit of the lost interest, on an acreage basis,
55 up to the amount of unrecovered costs;

56 (b) Proceeds, less operating expenses, thereafter accrued attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, of that portion of
57 oil and gas thereafter produced and marketed (excluding production from any wells thereafter drilled) which, in the absence of such lease
58 termination, would be attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, the proceeds of said
59 portion of the oil and gas to be contributed by the other parties in proportion to their respective interest; and,

60 (c) Any monies, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, that may be paid by any party who is, or becomes, the owner of the interest
61 lost, for the privilege of participating in the Contract Area or becoming a party to this agreement.
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63 3. Other Losses: All losses incurred, other than those set forth in Articles IV.B.1. and IV.B.2. above, shall be joint losses
64 and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of
65 the Contract Area.
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ARTICLE V.
OPERATOR

A. Designation and Responsibilities of Operator:

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP shall be the Operator of the Contract Area, and shall conduct and direct and have full control of all operations on the Contract Area as permitted and required by, and within the limits of this agreement. It shall conduct all such operations in a good and workmanlike manner, but it shall have no liability as Operator to the other parties for losses sustained or liabilities incurred, except such as may result from gross negligence or willful misconduct.

B. Resignation or Removal of Operator and Selection of Successor:

1. Resignation or Removal of Operator: Operator may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to Non-Operators. If Operator terminates its legal existence, no longer owns an interest hereunder in the Contract Area, or is no longer capable of serving as Operator, Operator shall be deemed to have resigned without any action by Non-Operators, except the selection of a successor. Operator may be removed if it fails or refuses to carry out its duties hereunder, or becomes insolvent, bankrupt or is placed in receivership, by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more Non-Operators owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A" remaining after excluding the voting interest of Operator. Such resignation or removal shall not become effective until 7:00 o'clock A.M. on the first day of the calendar month following the expiration of ninety (90) days after the giving of notice of resignation by Operator or action by the Non-Operators to remove Operator, unless a successor Operator has been selected and assumes the duties of Operator at an earlier date. Operator, after effective date of resignation or removal, shall be bound by the terms hereof as a Non-Operator. A change of a corporate name or structure of Operator or transfer of Operator's interest to any single subsidiary, parent or successor corporation shall not be the basis for removal of Operator.

2. Selection of Successor Operator: Upon the resignation or removal of Operator, a successor Operator shall be selected by the parties. The successor Operator shall be selected from the parties owning an interest in the Contract Area at the time such successor Operator is selected. The successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A"; provided, however, if an Operator which has been removed fails to vote or votes only to succeed itself, the successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A" remaining after excluding the voting interest of the Operator that was removed.

3. Vote Required: Where there is only one (1) Non-Operator, the vote of two (2) or more parties shall not be required under Article V.B.1 and V.B.2.

C. Employees:

The number of employees used by Operator in conducting operations hereunder, their selection, and the hours of labor and the compensation for services performed shall be determined by Operator, and all such employees shall be the employees of Operator.

D. Drilling Contracts:

All wells drilled on the Contract Area shall be drilled on a competitive contract basis at the usual rates prevailing in the area. If it so desires, Operator may employ its own tools and equipment in the drilling of wells, but its charges therefor shall not exceed the prevailing rates in the area and the rate of such charges shall be agreed upon by the parties in writing before drilling operations are commenced, and such work shall be performed by Operator under the same terms and conditions as are customary and usual in the area in contracts of independent contractors who are doing work of a similar nature.

ARTICLE VI.
DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Initial Well:

On or before the 1st day of June, ^{operations for} ~~commence~~ ^{or recompletion} ~~the drilling~~ of a well for oil and gas at the following location:

N/2, Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M

and shall thereafter continue the drilling of the well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to adequately test the

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unless granite or other practically impenetrable substance or condition in the hole, which renders further ^{or recompletion} ~~drilling~~ impractical, is encountered at a lesser depth, or unless all parties agree to complete or abandon the well at a lesser depth.

Operator shall make reasonable tests of all formations encountered during drilling which give indication of containing oil and gas in quantities sufficient to test, unless this agreement shall be limited in its application to a specific formation or formations, in which event Operator shall be required to test only the formation or formations to which this agreement may apply.

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1 If, in Operator's judgment, the well will not produce oil or gas in paying quantities, and it wishes to plug and abandon the
2 well as a dry hole, the provisions of Article VI.E.1. shall thereafter apply.

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6 **B. Subsequent Operations:**

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8 **1. Proposed Operations:** Should any party hereto desire to drill any well on the Contract Area other than the well provided
9 for in Article VI.A., or to rework, deepen or plug back a dry hole drilled at the joint expense of all parties or a well jointly owned by all
10 the parties and not then producing in paying quantities, the party desiring to drill, rework, deepen or plug back such a well shall give the
11 other parties written notice of the proposed operation, specifying the work to be performed, the location, proposed depth, objective forma-
12 tion and the estimated cost of the operation. The parties receiving such a notice shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice
13 within which to notify the party wishing to do the work whether they elect to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. If a drill-
14 ing rig is on location, notice of a proposal to rework, plug back or drill deeper may be given by telephone and the response period shall be
15 limited to forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday, and legal holidays. Failure of a party receiving such notice to reply within
16 the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. Any notice or
17 response given by telephone shall be promptly confirmed in writing.

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21 If all parties elect to participate in such a proposed operation, Operator shall, within ninety (90) days after expiration of the notice
22 period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour period when a drilling rig is on loca-
23 tion, as the case may be), actually commence the proposed operation and complete it with due diligence at the risk and expense of all par-
24 ties hereto; provided, however, said commencement date may be extended upon written notice of same by Operator to the other parties,
25 for a period of up to thirty (30) additional days if, in the sole opinion of Operator, such additional time is reasonably necessary to obtain
26 permits from governmental authorities, surface rights (including rights-of-way) or appropriate drilling equipment, or to complete title ex-
27 amination or curative matter required for title approval or acceptance. Notwithstanding the force majeure provisions of Article XI, if the
28 actual operation has not been commenced within the time provided (including any extension thereof as specifically permitted herein) and
29 if any party hereto still desires to conduct said operation, written notice proposing same must be resubmitted to the other parties in accor-
30 dance with the provisions hereof as if no prior proposal had been made.

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34 **2. Operations by Less than All Parties:** If any party receiving such notice as provided in Article VI.B.1. or VII.D.1. (Option
35 No. 2) elects not to participate in the proposed operation, then, in order to be entitled to the benefits of this Article, the party or parties
36 giving the notice and such other parties as shall elect to participate in the operation shall, within ninety (90) days after the expiration of
37 the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour period when a drilling rig is
38 on location, as the case may be) actually commence the proposed operation and complete it with due diligence. Operator shall perform all
39 work for the account of the Consenting Parties; provided, however, if no drilling rig or other equipment is on location, and if Operator is
40 a Non-Consenting Party, the Consenting Parties shall either: (a) request Operator to perform the work required by such proposed opera-
41 tion for the account of the Consenting Parties, or (b) designate one (1) of the Consenting Parties as Operator to perform such work. Con-
42 senting Parties, when conducting operations on the Contract Area pursuant to this Article VI.B.2., shall comply with all terms and con-
43 ditions of this agreement.

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47 If less than all parties approve any proposed operation, the proposing party, immediately after the expiration of the applicable
48 notice period, shall advise the Consenting Parties of the total interest of the parties approving such operation and its recommendation as
49 to whether the Consenting Parties should proceed with the operation as proposed. Each Consenting Party, within forty-eight (48) hours
50 (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) after receipt of such notice, shall advise the proposing party of its desire to (a) limit par-
51 ticipation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" or (b) carry its proportionate part of Non-Consenting Parties' interests, and
52 failure to advise the proposing party shall be deemed an election under (a). In the event a drilling rig is on location, the time permitted for
53 such a response shall not exceed a total of forty-eight (48) hours ^{exclusive} ~~(exclusive)~~ of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays). The proposing party,
54 at its election, may withdraw such proposal if there is insufficient participation and shall promptly notify all parties of such decision.

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58 The entire cost and risk of conducting such operations shall be borne by the Consenting Parties in the proportions they have
59 elected to bear same under the terms of the preceding paragraph. Consenting Parties shall keep the leasehold estates involved in such
60 operations free and clear of all liens and encumbrances of every kind created by or arising from the operations of the Consenting Parties.
61 If such an operation results in a dry hole, the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well and restore the surface location at their
62 sole cost, risk and expense. If any well drilled, reworked, deepened or plugged back under the provisions of this Article results in a pro-
63 ducer of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, the Consenting Parties shall complete and equip the well to produce at their sole cost and risk,
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1 and the well shall then be turned over to Operator and shall be operated by it at the expense and for the account of the Consenting Parties. Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of any such well by Consenting Parties in accordance with the provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, 3 and the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-Consenting Party's interest in the well and share of production therefrom until the proceeds of the sale of such share, calculated at the well, or market value thereof if such share is not sold, (after deducting production taxes, excise taxes, royalty, ^{windfall profit taxes} overriding royalty and other interests not excepted by Article III.D. payable out of or measured by the production from such well accruing with respect to such interest until it reverts) shall equal the total of the following:

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12 (a) 100% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of any newly acquired surface equipment beyond the wellhead connections (including, but not limited to, stock tanks, separators, treaters, pumping equipment and piping), plus 100% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of operation of the well commencing with first production and continuing until each such Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest shall revert to it under other provisions of this Article, it being agreed that each Non-Consenting Party's share of such costs and equipment will be that interest which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party had it participated in the well from the beginning of the operations; and

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21 (b) 300 % of that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling, reworking, deepening, plugging back, testing and completing, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C., and 300 % of that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the wellhead connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had participated therein.

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28 An election not to participate in the drilling or the deepening of a well shall be deemed an election not to participate in any reworking or plugging back operation proposed in such a well, or portion thereof, to which the initial Non-Consent election applied that is conducted at any time prior to full recovery by the Consenting Parties of the Non-Consenting Party's recoupment account. Any such reworking or plugging back operation conducted during the recoupment period shall be deemed part of the cost of operation of said well and there shall be added to the sums to be recouped by the Consenting Parties one hundred percent (100%) of that portion of the costs of the reworking or plugging back operation which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein. If such a reworking or plugging back operation is proposed during such recoupment period, the provisions of this Article VI.B. shall be applicable as between said Consenting Parties in said well.

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38 During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's share of production, or the proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of all production, severance, excise, ^{windfall profit taxes} gathering and other taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's share of production not excepted by Article III.D.

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44 In the case of any reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling operation, the Consenting Parties shall be permitted to use, free of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of all such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon abandonment of a well after such reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equipment to the owners thereof, with each party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of salvage.

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50 Within sixty (60) days after the ^{successful} completion of any operation under this Article, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an inventory of the equipment in and connected to the well, and an itemized statement of the cost of drilling, deepening, plugging back, testing, completing, and equipping the well for production; or, at its option, the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed statement of monthly billings. Each ~~month~~ ^{quarter} thereafter, during the time the Consenting Parties are being reimbursed as provided above, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities incurred in the operation of the well, together with a statement of the quantity of oil and gas produced from it and the amount of proceeds realized from the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding ~~month~~ ^{quarter}. In determining the quantity of oil and gas produced during any ~~month~~ ^{quarter}, Consenting Parties shall use industry accepted methods such as, but not limited to, metering or periodic well tests. Any amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with any such operation which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein shall be credited against the total unreturned costs of the work done and of the equipment purchased in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as above provided; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting Party.

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64 Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this or any other agreement, a non-consenting party, upon notice in writing to Operator and/or any party carrying all or part of the non-consenting interest, shall have the right at all times and from time to time for each non-consent operation within the twenty-four (24) month period following the end of the calendar year in which the payout statement for such non-consent operation is issued to audit Operator's and/or carrying party's accounts and records relating to or connected with such non-consent operation in the Contract Area or on land pooled therewith, regardless of when such non-consent operations were conducted.

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1 If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest the amounts provided for above,
2 the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall automatically revert to it, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-
3 Consenting Party shall own the same interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production
4 therefrom as such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging
5 back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be charged with and shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of
6 the operation of said well in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the Accounting Procedure attached hereto.

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10 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that without the mutual consent of all parties, no wells shall
11 be completed in or produced from a source of supply from which a well located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, unless such
12 well conforms to the then-existing well spacing pattern for such source of supply.

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16 The provisions of this Article shall have no application whatsoever to the drilling of the initial well described in Article VI.A.
17 except (a) as to Article VII.D.1. (Option No. 2), if selected, or (b) as to the reworking, deepening and plugging back of such initial well
18 after it has been drilled to the depth specified in Article VI.A. if it shall thereafter prove to be a dry hole or, if initially completed for pro-
19 duction, ceases to produce in paying quantities.

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23 3. Stand-By Time: When a well which has been drilled or deepened has reached its authorized depth and all tests have been
24 completed, and the results thereof furnished to the parties, stand-by costs incurred pending response to a party's notice proposing a
25 reworking, deepening, plugging back or completing operation in such a well shall be charged and borne as part of the drilling or deepen-
26 ing operation just completed. Stand-by costs subsequent to all parties responding, or expiration of the response time permitted, whichever
27 first occurs, and prior to agreement as to the participating interests of all Consenting Parties pursuant to the terms of the second gram-
28 matical paragraph of Article VI.B.2., shall be charged to and borne as part of the proposed operation, but if the proposal is subsequently
29 withdrawn because of insufficient participation, such stand-by costs shall be allocated between the Consenting Parties in the proportion
30 each Consenting Party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all Consenting Par-
31 ties.

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35 4. Sidetracking: Except as hereinafter provided, those provisions of this agreement applicable to a "deepening" operation shall
36 also be applicable to any proposal to directionally control and intentionally deviate a well from vertical so as to change the bottom hole
37 location (herein call "sidetracking"), unless done to straighten the hole or to drill around junk in the hole or because of other
38 mechanical difficulties. Any party having the right to participate in a proposed sidetracking operation that does not own an interest in the
39 affected well bore at the time of the notice shall, upon electing to participate, tender to the well bore owners its proportionate share (equal
40 to its interest in the sidetracking operation) of the value of that portion of the existing well bore to be utilized as follows:

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44 (a) If the proposal is for sidetracking an existing dry hole, reimbursement shall be on the basis of the actual costs incurred in
45 the initial drilling of the well down to the depth at which the sidetracking operation is initiated.

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49 (b) If the proposal is for sidetracking a well which has previously produced, reimbursement shall be on the basis of the well's
50 salvageable materials and equipment down to the depth at which the sidetracking operation is initiated, determined in accordance with the
51 provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning.

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55 In the event that notice for a sidetracking operation is given while the drilling rig to be utilized is on location, the response period
56 shall be limited to forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays; provided, however, any party may request and
57 receive up to eight (8) additional days after expiration of the forty-eight (48) hours within which to respond by paying for all stand-by time
58 incurred during such extended response period. If more than one party elects to take such additional time to respond to the notice, stand
59 by costs shall be allocated between the parties taking additional time to respond on a day-to-day basis in the proportion each electing par-
60 ty's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all the electing parties. In all other in-
61 stances the response period to a proposal for sidetracking shall be limited to thirty (30) days.

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65 **C. TAKING PRODUCTION IN KIND:**

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67 Each party shall take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all oil and gas produced from the Contract Area,
68 exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in preparing and treating oil and gas for
69 marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditure incurred in the taking in kind or separate disposition by any
70 party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any party taking its share of production in kind shall be

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1 required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it uses.

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3 Each party shall execute such division orders and contracts as may be necessary for the sale of its interest in production from
4 the Contract Area, and, except as provided in Article VII.B., shall be entitled to receive payment directly from the purchaser thereof for
5 its share of all production.

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7 In the event any party shall fail to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of
8 the oil / ^{and gas} produced from the Contract Area, Operator shall have the right, subject to the revocation at will by the party owning it, but not
9 the obligation, to purchase such oil / ^{and gas} or sell it to others at any time and from time to time, for the account of the non-taking party at the
10 best price obtainable in the area for such production. Any such purchase or sale by Operator shall be subject always to the right of the
11 owner of the production to exercise at any time its right to take in kind, or separately dispose of, its share of all oil / ^{and gas} not previously
12 delivered to a purchaser. Any purchase or sale by Operator of any other party's share of oil / ^{and gas} shall be only for such reasonable periods of
13 time as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the particular circumstances, but in no event for a period in excess
14 of one (1) year.

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17 In the event one or more parties' separate disposition of its share of the gas causes split-stream deliveries to separate pipelines and/or
18 deliveries which on a day-to-day basis for any reason are not exactly equal to a party's respective proportionate share of total gas sales to
19 be allocated to it, the balancing or accounting between the respective accounts of the parties shall be in accordance with any gas balancing
20 agreement between the parties hereto, whether such an agreement is attached as Exhibit "E", or is a separate agreement.

21 **D. Access to Contract Area and Information:**

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23 Each party shall have access to the Contract Area at all reasonable times, at its sole cost and risk to inspect or observe operations,
24 and shall have access at reasonable times to information pertaining to the development or operation thereof, including Operator's books
25 and records relating thereto. Operator, upon request, shall furnish each of the other parties with copies of all forms or reports filed with
26 governmental agencies, daily drilling reports, well logs, tank tables, daily gauge and run tickets and reports of stock on hand at the first of
27 each month, and shall make available samples of any cores or cuttings taken from any well drilled on the Contract Area. The cost of
28 gathering and furnishing information to Non-Operator, other than that specified above, shall be charged to the Non-Operator that re-
29 quests the Information.

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31 **E. Abandonment of Wells:**

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33 1. Abandonment of Dry Holes: Except for any well drilled or deepened pursuant to Article VI.B.2., any well which has been
34 drilled or deepened under the terms of this agreement and is proposed to be completed as a dry hole shall not be plugged and abandoned
35 without the consent of all parties. Should Operator, after diligent effort, be unable to contact any party, or should any party fail to reply
36 within forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) after receipt of notice of the proposal to plug and abandon
37 such well, such party shall be deemed to have consented to the proposed abandonment. All such wells shall be plugged and abandoned in
38 accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of the parties who participated in the cost of drilling or deepening
39 such well. Any party who objects to plugging and abandoning such well shall have the right to take over the well and conduct further
40 operations in search of oil and/or gas subject to the provisions of Article VI.B.

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42 2. Abandonment of Wells that have Produced: Except for any well in which a Non-Consent operation has been conducted
43 hereunder for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reimbursed as herein provided, any well which has been completed as a
44 producer shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. If all parties consent to such abandonment, the well shall
45 be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of all the parties hereto. If, within
46 thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the proposed abandonment of any well, / all parties do not agree to the abandonment of such well,
47 those wishing to continue its operation from the interval(s) of the formation(s) then open to production shall tender to each of the other
48 parties its proportionate share of the value of the well's salvageable material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of
49 Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. Each abandoning party shall assign
50 the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, or fitness for use of the equipment and
51 material, all of its interest in the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the leasehold estate as to, but only as to, the in-
52 terval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes an oil and
53 gas interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-abandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the interval or in-
54 tervals of the formation or formations then open to production, for a term of one (1) year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is pro-
55 duced from the interval or intervals of the formation or formations covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached as Exhibit "B".

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58 * Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this or any other agreement, each party shall have the right at all times and
59 from time to time, upon written notice, to audit all of taking party and/or Operator's records and accounts related to or in
60 connection with production or allocation of production from the Contract Area. Auditing of settlement records shall also be
61 applicable if taking party and/or Operator distributes proceeds to the auditing party.

62 ** Failure of any party to respond within the thirty (30) day period shall be deemed consent to the proposed abandonment.

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1 "B". The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the "drilling unit" upon which the well is located. The payments by, and the
2 assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the
3 Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment of
4 interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

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6 Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the operation of or production from
7 the well in the interval or intervals then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon re-
8 quest, Operator shall continue to operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and charges con-
9 templated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of the separate ownership of the assigned
10 well. Upon proposed abandonment of the producing interval(s) assigned or leased, the assignor or lessor shall then have the option to
11 repurchase its prior interest in the well (using the same valuation formula) and participate in further operations therein subject to the pro-
12 visions hereof.

