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June 27, 1990

State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Division  
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Attention: Mr. William LeMay

Re: Cactus Queen Unit  
Township 12 South, Range 31 East, NMPM  
Chaves County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your files please find one recorded copy of the Cactus Queen Unit Agreement for Yates Drilling Company.

Also please find a copy of the Certification - Determination and Certificate of Effectiveness from the Roswell District Office of the Bureau of Land Management and Certificate of Approval from the Commissioner of Public Lands.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

YATES DRILLING COMPANY

Cy Cowan  
Associate Landman

CC/bp

Enclosures

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RHODA GOODLOE, COUNTY CLERK

By [Signature] Deputy

Yates Petroleum Corp 105 South Fourth Artesia, NM 88210

CERTIFICATION--DETERMINATION

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior, the act approved February 25, 1920, 41 Stat. 437, as amended, 30 U.S.G., secs. 181, et seq., and delegated to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, I do hereby:

- A. Approve the attached agreement for the development and operation of the Cactus Queen unit area, State of New Mexico.
- B. Certify and determine that the unit plan of development and operation contemplated in the attached agreement is necessary and advisable in the public interest for the purpose of more properly conserving the natural resources.
- C. Certify and determine that the drilling, producing, rental, minimum royalty, and royalty requirements of all Federal leases committed to said agreement are hereby established, altered, changed, or revoked to conform with the terms and conditions of this agreement.

[Signature]  
 Joe G. Lara, ADM Minerals  
 Bureau of Land Management

5/23/90  
 Date

NMNM 82514X  
 Contract No.



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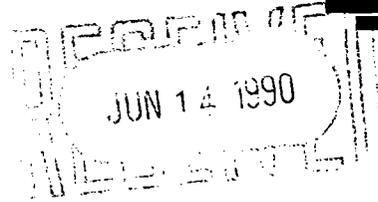
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REFER TO:

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Yates Drilling Company  
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Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of one copy of the Certificate of Effectiveness for the Cactus Queen Unit, No. NMNM-82514X, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Such certificate is hereby accepted for record purposes and will be retained in our files.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 24 of the Unit Agreement, the Cactus Queen Unit became effective June 4, 1990.

Sincerely,

Joe G. Lara  
Assistant District Manager,  
Minerals



# NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE

## CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Cactus (Queen) Unit Chaves County, New Mexico

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There having been presented to the undersigned Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico for examination, the attached Agreement for the development and operation of acreage which is described within the attached Agreement, dated November 1, 1989, which said Agreement has been executed by parties owning and holding oil and gas leases and royalty interests in and under the property described, and upon examination of said Agreement, the Commissioner finds:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me under Sections 19-10-45, 19-10-46, 19-10-47, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, I, the undersigned Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico, do hereby consent to and approve the said Agreement, however, such consent and approval being limited and restricted to such lands within the Unit Area, which are effectively committed to the

YATES DRILLING COMPANY

UNIT AGREEMENT

Dated: November 1, 1989

CACTUS (QUEEN) UNIT

Township 12 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 27: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

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Chaves County, New Mexico

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UNIT AGREEMENT  
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE  
CACTUS (QUEEN) UNIT  
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into as of the 1st day of November 1989 by and between the parties subscribing, ratifying, or consenting hereto, and herein referred to as the "parties hereto,"

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto are the owners of working, royalty, or other oil and gas interests in the Unit Area subject to this Agreement; and

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

WHEREAS, THE Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico is authorized by an Act of the Legislature (Section 1, Chapter 88, Laws 1943, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 176, Laws of 1961) Chapter 19, Article 10, Section 45, New Mexico Statutes 1978 Annotated), to consent to and approve the development or operation of State lands under agreements made by lessees of State land jointly or severally with other lessees where such agreements provide for the unit operation or development of part of or all of any oil or gas pool, field or area; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico is authorized by an Act of the Legislature (Section 1, Chapter 88, Laws 1943, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 162, Laws of 1951) (Chapter 19, Article 10, Section 47, New Mexico Statutes 1978 Annotated) to amend with the approval of lessee, evidenced by the lessee's execution of such agreement or otherwise, any oil and gas lease embracing State lands so that the length of the term of said lease may coincide with the term of such agreements for the unit operation and development of part or all of any oil or gas pool, field or area; and

WHEREAS, the Oil Conservation Division of the State of New Mexico (hereinafter referred to as the "Division") is authorized by an Act of the Legislature (Chapter 72, Laws of 1935 as amended) (Chapter 70, Article 2, Section 2 et seq., New Mexico Statutes 1978 Annotated) to approve this Agreement and the conservation provisions hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Oil Conservation Division of the Energy and Minerals Department of the State of New Mexico is authorized by law (Chapter 65, Article 3 and Article 14, N.M.S. 1953 Annotated) to approve this Agreement and the conservation provisions hereof; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto hold sufficient interest in the Unit Area covering the land hereinafter described to give reasonably effective control of operations therein; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the parties hereto to conserve natural resources, prevent waste, and secure other benefits obtainable through development and operation of the area subject to this Agreement under the terms, conditions, and limitations herein set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the promises herein contained, the parties hereto commit to this Agreement their respective interest in the below-defined Unit Area, and agree severally among themselves as follows:

SECTION 1. ENABLING ACT AND REGULATIONS. The Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, supra, and all valid pertinent regulations, including operating and unit plan regulations, heretofore issued thereunder or valid, pertinent, and reasonable regulations hereafter issued thereunder are accepted and made a part of this Agreement as to Federal lands, provided such regulations are not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement; and as to non-Federal lands, the oil and gas operating regulations in effect as of the Effective Date hereof governing drilling and producing operations, not inconsistent with the terms hereof or the laws of the state in which the non-Federal land is located, are hereby accepted and made a part of this Agreement.

SECTION 2. UNIT AREA AND DEFINITIONS. The area described by Tracts in Exhibit "B" and depicted on Exhibit "A" attached hereto is 320.00 acres, more or less, in Chaves County, New Mexico. Said land is described as follows:

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For the purpose of the Agreement, the following terms and expressions as used herein shall mean:

(a) "Land Commissioner" is defined as the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico.

(b) "Division" is defined as the Oil Conservation Division of the Department of Energy and Minerals of the State of New Mexico.

(c) "Authorized Officer" or "A.O." is any employee of the Bureau of Land Management who has been delegated the required authority to act on behalf of the BLM.

(d) "Secretary" is defined as the Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America, or his duly authorized delegate.

(e) "Department" is defined as the Department of the Interior of the United States of America.

(f) "Proper BLM Office" is defined as the Bureau of Land Management office having jurisdiction over the federal lands included in the Unit Area.

(g) "Unitized Formation" shall mean that interval underlying the Unit Area, the vertical limits of which extend from an upper limit described as 50' above the top of the Queen formation to a lower limit as the base of the Queen formation; said limits having been previously found to occur at 2930 feet and 3100 feet, respectively in Yates Drilling Company's Doyal #1, located 660' FNL and 990' FEL of Section 34, Township 12 South, Range 31 East.

(h) "Unitized Substances" are all oil, gas, gaseous substances, sulphur contained in gas, condensate, distillate and all associated and constituent liquid or liquefiable hydrocarbons, other than outside substances, within and produced from the Unitized Formation.

(i) "Tract" is each parcel of land described as such and given a Tract number in Exhibit "B"

(j) "Tract Participation" is defined as the percentage of participation shown on Exhibit "B" for allocating Unitized Substances to a Tract under this Agreement.

(k) "Unit Participation" is the sum of the percentages obtained by multiplying the Working Interest of a Working Interest Owner in each Tract by the Tract Participation of such Tract.

(l) "Working Interest" is the right to search for, produce and acquire Unitized Substances whether held as an incident of ownership of mineral fee simple title, under an oil and gas lease, operating agreement, or otherwise held, which interest is chargeable with and obligated to pay or bear, either in cash or out of production, or otherwise, all or a portion of the cost of drilling, developing and producing the Unitized Substances from the Unitized Formation and operations thereof hereunder. Provided that any royalty interest created out of a working interest subsequent to the execution of this Agreement by the owner of the working interest shall continue to be subject to such working interest burdens and obligations.