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14 3. Abandonment of Non-Consent Operations: The provisions of Article VI.E.1. or VI.E.2 above shall be applicable as between
15 Consenting Parties in the event of the proposed abandonment of any well excepted from said Articles; provided, however, no well shall be
16 permanently plugged and abandoned unless and until all parties having the right to conduct further operations therein have been notified
17 of the proposed abandonment and afforded the opportunity to elect to take over the well in accordance with the provisions of this Article
18 VI.E.

ARTICLE VII.
EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES

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23 **A. Liability of Parties:**

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25 The liability of the parties shall be several, not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible only for its obligations, and
26 shall be liable only for its proportionate share of the costs of developing and operating the Contract Area. Accordingly, the liens granted
27 among the parties in Article VII.B. are given to secure only the debts of each severally. It is not the intention of the parties to create, nor
28 shall this agreement be construed as creating, a mining or other partnership or association, or to render the parties liable as partners.

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30 **B. Liens and Payment Defaults:**

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32 Each Non-Operator grants to Operator a lien upon its oil and gas rights in the Contract Area, and a security interest in its share
33 of oil and/or gas when extracted and its interest in all equipment, to secure payment of its share of expense, together with interest thereon
34 at the rate provided in Exhibit "C". To the extent that Operator has a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the
35 state, Operator shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the ob-
36 taining of judgment by Operator for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien
37 rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any Non-Operator in the payment of its share
38 of expense, Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from
39 the sale of such Non-Operator's share of oil and/or gas until the amount owed by such Non-Operator, plus interest, has been paid. Each
40 purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon Operator's written statement concerning the amount of any default. Operator grants a like lien
41 and security interest to the Non-Operators to secure payment of Operator's proportionate share of expense.

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43 If any party fails or is unable to pay its share of expense within sixty (60) days after rendition of a statement thereof by
44 Operator, the non-defaulting parties, including Operator, shall, upon request by Operator, pay the unpaid amount in the proportion that
45 the interest of each such party bears to the interest of all such parties. Each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall, to obtain
46 reimbursement thereof, be subrogated to the security rights described in the foregoing paragraph.

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48 **C. Payments and Accounting:**

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50 Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, Operator shall promptly pay and discharge expenses incurred in the development
51 and operation of the Contract Area pursuant to this agreement and shall charge each of the parties hereto with their respective propor-
52 tionate shares upon the expense basis provided in Exhibit "C". Operator shall keep an accurate record of the joint account hereunder,
53 showing expenses incurred and charges and credits made and received.

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55 Operator, at its election, shall have the right from time to time to demand and receive from the other parties payment in advance
56 of their respective shares of the estimated amount of the expense to be incurred in operations hereunder during the next succeeding
57 month, which right may be exercised only by submission to each such party of an itemized statement of such estimated expense, together
58 with an invoice for its share thereof. Each such statement and invoice for the payment in advance of estimated expense shall be submitted
59 on or before the 20th day of the next preceding month. Each party shall pay to Operator its proportionate share of such estimate within
60 fifteen (15) days after such estimate and invoice is received. If any party fails to pay its share of said estimate within said time, the amount
61 due shall bear interest as provided in Exhibit "C" until paid. Proper adjustment shall be made monthly between advances and actual ex-
62 penses to the end that each party shall bear and pay its proportionate share of actual expenses incurred, and no more.

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64 **D. Limitation of Expenditures:**

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66 1. Drill or Deepen: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled or deepened, except any well drilled or deepened
67 pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement. Consent to the drilling or deepening shall include:

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1 Option No. 1: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening, testing, completing and equipping of the well, including
2 necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

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4 Option No. 2: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening and testing of the well. When such well has reached its
5 authorized depth, and all tests have been completed, and the results thereof furnished to the parties, Operator shall give immediate notice
6 to the Non-Operators who have the right to participate in the completion costs. The parties receiving such notice shall have forty-eight
7 (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) in which to elect to participate in the setting of casing and the completion at-
8 tempt. Such election, when made, shall include consent to all necessary expenditures for the completing and equipping of such well, in-
9 cluding necessary tankage and/or surface facilities. Failure of any party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall
10 constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the completion attempt. If one or more, but less than all of the parties,
11 elect to set pipe and to attempt a completion, the provisions of Article VI.B.2. hereof (the phrase "reworking, deepening or plugging
12 back" as contained in Article VI.B.2. shall be deemed to include "completing") shall apply to the operations thereafter conducted by less
13 than all parties.

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15 2. Rework or Plug Back: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be reworked or plugged back except a well reworked or
16 plugged back pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement. Consent to the reworking or plugging back of a well shall
17 include all necessary expenditures in conducting such operations and completing and equipping of said well, including necessary tankage
18 and/or surface facilities.

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20 3. Other Operations: Without the consent of all parties, Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated
21 to require an expenditure in excess of Fifty thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 50,000.00)
22 except in connection with a well, the drilling, reworking, deepening, completing, recompleting, or plugging back of which has been
23 previously authorized by or pursuant to this agreement; provided, however, that, in case of explosion, fire, flood or other sudden
24 emergency, whether of the same or different nature, Operator may take such steps and incur such expenses as in its opinion are required
25 to deal with the emergency to safeguard life and property but Operator, as promptly as possible, shall report the emergency to the other
26 parties. ~~If Operator prepares an authority for expenditure (AFE) for its own use, Operator shall furnish any Non-Operator so requesting~~
27 ~~an information copy thereof for any single project costing in excess of _____~~
28 ~~Dollars (\$ _____) but less than the amount first set forth above in this paragraph.~~

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30 **E. Rentals, Shut-in Well Payments and Minimum Royalties:**

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32 Rentals, shut-in well payments and minimum royalties which may be required under the terms of any lease shall be paid by the
33 party or parties who subjected such lease to this agreement at its or their expense. In the event two or more parties own and have con-
34 tributed interests in the same lease to this agreement, such parties may designate one of such parties to make said payments for and on
35 behalf of all such parties. Any party may request, and shall be entitled to receive, proper evidence of all such payments. In the event of
36 failure to make proper payment of any rental, shut-in well payment or minimum royalty through mistake or oversight where such pay-
37 ment is required to continue the lease in force, any loss which results from such non-payment shall be borne in accordance with the pro-
38 visions of Article IV.B.2.

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40 Operator shall notify Non-Operator of the anticipated completion of a shut-in gas well, or the shutting in or return to production
41 of a producing gas well, at least five (5) days (excluding Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays), or at the earliest opportunity permitted by
42 circumstances, prior to taking such action, but assumes no liability for failure to do so. In the event of failure by Operator to so notify
43 Non-Operator, the loss of any lease contributed hereto by Non-Operator for failure to make timely payments of any shut-in well payment
44 shall be borne jointly by the parties hereto under the provisions of Article IV.B.3.

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46 **F. Taxes:**

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48 Beginning with the first calendar year after the effective date hereof, Operator shall render for ad valorem taxation all property
49 subject to this agreement which by law should be rendered for such taxes, and it shall pay all such taxes assessed thereon before they
50 become delinquent. Prior to the rendition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator information as to burdens (to include, but not
51 be limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on leases and oil and gas interests contributed by such Non-
52 Operator. If the assessed valuation of any leasehold estate is reduced by reason of its being subject to outstanding excess royalties, over-
53 riding royalties or production payments, the reduction in ad valorem taxes resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or
54 owners of such leasehold estate, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such reduc-
55 tion. If the ad valorem taxes are based in whole or in part upon separate valuations of each party's working interest, then notwithstanding
56 anything to the contrary herein, charges to the joint account shall be made and paid by the parties hereto in accordance with the tax
57 value generated by each party's working interest. Operator shall bill the other parties for their proportionate shares of all tax payments in
58 the manner provided in Exhibit "C".

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60 If Operator considers any tax assessment improper, Operator may, at its discretion, protest within the time and manner
61 prescribed by law, and prosecute the protest to a final determination, unless all parties agree to abandon the protest prior to final deter-
62 mination. During the pendency of administrative or judicial proceedings, Operator may elect to pay, under protest, all such taxes and any
63 interest and penalty. When any such protested assessment shall have been finally determined, Operator shall pay the tax for the joint ac-
64 count, together with any interest and penalty accrued, and the total cost shall then be assessed against the parties, and be paid by them, as
65 provided in Exhibit "C".

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67 Each party shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, excise, gathering and other taxes imposed upon or with respect
68 to the production or handling of such party's share of oil and/or gas produced under the terms of this agreement.

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ARTICLE VII
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1 G. Insurance:

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3 At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the workmen's compensation law of
4 the state where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a self-insurer for liability under said com-
5 pensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall be as provided in Exhibit "C". Operator shall
6 also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D", attached to and made a part
7 hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the workmen's compensation
8 law of the state where the operations are being conducted and to maintain such other insurance as Operator may require.

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10 In the event automobile public liability insurance is specified in said Exhibit "D", or subsequently receives the approval of the
11 parties, no direct charge shall be made by Operator for premiums paid for such insurance for Operator's automotive equipment.

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13 ARTICLE VIII.
14 ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST

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16 A. Surrender of Leases:

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18 The leases covered by this agreement, insofar as they embrace acreage in the Contract Area, shall not be surrendered in whole
19 or in part unless all parties consent thereto.

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21 However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any lease or in any portion thereof, and the other parties do not
22 agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or implied warranty of title, all of its interest in
23 such lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and equipment which may be located thereon and any rights in production
24 thereafter secured, to the parties not consenting to such surrender. ~~If the interest of the assigning party is or includes an oil and gas in-~~
25 ~~terest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not consenting to such surrender an oil and gas lease covering~~
26 ~~such oil and gas interest for a term of one (1) year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the land covered thereby, such~~
27 ~~lease to be on the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B".~~ Upon such assignment or lease, the assigning party shall be relieved from all
28 obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the interest assigned or leased and the operation of any well
29 attributable thereto, and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the assigned or leased premises and its equipment and pro-
30 duction other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The party assignee or lessee shall pay to the
31 party assignor or lessor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any wells and equipment attributable to the assigned or leas-
32 ed acreage. The value of all material shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of
33 salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. If the assignment or lease is in favor of more than one party, the interest
34 shall be shared by such parties in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all such parties.

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36 Any assignment, lease or surrender made under this provision shall not reduce or change the assignor's, lessor's or surrendering
37 party's interest as it was immediately before the assignment, lease or surrender in the balance of the Contract Area; and the acreage
38 assigned, leased or surrendered, and subsequent operations thereon, shall not thereafter be subject to the terms and provisions of this
39 agreement.

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41 B. Renewal or Extension of Leases:

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43 If any party secures a renewal of any oil and gas lease subject to this agreement, all other parties shall be notified promptly, and
44 shall have the right for a period of thirty (30) days following receipt of such notice in which to elect to participate in the ownership of the
45 renewal lease, insofar as such lease affects lands within the Contract Area, by paying to the party who acquired it their several proper pro-
46 portionate shares of the acquisition cost allocated to that part of such lease within the Contract Area, which shall be in proportion to the
47 interests held at that time by the parties in the Contract Area.

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49 If some, but less than all, of the parties elect to participate in the purchase of a renewal lease, it shall be owned by the parties
50 who elect to participate therein, in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the Contract Area
51 to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all parties participating in the purchase of such renewal lease.
52 Any renewal lease in which less than all parties elect to participate shall not be subject to this agreement.

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54 Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal lease shall be given an assignment of its proportionate interest therein
55 by the acquiring party.

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57 The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal leases whether they are for the entire interest covered by the expiring lease
58 or cover only a portion of its area or an interest therein. Any renewal lease taken before the expiration of its predecessor lease, or taken or
59 contracted for within six (6) months after the expiration of the existing lease shall be subject to this provision; but any lease taken or con-
60 tracted for more than six (6) months after the expiration of an existing lease shall not be deemed a renewal lease and shall not be subject to
61 the provisions of this agreement.

62 The provisions in this Article shall also be applicable to extensions of oil and gas leases.

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64 C. Acreage or Cash Contributions:

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66 While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash towards the drilling of a well or any other
67 operation on the Contract Area, such contribution shall be paid to the party who conducted the drilling or other operation and shall be
68 applied by it against the cost of such drilling or other operation. If the contribution be in the form of acreage, the party to whom the con-
69 tribution is made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling Parties in the proportions
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ARTICLE VIII
continued

1 said Drilling Parties shared the cost of drilling the well. Such acreage shall become a separate Contract Area and, to the extent possible, be
2 governed by provisions identical to this agreement. Each party shall promptly notify all other parties of any acreage or cash contributions
3 it may obtain in support of any well or any other operation on the Contract Area. The above provisions shall also be applicable to op-
4 tional rights to earn acreage outside the Contract Area which are in support of a well drilled inside the Contract Area.

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6 If any party contracts for any consideration relating to disposition of such party's share of substances produced hereunder, such
7 consideration shall not be deemed a contribution as contemplated in this Article VIII.C.

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9 **D. Maintenance of Uniform Interests:**

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11 ~~For the purpose of maintaining uniformity of ownership in the oil and gas leasehold interests covered by this agreement, no~~
12 ~~party shall sell, encumber, transfer or make other disposition of its interest in the leases embraced within the Contract Area and in wells,~~
13 ~~equipment and production unless such disposition covers either:~~

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15 1. ~~the entire interest of the party in all leases and equipment and production; or~~
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17 2. ~~an equal undivided interest in all leases and equipment and production in the Contract Area.~~

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19 Every such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party shall be made expressly subject to this agreement
20 and shall be made without prejudice to the right of the other parties.

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22 If, at any time the interest of any party is divided among and owned by four or more co-owners, Operator, at its discretion, may
23 require such co-owners to appoint a single trustee or agent with full authority to receive notices, approve expenditures, receive billings for
24 and approve and pay such party's share of the joint expenses, and to deal generally with, and with power to bind, the co-owners of such
25 party's interest within the scope of the operations embraced in this agreement; however, all such co-owners shall have the right to enter
26 into and execute all contracts or agreements for the disposition of their respective shares of the oil and gas produced from the Contract
27 Area and they shall have the right to receive, separately, payment of the sale proceeds thereof.

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29 **E. Waiver of Rights to Partition:**

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31 If permitted by the laws of the state or states in which the property covered hereby is located, each party hereto owning an
32 undivided interest in the Contract Area waives any and all rights it may have to partition and have set aside to it in severalty its undivided
33 interest therein.

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35 **F. Preferential Right to Purchase:**

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37 ~~Should any party desire to sell all or any part of its interests under this agreement, or its rights and interests in the Contract~~
38 ~~Area, it shall promptly give written notice to the other parties, with full information concerning its proposed sale, which shall include the~~
39 ~~name and address of the prospective purchaser (who must be ready, willing and able to purchase), the purchase price, and all other terms~~
40 ~~of the offer. The other parties shall then have an optional prior right, for a period of ten (10) days after receipt of the notice, to purchase~~
41 ~~on the same terms and conditions the interest which the other party proposes to sell; and, if this optional right is exercised, the purchas-~~
42 ~~ing parties shall share the purchased interest in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all purchasing par-~~
43 ~~ties. However, there shall be no preferential right to purchase in those cases where any party wishes to mortgage its interests, or to~~
44 ~~dispose of its interests by merger, reorganization, consolidation, or sale of all or substantially all of its assets to a subsidiary or parent com-~~
45 ~~pany or to a subsidiary of a parent company, or to any company in which any one party owns a majority of the stock.~~

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47 **ARTICLE IX.**
48 **INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION**

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50 This agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, a relationship of partnership or an association
51 for profit between or among the parties hereto. Notwithstanding any provision herein that the rights and liabilities hereunder are several
52 and not joint or collective, or that this agreement and operations hereunder shall not constitute a partnership, if, for federal income tax
53 purposes, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, each party hereby affected elects to be excluded
54 from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as per-
55 mitted and authorized by Section 761 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Operator is authorized and directed to ex-
56 ecute on behalf of each party hereby affected such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the
57 United States or the Federal Internal Revenue Service, including specifically, but not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements,
58 and the data required by Federal Regulations 1.761. Should there be any requirement that each party hereby affected give further
59 evidence of this election, each such party shall execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be required by the
60 Federal Internal Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. No such party shall give any notices or take any other
61 action inconsistent with the election made hereby. If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Contract
62 Area is located or any future income tax laws of the United States contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter "K", Chapter 1,
63 Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, under which an election similar to that provided by Section 761 of the Code is per-
64 mitted, each party hereby affected shall make such election as may be permitted or required by such laws. In making the foregoing elec-
65 tion, each such party states that the income derived by such party from operations hereunder can be adequately determined without the
66 computation of partnership taxable income.

ARTICLE X.
CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS

Operator may settle any single uninsured third party damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the expenditure does not exceed Ten thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$ 10,000.00) and if the payment is in complete settlement of such claim or suit. If the amount required for settlement exceeds the above amount, the parties hereto shall assume and take over the further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is delegated to Operator. All costs and expenses of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be at the joint expense of the parties participating in the operation from which the claim or suit arises. If a claim is made against any party or if any party is sued on account of any matter arising from operations hereunder over which such individual has no control because of the rights given Operator by this agreement, such party shall immediately notify all other parties, and the claim or suit shall be treated as any other claim or suit involving operations hereunder.

ARTICLE XI.
FORCE MAJEURE

If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by force majeure to carry out its obligations under this agreement, other than the obligation to make money payments, that party shall give to all other parties prompt written notice of the force majeure with reasonably full particulars concerning it; thereupon, the obligations of the party giving the notice, so far as they are affected by the force majeure, shall be suspending during, but no longer than, the continuance of the force majeure. The affected party shall use all reasonable diligence to remove the force majeure situation as quickly as practicable.

The requirement that any force majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes, lockouts, or other labor difficulty by the party involved, contrary to its wishes; how all such difficulties shall be handled shall be entirely within the discretion of the party concerned.

The term "force majeure", as here employed, shall mean an act of God, strike, lockout, or other industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightning, fire, storm, flood, explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint or inaction, unavailability of equipment, and any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension.

ARTICLE XII.
NOTICES

All notices authorized or required between the parties and required by any of the provisions of this agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be given in writing by mail or telegram, postage or charges prepaid, or by telex or telecopier and addressed to the parties to whom the notice is given at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A". The originating notice 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 notice in response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the mail or with the telegraph company, with postage or charges prepaid, or sent by telex or telecopier. Each party shall have the right to change its address at any time, and from time to time, by giving written notice thereof to all other parties.

ARTICLE XIII.
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject hereto for the period of time selected below; provided, however, no party hereto shall ever be construed as having any right, title or interest in or to any lease or oil and gas interest contributed by any other party beyond the term of this agreement.

Option No. 1: So long as any of the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement remain or are continued in force as to any part of the Contract Area, whether by production, extension, renewal, or otherwise.

Option No. 2: In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled under any provision of this agreement, results in production of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, this agreement shall continue in force so long as any such well or wells produce, or are capable of production, and for an additional period of 90 days from cessation of all production; provided, however, if, prior to the expiration of such additional period, one or more of the parties hereto are engaged in drilling, reworking, deepening, plugging back, testing or attempting to complete a well or wells hereunder, this agreement shall continue in force until such operations have been completed and if production results therefrom, this agreement shall continue in force as provided herein. In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled hereunder, results in a dry hole, and no other well is producing, or capable of producing oil and/or gas from the Contract Area, this agreement shall terminate unless drilling, deepening, plugging back or reworking operations are commenced within 90 days from the date of abandonment of said well.

It is agreed, however, that the termination of this agreement shall not relieve any party hereto from any liability which has accrued or attached prior to the date of such termination.

**ARTICLE XIV.
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

A. Laws, Regulations and Orders:

This agreement shall be subject to the conservation laws of the state in which the Contract Area is located, to the valid rules, regulations, and orders of any duly constituted regulatory body of said state; and to all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders.