(m) "Working Interest Owner" is any party hereto owning a Working Interest, including a carried working interest owner, holding an interest in Unitized Substances by virtue of a lease, operating agreement, fee title or otherwise. The owner of oil and gas rights that are free of lease or other instrument creating a Working Interest in another shall be regarded as a Working Interest Owner to the extent of seven-eighths (7/8) of his interest in Unitized Substances, and as a Royalty Owner with respect to his remaining one-eighth (1/8) interest therein.

(n) "Royalty Interest" or "Royalty" is an interest other than a Working Interest in or right to receive a portion of the Unitized Substances or the proceeds thereof and includes the royalty interest reserved by the lessor or by an oil and gas lease and any overriding royalty interest, oil payment interest, net profit contracts, or any other payment or burden which does not carry with it the right to search for and produce unitized substances.

(o) "Royalty Owner" is the owner of a Royalty Interest.

(p) "Unit Operating Agreement" is the agreement entered into by and between the Unit Operator and the Working Interest Owners as provided in Section 9, *infra*, and shall be styled "Unit Operating Agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico".

(q) "Oil and Gas Rights" is the right to explore, develop and operate lands within the Unit Area for the production of Unitized Substances, or to share in the production so obtained or the proceeds thereof.

(r) "Outside Substances" is any substance obtained from any source other than the Unitized Formation and injected into the Unitized Formation.

(s) "Unit Manager" is any person or corporation appointed by Working Interest Owners to perform the duties of the Unit Operator until the selection and qualification of a successor Unit Operator as provided for in Section 7 hereof.

(t) "Unit Operator" is the party designated by Working Interest Owners under the Unit Operating Agreement to conduct Unit Operations.

(u) "Unit Operations" is any operation conducted pursuant to this Agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement.

(v) "Unit Equipment" is all personal property, lease and well equipment, plants and other facilities and equipment taken over or otherwise acquired for the joint account for use in Unit Operations.

(w) "Unit Expense" is all cost, expense, or indebtedness incurred by Working Interest Owners or Unit Operator pursuant to this Agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement for or on account of Unit Operations.

(x) "Effective Date" is the date determined in accordance with Section 24, or as redetermined in accordance with Section 39.

(y) "Unit Cumulative Production" is defined as the total number of barrels produced through July 31, 1989, from all tracts within the unit area which are qualified under the terms of this agreement, as officially reported to the Commission.

SECTION 3. EXHIBITS. Exhibit "A" attached hereto is a map showing the Unit Area and the boundaries and identity of tracts and leases in said Unit Area to the extent known to the Unit Operator, Exhibit "B" attached hereto is a schedule showing, to the extent known to the Unit Operator the acreage comprising each Tract, percentages and kind of ownership of oil and gas interest in all land in the Unit Area. Exhibit "C" attached hereto shows the Tract Participation of each Tract in the Unit Area. However, nothing herein or in said schedule or map shall be construed as a representation by any party hereto as to the ownership of any interest other than such interest or interests as are shown in said map or schedule as owned by such party. There is no Exhibit "D". Exhibits "A", "B" and "C" shall be revised by the Unit Operator whenever changes in the Unit Area render such revision necessary or when requested by the Deputy, or the Land Commissioner, and not less than five copies shall be filed with the Deputy, and three copies with the Land Commissioner.

SECTION 4. EXPANSION. The above described Unit Area may, with the approval of the A.O. and Land Commissioner, when practicable be expanded to include therein any additional Tract or Tracts regarded as reasonably necessary or advisable for the purposes of this Agreement provided however, in such expansion there shall be no retroactive allocation or adjustment of Unit Expense or of interests in the Unitized Substances produced, or proceeds thereof. Pursuant to Subsection (b), the Working Interest Owners may agree upon an adjustment of investment by reason of the expansion. Such expansion shall be effected in the following manner:

(a) The Working Interest Owner or Owners of a Tract or Tracts desiring to bring such Tract or Tracts into this unit, shall file an application therefor with Unit Operator requesting such admission.