B. Governing Law:

This agreement and all matters pertaining hereto, including, but not limited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties, and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the law of the state of of New Mexico in which the Contract Area is located. ~~If the Contract Area is in two or more states, the law of the state of _____ shall govern.~~

C. Regulatory Agencies:

Nothing herein contained shall grant, or be construed to grant, Operator the right or authority to waive or release any rights, privileges, or obligations which Non-Operators may have under federal or state laws or under rules, regulations or orders promulgated under such laws in reference to oil, gas and mineral operations, including the location, operation, or production of wells, on tracts offsetting or adjacent to the Contract Area.

With respect to operations hereunder, Non-Operators agree to release Operator from any and all losses, damages, injuries, claims and causes of action arising out of, incident to or resulting directly or indirectly from Operator's interpretation or application of rules, rulings, regulations or orders of the Department of Energy or predecessor or successor agencies to the extent such interpretation or application was made in good faith. Each Non-Operator further agrees to reimburse Operator for any amounts applicable to such Non-Operator's share of production that Operator may be required to refund, rebate or pay as a result of such an incorrect interpretation or application, together with interest and penalties thereon owing by Operator as a result of such incorrect interpretation or application.

Non-Operators authorize Operator to prepare and submit such documents as may be required to be submitted to the purchaser of any crude oil sold hereunder or to any other person or entity pursuant to the requirements of the "Crude Oil Windfall Profit Tax Act of 1980", as same may be amended from time to time ("Act"), and any valid regulations or rules which may be issued by the Treasury Department from time to time pursuant to said Act. Each party hereto agrees to furnish any and all certifications or other information which is required to be furnished by said Act in a timely manner and in sufficient detail to permit compliance with said Act.

**ARTICLE XV.
OTHER PROVISIONS**

A. Failure of any party to execute this agreement shall not render it ineffective as to any party which does execute the same. If counterparts to this agreement are executed, the signatures and acknowledgments of the parties, affixed thereto, may be combined by Operator in, and treated and given effect for all purposes as a single instrument. This agreement also may be ratified by separate instrument referring hereto, each of which shall have the effect of the original agreement and of adopting by reference all of the provisions herein contained.

B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Article VI.B.2. or VII.D.2., the share of production from a well which non-consenting parties shall be deemed to have relinquished to consenting parties in any reworking, deepening, plugging-back or completing of a well; (as such terms are defined and used in Article VI.B.2. and VII.D.2.) shall be the non-consenting parties' share of production only from the interval or intervals of the formation or formations from which production is obtained or increased as a result of the operations in which the non-consenting parties did not participate. In the event a subsequent operation is proposed for such well by one or more consenting parties prior to recovery of all costs and penalties recoverable from the relinquished interest of non-consenting party in said interval or formation, non-consenting party shall be entitled to participate therein to the extent of its interest prior to relinquishment.

C. Notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove to the contrary, non-operators may elect to be carried as a non-consenting party, in the initial well to be drilled or recompleted hereunder. The non-consenting penalty provisions of Article VI.B.2a and b shall be applicable for the purposes of calculating payout of the initial well.

D. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Article VIII.B., each party (contributing party) contributing a lease or leases (original lease) to this agreement shall have the option, but not the obligation, at any time prior to and for sixty (60) days after the expiration of the original lease to renew such lease and to alone bear the cost and expense thereof and thereby maintain its right, title and interest in the tract or tracts included in the original lease and the renewal thereof. If more than one party owns an interest in the original lease, the option granted herein shall inure to the benefit of such parties jointly and severally. If any party hereto other than the contributing party (renewing party) renews the lease at any time, the renewing party shall furnish the contributing party an itemized statement of the total cost and expense incurred in acquiring such renewal lease. The contributing party shall have sixty (60) days after the receipt of such itemized statement to reimburse the renewing party in full. If the contributing party makes such reimbursement, it shall receive from the renewing party an assignment, subject to this agreement, of all right, title and interest in and to the renewal lease. If the contributing party either renews such lease at its expense, or fully reimburses the renewing party, the parties' interests hereunder in the Contract Area shall remain unchanged. If the contributing party exercises neither of the options provided above it shall thereby forfeit its right under this Article XV.D., as to such renewal lease and the renewal lease shall thereafter be subject to all the terms and conditions of Article VIII.B. hereof. This Article XV.D. shall apply in like manner to extensions of lease.

E. Default of Payments

1. If any party (including the Operator) fails to pay, as provided in the Accounting Procedure (attached hereto as Exhibit "C"), its share of any cost which it is obligated to pay under any provision of this Agreement, and if such default continues for a period of fifteen (15) days following delivery by Operator (or by any Non-Operator in case of a default by Operator) of notice of such default to such party, then at any time after the expiration of such notice period the Operator (or any Non-Operator if the Operator is the party in default), shall be entitled to the remedies in (a) and (b) or (a) and (c) below:

(a) Operator (or any Non-Operator if Operator is the party in default) may suspend by written notice any or all of the rights of the defaulting party granted by this Agreement, without prejudice to the right of the non-defaulting party to continue to enforce the obligations of the defaulting party under this Agreement. The rights of a defaulting party that may be suspended hereunder at the election of the non-defaulting parties shall include, without limitation, the right to elect to participate in any subsequent operation regarding the well to which the default relates, or any subsequent operation proposed under this Agreement; and

(b) Operator (or any Non-Operator if Operator is the party in default) may take any action to which it may be entitled or pursue any remedy to collect the amounts in default, together with all damages suffered by the non-defaulting parties as a result of the default, plus interest accruing on the amounts recorded from the date of default until the date of collection at the rate specified in the Accounting Procedure (attached hereto as Exhibit "C") together with reasonable attorney's fees and court costs related thereto; or

(c) Operator (or any Non-Operator if the Operator is the party in default) may deliver a written Notice of Nonparticipation Election to the defaulting party at any time after the default occurs with the following effects.

(i) If the billing is for the drilling of a new well or the plugging back, reworking, or deepening (including side-tracking) of a dry hole or a well not then producing in paying quantities, or the completion or re-completion of any well, the non-paying party will be deemed conclusively to have elected not to participate in the subject operation from the time of the billing which led to the default and to be a Nonparticipating party with respect thereto, notwithstanding any election to participate theretofore made.

(ii) Until the delivery of such Notice of nonparticipation Election to the non-paying party, such party shall have the right to cure its default by paying the unpaid billing plus interest at the rate set forth in the Accounting Procedure (attached hereto as Exhibit "C"). Any interest relinquished pursuant to this Article shall be owned by those non-defaulting parties which elect to acquire their share of the acquired interest in proportion to their interest, and the non-defaulting parties which so elect shall be liable to contribute their share of the defaulted amount.

2. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this paragraph, if a party fails to pay part or all of its share of costs hereunder because of a legitimate disagreement as to the appropriateness of part or all of the billing in question, and if such party makes such disagreement and the grounds therefore known to the Operator in writing prior to the due date of such billing and timely tenders payment of all undisputed amounts, then such party shall not be subject to paragraph 1.(a), 1.(b) or 1.(c) of this article.

F. Security Provisions

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Operating Agreement, it is understood and agreed that:

1. Each Non-Operator, to secure payment of its share of expenses incurred under this Operating Agreement together with interest thereon at the rate provided in the Accounting Procedure (attached hereto as Exhibit "C"), grants to Operator a security interest in all of its rights, titles, and interests now owned or hereafter acquired in and to all properties associated with or attributable to the Contract Area, including, but not limited to: (i) all equipment; (ii) all hydrocarbons or other minerals severed and extracted from or attributable to the properties described in the Contract Area; (iii) all accounts (including but not limited to, accounts resulting from the sale of such hydrocarbons or other minerals), contract rights, and general intangibles arising in connection with the sale or other disposition of such hydrocarbons or other minerals; (iv) fixtures; and (v) all proceeds and products of all such properties, together with any and all accessions, additions and attachments thereto and the proceeds and products thereof.

2. Operator grants a like security interest to the Non-Operators to secure payment of Operator's proportionate share of expenses. Each party paying its share of unpaid expenses pursuant to Article XV E.1 C (ii), hereof shall, to obtain reimbursement thereof, be subrogated to the security rights described in this Agreement.

G. Bankruptcy

If, following the granting of relief under the Bankruptcy Code to any party hereto as debtor thereunder, this Agreement shall be held to be an executory contract within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. Section 365, or successor legislation, then the Operator, or (if the Operator is the debtor in bankruptcy) any other party, shall be entitled to a determination by debtor or any trustee for debtor within thirty (30) days from the date an order for relief is entered under the Bankruptcy Code as to rejection or assumption of this Operating Agreement. In the event of an assumption, Operator or said other party shall be entitled to adequate assurances as to future performance of debtor's obligation hereunder and the protection of the interest of all other parties.

H. This Operating Agreement shall supercede any previous Operating Agreements, which cover those specific lands, depths and formations within the contract area herein specified limited to any wells drilled after the effective date of this Agreement.

I. Cost Allocation Procedures-See Attached Insert

ARTICLE XV.1
COST ALLOCATION PROCEDURES

The entire costs, risk and expenses involved in drilling, testing, completing, equipping, reworking, deepening, plugging back and operating a well located on the Contract Area, in the event such well is completed in or proposed to be completed in two or more formations in which the working interest ownership differs, or in plugging and abandoning such well in one or more formations, shall be governed by the following provisions:

A. Definitions

- "Objective Formation" - the interval consisting of a zone, formation or horizon to be tested in a proposed operation, as stated in the AFE or notice whereby such operation was proposed.
- "Participating Interest" - the percentage of the costs and risks of conducting an operation under the applicable operating agreement that a Participating Party agrees, or is otherwise obligated, to pay and bear.
- "Participating Party" - with respect to a given formation, a Party that has approved a proposed operation or otherwise agreed, or become liable, to pay and bear a share of the costs and risks of conducting such operation under the applicable operating agreement.

References herein to multiple completion wells shall mean wells which are completed in, or proposed to be completed in, two or more formations, regardless of whether such formations are produced through separate tubing strings or commingled downhole.

B. Formula for Allocation of Drilling, Completing, and Equipping Costs

Whenever in this Agreement it is provided that costs will be borne by the Parties in accordance with this Section B, the following procedures will be used:

At the time a Party proposes the drilling of a well having two or more Objective Formations in which the working interest ownership differs, the proposing Party shall submit to the other Parties who are entitled to participate in the proposed operation, an estimate of the total costs of drilling, testing, completing and equipping said well to, and including, the wellhead in all Objective Formations. In a like manner, a Party which proposes to conduct a reworking, deepening, or plugging back operation on a well involving two or more formations in which the working interest ownership differs, shall submit to the other Parties entitled to participate in the proposed operation, an estimate of the total cost of the operation. The estimated costs shall be divided into the following categories:

- Costs to be incurred from the surface to the base of the shallowest Objective Formation, including pre-drilling costs that benefit all Objective Formations, but excluding those costs set forth in subsection B (5) hereof;
- Costs to be incurred from the base of the shallowest Objective Formation to the base of the next (second) shallowest Objective Formation, excluding those set forth in subsection B (5) hereof ;
- Costs to be incurred from the base of the second shallowest Objective Formation to the base of the next (third) shallowest Objective Formation, excluding those set forth in subsection B (5) hereof ;
- Costs incurred from the base of the second deepest Objective Formation to total depth;
- Costs attributable to testing and completing each formation, and the cost of equipping the well with respect to equipment that is used solely in connection with one formation; and
- Costs attributable to equipping the well beyond the wellhead, with respect to equipment that serves more than one formation.

The actual costs of drilling, testing, completing, and equipping the well will be apportioned among the Objective Formations, in accordance with the categories set forth above in this Section B, as follows:

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection B (5), pre-drilling costs that benefit all Objective Formations (including, but not limited to site surveys, site preparation, right-of-way and surface damage payments) shall be divided equally between all Objective Formations and charged to the Participating Parties therein, in accordance with their respective Participating Interest in such formations.
- (2) Except as provided in Subsection B (5), costs incurred from the surface to the base of the shallowest Objective Formation shall be divided between all Objective Formations as provided in Subsection B (6) and charged to the Participating Parties therein, in accordance with their respective Participating Interest in such formation.
- (3) Except as provided in Subsection B (5), costs incurred from the base of the shallowest Objective Formation to the base of the next shallowest (second) Objective Formation shall be divided between the second Objective Formation and all other deeper Objective Formations as provided in Subsection B (6) and charged to the Participating Parties therein in accordance with their respective Participating Interest in such formation. In a like manner, costs incurred from the base of the second Objective Formation to the base of the next shallowest (third) Objective Formation, other than those set forth in Subsection B (5), shall be divided between the third Objective Formation and all other deeper Objective Formations as provided in Subsection B (6) and charged to the Participating Parties therein, in accordance with their respective Participating Interest in such formation.
- (4) Costs incurred from the base of the second deepest Objective Formation to total depth shall be charged to the Participating Parties in the deepest formation, in accordance with their respective Participating Interest in such formation.
- (5) Costs attributable to logging, testing, perforating, treating, stimulating and abandoning a given formation shall be charged to the Participating Parties therein, in accordance with their respective Participating Interests in such formation. The cost of equipping the well, with respect to equipment that is used solely in connection with a given formation, shall be charged to the Participating Parties therein, in accordance with their respective Participating Interest in such formation.

The cost of acquiring and installing surface equipment beyond the wellhead that serves more than one formation shall be allocated equally to the formations served, except as otherwise provided in the "Taking Production in Kind" provision in the Operating Agreement. Equipping costs so allocated shall be charged to the Participating Parties in each such formation in accordance with their respective Participating Interest in such formation.

- (6) Except for those specific types of well completions identified in Subsection B (7), the cost of drilling, production casing, and tubing that serves more than one Objective Formation shall be allocated to the Participating Parties of each respective Objective Formation, pursuant to Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this Section B, on a footage basis as follows:

n = number of Objective Formations
I₁ = First, or shallowest Interval
I₂ = Second shallowest Interval
I₃ = Third shallowest Interval
Base_x = Footage at the base of the x Interval

Cost allocated to I₁:
 $(1/n * \text{Base}_1) / \text{Total Depth}$

Cost allocated to I₂:

$$[(1/n * \text{Base}_1) + ((1/(n-1)) * (\text{Base}_2 - \text{Base}_1))] / \text{Total Depth}$$

Cost allocated to I₃:

$$[(1/n * \text{Base}_1) + ((1/(n-1)) * (\text{Base}_2 - \text{Base}_1)) + ((1/(n-2)) * (\text{Base}_3 - \text{Base}_2))] / \text{Total Depth}$$

If there are more than three (3) Objective Formations, costs shall be allocated to such other formations in a like manner.

- (7) If the Objective Formations are a combination of Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs or a combination of the Mesaverde and Dakota, the Parties agree that, rather than calculating a unique set of factors for each well, the cost of drilling, production casing, and tubing that serves more than one Objective Formation shall be allocated based on the average relative footage for the following formations in the San Juan Basin, as set forth in the following table:

Formation	Base of Formation	FC/PC	MV/ DAK
Fruitland Coal	2700'	47%	
Pictured Cliffs	2900'	53%	
Mesa Verde	5600'		40%
Dakota	7000'		60%

C. Drilling and Completing Wells in All Objective Formations

Costs of drilling, testing, completing, and equipping wells to, and including, the wellhead which are begun with the objective of multiple completions and which are completed in all Objective Formations shall be borne by the Participating Parties in each Objective Formation in accordance with the provisions of Section B. The material and equipment in the well and on the surface shall be owned by the Parties paying the cost thereof pursuant to Section B. As to any well which was begun with the objective of multiple completions, drilling overhead shall be charged as though the well were a single well to be drilled to test the deepest formation, and borne in accordance with Section B. The working interest owners shall own all oil and gas produced from their respective formations in accordance with the applicable operating agreement for such formation.

Upon abandonment of the well, if dry in all formations, the costs of plugging and abandoning shall be borne in accordance with the provisions of Section B.

D. Completion of Well in Fewer than All Objective Formations

In the event that a well begun with the objective of multiple completions is drilled to the deepest formation and results in discovery of oil and/or gas in paying quantities in one or more Objective Formations, but is dry in one or more Objective Formations, all costs of drilling, testing, and completing the well shall be borne by the Participating Parties in each Objective Formation in accordance with Section B. Likewise, all costs of equipping the well prior to the decision to abandon the dry formation(s) shall be borne by the Participating Parties in each Objective Formation in accordance with Section B. All costs of equipping the well subsequent to the decision to abandon the dry formation(s) shall be borne by the Participating Parties in the formation(s) being completed and if there are two or more formations being completed, the equipping costs shall be apportioned between such formations in accordance with Section B. Further, the Participating Parties as to the formation(s) being completed shall pay to the Participating Parties of the formation being abandoned the value of any salvable material and equipment paid for or furnished by such abandoning Parties which is used in connection with the formation being completed. Thereafter, the Participating Parties in the completed formation(s) shall own all materials and equipment acquired and installed in the drilling and completion of said well. The working interest owners in the completed formation(s) shall own all oil and gas produced from their respective formation in accordance with the applicable operating agreement, and shall bear all costs of operating,

reworking, and plugging and abandoning the well which accrue thereafter. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the cost of abandoning the dry formation shall be borne by the working interest owners of the formation(s) being abandoned, in accordance with the applicable operating agreement. If the formation being abandoned is the deepest formation, the working interest owners in the deepest formation shall bear the cost of abandoning the entire portion of the well below the base of the second deepest formation, in accordance with the applicable operating agreement.

E. Partial Abandonment After Completion of Well in Multiple Formations

In the event that, after completion of a well in two or more formations, the working interest owners of a given formation should decide to abandon the well as to their formation, the Participating Parties in the formation open to production ("Producible Formation") shall pay to the working interest owners of the formation to be abandoned ("Abandoning Parties"), the salvage value of any materials or equipment belonging to the Abandoning Parties that are used in connection with the Producible Formation. If there is more than one Producible Formation, such payment shall be apportioned between the Producible Formations so as to be consistent with the ownership of material and equipment as set forth in Section B. Upon making such payment, the Participating Parties as to the Producible Formation(s) shall own all of such materials and equipment. The working interest owners in the Producible Formation(s) shall own all oil and gas produced from their respective formation in accordance with the applicable operating agreement, and shall bear all cost of operating, reworking, and plugging and abandoning the well which accrue thereafter. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the cost of abandoning the formation to be abandoned shall be borne by the Abandoning Parties, in accordance with the applicable operating agreement. If the formation being abandoned is the deepest formation, the Abandoning Parties in the deepest formation shall bear the cost of abandoning the entire portion of the well below the base of the second deepest formation, in accordance with the applicable operating agreement.

F. Adding Completions and Commingling

Operations to deepen the well or recomplete the well at a shallower depth for the purpose of completing additional formations shall be proposed and approved by the Parties entitled to participate in the proposed completion attempt in accordance with the applicable operating agreement. Before any well which is completed in one or more formations may be deepened or recompleted at a shallower depth for the purpose of completing the well in an additional formation, such operation must have non-objection by all Participating Parties in each formation which is then capable of producing in paying quantities in such well. Failure of a Party owning an interest in a formation capable of producing in paying quantities to respond to a request for non-objection to a proposed deepening or recompletion within thirty (30) days after receipt of such request shall be deemed non-objection to such deepening or recompletion. Any Party owning a Participating Interest in a formation which is entitled to participate in the proposed deepening or recompletion shall have an election whether or not to participate in such deepening or recompletion operation that is separate from its non-objection to use of the wellbore. If the operation should result in an impairment of production from, or a loss of, the existing well, the provisions of Subsections H (4), (5) and (6) shall govern unless otherwise agreed.

As compensation for use of the wellbore the Participating Parties in the additional completion shall pay to said Participating Parties in each such formation then capable of producing in paying quantities ("Producing Parties") an amount calculated as set forth hereinbelow ("Wellbore Compensation"). Such Wellbore Compensation shall be equal to that portion of the Deemed Drilling Costs, depreciated as provided below, which the Participating Parties would have borne if they had originally participated in the drilling of the well under the terms of this Agreement. The Deemed Drilling Costs shall mean the applicable stated cost which corresponds to the deepest depth of the wellbore which will be used by the Participating Parties as follows: Fruitland Coal - \$220,000; Pictured Cliffs - \$200,000; and Mesa Verde - \$320,000. In the event that the additional completion is proposed in a formation other than those listed above, the Deemed Drilling Costs for such other formation shall be adjusted in the proportion that the depth and associated costs for such other formation reasonably bears to the depth and associated costs for the formations listed above. The applicable Deemed Drilling Costs shall be depreciated on a straight-line depreciation basis over a twenty (20) year period commencing as of the original completion date of the subject wellbore until the commencement date of operations for the additional completion.

If the estimated cost of commingling formations exceeds the Operator's expenditure limit under the Operating Agreement, the proposing Party shall submit an authority for expenditure to the Participating Parties in the formations proposed to be commingled. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Operating Agreement, failure to respond to a proposal to commingle that does not include other operations in the well, within thirty (30) days after receipt of the proposal, shall be deemed approval of such commingling. The cost of the commingling operation shall be borne equally by all formations being commingled.

G. Allocation of Operating and Maintenance Costs

After completion of a well in two or more formations, the costs of producing operations shall be borne by the Participating Parties as to such formations as follows:

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Accounting Procedure, each active completion, which is not commingled downhole shall be treated as a separate well for producing well overhead. Such expense shall be borne by the Participating Parties of the respective formations as a separate cost allocable to their interest. Active completions that are commingled shall be treated as one well for the purpose of charging producing well overhead and such charge shall be allocated to the Participating Parties in each commingled formation pursuant to the Allocation Formula most recently approved by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.
- (2) The Participating Parties as to each formation shall bear all costs of routine producing operations including costs of labor, repairs, maintenance and replacement of equipment attributable solely to such formation. For active completions which are not commingled downhole, all costs of operations performed for the joint benefit of two or more formations shall be borne equally by the formations benefiting from such operations and charged to the Participating Parties in each such formation in accordance with their respective Participating Interest in such formation. For active completions which are commingled downhole, all costs of operations performed for the joint benefit of such commingled formations shall be allocated to the Participating Parties in each commingled formation pursuant to the Allocation Formula most recently approved by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

H. Allocation of Cost of Workover Operations

After completion of a well in two or more formations, a proposed workover, repair or other operation, excluding routine repair or maintenance work, shall be approved by the Parties owning a Participating Interest in all formations which are capable of producing in paying quantities, whether or not such formations are to undergo the proposed workover, repair or other operation. The costs and risk of any workover, repair or other operations on such well shall be borne by the Participating Parties in such workover, repair or other operation as follows:

- (1) The costs and risk of any workover, repair or other operation which is directly related to one formation, including but not limited to operations such as re-perforating the casing or stimulating the formation, shall be borne by the Participating Parties in the formation for which the workover, repair or other operation is performed.
- (2) All costs and risk of any workover, repair, or other operation not directly related to one formation, including but not limited to repair and correction of leaks which may result in communication between formations within the well bore shall be borne equally by the formations benefiting from such work, and charged to the owners of each such formation in accordance with their respective Participating Interests.
- (3) Any material and equipment acquired by any such expenditures provided for in Subsection H(1) and H(2) above shall be owned by the Participating Parties of the respective formations so as to be consistent with the ownership of the material and equipment as set forth in Section B.

- (4) The working interest owners of the formation undergoing the workover, repair or other operation shall not be liable to the working interest owners of the formation(s) not being worked upon for cessation of production during such operations for a period of time not exceeding a cumulative total of sixty (60) days. In the event cessation of production during such operations is for a longer period of time, the Parties participating in such workover, repair, or other operation, hereinafter referred to as Remedial Owners, shall pay to the Participating Parties as to the formation not being worked upon, hereinafter referred to as Damaged Owners, damages in such amount as shall be determined by Remedial Owners and Damaged Owners jointly for loss of production occurring for each day in excess of such sixty (60) cumulative day period until such production is restored. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement on damages within one hundred eighty (180) days after written request for damage payments, the matter shall be referred to mediation, pursuant to Section K.
- (5) If the producing capacity of the formation not undergoing the workover, repair or other operation is reduced in excess of twenty percent (20%) as a result of such workover, repair or other operation, damages will be deemed to have occurred. If damages have occurred, the Remedial Owners shall pay to the Damaged Owners, damages in such amount as shall be determined by Remedial Owners and Damaged Owners jointly for loss of producing capacity. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement on damages within one hundred eighty (180) days after written request for damage payments, the matter shall be referred to mediation, pursuant to Section K.
- (6) It is understood, however, that liability for loss or damages under Subsections H (4) and H (5) shall not accrue hereunder if: (1) such loss or damage existed prior to actual commencement of the operations or prior to penetration by workover equipment of the damaged formation, and (2) the evidence is conclusive that the loss or damage resulted solely from the previously existing poor mechanical condition of the well. In no event shall Remedial Owners be required to pay Damaged Owners an amount greater than the cost of drilling and completing a replacement well.

I. Payments

If the amount of any payment due by working interest owners of one formation to the working interest owners of another formation(s), pursuant to Sections D, E, F, or H above, is agreed to by Parties having at least seventy-five percent (75%) Participating Interest in each of the respective formations, such agreement shall be binding on all Parties. Within thirty (30) days after agreement as to the amount of payment due, Operator shall invoice the working interest owners owing such payment. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of the invoice, each Party owing such payment shall send its payment to the Operator. The Operator will distribute the payments so received, along with any payment owed by the Operator, to the owners of the formation to whom payment is due within sixty (60) days after the invoice is issued. The Operator shall make a good faith effort to collect any such payments owed by the non-operators. If, any non-operator fails to make a payment due hereunder, the Operator may, after making a good faith effort to collect, turn over the responsibility for collecting the payment to the Party to whom it is owed, and the Operator will have no further liability with regard to such payment.

J. Non-Consent Wells

Any payments made by owners of one formation to the owners of another formation(s) pursuant to Sections D, E, F, or H above, that would have been received by a Non-Consenting Party had it not relinquished its interest in the well, shall be credited against the total unreturned costs of the non-consent operation in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as provided in the applicable Operating Agreement; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting Party. Likewise, any payments made by owners of a formation to owners of another formation(s) pursuant to Sections D, E, F or H above, that would have been made by a Non-Consenting Party had it not relinquished its interest in the well shall be deemed to be part of the cost of the non-consent operation and shall be added to the sums to be recouped by the Consenting Parties as provided in the applicable Operating Agreement.

K. Dispute Resolution

If a dispute arises between the Parties under this Agreement and is not resolved by negotiation, the dispute shall be submitted to mediation before any Party resorts to litigation. In such event, promptly following one Party's written request for mediation, the Parties to the dispute shall choose a mutually acceptable mediator and share the costs of mediation services equally. The Parties to the dispute shall each have present at the mediation at least one individual who has authority to settle the dispute. The Parties shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the mediation commences within sixty (60) days of the date of the mediation request. Notwithstanding the above, any Party may file a complaint (1) if the Parties are unable after reasonable efforts, to commence mediation within sixty (60) days of the date of the mediation request, (2) for statute of limitations reasons, or (3) to seek a preliminary injunction or other provisional judicial relief, if in its sole judgment an injunction or other provisional relief is necessary to avoid irreparable damage or to preserve the status quo. Despite such actions, the Parties shall continue to try to resolve the dispute by negotiation or mediation as necessary.

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This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of 1st day of April, (year) 2010.

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP, who has prepared and circulated this form for execution, represents and warrants that the form was printed from and with the exception listed below, is identical to the AAPL Form 610-1982 Model Form Operating Agreement, as published in diskette form by Forms On-A-Disk, Inc. No changes, alterations, or modifications, other than those in Articles where phrases have been plainly struck through or inserted, have been made to the form.

OPERATOR

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP
By: **BROG GP Inc., its sole General Partner**

Date: 5/25/10

By: *William Rainbolt* ^{was}
William Rainbolt, Attorney-in-Fact

NON-OPERATORS

BP America Production Company

Date: _____

By: _____

Energen Resources Corporation

Date: _____

By: _____

Shannon Brown

Date: _____

By: _____

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MacLondon Energy, L.P.

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MHT Properties, L.P.

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Production Gathering Company L.P.

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Robert Umbach Cancer Foundation

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Accord Du Lac Partnership, LLLP

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**State Com SRC 1B & 1C
Mesaverde and Dakota Formations**

EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement dated April 1, 2010, by and between Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP, as Operator, BP America Production Company, Energen Resources Corporation, Shannon Brown, Brady H. Brown, Bert H. Brown, Donald H. Brown, Las Colinas Minerals, L.P., MacLondon Energy, L.P., MHT Properties, L.P., Production Gathering Company L.P., WWR Enterprises, Inc., Marcia Berger Estate, Carolyn Nielsen Sedberry, Roger B. Nielsen, Robert Umbach Cancer Foundation, George W. Umbach, Randolph Briggs, Joann Briggs, Pennies From Heaven, LLC, Cyrene L. Inman, CEEFAM, LLC, William Briggs, Accord Du Lac Partnership, LLLP, and Potenziani Family Partnership, as Non-Operators.

I. LANDS SUBJECT TO OPERATING AGREEMENT:

Township 29 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M.
San Juan County, NM

Section 2: Dakota - N/2 - Containing 326.92 acres, more or less
 Mesaverde - N/2 - Containing 320.00 acres, more or less

II. RESTRICTIONS, IF ANY, AS TO DEPTHS OR FORMATIONS:

Limited to the Mesaverde and Dakota formations

III. ADDRESSES AND PERCENTAGES OR FRACTIONAL INTERESTS OF PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT:

OPERATOR

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP
PO Box 4289
Farmington, New Mexico 87499-4289

WORKING INTEREST OWNERS	Mesaverde Formation	Dakota Formation
Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP P.O. Box 4289 Farmington, NM 87499-4289	93.1250%	87.2629%
BP America Production Company Attn: San Juan Land Manager P.O. Box 3092 Houston, TX 77253	0.0000%	4.4580%
Energen Resources Corp. 2010 Afton Place Farmington, NM 87401	0.0000%	4.1380%
Las Colinas Minerals, L.P. 125 E. John Carpenter Ste 660 Irving, TX 75062	0.0000%	1.4501%
Shannon Brown DBA Brown Energy PO Box 752 Wichita Fall, TX 76307	1.2500%	0.0000%
Brady H. Brown DBA Brown Energy PO Box 752 Wichita Falls, TX 76307	1.2500%	0.0000%
Bert H. Brown DBA Brown Energy PO Box 752 Wichita Falls, TX 76307	1.2500%	0.0000%
Donald H. Brown DBA Brown Energy PO Box 752 Wichita Falls, TX 76307	3.1250%	0.0000%

MacLondon Energy L.P. PO Box 14230 Odessa, TX 79768	0.0000%	0.3718%
MHT Properties, L.P. 3840 Windsor Ln Dallas, TX 75205	0.0000%	0.0372%
Production Gathering Company, LP 8080 N. Central Expressway, Ste 1090 Dallas, TX 75206	0.0000%	0.1592%
WWR Enterprises 3325 Enterprise Dr. Hobbs, NM 88240	0.0000%	0.1094%
Marcia Berger Estate 3325 Enterprise Dr. Hobbs, NM 88240	0.0000%	0.1094%
Carolyn Nielsen Sedberry c/o Little Oil & Gas (Cheri Whitney) P.O. Box 1258 Farmington, NM 87499	0.0000%	0.2188%
Roger B. Nielson 1200 Danbury Drive Mansfield, TX 76063	0.0000%	0.2188%
Robert W. Umbach Cancer Foundation P.O. Drawer 110 Farmington, NM 87499	0.0000%	0.2388%
George W. Umbach 208 R.H. Carr Road Manchester, TN 37355	0.0000%	0.2388%
Randolph Briggs DBA RHB Enterprises LLC 6729 Academy Rd NE Suite D Albuquerque, NM 87109	0.0000%	0.0547%
Joann Briggs DBA JRB Investments LLC 6729 Academy Rd NE Suite D Albuquerque, NM 87109	0.0000%	0.0547%
Pennies From Heaven, LLC Bank of America (Leonard Kersh) P.O. Box 832407 Dallas, TX 75283-2407	0.0000%	0.2158%
Cyrene L. Inman c/o Bank of America (Leonard Kersh) P.O. Box 832407 Dallas, TX 75283-2407	0.0000%	0.2158%
CEEFAM, LLC Agent: Little Oil & Gas P.O. Box 1258 Farmington, NM 87499	0.0000%	0.1225%
William Briggs 3729 Academy Rd, Ste D Albuquerque, NM 87109	0.0000%	0.1093%
Accord Du Lac Partnership, LLC c/o Frank A. Potenziani, Pres. P.O. Box 676281 Santa Fe, NM 92067-6281	0.0000%	0.2086%

Potenziani Family Partnership
P.O. Box 4098
Station A
Albuquerque, NM 87196

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IV. OIL AND GAS LEASES SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT:

LEASE CONTRIBUTED BY BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY, ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP
& FOUR STAR OIL & GAS COMPANY

Lease Number: B-11125-78
Lease Date: 3/21/1944
Lessor: State of New Mexico
Lessee: Energen Resources Corp.
Legal Description: Lot 3 (NENW) Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 8 West, San Juan Co., NM

Lease Number: E-3149-11
Lease Date: 12/10/1949
Lessor: State of New Mexico
Lessee: Four Star Oil & Gas Company
Legal Description: SWNW Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 8 West, San Juan Co., NM

Lease Number: E-5380-3
Lease Date: 7/10/1951
Lessor: State of New Mexico
Lessee: Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP
Legal Description: SENW Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 8 West, San Juan Co., NM

Lease Number: E-292-15
Lease Date: 5/2/1945
Lessor: State of New Mexico
Lessee: Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP
Legal Description: NE, NWNW Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 8 West, San Juan Co., NM

EXHIBIT " C "
ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE
JOINT OPERATIONS

1 Attached to and made part of that certain Operating Agreement dated April 1, 2010
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3 between Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company L.P. as Operator, BP America Production Company, Energen Resources
4 L.P., MHT Properties, L.P., Production Gathering Company L.P., WWR Enterprises, Inc., Marcia Berger Estate, Carolvn Nielsen
5 Sedberry, Roger B. Nielsen, Robert Umbach Cancer Foundation, George W. Umbach, Randolph Briggs, Joann Briggs, Pennies From
6 Heaven, LLC, Cyrene L. Inman, CEEFAM, LLC, William Briggs, Accord Du Lac Partnership, LLLP, and Potenziari Family
7 Partnership, as Non-Operator(s)
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12 I. GENERAL PROVISIONS
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14 IF THE PARTIES FAIL TO SELECT EITHER ONE OF COMPETING "ALTERNATIVE" PROVISIONS, OR SELECT ALL THE
15 COMPETING "ALTERNATIVE" PROVISIONS, ALTERNATIVE 1 IN EACH SUCH INSTANCE SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE
16 BEEN ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES AS A RESULT OF ANY SUCH OMISSION OR DUPLICATE NOTATION.
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18 IN THE EVENT THAT ANY "OPTIONAL" PROVISION OF THIS ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE IS NOT ADOPTED BY THE
19 PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT BY A TYPED, PRINTED OR HANDWRITTEN INDICATION, SUCH PROVISION SHALL NOT
20 FORM A PART OF THIS ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE, AND NO INFERENCE SHALL BE MADE CONCERNING THE INTENT
21 OF THE PARTIES IN SUCH EVENT.
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23 1. DEFINITIONS
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25 All terms used in this Accounting Procedure shall have the following meaning, unless otherwise expressly defined in the Agreement:
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27 "Affiliate" means for a person, another person that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that person. In this
28 definition, (a) control means the ownership by one person, directly or indirectly, of more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting securities
29 of a corporation or, for other persons, the equivalent ownership interest (such as partnership interests), and (b) "person" means an
30 individual, corporation, partnership, trust, estate, unincorporated organization, association, or other legal entity.
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32 "Agreement" means the operating agreement, farmout agreement, or other contract between the Parties to which this Accounting
33 Procedure is attached.
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35 "Controllable Material" means Material that, at the time of acquisition or disposition by the Joint Account, as applicable, is so classified
36 in the Material Classification Manual most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies (COPAS).
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38 "Equalized Freight" means the procedure of charging transportation cost to the Joint Account based upon the distance from the nearest
39 Railway Receiving Point to the property.
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41 "Excluded Amount" means a specified excluded trucking amount most recently recommended by COPAS.
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43 "Field Office" means a structure, or portion of a structure, whether a temporary or permanent installation, the primary function of which is
44 to directly serve daily operation and maintenance activities of the Joint Property and which serves as a staging area for directly chargeable
45 field personnel.
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47 "First Level Supervision" means those employees whose primary function in Joint Operations is the direct oversight of the Operator's
48 field employees and/or contract labor directly employed On-site in a field operating capacity. First Level Supervision functions may
49 include, but are not limited to:
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- 51 • Responsibility for field employees and contract labor engaged in activities that can include field operations, maintenance,
52 construction, well remedial work, equipment movement and drilling
- 53 • Responsibility for day-to-day direct oversight of rig operations
- 54 • Responsibility for day-to-day direct oversight of construction operations
- 55 • Coordination of job priorities and approval of work procedures
- 56 • Responsibility for optimal resource utilization (equipment, Materials, personnel)
- 57 • Responsibility for meeting production and field operating expense targets
- 58 • Representation of the Parties in local matters involving community, vendors, regulatory agents and landowners, as an incidental
59 part of the supervisor's operating responsibilities
- 60 • Responsibility for all emergency responses with field staff
- 61 • Responsibility for implementing safety and environmental practices
- 62 • Responsibility for field adherence to company policy
- 63 • Responsibility for employment decisions and performance appraisals for field personnel
- 64 • Oversight of sub-groups for field functions such as electrical, safety, environmental, telecommunications, which may have group
65 or team leaders.
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"Joint Account" means the account showing the charges paid and credits received in the conduct of the Joint Operations that are to be

shared by the Parties, but does not include proceeds attributable to hydrocarbons and by-products produced under the Agreement.

“Joint Operations” means all operations necessary or proper for the exploration, appraisal, development, production, protection, maintenance, repair, abandonment, and restoration of the Joint Property.

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1 "Joint Property" means the real and personal property subject to the Agreement.

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3 "Laws" means any laws, rules, regulations, decrees, and orders of the United States of America or any state thereof and all other
4 governmental bodies, agencies, and other authorities having jurisdiction over or affecting the provisions contained in or the transactions
5 contemplated by the Agreement or the Parties and their operations, whether such laws now exist or are hereafter amended, enacted,
6 promulgated or issued.

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8 "Material" means personal property, equipment, supplies, or consumables acquired or held for use by the Joint Property.

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10 "Non-Operators" means the Parties to the Agreement other than the Operator.

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12 "Offshore Facilities" means platforms, surface and subsea development and production systems, and other support systems such as oil and
13 gas handling facilities, living quarters, offices, shops, cranes, electrical supply equipment and systems, fuel and water storage and piping,
14 heliport, marine docking installations, communication facilities, navigation aids, and other similar facilities necessary in the conduct of
15 offshore operations, all of which are located offshore.

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17 "Off-site" means any location that is not considered On-site as defined in this Accounting Procedure.

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19 "On-site" means on the Joint Property when in direct conduct of Joint Operations. The term "On-site" shall also include that portion of
20 Offshore Facilities, Shore Base Facilities, fabrication yards, and staging areas from which Joint Operations are conducted, or other
21 facilities that directly control equipment on the Joint Property, regardless of whether such facilities are owned by the Joint Account.

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23 "Operator" means the Party designated pursuant to the Agreement to conduct the Joint Operations.

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25 "Parties" means legal entities signatory to the Agreement or their successors and assigns. Parties shall be referred to individually as
26 "Party."

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28 "Participating Interest" means the percentage of the costs and risks of conducting an operation under the Agreement that a Party agrees,
29 or is otherwise obligated, to pay and bear.

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31 "Participating Party" means a Party that approves a proposed operation or otherwise agrees, or becomes liable, to pay and bear a share of
32 the costs and risks of conducting an operation under the Agreement.

33
34 "Personal Expenses" means reimbursed costs for travel and temporary living expenses.