(b) Unit Operator shall circulate a notice of the proposed expansion to each Working Interest Owner in the Unit Area and in the Tract proposed to be included in the unit, setting out the basis for admission, the Tract Participation to be assigned to each Tract in the enlarged Unit Area and other pertinent data. After negotiation (at Working Interest Owners' meeting or otherwise) if at least three Working Interest Owners having in the aggregate seventy-five percent (75%) of the Unit Participation then in effect have agreed to inclusion of such Tract or Tracts in the Unit Area, then Unit Operator shall:

(1) After obtaining preliminary concurrence by the A.O. and Land Commissioner, prepare a notice of proposed expansion describing the contemplated changes in the boundaries of the Unit Area, the reason therefor, the basis for admission of the additional Tract or Tracts, the Tract Participation to be assigned thereto and the proposed effective date thereof; and

(2) Deliver copies of said notice to Land Commissioner, the A.O. at the Proper BLM Office, each Working Interest Owner and to the last known address of each lessee and lessor whose interests are affected, advising such parties that thirty (30) days will be allowed for submission to the Unit Operator of any objection to such proposed expansion; and

(3) File, upon the expiration of said thirty (30) day period as set out in (2) immediately above, with the Land Commissioner and A.O., the following:

- (i) Evidence of mailing said notice of expansion
- (ii) An application for such expansion in sufficient number, appropriate approval and distribution; and
- (iii) An instrument containing the appropriate joinders in compliance with the participation requirements of Section 14 (TRACTS QUALIFIED FOR PARTICIPATION) and Section 32 (NON-JOINDER AND SUBSEQUENT JOINDER), infra; and
- (iv) a copy of any objections received.

The expansion shall, after due consideration of all pertinent information and approval by the Land Commissioner and the A.O., become effective as of the date prescribed in the notice thereof, preferably the first day of the month subsequent to the date of notice. The revised Tract Participation of the respective Tracts included within the Unit Area prior to such enlargement shall remain the same ratio one to another.

SECTION 5. UNITIZED LAND AND UNITIZED SUBSTANCES. All land committed to this agreement as to the Unitized Formation shall constitute land referred to herein as "Unitized Land" or "Land Subject to this Agreement". All oil, gas, gaseous substances, sulphur contained in gas, condensate, distillate, and all associated and constituent liquid or liquefiable hydrocarbons produced from the Unitized Formation underlying Unitized Land are unitized under the term of this Agreement and herein are called "Unitized Substances."

SECTION 6. UNIT OPERATOR. Yates Drilling Company, a New Mexico corporation, is hereby designated as Unit Operator, and, by signing this instrument as Unit Operator, it agrees and consents to accept the duties and obligations of Unit Operator for the operation, development, and production of Unitized Substances as herein provided. Whenever reference is made herein to the Unit Operator, such reference means the Unit Operator acting in that capacity and not as an owner of interest in Unitized Substances, and the term "Working Interest Owner" when used herein shall include or refer to Unit Operator as the owner of a Working Interest when such an interest is owned by it.

Unit Operator shall have a lien upon the interest of the owners of Working Interests in the Unitized Land to the extent provided in the Unit Operating Agreement.

SECTION 7. RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF UNIT OPERATOR. Unit Operator shall have the right to resign at any time, but such resignation shall not become effective so as to release Unit Operator from the duties and obligations of Unit Operator and terminate Unit Operator's rights as such for a period of six (6) months after written notice of intention to resign has been given by Unit Operator to all Working Interest Owners and the Deputy, and until all wells are placed in a condition satisfactory for suspension or abandonment, or operations, whichever is required by the Deputy, unless a new Unit Operator shall have taken over and assumed the duties and obligations of Unit Operator prior to the expiration of said period.

Unit Operator shall, upon default or failure to the performance of its duties or obligations hereunder, be subject to removal of not less than eighty percent (80%) of the committed Working Interest (on the basis of Unit Participation) exclusive of any Working Interest owned by the Unit Operator. Such removal shall be effective upon notice thereof to the Land Commissioner and the A.O.

In all instances of resignation or removal, until a successor to Unit Operator is selected and approved as hereinafter provided, the Working Interest Owners shall be jointly responsible for the performance of the duties of Unit Operator and shall, not later than thirty (30) days before such resignation or removal becomes effective, appoint a Unit Manager to represent them in any action to be taken hereunder.