35
36 "Railway Receiving Point" means the railhead nearest the Joint Property for which freight rates are published, even though an actual
37 railhead may not exist.

38
39 "Shore Base Facilities" means onshore support facilities that during Joint Operations provide such services to the Joint Property as a
40 receiving and transshipment point for Materials; debarkation point for drilling and production personnel and services; communication,
41 scheduling and dispatching center; and other associated functions serving the Joint Property.

42
43 "Supply Store" means a recognized source or common stock point for a given Material item.

44
45 "Technical Services" means services providing specific engineering, geoscience, or other professional skills, such as those performed by
46 engineers, geologists, geophysicists, and technicians, required to handle specific operating conditions and problems for the benefit of Joint
47 Operations; provided, however, Technical Services shall not include those functions specifically identified as overhead under the second
48 paragraph of the introduction of Section III (*Overhead*). Technical Services may be provided by the Operator, Operator's Affiliate, Non-
49 Operator, Non-Operator Affiliates, and/or third parties.

50 51 2. STATEMENTS AND BILLINGS

52
53 The Operator shall bill Non-Operators on or before the last day of the month for their proportionate share of the Joint Account for the
54 preceding month. Such bills shall be accompanied by statements that identify the AFE (authority for expenditure), lease or facility, and all
55 charges and credits summarized by appropriate categories of investment and expense. Controllable Material shall be separately identified
56 and fully described in detail, or at the Operator's option, Controllable Material may be summarized by major Material classifications.
57 Intangible drilling costs, audit adjustments, and unusual charges and credits shall be separately and clearly identified.

58
59 The Operator may make available to Non-Operators any statements and bills required under Section 1.2 and/or Section 1.3.A (*Advances
60 and Payments by the Parties*) via email, electronic data interchange, internet websites or other equivalent electronic media in lieu of paper
61 copies. The Operator shall provide the Non-Operators instructions and any necessary information to access and receive the statements and
62 bills within the timeframes specified herein. A statement or billing shall be deemed as delivered twenty-four (24) hours (exclusive of
63 weekends and holidays) after the Operator notifies the Non-Operator that the statement or billing is available on the website and/or sent via
64 email or electronic data interchange transmission. Each Non-Operator individually shall elect to receive statements and billings
65 electronically, if available from the Operator, or request paper copies. Such election may be changed upon thirty (30) days prior written
66 notice to the Operator.

1 3. ADVANCES AND PAYMENTS BY THE PARTIES
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3 A. Unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement, the Operator may require the Non-Operators to advance their share of the estimated
4 cash outlay for the succeeding month's operations within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the advance request or by the first day of
5 the month for which the advance is required, whichever is later. The Operator shall adjust each monthly billing to reflect advances
6 received from the Non-Operators for such month. If a refund is due, the Operator shall apply the amount to be refunded to the
7 subsequent month's billing or advance, unless the Non-Operator sends the Operator a written request for a cash refund. The Operator
8 shall remit the refund to the Non-Operator within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such written request.

9
10 B. Except as provided below, each Party shall pay its proportionate share of all bills in full within fifteen (15) days of receipt date. If
11 payment is not made within such time, the unpaid balance shall bear interest compounded monthly at the prime rate published by the
12 *Wall Street Journal* on the first day of each month the payment is delinquent, plus three percent (3%), per annum, or the maximum
13 contract rate permitted by the applicable usury Laws governing the Joint Property, whichever is the lesser, plus attorney's fees, court
14 costs, and other costs in connection with the collection of unpaid amounts. If the *Wall Street Journal* ceases to be published or
15 discontinues publishing a prime rate, the unpaid balance shall bear interest compounded monthly at the prime rate published by the
16 Federal Reserve plus three percent (3%), per annum. Interest shall begin accruing on the first day of the month in which the payment
17 was due. Payment shall not be reduced or delayed as a result of inquiries or anticipated credits unless the Operator has agreed.
18 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Non-Operator may reduce payment, provided it furnishes documentation and explanation to the
19 Operator at the time payment is made, to the extent such reduction is caused by:

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21 (1) being billed at an incorrect working interest or Participating Interest that is higher than such Non-Operator's actual working
22 interest or Participating Interest, as applicable; or
23 (2) being billed for a project or AFE requiring approval of the Parties under the Agreement that the Non-Operator has not approved
24 or is not otherwise obligated to pay under the Agreement; or
25 (3) being billed for a property in which the Non-Operator no longer owns a working interest, provided the Non-Operator has
26 furnished the Operator a copy of the recorded assignment or letter in-lieu. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Non-Operator
27 shall remain responsible for paying bills attributable to the interest it sold or transferred for any bills rendered during the thirty
28 (30) day period following the Operator's receipt of such written notice; or
29 (4) charges outside the adjustment period, as provided in Section 1.4 (*Adjustments*).

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31 4. ADJUSTMENTS
32

33 A. Payment of any such bills shall not prejudice the right of any Party to protest or question the correctness thereof; however, all bills
34 and statements, including payout statements, rendered during any calendar year shall conclusively be presumed to be true and correct,
35 with respect only to expenditures, after twenty-four (24) months following the end of any such calendar year, unless within said
36 period a Party takes specific detailed written exception thereto making a claim for adjustment. The Operator shall provide a response
37 to all written exceptions, whether or not contained in an audit report, within the time periods prescribed in Section 1.5 (*Expenditure*
38 *Audits*).

39
40 B. All adjustments initiated by the Operator, except those described in items (1) through (4) of this Section 1.4.B, are limited to the
41 twenty-four (24) month period following the end of the calendar year in which the original charge appeared or should have appeared
42 on the Operator's Joint Account statement or payout statement. Adjustments that may be made beyond the twenty-four (24) month
43 period are limited to adjustments resulting from the following:

- 44
45 (1) a physical inventory of Controllable Material as provided for in Section V (*Inventories of Controllable Material*), or
46 (2) an offsetting entry (whether in whole or in part) that is the direct result of a specific joint interest audit exception granted by the
47 Operator relating to another property, or
48 (3) a government/regulatory audit, or
49 (4) a working interest ownership or Participating Interest adjustment.

50
51 5. EXPENDITURE AUDITS
52

53 A. A Non-Operator, upon written notice to the Operator and all other Non-Operators, shall have the right to audit the Operator's
54 accounts and records relating to the Joint Account within the twenty-four (24) month period following the end of such calendar year in
55 which such bill was rendered; however, conducting an audit shall not extend the time for the taking of written exception to and the
56 adjustment of accounts as provided for in Section 1.4 (*Adjustments*). Any Party that is subject to payout accounting under the
57 Agreement shall have the right to audit the accounts and records of the Party responsible for preparing the payout statements, or of
58 the Party furnishing information to the Party responsible for preparing payout statements. Audits of payout accounts may include the
59 volumes of hydrocarbons produced and saved and proceeds received for such hydrocarbons as they pertain to payout accounting
60 required under the Agreement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, audits of a payout account shall be conducted within the
61 twenty-four (24) month period following the end of the calendar year in which the payout statement was rendered.

62
63 Where there are two or more Non-Operators, the Non-Operators shall make every reasonable effort to conduct a joint audit in a
64 manner that will result in a minimum of inconvenience to the Operator. The Operator shall bear no portion of the Non-Operators'
65 audit cost incurred under this paragraph unless agreed to by the Operator. The audits shall not be conducted more than once each year
66 without prior approval of the Operator, except upon the resignation or removal of the Operator, and shall be made at the expense of

1 those Non-Operators approving such audit.

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3 The Non-Operator leading the audit (hereinafter "lead audit company") shall issue the audit report within ninety (90) days after
4 completion of the audit testing and analysis; however, the ninety (90) day time period shall not extend the twenty-four (24) month
5 requirement for taking specific detailed written exception as required in Section I.4.A (*Adjustments*) above. All claims shall be
6 supported with sufficient documentation.

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8 A timely filed written exception or audit report containing written exceptions (hereinafter "written exceptions") shall, with respect to
9 the claims made therein, preclude the Operator from asserting a statute of limitations defense against such claims, and the Operator
10 hereby waives its right to assert any statute of limitations defense against such claims for so long as any Non-Operator continues to
11 comply with the deadlines for resolving exceptions provided in this Accounting Procedure. If the Non-Operators fail to comply with
12 the additional deadlines in Section I.5.B or I.5.C, the Operator's waiver of its rights to assert a statute of limitations defense against
13 the claims brought by the Non-Operators shall lapse, and such claims shall then be subject to the applicable statute of limitations,
14 provided that such waiver shall not lapse in the event that the Operator has failed to comply with the deadlines in Section I.5.B or
15 I.5.C.

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17 B. The Operator shall provide a written response to all exceptions in an audit report within one hundred eighty (180) days after Operator
18 receives such report. Denied exceptions should be accompanied by a substantive response. ~~If the Operator fails to provide substantive
19 response to an exception within this one hundred eighty (180) day period, the Operator will owe interest on that exception or portion
20 thereof, if ultimately granted, from the date it received the audit report. Interest shall be calculated using the rate set forth in Section
21 I.3.B (*Advances and Payments by the Parties*).~~

22
23 C. The lead audit company shall reply to the Operator's response to an audit report within ninety (90) days of receipt, and the Operator
24 shall reply to the lead audit company's follow-up response within ninety (90) days of receipt; provided, however, each Non-Operator
25 shall have the right to represent itself if it disagrees with the lead audit company's position or believes the lead audit company is not
26 adequately fulfilling its duties. ~~Unless otherwise provided for in Section I.5.E, if the Operator fails to provide substantive response
27 to an exception within this ninety (90) day period, the Operator will owe interest on that exception or portion thereof, if ultimately
28 granted, from the date it received the audit report. Interest shall be calculated using the rate set forth in Section I.3.B (*Advances and
29 Payments by the Parties*).~~

30
31 D. If any Party fails to meet the deadlines in Sections I.5.B or I.5.C or if any audit issues are outstanding fifteen (15) months after
32 Operator receives the audit report, the Operator or any Non-Operator participating in the audit has the right to call a resolution
33 meeting, as set forth in this Section I.5.D or it may invoke the dispute resolution procedures included in the Agreement, if applicable.
34 The meeting will require one month's written notice to the Operator and all Non-Operators participating in the audit. The meeting
35 shall be held at the Operator's office or mutually agreed location, and shall be attended by representatives of the Parties with
36 authority to resolve such outstanding issues. Any Party who fails to attend the resolution meeting shall be bound by any resolution
37 reached at the meeting. The lead audit company will make good faith efforts to coordinate the response and positions of the
38 Non-Operator participants throughout the resolution process; however, each Non-Operator shall have the right to represent itself.
39 Attendees will make good faith efforts to resolve outstanding issues, and each Party will be required to present substantive information
40 supporting its position. A resolution meeting may be held as often as agreed to by the Parties. Issues unresolved at one meeting may
41 be discussed at subsequent meetings until each such issue is resolved.

42
43 If the Agreement contains no dispute resolution procedures and the audit issues cannot be resolved by negotiation, the dispute shall
44 be submitted to mediation. In such event, promptly following one Party's written request for mediation, the Parties to the dispute
45 shall choose a mutually acceptable mediator and share the costs of mediation services equally. The Parties shall each have present
46 at the mediation at least one individual who has the authority to settle the dispute. The Parties shall make reasonable efforts to
47 ensure that the mediation commences within sixty (60) days of the date of the mediation request. Notwithstanding the above, any
48 Party may file a lawsuit or complaint (1) if the Parties are unable after reasonable efforts, to commence mediation within sixty (60)
49 days of the date of the mediation request, (2) for statute of limitations reasons, or (3) to seek a preliminary injunction or other
50 provisional judicial relief, if in its sole judgment an injunction or other provisional relief is necessary to avoid irreparable damage or
51 to preserve the status quo. Despite such action, the Parties shall continue to try to resolve the dispute by mediation.

52
53 ~~E. (*Optional Provision—Forfeiture Penalties*)~~

54 ~~If the Non-Operator fail to meet the deadline in Section I.5.C, any unresolved exceptions that were not addressed by the Non-
55 Operators within one (1) year following receipt of the last substantive response of the Operator shall be deemed to have been
56 withdrawn by the Non-Operators. If the Operator fails to meet the deadlines in Section I.5.B or I.5.C, any unresolved exceptions that
57 were not addressed by the Operator within one (1) year following receipt of the audit report or receipt of the last substantive response
58 of the Non-Operators, whichever is later, shall be deemed to have been granted by the Operator and adjustments shall be made,
59 without interest, to the Joint Account.~~

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61 **6. APPROVAL BY PARTIES**

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63 **A. GENERAL MATTERS**

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65 Where an approval or other agreement of the Parties or Non-Operators is expressly required under other Sections of this Accounting
66 Procedure and if the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached contains no contrary provisions in regard thereto, the

1 Operator shall notify all Non-Operators of the Operator's proposal and the agreement or approval of a majority in interest of the
2 Non-Operators shall be controlling on all Non-Operators.
3

4 This Section 1.6.A applies to specific situations of limited duration where a Party proposes to change the accounting for charges from
5 that prescribed in this Accounting Procedure. This provision does not apply to amendments to this Accounting Procedure, which are
6 covered by Section 1.6.B.
7

8 B. AMENDMENTS
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10 If the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached contains no contrary provisions in regard thereto, this Accounting
11 Procedure can be amended by an affirmative vote of one (1) or more Parties, one of which is the Operator,
12 having a combined working interest of at least fifty percent (50 %), which approval shall be binding on all Parties,
13 provided, however, approval of at least one (1) Non-Operator shall be required.
14

15 C. AFFILIATES
16

17 For the purpose of administering the voting procedures of Sections 1.6.A and 1.6.B, if Parties to this Agreement are Affiliates of each
18 other, then such Affiliates shall be combined and treated as a single Party having the combined working interest or Participating
19 Interest of such Affiliates.
20

21 For the purposes of administering the voting procedures in Section 1.6.A, if a Non-Operator is an Affiliate of the Operator, votes
22 under Section 1.6.A shall require the majority in interest of the Non-Operator(s) after excluding the interest of the Operator's
23 Affiliate.
24

25 **II. DIRECT CHARGES**
26

27 The Operator shall charge the Joint Account with the following items:
28

29 **1. RENTALS AND ROYALTIES**
30

31 Lease rentals and royalties paid by the Operator, on behalf of all Parties, for the Joint Operations.
32

33 **2. LABOR**
34

35 A. Salaries and wages, including incentive compensation programs as set forth in COPAS MFI-37 ("Chargeability of Incentive
36 Compensation Programs"), for:

- 37
- 38 (1) Operator's field employees directly employed On-site in the conduct of Joint Operations,
39
 - 40 (2) Operator's employees directly employed on Shore Base Facilities, Offshore Facilities, or other facilities serving the Joint
41 Property if such costs are not charged under Section 11.6 (*Equipment and Facilities Furnished by Operator*) or are not a
42 function covered under Section III (*Overhead*),
43
 - 44 (3) Operator's employees providing First Level Supervision,
45
 - 46 (4) Operator's employees providing On-site Technical Services for the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the
47 overhead rates in Section III (*Overhead*),
48
 - 49 (5) Operator's employees providing Off-site Technical Services for the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the
50 overhead rates in Section III (*Overhead*).
51

52 Charges for the Operator's employees identified in Section 11.2.A may be made based on the employee's actual salaries and wages,
53 or in lieu thereof, a day rate representing the Operator's average salaries and wages of the employee's specific job category.
54

55 Charges for personnel chargeable under this Section 11.2.A who are foreign nationals shall not exceed comparable compensation paid
56 to an equivalent U.S. employee pursuant to this Section 11.2, unless otherwise approved by the Parties pursuant to Section
57 1.6.A (*General Matters*).
58

59 B. Operator's cost of holiday, vacation, sickness, and disability benefits, and other customary allowances paid to employees whose
60 salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Section 11.2.A, excluding severance payments or other termination
61 allowances. Such costs under this Section 11.2.B may be charged on a "when and as-paid basis" or by "percentage assessment" on the
62 amount of salaries and wages chargeable to the Joint Account under Section 11.2.A. If percentage assessment is used, the rate shall
63 be based on the Operator's cost experience.
64

65 C. Expenditures or contributions made pursuant to assessments imposed by governmental authority that are applicable to costs
66 chargeable to the Joint Account under Sections 11.2.A and B.

- 1 D. Personal Expenses of personnel whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Section II.2.A when the
2 expenses are incurred in connection with directly chargeable activities.
3
- 4 E. Reasonable relocation costs incurred in transferring to the Joint Property personnel whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the
5 Joint Account under Section II.2.A. Notwithstanding the foregoing, relocation costs that result from reorganization or merger of a
6 Party, or that are for the primary benefit of the Operator, shall not be chargeable to the Joint Account. Extraordinary relocation
7 costs, such as those incurred as a result of transfers from remote locations, such as Alaska or overseas, shall not be charged to the
8 Joint Account unless approved by the Parties pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*).
9
- 10 F. Training costs as specified in COPAS MFI-35 ("Charging of Training Costs to the Joint Account") for personnel whose salaries and
11 wages are chargeable under Section II.2.A. This training charge shall include the wages, salaries, training course cost, and Personal
12 Expenses incurred during the training session. The training cost shall be charged or allocated to the property or properties directly
13 benefiting from the training. The cost of the training course shall not exceed prevailing commercial rates, where such rates are
14 available.
15
- 16 G. Operator's current cost of established plans for employee benefits, as described in COPAS MFI-27 ("Employee Benefits Chargeable
17 to Joint Operations and Subject to Percentage Limitation"), applicable to the Operator's labor costs chargeable to the Joint Account
18 under Sections II.2.A and B based on the Operator's actual cost not to exceed the employee benefits limitation percentage most
19 recently recommended by COPAS.
20
- 21 H. Award payments to employees, in accordance with COPAS MFI-49 ("Awards to Employees and Contractors") for personnel whose
22 salaries and wages are chargeable under Section II.2.A.
23

24 **3. MATERIAL**
25

26 Material purchased or furnished by the Operator for use on the Joint Property in the conduct of Joint Operations as provided under Section
27 IV (*Material Purchases, Transfers, and Dispositions*). Only such Material shall be purchased for or transferred to the Joint Property as
28 may be required for immediate use or is reasonably practical and consistent with efficient and economical operations. The accumulation
29 of surplus stocks shall be avoided.
30

31 **4. TRANSPORTATION**
32

- 33 A. Transportation of the Operator's, Operator's Affiliate's, or contractor's personnel necessary for Joint Operations.
34
- 35 B. Transportation of Material between the Joint Property and another property, or from the Operator's warehouse or other storage point
36 to the Joint Property, shall be charged to the receiving property using one of the methods listed below. Transportation of Material
37 from the Joint Property to the Operator's warehouse or other storage point shall be paid for by the Joint Property using one of the
38 methods listed below:
39
- 40 (1) If the actual trucking charge is less than or equal to the Excluded Amount the Operator may charge actual trucking cost or a
41 theoretical charge from the Railway Receiving Point to the Joint Property. The basis for the theoretical charge is the per
42 hundred weight charge plus fuel surcharges from the Railway Receiving Point to the Joint Property. The Operator shall
43 consistently apply the selected alternative.
44
- 45 (2) If the actual trucking charge is greater than the Excluded Amount, the Operator shall charge Equalized Freight. Accessorial
46 charges such as loading and unloading costs, split pick-up costs, detention, call out charges, and permit fees shall be charged
47 directly to the Joint Property and shall not be included when calculating the Equalized Freight.
48

49 **5. SERVICES**
50

51 The cost of contract services, equipment, and utilities used in the conduct of Joint Operations, except for contract services, equipment, and
52 utilities covered by Section III (*Overhead*), or Section II.7 (*Affiliates*), or excluded under Section II.9 (*Legal Expense*). Awards paid to
53 contractors shall be chargeable pursuant to COPAS MFI-49 ("Awards to Employees and Contractors").
54

55 The costs of third party Technical Services are chargeable to the extent excluded from the overhead rates under Section III (*Overhead*).
56

57 **6. EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FURNISHED BY OPERATOR**
58

59 In the absence of a separately negotiated agreement, equipment and facilities furnished by the Operator will be charged as follows:
60

- 61 A. The Operator shall charge the Joint Account for use of Operator-owned equipment and facilities, including but not limited to
62 production facilities, Shore Base Facilities, Offshore Facilities, ^{real-time operations centers,} and Field Offices, at rates commensurate with the costs of ownership
63 and operation. The cost of Field Offices shall be chargeable to the extent the Field Offices provide direct service to personnel who
64 are chargeable pursuant to Section II.2.A (*Labor*). Such rates may include labor, maintenance, repairs, other operating expense,
65 insurance, taxes, depreciation using straight line depreciation method, and interest on gross investment less accumulated depreciation
66 not to exceed ten percent (10%) per annum; provided, however, depreciation shall not be charged when the

1 equipment and facilities investment have been fully depreciated. The rate may include an element of the estimated cost for
2 abandonment, reclamation, and dismantlement. Such rates shall not exceed the average commercial rates currently prevailing in the
3 immediate area of the Joint Property.
4

5 B. In lieu of charges in Section II.6.A above, the Operator may elect to use average commercial rates prevailing in the immediate area
6 of the Joint Property, less twenty percent (20%). If equipment and facilities are charged under this Section II.6.B, the Operator shall
7 adequately document and support commercial rates and shall periodically review and update the rate and the supporting
8 documentation. For automotive equipment, the Operator may elect to use rates published by the Petroleum Motor Transport
9 Association (PMTA) or such other organization recognized by COPAS as the official source of rates.
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11 **7. AFFILIATES**

12 ~~shall be charged pursuant to Section II.2, II.3 or II.6, as applicable~~
13 A. Charges for an Affiliate's goods and/or services used in operations ~~requiring an AFE or other authorization from the Non-Operators~~
14 ~~may be made without the approval of the Parties provided (i) the Affiliate is identified and the Affiliate goods and services are~~
15 ~~specifically detailed in the approved AFE or other authorization, and (ii) the total costs for such Affiliate's goods and services billed~~
16 ~~to such individual project do not exceed \$_____ If the total costs for an Affiliate's goods and services charged to such~~
17 ~~individual project are not specifically detailed in the approved AFE or authorization or exceed such amount, charges for such~~
18 ~~Affiliate shall require approval of the Parties, pursuant to Section I.6.A (General Matters).~~
19

20 ~~B. For an Affiliate's goods and/or services used in operations not requiring an AFE or other authorization from the Non-Operators,~~
21 ~~charges for such Affiliate's goods and services shall require approval of the Parties, pursuant to Section I.6.A (General Matters), if the~~
22 ~~charges exceed \$_____ in a given calendar year.~~
23

and shall not include overhead costs

24 C. The cost of the Affiliate's goods or services shall not exceed average commercial rates prevailing in the area of the Joint Property *i*,
25 unless the Operator obtains the Non-Operators' approval of such rates. The Operator shall adequately document and support
26 commercial rates and shall periodically review and update the rate and the supporting documentation; provided, however,
27 documentation of commercial rates shall not be required if the Operator obtains Non-Operator approval of its Affiliate's rates or
28 charges prior to billing Non-Operators for such Affiliate's goods and services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, direct charges for
29 Affiliate-owned communication facilities or systems shall be made pursuant to Section II.12 (*Communications*).
30

31 ~~If the Parties fail to designate an amount in Sections II.7.A or II.7.B, in each instance the amount deemed adopted by the Parties as a~~
32 ~~result of such omission shall be the amount established as the Operator's expenditure limitation in the Agreement. If the Agreement~~
33 ~~does not contain an Operator's expenditure limitation, the amount deemed adopted by the Parties as a result of such omission shall be~~
34 ~~zero dollars (\$ 0.00).~~
35

36 **8. DAMAGES AND LOSSES TO JOINT PROPERTY**

37 All costs or expenses necessary for the repair or replacement of Joint Property resulting from damages or losses incurred, except to the
38 extent such damages or losses result from a Party's or Parties' gross negligence or willful misconduct, in which case such Party or Parties
39 shall be solely liable.
40

41 The Operator shall furnish the Non-Operator written notice of damages or losses incurred as soon as practicable after a report has been
42 received by the Operator.
43

44 **9. LEGAL EXPENSE**

45 Recording fees and costs of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging litigation, claims, and liens incurred in or resulting from
46 operations under the Agreement, or necessary to protect or recover the Joint Property, to the extent permitted under the Agreement. Costs
47 of the Operator's or Affiliate's legal staff or outside attorneys, including fees and expenses, are not chargeable unless approved by the
48 Parties pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*) or otherwise provided for in the Agreement.
49

50 Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, costs for procuring abstracts, fees paid to outside attorneys for title examinations (including
51 preliminary, supplemental, shut-in royalty opinions, division order title opinions), and curative work shall be chargeable to the extent
52 permitted as a direct charge in the Agreement.
53

54 **10. TAXES AND PERMITS**

55 All taxes and permitting fees of every kind and nature, assessed or levied upon or in connection with the Joint Property, or the production
56 therefrom, and which have been paid by the Operator for the benefit of the Parties, including penalties and interest, except to the extent the
57 penalties and interest result from the Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct.
58

59 If ad valorem taxes paid by the Operator are based in whole or in part upon separate valuations of each Party's working interest, then
60 notwithstanding any contrary provisions, the charges to the Parties will be made in accordance with the tax value generated by each Party's
61 working interest.
62

1 Costs of tax consultants or advisors, the Operator's employees, or Operator's Affiliate employees in matters regarding ad valorem or other
2 tax matters, are not permitted as direct charges unless approved by the Parties pursuant to Section 1.6.A (*General Matters*).

3
4 Charges to the Joint Account resulting from sales/use tax audits, including extrapolated amounts and penalties and interest, are permitted,
5 provided the Non-Operator shall be allowed to review the invoices and other underlying source documents which served as the basis for
6 tax charges and to determine that the correct amount of taxes were charged to the Joint Account. If the Non-Operator is not permitted to
7 review such documentation, the sales/use tax amount shall not be directly charged unless the Operator can conclusively document the
8 amount owed by the Joint Account.

9
10 **11. INSURANCE**

11
12 Net premiums paid for insurance required to be carried for Joint Operations for the protection of the Parties. If Joint Operations are
13 conducted at locations where the Operator acts as self-insurer in regard to its worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance
14 obligation, the Operator shall charge the Joint Account manual rates for the risk assumed in its self-insurance program as regulated by the
15 jurisdiction governing the Joint Property. In the case of offshore operations in federal waters, the manual rates of the adjacent state shall be
16 used for personnel performing work On-site, and such rates shall be adjusted for offshore operations by the U.S. Longshoreman and
17 Harbor Workers (USL&H) or Jones Act surcharge, as appropriate.

18
19 **12. COMMUNICATIONS**

20
21 Costs of acquiring, leasing, installing, operating, repairing, and maintaining communication facilities or systems, including satellite, radio
22 and microwave facilities, between the Joint Property and the Operator's office(s) directly responsible for field operations in accordance
23 with the provisions of COPAS MFL-44 ("Field Computer and Communication Systems"). If the communications facilities or systems
24 serving the Joint Property are Operator-owned, charges to the Joint Account shall be made as provided in Section II.6 (*Equipment and*
25 *Facilities Furnished by Operator*). If the communication facilities or systems serving the Joint Property are owned by the Operator's
26 Affiliate, charges to the Joint Account shall not exceed average commercial rates prevailing in the area of the Joint Property. The Operator
27 shall adequately document and support commercial rates and shall periodically review and update the rate and the supporting
28 documentation.

29
30 **13. ECOLOGICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND SAFETY**

31
32 Costs incurred for Technical Services and drafting to comply with ecological, environmental and safety Laws or standards recommended by
33 Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) or other regulatory authorities. All other labor and functions incurred for
34 ecological, environmental and safety matters, including management, administration, and permitting, shall be covered by Sections II.2
35 (*Labor*), II.5 (*Services*), or Section III (*Overhead*), as applicable.

36
37 Costs to provide or have available pollution containment and removal equipment plus actual costs of control and cleanup and resulting
38 responsibilities of oil and other spills as well as discharges from permitted outfalls as required by applicable Laws, or other pollution
39 containment and removal equipment deemed appropriate by the Operator for prudent operations, are directly chargeable.

40
41 **14. ABANDONMENT AND RECLAMATION**

42
43 Costs incurred for abandonment and reclamation of the Joint Property, including costs required by lease agreements or by Laws.

44
45 **15. OTHER EXPENDITURES**

46
47 Any other expenditure not covered or dealt with in the foregoing provisions of this Section II (*Direct Charges*), or in Section III
48 (*Overhead*) and which is of direct benefit to the Joint Property and is incurred by the Operator in the necessary and proper conduct of the
49 Joint Operations. Charges made under this Section II.15 shall require approval of the Parties, pursuant to Section 1.6.A (*General Matters*).

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52 **III. OVERHEAD**

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54 As compensation for costs not specifically identified as chargeable to the Joint Account pursuant to Section II (*Direct Charges*), the Operator
55 shall charge the Joint Account in accordance with this Section III.

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57 Functions included in the overhead rates regardless of whether performed by the Operator, Operator's Affiliates or third parties and regardless
58 of location, shall include, but not be limited to, costs and expenses of:

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- 61 • warehousing, other than for warehouses that are jointly owned under this Agreement
 - 62 • design and drafting (except when allowed as a direct charge under Sections II.13, III.1.A(ii), and III.2, Option B)
 - 63 • inventory costs not chargeable under Section V (*Inventories of Controllable Material*)
 - 64 • procurement
 - 65 • administration
 - 66 • accounting and auditing
 - gas dispatching and gas chart integration

- 1 • human resources
- 2 • management
- 3 • supervision not directly charged under Section II.2 (*Labor*)
- 4 • legal services not directly chargeable under Section II.9 (*Legal Expense*)
- 5 • taxation, other than those costs identified as directly chargeable under Section II.10 (*Taxes and Permits*)
- 6 • preparation and monitoring of permits and certifications; preparing regulatory reports; appearances before or meetings with
- 7 governmental agencies or other authorities having jurisdiction over the Joint Property, other than On-site inspections; reviewing,
- 8 interpreting, or submitting comments on or lobbying with respect to Laws or proposed Laws.

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10 Overhead charges shall include the salaries or wages plus applicable payroll burdens, benefits, and Personal Expenses of personnel performing
11 overhead functions, as well as office and other related expenses of overhead functions.

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13 **1. OVERHEAD—DRILLING AND PRODUCING OPERATIONS**

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15 As compensation for costs incurred but not chargeable under Section II (*Direct Charges*) and not covered by other provisions of this
16 Section III, the Operator shall charge on either:

- 17
18 (Alternative 1) Fixed Rate Basis, Section III.1.B.
19 ~~(Alternative 2) Percentage Basis, Section III.1.C.~~

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21 **A. TECHNICAL SERVICES**

- 22
23 (i) Except as otherwise provided in Section II.13 (*Ecological, Environmental, and Safety*) and Section III.2 (*Overhead - Major*
24 *Construction and Catastrophe*), or by approval of the Parties pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*), the salaries, wages,
25 related payroll burdens and benefits, and Personal Expenses for **On-site** Technical Services, including third party Technical
26 Services:

27 (Alternative 1 - Direct) shall be charged direct to the Joint Account.

28 ~~(Alternative 2 - Overhead) shall be covered by the overhead rates.~~

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32 (ii) Except as otherwise provided in Section II.13 (*Ecological, Environmental, and Safety*) and Section III.2 (*Overhead - Major*
33 *Construction and Catastrophe*), or by approval of the Parties pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*), the salaries, wages,
34 related payroll burdens and benefits, and Personal Expenses for **Off-site** Technical Services, including third party Technical
35 Services:

36 ~~(Alternative 1 - All Overhead) shall be covered by the overhead rates.~~

37 ~~(Alternative 2 - All Direct) shall be charged direct to the Joint Account.~~

38
39 (Alternative 3 - Drilling Direct) shall be charged direct to the Joint Account, only to the extent such Technical Services
40 are directly attributable to drilling, redrilling, deepening, or sidetracking operations, through completion, temporary
41 abandonment, or abandonment if a dry hole. Off-site Technical Services for all other operations, including workover,
42 recompletion, abandonment of producing wells, and the construction or expansion of fixed assets not covered by Section
43 III.2 (*Overhead - Major Construction and Catastrophe*) shall be covered by the overhead rates.

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45
46 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section III, Technical Services provided by Operator's Affiliates are subject to limitations
47 set forth in Section II.7 (*Affiliates*). Charges for Technical personnel performing non-technical work shall not be governed by this Section
48 III.1.A, but instead governed by other provisions of this Accounting Procedure relating to the type of work being performed.

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51 **B. OVERHEAD—FIXED RATE BASIS**

- 52
53 (1) The Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates per well per month:

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55 Drilling Well Rate per month \$ 7,500.00 (prorated for less than a full month)

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57 Producing Well Rate per month \$ 750.00

- 58
59 (2) Application of Overhead—Drilling Well Rate shall be as follows:

- 60
61 (a) Charges for onshore drilling wells shall begin on the spud date and terminate on the date the drilling and/or completion
62 equipment used on the well is released, whichever occurs later. Charges for offshore and inland waters drilling wells shall
63 begin on the date the drilling or completion equipment arrives on location and terminate on the date the drilling or completion
64 equipment moves off location, or is released, whichever occurs first. No charge shall be made during suspension of drilling
65 and/or completion operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive calendar days.

- 1 (b) Charges for any well undergoing any type of workover, recompletion, and/or abandonment for a period of five (5) or more
2 consecutive work-days shall be made at the Drilling Well Rate. Such charges shall be applied for the period from date
3 operations, with rig or other units used in operations, commence through date of rig or other unit release, except that no charges
4 shall be made during suspension of operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive calendar days.
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- 6 (3) Application of Overhead—Producing Well Rate shall be as follows:
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- 8 (a) An active well that is produced, injected into for recovery or disposal, or used to obtain water supply to support operations for
9 any portion of the month shall be considered as a one-well charge for the entire month.
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- 11 (b) Each active completion in a multi-completed well shall be considered as a one-well charge provided each completion is
12 considered a separate well by the governing regulatory authority.
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- 14 (c) A one-well charge shall be made for the month in which plugging and abandonment operations are completed on any well,
15 unless the Drilling Well Rate applies, as provided in Sections III.1.B.(2)(a) or (b). This one-well charge shall be made whether
16 or not the well has produced.
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- 18 (d) An active gas well shut in because of overproduction or failure of a purchaser, processor, or transporter to take production shall
19 be considered as a one-well charge provided the gas well is directly connected to a permanent sales outlet.
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- 21 (e) Any well not meeting the criteria set forth in Sections III.1.B.(3) (a), (b), (c), or (d) shall not qualify for a producing overhead
22 charge.
23
- 24 (4) The well rates shall be adjusted on the first day of April each year following the effective date of the Agreement; provided,
25 however, if this Accounting Procedure is attached to or otherwise governing the payout accounting under a farmout agreement, the
26 rates shall be adjusted on the first day of April each year following the effective date of such farmout agreement. The adjustment
27 shall be computed by applying the adjustment factor most recently published by COPAS. The adjusted rates shall be the initial or
28 amended rates agreed to by the Parties increased or decreased by the adjustment factor described herein, for each year from the
29 effective date of such rates, in accordance with COPAS MFI-47 (“Adjustment of Overhead Rates”).
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31 ~~C. OVERHEAD—PERCENTAGE BASIS~~

- 32
- 33 (1) ~~Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates:~~
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- 35 (a) ~~Development Rate _____ percent (____%) of the cost of development of the Joint Property, exclusive of costs~~
36 ~~provided under Section II.9 (Legal Expense) and all Material salvage credits.~~
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- 38 (b) ~~Operating Rate _____ percent (____%) of the cost of operating the Joint Property, exclusive of costs~~
39 ~~provided under Sections II.1 (Rentals and Royalties) and II.9 (Legal Expense); all Material salvage credits; the value~~
40 ~~of substances purchased for enhanced recovery; all property and ad valorem taxes, and any other taxes and assessments that~~
41 ~~are levied, assessed, and paid upon the mineral interest in and to the Joint Property.~~
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- 43 (2) ~~Application of Overhead—Percentage Basis shall be as follows:~~
- 44
- 45 (a) ~~The Development Rate shall be applied to all costs in connection with:~~
- 46
- 47 [i] ~~drilling, redrilling, sidetracking, or deepening of a well~~
48 [ii] ~~a well undergoing plugback or workover operations for a period of five (5) or more consecutive work days~~
49 [iii] ~~preliminary expenditures necessary in preparation for drilling~~
50 [iv] ~~expenditures incurred in abandoning when the well is not completed as a producer~~
51 [v] ~~construction or installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets and any other project clearly discernible as a~~
52 ~~fixed asset, other than Major Construction or Catastrophe as defined in Section III.2 (Overhead—Major Construction~~
53 ~~and Catastrophe).~~
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- 55 (b) ~~The Operating Rate shall be applied to all other costs in connection with Joint Operations, except those subject to Section III.2~~
56 ~~(Overhead—Major Construction and Catastrophe).~~

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58 2. OVERHEAD—MAJOR CONSTRUCTION AND CATASTROPHE

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60 To compensate the Operator for overhead costs incurred in connection with a Major Construction project or Catastrophe, the Operator
61 shall either negotiate a rate prior to the beginning of the project, or shall charge the Joint Account for overhead based on the following
62 rates for any Major Construction project in excess of the Operator's expenditure limit under the Agreement, or for any Catastrophe
63 regardless of the amount. If the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached does not contain an expenditure limit, Major
64 Construction Overhead shall be assessed for any single Major Construction project costing in excess of \$100,000 gross.
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1 Major Construction shall mean the construction and installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets, and any other project clearly
2 discernible as a fixed asset required for the development and operation of the Joint Property, or in the dismantlement, abandonment,
3 removal, and restoration of platforms, production equipment, and other operating facilities.
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5 Catastrophe is defined as a sudden calamitous event bringing damage, loss, or destruction to property or the environment, such as an oil
6 spill, blowout, explosion, fire, storm, hurricane, or other disaster. The overhead rate shall be applied to those costs necessary to restore the
7 Joint Property to the equivalent condition that existed prior to the event.
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9 A. If the Operator absorbs the engineering, design and drafting costs related to the project:

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11 (1) 6 % of total costs if such costs are less than \$100,000; plus
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13 (2) 4 % of total costs in excess of \$100,000 but less than \$1,000,000; plus
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15 (3) 3 % of total costs in excess of \$1,000,000.
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17 B. If the Operator charges engineering, design and drafting costs related to the project directly to the Joint Account:

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19 (1) 5 % of total costs if such costs are less than \$100,000; plus
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21 (2) 3 % of total costs in excess of \$100,000 but less than \$1,000,000; plus
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23 (3) 2 % of total costs in excess of \$1,000,000.
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25 Total cost shall mean the gross cost of any one project. For the purpose of this paragraph, the component parts of a single Major
26 Construction project shall not be treated separately, and the cost of drilling and workover wells and purchasing and installing pumping
27 units and downhole artificial lift equipment shall be excluded. For Catastrophes, the rates shall be applied to all costs associated with each
28 single occurrence or event.
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30 On each project, the Operator shall advise the Non-Operator(s) in advance which of the above options shall apply.
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32 For the purposes of calculating Catastrophe Overhead, the cost of drilling relief wells, substitute wells, or conducting other well operations
33 directly resulting from the catastrophic event shall be included. Expenditures to which these rates apply shall not be reduced by salvage or
34 insurance recoveries. Expenditures that qualify for Major Construction or Catastrophe Overhead shall not qualify for overhead under any
35 other overhead provisions.
36

37 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Section III.2 and the provisions of Sections II.2 (*Labor*), II.5 (*Services*), or II.7
38 (*Affiliates*), the provisions of this Section III.2 shall govern.
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40 3. AMENDMENT OF OVERHEAD RATES

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42 The overhead rates provided for in this Section III may be amended from time to time if, in practice, the rates are found to be insufficient
43 or excessive, in accordance with the provisions of Section I.6.B (*Amendments*).
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46 IV. MATERIAL PURCHASES, TRANSFERS, AND DISPOSITIONS

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48 The Operator is responsible for Joint Account Material and shall make proper and timely charges and credits for direct purchases, transfers, and
49 dispositions. The Operator shall provide all Material for use in the conduct of Joint Operations; however, Material may be supplied by the Non-
50 Operators, at the Operator's option. Material furnished by any Party shall be furnished without any express or implied warranties as to quality,
51 fitness for use, or any other matter.
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53 I. DIRECT PURCHASES

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55 Direct purchases shall be charged to the Joint Account at the price paid by the Operator after deduction of all discounts received. The
56 Operator shall make good faith efforts to take discounts offered by suppliers, but shall not be liable for failure to take discounts except to
57 the extent such failure was the result of the Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct. A direct purchase shall be deemed to occur
58 when an agreement is made between an Operator and a third party for the acquisition of Material for a specific well site or location.
59 Material provided by the Operator under "vendor stocking programs," where the initial use is for a Joint Property and title of the Material
60 does not pass from the manufacturer, distributor, or agent until usage, is considered a direct purchase. If Material is found to be defective
61 or is returned to the manufacturer, distributor, or agent for any other reason, credit shall be passed to the Joint Account within sixty (60)
62 days after the Operator has received adjustment from the manufacturer, distributor, or agent.
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2. TRANSFERS

A transfer is determined to occur when the Operator (i) furnishes Material from a storage facility or from another operated property, (ii) has assumed liability for the storage costs and changes in value, and (iii) has previously secured and held title to the transferred Material. Similarly, the removal of Material from the Joint Property to a storage facility or to another operated property is also considered a transfer; provided, however, Material that is moved from the Joint Property to a storage location for safe-keeping pending disposition may remain charged to the Joint Account and is not considered a transfer. Material shall be disposed of in accordance with Section IV.3 (*Disposition of Surplus*) and the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached.