The resignation or removal of Unit Operator under this Agreement shall not terminate its right, title or interest as the owner of a Working Interest or other interest in Unitized Substances; but upon the resignation or removal of Unit Operator becoming effective, such Unit Operator shall deliver possession of all wells, equipment, books and records, materials, appurtenances and any other assets used in conducting the Unit Operations and owned by the Working Interest Owners (including any and all data and information which it might have gained or assembled by reason of its operation of the Unitized Land) to the new duly qualified successor Unit Operator or to the Unit Manager if no such new Unit Operator is elected, to be used for the purpose of conducting Unit Operations hereunder. Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing removal of any material, equipment and appurtenances needed for the preservation of any wells. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to relieve or discharge any Unit Operator who resigns or is removed hereunder for any liability or duties accruing or performable by it prior to the effective date of such resignation or removal.

SECTION 8. SUCCESSOR UNIT OPERATOR. Whenever the Unit Operator shall tender its resignation as Unit Operator or shall be removed as hereinabove provided, the Working Interest Owners shall select a successor Unit Operator as herein provided. Such selection shall not become effective until (a) a Unit Operator so selected shall accept in writing the duties and responsibilities of Unit Operator; and (b) the selection shall have been approved by the Land Commissioner and the A.O. If no successor Unit Operator or Unit Manager is selected and qualified as herein provided, the Land Commissioner and/or the A.O., at their election, may declare this Agreement terminated.

In selecting a successor Unit Operator, the affirmative vote of three or more Working Interest Owners having a total of sixty-five percent (65%) or more of the total Unit Participation shall prevail; provided that if any one Working Interest Owner has a Unit Participation of more than thirty-five percent (35%), its negative vote or failure to vote shall not be regarded as sufficient unless supported by the vote of one or more other Working Interest Owners having a total Unit Participation of at least five percent (5%). If the Unit Operator who is removed votes only to succeed itself or fails to vote, the successor Unit Operator may be selected by the affirmative vote of the owners of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Unit Participation remaining after excluding the Unit Participation of Unit Operator so removed.

SECTION 9. ACCOUNTING PROVISIONS AND UNIT OPERATING AGREEMENT. Costs and expenses incurred by Unit Operator in conducting Unit Operations hereunder shall be paid, apportioned among, and borne by the Working Interest Owners in accordance with the Unit Operating Agreement; however, no such Unit Operating Agreement shall be deemed either to modify any of the terms and conditions of this Unit Agreement or to relieve the Unit Operator of any right or obligation established under this Agreement, and in case of any inconsistency or conflict between this Agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement, this Agreement shall prevail. Copies of any Unit Operating Agreement executed pursuant to this Section shall be filed with the Land Commissioner and with the A.O. at the Proper BLM Office as required prior to approval of this Agreement.

SECTION 10. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF UNIT OPERATOR. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the exclusive right, privilege, and duty of exercising any and all rights of the parties hereto which are necessary or convenient for prospecting for, producing, storing, allocating, and distributing the Unitized Substances are hereby delegated to and shall be exercised by the Unit Operator as herein provided. The parties hereto, to the extent they have the right to do so, grant to Unit Operator the use of brine or water or both from any formation in and under the Unitized Land for injection into the Unitized Formation. Upon request, acceptable evidence of title to said rights shall be deposited with said Unit Operator and, together with this Agreement, shall constitute and define the rights, privileges, and obligations of Unit Operator. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed to transfer title to any land or to any lease or operating agreement, it being understood that under this Agreement the Unit Operator, in its capacity as Unit Operator, shall exercise the rights of possession and use vested in the parties hereto only for the purposes herein specified.

SECTION 11. EASEMENTS OR USE OF SURFACE.

(a) The parties hereto, to the extent of their rights and interests, hereby grant to Working Interest Owners the right to use as much of the surface of the Unitized Land as may reasonably be necessary for Unit Operations and removal of Unitized Substances therefrom; provided that nothing herein shall be construed as leasing or otherwise conveying to Working Interest Owners a site for a water, gas injection, processing or other plant, or campsite.