A. PRICING

The value of Material transferred to/from the Joint Property should generally reflect the market value on the date of physical transfer. Regardless of the pricing method used, the Operator shall make available to the Non-Operators sufficient documentation to verify the Material valuation. When higher than specification grade or size tubulars are used in the conduct of Joint Operations, the Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the equivalent price for well design specification tubulars, unless such higher specification grade or sized tubulars are approved by the Parties pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*). Transfers of new Material will be priced using one of the following pricing methods; provided, however, the Operator shall use consistent pricing methods, and not alternate between methods for the purpose of choosing the method most favorable to the Operator for a specific transfer:

- (1) Using published prices in effect on date of movement as adjusted by the appropriate COPAS Historical Price Multiplier (HPM) or prices provided by the COPAS Computerized Equipment Pricing System (CEPS).
 - (a) For oil country tubulars and line pipe, the published price shall be based upon eastern mill carload base prices (Houston, Texas, for special end) adjusted as of date of movement, plus transportation cost as defined in Section IV.2.B (*Freight*).
 - (b) For other Material, the published price shall be the published list price in effect at date of movement, as listed by a Supply Store nearest the Joint Property where like Material is normally available, or point of manufacture plus transportation costs as defined in Section IV.2.B (*Freight*).
- (2) Based on a price quotation from a vendor that reflects a current realistic acquisition cost.
- (3) Based on the amount paid by the Operator for like Material in the vicinity of the Joint Property within the previous twelve (12) months from the date of physical transfer.
- (4) As agreed to by the Participating Parties for Material being transferred to the Joint Property, and by the Parties owning the Material for Material being transferred from the Joint Property.

B. FREIGHT

Transportation costs shall be added to the Material transfer price using the method prescribed by the COPAS Computerized Equipment Pricing System (CEPS). If not using CEPS, transportation costs shall be calculated as follows:

- (1) Transportation costs for oil country tubulars and line pipe shall be calculated using the distance from eastern mill to the Railway Receiving Point based on the carload weight basis as recommended by the COPAS MFI-38 ("Material Pricing Manual") and other COPAS MFIs in effect at the time of the transfer.
- (2) Transportation costs for special mill items shall be calculated from that mill's shipping point to the Railway Receiving Point. For transportation costs from other than eastern mills, the 30,000-pound interstate truck rate shall be used. Transportation costs for macaroni tubing shall be calculated based on the interstate truck rate per weight of tubing transferred to the Railway Receiving Point.
- (3) Transportation costs for special end tubular goods shall be calculated using the interstate truck rate from Houston, Texas, to the Railway Receiving Point.
- (4) Transportation costs for Material other than that described in Sections IV.2.B.(1) through (3), shall be calculated from the Supply Store or point of manufacture, whichever is appropriate, to the Railway Receiving Point.

Regardless of whether using CEPS or manually calculating transportation costs, transportation costs from the Railway Receiving Point to the Joint Property are in addition to the foregoing, and may be charged to the Joint Account based on actual costs incurred. All transportation costs are subject to Equalized Freight as provided in Section II.4 (*Transportation*) of this Accounting Procedure.

C. TAXES

Sales and use taxes shall be added to the Material transfer price using either the method contained in the COPAS Computerized Equipment Pricing System (CEPS) or the applicable tax rate in effect for the Joint Property at the time and place of transfer. In either case, the Joint Account shall be charged or credited at the rate that would have governed had the Material been a direct purchase.

D. CONDITION

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3 and credited
4 (1) Condition "A" – New and unused Material in sound and serviceable condition shall be charged / at one hundred percent (100%)
5 of the price as determined in Sections IV.2.A (*Pricing*), IV.2.B (*Freight*), and IV.2.C (*Taxes*). ~~Material transferred from the~~
6 ~~Joint Property that was not placed in service shall be credited as charged without gain or loss; provided, however, any unused~~
7 ~~Material that was charged to the Joint Account through a direct purchase will be credited to the Joint Account at the original~~
8 ~~cost paid less restocking fees charged by the vendor. New and unused Material transferred from the Joint Property may be~~
9 ~~credited at a price other than the price originally charged to the Joint Account provided such price is approved by the Parties~~
10 ~~owning such Material, pursuant to Section 1.6.A (*General Matters*). All refurbishing costs required or necessary to return the~~
11 ~~Material to original condition or to correct handling, transportation, or other damages will be borne by the divesting property.~~
12 ~~The Joint Account is responsible for Material preparation, handling, and transportation costs for new and unused Material~~
13 ~~charged to the Joint Property either through a direct purchase or transfer. Any preparation costs incurred, including any internal~~
14 ~~or external coating and wrapping, will be credited on new Material provided these services were not repeated for such Material~~
15 ~~for the receiving property.~~

16 (2) Condition "B" – Used Material in sound and serviceable condition and suitable for reuse without reconditioning shall be priced
17 by multiplying the price determined in Sections IV.2.A (*Pricing*), IV.2.B (*Freight*), and IV.2.C (*Taxes*) by seventy-five percent
18 (75%).

19
20 Except as provided in Section IV.2.D(3), all reconditioning costs required to return the Material to Condition "B" or to correct
21 handling, transportation or other damages will be borne by the divesting property.

22
23 If the Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as used Material and placed in service for the Joint Property, the
24 Material will be credited at the price determined in Sections IV.2.A (*Pricing*), IV.2.B (*Freight*), and IV.2.C (*Taxes*) multiplied
25 by sixty-five percent (65%).

26
27 Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties that paid for such Material, used Material transferred from the Joint Property that was
28 not placed in service on the property shall be credited as charged without gain or loss.

29
30 (3) Condition "C" – Material that is not in sound and serviceable condition and not suitable for its original function until after
31 reconditioning shall be priced by multiplying the price determined in Sections IV.2.A (*Pricing*), IV.2.B (*Freight*), and IV.2.C
32 (*Taxes*) by fifty percent (50%).

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34 The cost of reconditioning may be charged to the receiving property to the extent Condition "C" value, plus cost of
35 reconditioning, does not exceed Condition "B" value.

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37 (4) Condition "D" – Material that (i) is no longer suitable for its original purpose but useable for some other purpose, (ii) is
38 obsolete, or (iii) does not meet original specifications but still has value and can be used in other applications as a substitute for
39 items with different specifications, is considered Condition "D" Material. Casing, tubing, or drill pipe used as line pipe shall be
40 priced as Grade A and B seamless line pipe of comparable size and weight. Used casing, tubing, or drill pipe utilized as line
41 pipe shall be priced at used line pipe prices. Casing, tubing, or drill pipe used as higher pressure service lines than standard line
42 pipe, e.g., power oil lines, shall be priced under normal pricing procedures for casing, tubing, or drill pipe. Upset tubular goods
43 shall be priced on a non-upset basis. For other items, the price used should result in the Joint Account being charged or credited
44 with the value of the service rendered or use of the Material, or as agreed to by the Parties pursuant to Section 1.6.A (*General*
45 *Matters*).

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47 (5) Condition "E" – Junk shall be priced at prevailing scrap value prices.

E. OTHER PRICING PROVISIONS

(1) Preparation Costs

51
52 Subject to Section II (*Direct Charges*) and Section III (*Overhead*) of this Accounting Procedure, costs incurred by the Operator
53 in making Material serviceable including inspection, third party surveillance services, and other similar services will be charged
54 to the Joint Account at prices which reflect the Operator's actual costs of the services. Documentation must be provided to the
55 Non-Operators upon request to support the cost of service. New coating and/or wrapping shall be considered a component of
56 the Materials and priced in accordance with Sections IV.1 (*Direct Purchases*) or IV.2.A (*Pricing*), as applicable. No charges or
57 credits shall be made for used coating or wrapping. Charges and credits for inspections shall be made in accordance with
58 COPAS MFL-38 ("Material Pricing Manual").

(2) Loading and Unloading Costs

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61 Loading and unloading costs related to the movement of the Material to the Joint Property shall be charged in accordance with
62 the methods specified in COPAS MFL-38 ("Material Pricing Manual").
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1 **3. DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS**

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3 Surplus Material is that Material, whether new or used, that is no longer required for Joint Operations. The Operator may purchase, but
4 shall be under no obligation to purchase, the interest of the Non-Operators in surplus Material.

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6 Dispositions for the purpose of this procedure are considered to be the relinquishment of title of the Material from the Joint Property to
7 either a third party, a Non-Operator, or to the Operator. To avoid the accumulation of surplus Material, the Operator should make good
8 faith efforts to dispose of surplus within twelve (12) months through buy/sale agreements, trade, sale to a third party, division in kind, or
9 other dispositions as agreed to by the Parties.

10
11 Disposal of surplus Materials shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is
12 attached. If the Agreement contains no provisions governing disposal of surplus Material, the following terms shall apply:

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- 14 • The Operator may, through a sale to an unrelated third party or entity, dispose of surplus Material having a gross sale value that
15 is less than or equal to the Operator's expenditure limit as set forth in the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is
16 attached without the prior approval of the Parties owning such Material.
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 - 18 • If the gross sale value exceeds the Agreement expenditure limit, the disposal must be agreed to by the Parties owning such
19 Material.
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 - 21 • Operator may purchase surplus Condition "A" or "B" Material without approval of the Parties owning such Material, based on
22 the pricing methods set forth in Section IV.2 (*Transfers*).
 - 23
 - 24 • Operator may purchase Condition "C" Material without prior approval of the Parties owning such Material if the value of the
25 Materials, based on the pricing methods set forth in Section IV.2 (*Transfers*), is less than or equal to the Operator's expenditure
26 limitation set forth in the Agreement. The Operator shall provide documentation supporting the classification of the Material as
27 Condition C.
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 - 29 • Operator may dispose of Condition "D" or "E" Material under procedures normally utilized by Operator without prior approval
30 of the Parties owning such Material.
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32 **4. SPECIAL PRICING PROVISIONS**

33 **A. PREMIUM PRICING**

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35 Whenever Material is available only at inflated prices due to national emergencies, strikes, government imposed foreign trade
36 restrictions, or other unusual causes over which the Operator has no control, for direct purchase the Operator may charge the Joint
37 Account for the required Material at the Operator's actual cost incurred in providing such Material, making it suitable for use, and
38 moving it to the Joint Property. Material transferred or disposed of during premium pricing situations shall be valued in accordance
39 with Section IV.2 (*Transfers*) or Section IV.3 (*Disposition of Surplus*), as applicable.

40 **B. SHOP-MADE ITEMS**

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42 Items fabricated by the Operator's employees, or by contract laborers under the direction of the Operator, shall be priced using the
43 value of the Material used to construct the item plus the cost of labor to fabricate the item. If the Material is from the Operator's
44 scrap or junk account, the Material shall be priced at either twenty-five percent (25%) of the current price as determined in Section
45 IV.2.A (*Pricing*) or scrap value, whichever is higher. In no event shall the amount charged exceed the value of the item
46 commensurate with its use.

47 **C. MILL REJECTS**

48
49 Mill rejects purchased as "limited service" casing or tubing shall be priced at eighty percent (80%) of K-55/J-55 price as determined in
50 Section IV.2 (*Transfers*). Line pipe converted to casing or tubing with casing or tubing couplings attached shall be priced as K-55/J-
51 55 casing or tubing at the nearest size and weight.

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53 **V. INVENTORIES OF CONTROLLABLE MATERIAL**

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55 The Operator shall maintain records of Controllable Material charged to the Joint Account, with sufficient detail to perform physical inventories.

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57 Adjustments to the Joint Account by the Operator resulting from a physical inventory of Controllable Material shall be made within twelve (12)
58 months following the taking of the inventory or receipt of Non-Operator inventory report. Charges and credits for overages or shortages will be
59 valued for the Joint Account in accordance with Section IV.2 (*Transfers*) and shall be based on the Condition "B" prices in effect on the date of
60 physical inventory unless the inventorying Parties can provide sufficient evidence another Material condition applies.

1 1. DIRECTED INVENTORIES

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3 Physical inventories shall be performed by the Operator upon written request of a majority in working interests of the Non-Operators
4 (hereinafter, "directed inventory"); provided, however, the Operator shall not be required to perform directed inventories more frequently
5 than once every five (5) years. Directed inventories shall be commenced within one hundred eighty (180) days after the Operator receives
6 written notice that a majority in interest of the Non-Operators has requested the inventory. All Parties shall be governed by the results of
7 any directed inventory.

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9 Expenses of directed inventories will be borne by the Joint Account; provided, however, costs associated with any post-report follow-up
10 work in settling the inventory will be absorbed by the Party incurring such costs. The Operator is expected to exercise judgment in keeping
11 expenses within reasonable limits. Any anticipated disproportionate or extraordinary costs should be discussed and agreed upon prior to
12 commencement of the inventory. Expenses of directed inventories may include the following:

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14 A. A per diem rate for each inventory person, representative of actual salaries, wages, and payroll burdens and benefits of the personnel
15 performing the inventory or a rate agreed to by the Parties pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*). The per diem rate shall also
16 be applied to a reasonable number of days for pre-inventory work and report preparation.
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18 B. Actual transportation costs and Personal Expenses for the inventory team.
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20 C. Reasonable charges for report preparation and distribution to the Non-Operators.
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22 2. NON-DIRECTED INVENTORIES

23 A. OPERATOR INVENTORIES

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26 Physical inventories that are not requested by the Non-Operators may be performed by the Operator, at the Operator's discretion. The
27 expenses of conducting such Operator-initiated inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account.
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29 B. NON-OPERATOR INVENTORIES

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31 Subject to the terms of the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached, the Non-Operators may conduct a physical
32 inventory at reasonable times at their sole cost and risk after giving the Operator at least ninety (90) days prior written notice. The
33 Non-Operator inventory report shall be furnished to the Operator in writing within ninety (90) days of completing the inventory
34 fieldwork.
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36 C. SPECIAL INVENTORIES

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38 The expense of conducting inventories other than those described in Sections V.1 (*Directed Inventories*), V.2.A (*Operator*
39 *Inventories*), or V.2.B (*Non-Operator Inventories*), shall be charged to the Party requesting such inventory; provided, however,
40 inventories required due to a change of Operator shall be charged to the Joint Account in the same manner as described in Section
41 V.1 (*Directed Inventories*).
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1 Operator shall notify all Non-Operators of the Operator's proposal and the agreement or approval of a majority in interest of the
2 Non-Operators shall be controlling on all Non-Operators.

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4 This Section 1.6.A applies to specific situations of limited duration where a Party proposes to change the accounting for charges from
5 that prescribed in this Accounting Procedure. This provision does not apply to amendments to this Accounting Procedure, which are
6 covered by Section 1.6.B.

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8 **B. AMENDMENTS**

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10 If the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached contains no contrary provisions in regard thereto, this Accounting
11 Procedure can be amended by an affirmative vote of one (1) or more Parties, one of which is the Operator,
12 having a combined working interest of at least fifty percent (50 %), which approval shall be binding on all Parties,
13 provided, however, approval of at least one (1) Non-Operator shall be required.

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15 **C. AFFILIATES**

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17 For the purpose of administering the voting procedures of Sections 1.6.A and 1.6.B, if Parties to this Agreement are Affiliates of each
18 other, then such Affiliates shall be combined and treated as a single Party having the combined working interest or Participating
19 Interest of such Affiliates.

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21 For the purposes of administering the voting procedures in Section 1.6.A, if a Non-Operator is an Affiliate of the Operator, votes
22 under Section 1.6.A shall require the majority in interest of the Non-Operator(s) after excluding the interest of the Operator's
23 Affiliate.

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25 **II. DIRECT CHARGES**

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27 The Operator shall charge the Joint Account with the following items:

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29 **1. RENTALS AND ROYALTIES**

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31 Lease rentals and royalties paid by the Operator, on behalf of all Parties, for the Joint Operations.

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33 **2. LABOR**

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35 **A. Salaries and wages, including incentive compensation programs as set forth in COPAS MFI-37 ("Chargeability of Incentive
36 Compensation Programs"), for:**

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38 (1) Operator's field employees directly employed On-site in the conduct of Joint Operations,
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40 (2) Operator's employees directly employed on Shore Base Facilities, Offshore Facilities, or other facilities serving the Joint
41 Property if such costs are not charged under Section II.6 (*Equipment and Facilities Furnished by Operator*) or are not a
42 function covered under Section III (*Overhead*),
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44 (3) Operator's employees providing First Level Supervision,
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46 (4) Operator's employees providing On-site Technical Services for the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the
47 overhead rates in Section III (*Overhead*),
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49 (5) Operator's employees providing Off-site Technical Services for the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the
50 overhead rates in Section III (*Overhead*).

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52 Charges for the Operator's employees identified in Section II.2.A may be made based on the employee's actual salaries and wages,
53 or in lieu thereof, a day rate representing the Operator's average salaries and wages of the employee's specific job category.

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55 Charges for personnel chargeable under this Section II.2.A who are foreign nationals shall not exceed comparable compensation paid
56 to an equivalent U.S. employee pursuant to this Section II.2, unless otherwise approved by the Parties pursuant to Section
57 1.6.A (*General Matters*).

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59 **B. Operator's cost of holiday, vacation, sickness, and disability benefits, and other customary allowances paid to employees whose
60 salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Section II.2.A, excluding severance payments or other termination
61 allowances. Such costs under this Section II.2.B may be charged on a "when and as-paid basis" or by "percentage assessment" on the
62 amount of salaries and wages chargeable to the Joint Account under Section II.2.A. If percentage assessment is used, the rate shall
63 be based on the Operator's cost experience.**

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65 **C. Expenditures or contributions made pursuant to assessments imposed by governmental authority that are applicable to costs
66 chargeable to the Joint Account under Sections II.2.A and B.**

EXHIBIT "D"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement dated April 1, 2010, by and between Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP, as Operator, BP America Production Company, Energen Resources Corporation, Shannon Brown, Brady H. Brown, Bert H. Brown, Donald H. Brown, Las Colinas Minerals, L.P., MacLondon Energy, L.P., MHT Properties, L.P., Production Gathering Company L.P., WWR Enterprises, Inc., Marcia Berger Estate, Carolyn Nielsen Sedberry, Roger B. Nielsen, Robert Umbach Cancer Foundation, George W. Umbach, Randolph Briggs, Joann Briggs, Pennies From Heaven, LLC, Cyrene L. Inman, CEEFAM, LLC, William Briggs, Accord Du Lac Partnership, LLLP, and Potenziani Family Partnership, as Non-Operators.

INSURANCE

As to all operations hereunder, the Operator shall carry for the benefit and protection of the parties hereto Workmen's Compensation insurance in accordance with laws of governmental bodies having jurisdiction, including United States Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and as extended to Outer Continental Shelf Operations, as applicable, and Employers' Liability insurance. Workmen's Compensation insurance shall be for statutory limits; Employers' Liability insurance shall provide coverage of \$100,000 each accident with respect to bodily injury and in the aggregate with respect to occupational diseases, except that coverage applicable to exposures under maritime jurisdiction shall be \$100,000 each employee and \$500,000 each accident with respect to bodily injury and in the aggregate with respect to occupational diseases.

Operator may elect to be a self-insurer provided Operator complies with applicable laws and in such event Operator shall charge to the joint account in lieu of any premiums for such insurance, a premium equivalent limited to amounts determined by applying manual insurance rates to the payroll.

The previous sentence regarding self-insurance shall only apply as long as Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP, BP America Production Company or ConocoPhillips Company is Operator of the Contract Area. In addition, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP, BP America Production Company and ConocoPhillips Company will self-insure as a Non-Operator and shall not be charged for additional insurance. The Operator shall not be required to carry any other insurance for the joint account. The liability, if any, of the parties hereto in damages for claims growing out of personal injury to or death of third persons or injury or destruction of property of third parties resulting from the operation and development of the premises covered hereby shall be borne by the parties hereto in the proportions of their respective interests in the production therefrom; and each party individually may acquire such insurance as it deems proper to protect itself

against such claim. Operator shall require all third party contractors performing work in
or on the premises covered hereby to carry such insurance and in such amounts as
Operator shall deem necessary.

Exhibit "E"

GAS BALANCING AGREEMENT ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THAT CERTAIN OPERATING AGREEMENT DATED April 1, 2010

BY AND BETWEEN Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP as Operator, BP America Production Company, Energen Resources Corporation, Shannon Brown, Brady H. Brown, Bert H. Brown, Donald H. Brown, Las Colinas Minerals, L.P., MacLondon Energy, L.P., MHT Properties, L.P., Production Gathering Company L.P., WWR Enterprises, Inc., Marcia Berger Estate, Carolyn Nielsen Sedberry, Roger B. Nielsen, Robert Umbach Cancer Foundation, George W. Umbach, Randolph Briggs, Joann Briggs, Pennies From Heaven, LLC, Cyrene L. Inman, CEEFAM, LLC, William Briggs, Accord Du Lac Partnership, LLLP, and Potenziani Family Partnership, as Non-Operators ("OPERATING AGREEMENT")

RELATING TO THE Contract AREA, San Juan COUNTY, STATE OF
NEW MEXICO

I. Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement, the terms set forth below shall be defined as follows:

- a. "Operator" is the Operator so designated under the terms of the Operating Agreement.
- b. "Party" or "Parties" are the entities which have executed this Agreement and have an ownership working interest in the Gas rights underlying the area covered by the Operating Agreement.
- c. "Gas" includes casinghead Gas (which is all Gas produced with crude oil) and natural Gas from Gas wells, but shall not include liquid hydrocarbons recovered by lease equipment.
- d. "Balance" is the condition occurring when a Party has utilized or sold the same percentage of the cumulative Gas production from a particular Well as such Party's Percentage Ownership (as described in Paragraph II below).
- e. "Overproduced" is the condition occurring when a Party has utilized or sold a greater volume of Gas from a particular Well at any given time (individually or through its Gas purchaser) than if such party were in balance.
- f. "Underproduced" is the condition occurring when a Party has utilized or sold a lesser volume of Gas from a particular Well at any given time (individually or through its Gas purchaser) than if such Party were in balance.
- g. "Well" is defined as each Well subject to the Operating Agreement that also produces Gas or is allocated a share of Gas production. If a single Well is completed in two or more reservoirs, such Well will be considered a separate Well with respect to, but only to, each reservoir from which the Gas production is not commingled in the wellbore. If this Agreement covers a fieldwide unit, "Well" for the purposes of this Agreement shall refer to gas production from the unit separately accounted for by NGPA category.

II. Percentage Ownership of Parties

The Parties to the Operating Agreement own the working interest in the Gas rights underlying the area covered by the Operating Agreement in accordance with the percentages or shares of participation ("Percentage Ownership") as set forth in the Operating Agreement.

III. Right to Produce and Market Gas; Effective Date of this Agreement

In accordance with the terms of the Operating Agreement, each Party thereto has specific rights relating to the taking and disposition of Gas produced, including the right to take in kind its share of Gas produced from the applicable area and to market or otherwise dispose of same. In the event any Party is not at any time taking or marketing its share of Gas, or has contracted to sell its share thereof to a purchaser which does not at any time while said Operating Agreement is in effect take the full share of Gas attributable to the Percentage Ownership of such contracting Party, then the terms of this Agreement shall automatically become effective. If an Operating Agreement is already in place, the effective date shall be the date of first Gas sale(s) by any Party from any Well(s) in the applicable area.

IV. Overproduction

During any period when any Party hereto is not marketing or otherwise disposing of or utilizing its Percentage Ownership of Gas produced from any Well within the applicable area, the other Parties hereto shall be entitled to produce, in addition to their own Percentage Ownership of production, that portion of such other Party's Percentage Ownership of production which said Party is not marketing or otherwise disposing of, and shall be entitled to take such Gas production and deliver same to its or their purchaser(s) in accordance with Paragraph VI below; however, if one or more Underproduced Parties has/have a Gas market and upon concurrence of the Underproduced Parties, cumulative production by an Overproduced Party shall not exceed such Overproduced Party's Percentage Ownership of the recoverable reserves of the Well. All the Parties shall share in and own the liquid hydrocarbons recovered from such Gas by lease equipment in accordance with their respective Percentage Ownership and subject to the Operating Agreement to which this Agreement is attached, but the Party or Parties taking such Gas shall own all of the Gas delivered to its or their Gas purchaser(s) or taken for their own use subject to the terms of this Agreement.

V. Accounting of Overproduction and Underproduction

Each Party taking Gas shall furnish the Operator a monthly statement of all Gas volumes taken from each Well or NGPA category as applicable and the disposition of those volumes (contract purchases, spot sales, own use, other). The Operator under said Operating Agreement will establish and maintain currently a Gas account to show the Gas balance which exists between/among all the Parties and will furnish each of these Parties a monthly statement showing the total quantity of Gas produced, vented or lost, the quantity taken by any Party for its own use, and the monthly and cumulative over and under

account of each Party. The monthly statement shall clearly and accurately specify the monthly and cumulative quantity of Gas each party is Underproduced or Overproduced, or shall clearly and accurately specify if any Party is in Balance.

VI. Right of Underproduced Party to Make Up Production

After reasonable notice to the Operator, any Party at any time may begin marketing or otherwise disposing of its full Percentage Ownership of the Gas produced from a Well with respect to which it is Underproduced. In addition to such Percentage Ownership, said party, until it has balanced the Gas account as to its Percentage Ownership, shall be entitled to take additional quantities of Gas provided that the right to take such greater amount shall be in the proportion that its Percentage Ownership bears to the total Percentage Ownership of all Underproduced Parties desiring to take more than their proportionate share of Gas produced from the Well. Each Overproduced Party shall reduce its respective share of production in the proportion that such Party's Percentage Ownership bears to the total Percentage Ownership of all Overproduced Parties, but in no event shall any Overproduced Party be required to reduce its share to less than fifty percent (50%) of such Overproduced Party's proportionate share of the Well's current production.

VII. Settlement When Production is Permanently Discontinued

When production from a Well is permanently discontinued, there shall be a cash settlement between/among the Parties hereto for the volume of Gas, if any, remaining in imbalance. In making such cash settlement, each Overproduced Party shall remit to the Operator a sum of money attributable to the amount actually or constructively received by such Overproduced Party from the sale or utilization of overproduction which remains accrued to such Party, less applicable taxes and other payments in fact paid on the overproduced volume on behalf of the Underproduced Parties by such Overproduced Party. The Operator shall distribute the total of such amounts so collected amount Underproduced Parties in the proportion of such latter Parties' underproduction. It is recognized that there may have been some changes in the price received by Overproduced Parties for overproduction sold or otherwise utilized. It is therefore agreed that any underproduction credited from time to time against any Overproduced Party shall be applied against such Party's over production in the order in which such overproduction occurred. The "amount actually or constructively received" shall then be that overproduction remaining following application of the above rule and valued at the price in effect at the time such overproduction occurred. If a portion of a Party's Gas is taken for its own use and a portion thereof is sold, the Gas value for accounting between/among the Parties will be based on the price received simultaneously by such Party for Gas sold from the Well. During periods in which a Party is taking Gas for its own use and making no sales, Gas so taken will be valued at the maximum price which such Party could have received for such Gas if actually delivered under such Party's contract, or, if none, the weighted average price received simultaneously by all other Parties for Gas sold from all Wells. In either such instance the value so determined for Gas so used will be deemed to have been constructively received by such using Party. In the event refunds are later required by any governmental authority, each Party shall be accountable for such refunds on the basis of its share of Gas produced and finally balanced hereunder.

VIII. Audits

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this or any other Agreement, any Underproduced Party shall have the right for a period of two (2) years after the date that Gas accounts are settled, to audit an Overproduced Party's records as to volumes and prices received for Gas produced from the applicable area, and any Overproduced Party shall have the right for a period of two (2) years after the Gas accounts are settled, to audit any Underproduced Party's records as to volumes.

IX. Payment of Royalties; Indemnity for Royalty Settlements

Unless otherwise provided in the Operating Agreement (or otherwise required in lease agreements), each Party will make settlement with the respective royalty owners to whom said Party is accountable, just as if each Party were taking, delivering to a purchaser or otherwise disposing of its share, and its share only, of such Gas production exclusive of Gas used in lease operations, vented or lost. Each Party agrees to indemnify and hold each and every other Party harmless from any and all claims for royalty payments asserted by royalty owners to whom each indemnifying Party is accountable. The term "royalty owner" shall include owners of standard royalties, excess royalties, overriding royalties, production payments and similar interests.

X. Payment of Production Taxes

Unless otherwise provided in the Operating Agreement (or otherwise required in lease agreements), each Party producing and taking, delivering to its Gas purchaser or otherwise disposing of Gas, shall pay any and all production taxes due on such Gas.

XI. Deliverability Tests

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as denying any Party the right, from time to time, and with at least twenty (20) days written notice to Operator, subject to the concurrence of all Gas purchasers, to produce and take or deliver to its purchaser its full share of the allowable Gas production to meet the deliverability tests required by its Gas purchaser.

XII. Effect on Operating Agreement

Nothing herein contained shall, among other things, change or affect the obligations of each Party to bear and pay its proportionate share of all costs, expenses, and liabilities incurred as provided in the Operating Agreement.

XIII. Negotiated Cash Balance

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as precluding cash balancing at any time as negotiated among Parties.

XIV. Scope and Term of Agreement

This Agreement shall constitute a separate agreement as to each Well within the applicable area of the Operating Agreement. It shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties hereto, their successors, legal representatives and assigns. It shall become effective in accordance with its terms and shall remain in force and effect as long as the Operating Agreement to which it is attached remains in effect.

Exhibit "F"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement which is attached as Exhibit " F " to the Agreement dated the 1st day of April, 2010, between Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP as Operator, BP America Production Company, Energen Resources Corporation, Shannon Brown, Brady H. Brown, Bert H. Brown, Donald H. Brown, Las Colinas Minerals, L.P., MacLondon Energy, L.P., MHT Properties, L.P., Production Gathering Company L.P., WWR Enterprises, Inc., Marcia Berger Estate, Carolyn Nielsen Sedberry, Roger B. Nielsen, Robert Umbach Cancer Foundation, George W. Umbach, Randolph Briggs, Joann Briggs, Pennies From Heaven, LLC, Cyrene L. Inman, CEEFAM, LLC, William Briggs, Accord Du Lac Partnership, LLLP, and Potenziani Family Partnership, as Non-Operators.

SECTION 1
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE

The following clause shall be included in all contracts exceeding \$10,000.

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment notices to be provided by the Contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

(c) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(d) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of labor.

(e) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(f) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be cancelled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(g) The Contractor will include the provisions of Paragraphs (a) through (g) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance; provided however, that in the event the Contractor becomes involved in or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the contracting agency, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

SECTION 2
EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The Contractor agrees to make affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified handicapped individuals without discrimination based upon their physical or mental handicap in all employment practices such as the following; employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

(b) The Contractor agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.

(c) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.

(d) The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the Contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in

employment qualified handicapped employees and applicants for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.

(e) The Contractor will notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the Contractor is bound by the terms of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment physically and mentally handicapped individuals.

(f) The Contractor will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order of \$2,500 or more unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to Section 503 of the Act, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

SECTION 3 CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

The following clause shall be included in all contracts and related subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the Equal Opportunity Clause.

The Contractor certifies that it does not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The Contractor certifies further that it will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The Contractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity Clause in this contract. As used in this certification, the term "Segregated Facilities" means any waiting room, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms or other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The Contractor agrees that (except where it has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) it will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause, and that it will retain such certifications in its files.

NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

The failure of a prime Contractor or subcontractor to comply with the terms of its certification of nonsegregated facilities or with the terms of Equal Opportunity Clause shall be a ground for termination or cancellation of contracts or subcontracts as provided in §1-12.805-9.

SECTION 4 WRITTEN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

The Contractor certifies that if it has 50 or more employees and if it anticipates sales to us in connection with government contracts of \$50,000 or more, it will develop a written Affirmative Action Compliance Program for each of its establishments consistent with the rules and regulations published by the Department of Labor in 41 CFR Chapter 60.

SECTION 5 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND VETERANS OF VIETNAM ERA

The following clauses shall be included in all contracts exceeding \$10,000.

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because he or she is a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam Era in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam Era without discrimination based on their disability or veterans status in all employment practices such as the following; employment upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

(b) The Contractor agrees that all suitable employment openings of the Contractor which exist at the time of the execution of this contract and those which occur during the performance of this contract, including those not generated by this contract and including those occurring at an establishment of the Contractor other than the one wherein the contract is being performed but excluding those of independently operated corporate affiliates, shall be listed at an appropriate local office of the State employment service system wherein the opening occurs. The Contractor further agrees to provide such reports to such local office regarding employment openings and hires as may be required.

State and local government agencies holding Federal contracts of \$10,000 or more shall also list all their suitable openings with the appropriate office of the State employment service, but are not required to provide those reports set forth in paragraphs (d) and (3).

(c) Listing of employment openings with the employment service system pursuant to this clause shall be made at least concurrently with the use of any other recruitment source or effort and shall involve the normal obligations which attach to the placing of a bona fide job order, including the acceptance of referrals of veterans and nonveterans. The listing of employment openings does not require the hiring of any particular job applicant or from any particular group

of job applicants, and nothing herein is intended to relieve the Contractor from any requirements in Executive Orders or regulations regarding nondiscrimination in employment.

(d) The reports required by paragraph (b) of this clause shall include, but not be limited to, periodic reports which shall be filed at least quarterly with the appropriate local office or, where the Contractor has more than one hiring location in a State, with the central office of that State employment service. Such reports shall indicate for each hiring location (1) the number of individuals hired during the reporting period, (2) the number of nondisabled veterans of the Vietnam Era hired, (3) the number of disabled veterans of the Vietnam Era hired, and (4) the total number of disabled veterans hired. The reports should include covered veterans hired for on-the-job training under 38 USC 1787. The Contractor shall submit a report within 30 days after the end of each reporting period wherein any performance is made on the contract identifying data for each hiring location. The Contractor shall maintain at each hiring location copies of the reports submitted until the expiration of one year after final payment under the contract, during which time these reports and related documentation shall be made available, upon request, for examination by any authorized representatives of the contracting officer or of the Secretary of Labor. Documentation would include personnel records respecting job openings, recruitment and placements.

(e) Whenever the Contractor becomes contractually bound to the listing provisions of this clause, it shall advise the employment service system in each State where it has establishments of the name and location of each hiring location in the State. As long as the Contractor is contractually bound to these provisions and has so advised the State system, there is not need to advise the State system of subsequent contracts. The Contractor may advise the State system when it is no longer bound by this contract clause.

(f) This clause does not apply to the listing of employment openings which occur and are filled outside of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

(g) The provisions of paragraphs (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this clause do not apply to openings which the Contractor proposes to fill from within its own organization or to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangement. This exclusion does not apply to a particular opening once an employer decides to consider applicants outside of its own organization or employer-union arrangement for that opening.

(h) As used in this clause:

(1) "All suitable employment openings" includes, but is not limited to, openings which occur in the following job categories: production and nonproduction; plant and office; laborers and mechanics; supervisory and nonsupervisory; technical; and executive, administrative; and professional openings as are compensated on a salary basis of less than \$25,000 per year. This term includes full time employment of more than three (3) days' duration, and part-time employment. It does not include openings which the Contractor proposes to fill from within its own organization or to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangement nor openings in an education institution which are restricted to students of that institution. Under the most compelling circumstances an employment opening may not be suitable for listing, including such situations where the needs of the Government cannot reasonably be otherwise supplied, where listing would be contrary to national security, or where the requirement of listing would otherwise not be for the best interest of the Government.

(2) "Appropriate office of the State employment service system" means the local office of the Federal-State national system of public employment offices with assigned responsibility for serving the area where the employment opening is to be filled, including the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

(3) "Openings which the Contractor proposes to fill from within its own organization" means employment openings for which no consideration will be given to persons outside the Contractor's organization (including any affiliates, subsidiaries, and the parent companies) and includes any openings which the Contractor proposes to fill from regularly established "recall" lists.

(4) "Openings which the Contractor proposes to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangement" means employment openings which the Contractor proposes to fill from union halls, which is part of the customary and traditional hiring relationship which exists between the Contractor and representatives of its employees.

(i) The Contractor agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.

(j) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.

(k) The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notice shall state the Contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam Era for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.

(l) The Contractor will notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the Contractor is bound by the terms of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistant Act, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam Era.

(m) The Contractor will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order of \$10,000 or more unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to the Act, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

SECTION 6
UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS
AND SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND
CONTROLLED BY SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY
DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS

The following clause shall be included in all contracts over \$10,000 except contracts for services which are personal in nature and contracts which will be performed entirely (including all subcontracts) outside any State, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(a) It is the policy of the United States that small business concerns and small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts let by any Federal agency.

(b) The Contractor hereby agrees to carry out this policy in the awarding of subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient performance of this contract. The Contractor further agrees to cooperate in any studies or surveys as may be conducted by the Small Business Administration or the contracting agency which may be necessary to determine the extent of the Contractor's compliance with this clause.

(c) As used in this contract:

(1) The term "small business concern" shall mean a small business as defined pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act and relevant regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

(2) The term "small business concern owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals" shall mean a small business concern--

(i) which is at least 51 per centum owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 per centum of the stock of which is owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; and

(ii) whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of such individuals.

The Contractor shall presume that socially and economically disadvantaged individuals include Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and other minorities, or any other individual found to be disadvantaged by the Small Business Administration pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act.

(d) Contractors acting in good faith may rely on written representations by their subcontractors regarding their status as a small business concern or a small business concern owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

SECTION 7
UTILIZATION OF WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS CONCERNS

The following clause shall be include in all contracts expected to exceed \$10,000 except contracts which, including all subcontracts thereunder, are to be performed entirely outside the United States, its possessions, Puerto Rico and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and contracts for services which are personal in nature.

(a) It is the policy of the United States Government that women-owned businesses shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts awarded by any Federal agency.

(b) The Contractor agrees to use its best efforts to carry out this policy in the award of subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient performance of this contract. As used in this contract, a "woman-owned business" concern means a business that is at least 51 per centum owned by a woman or women who also control and operate it. "Control" in this context means exercising the power to make policy decisions. "Operate" in this context means being actively involved in the day-to-day management. "Women" means all women business owners.