(b) Working Interest Owners shall have and are hereby granted free use of water from the Unitized Land for Unit Operations, except water from any well, lake, pond, or irrigation ditch of a Royalty Owner.

(c) Working Interest Owners shall pay the owner for damages to growing crops, timber, fences, improvements, and structures on the Unit Area that result from Unit Operations.

SECTION 12. PLAN OF OPERATIONS. It is recognized and agreed by the parties hereto that all of the land subject to this Agreement is reasonably proved to be productive of Unitized Substances and that the object and purpose of this Agreement is to formulate and to put into effect an improved recovery project in order to effect additional recovery of Unitized Substances, prevent waste and conserve natural resources. Unit Operator shall have the right to inject into the Unitized Formation any substances for secondary recovery or enhanced recovery purposes in accordance with a plan of operation approved by the Working Interest Owners, the A.O., the Land Commissioner and the Division, including the right to drill and maintain injection wells on the Unitized Land and completed in the Unitized Formation, and to use abandoned well or wells producing from the Unitized Formation for said purpose. Subject to like approval, the Plan of Operation may be revised as conditions may warrant.

(a) Each Tract as to which Working Interest Owners owning one hundred percent (100%) of the Working Interest have become parties to this Agreement and as to which Royalty Owners owning seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the Royalty Interest have become parties to this Agreement.

(b) Each Tract as to which Working Interest Owners owning one hundred percent (100%) of the Working Interest have become parties to this Agreement, and as to which Royalty Owners owning less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Royalty Interest have become parties to this Agreement, and as to which (1) the Working Interest Owner who operates the Tract and Working Interest Owners owning at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the remaining Working Interest in such Tract have joined in a request for the inclusion of such Tract, and as to which (2) Working Interest Owners owning at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the combined Unit Participation in all Tracts that meet the requirements of Section 14(a) above have voted in favor of the inclusion of such tract.

(c) Each Tract as to which Working Interest Owners owning less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Working Interest have become parties to this Agreement, regardless of the percentage of Royalty Interest therein that is committed hereto; and as to which (1) the Working Interest Owner who operates the Tract and Working Interest Owner owning at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the remaining Working Interest in such Tract who have become parties to this Agreement have joined in a request for inclusion of such Tract, and have executed and delivered, or obligated themselves to execute and deliver an indemnity agreement indemnifying and agreeing to hold harmless the other owners of committed Working Interests, their successors and assigns, against all claims and demands that may be made by the owners of Working Interest in such Tract who are not parties to this Agreement, and which arise out of the inclusion of the Tract; and as to which (2) Working Interest Owners owning at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Unit Participation in all Tracts that meet the requirements of Section 14(a) and 14(b) have voted in favor of the inclusion of such Tract and to accept the indemnity agreement. Upon the inclusion of such a Tract, the Tract Participations which would have been attributed to the nonsubscribing owners of Working Interest in such Tract, had they become parties to this Agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement, shall be attributed to the Working Interest Owners in such Tract who have become parties to such agreement, and joined in the indemnity agreement, in proportion to their respective Working Interests in the Tract.

If on the Effective Date of this Agreement there is any Tract or Tracts which have not been effectively committed to or made subject to this Agreement by qualifying as above provided, then such Tract or Tracts shall not be entitled to participate hereunder. Unit Operator shall, when submitting this Agreement for final approval by the Land Commissioner and the A.O., file therewith a schedule of those tracts which have been committed and made subject to this Agreement and are entitled to participate in Unitized Substances. Said schedule shall set forth opposite each such committed Tract the lease number or assignment number, the owner of record of the lease, and the percentage participation of such tract which shall be computed according to the participation formula set forth in Section 13 (Tract Participation) above. This schedule of participation shall be revised Exhibit "B" and upon approval thereof by the Land Commissioner and the A.O., shall become a part of this Agreement and shall govern the allocation of production of Unitized Substances until a new schedule is approved by the Land Commissioner and A.O.

SECTION 15.A. ALLOCATION OF UNITIZED SUBSTANCES. All Unitized Substances produced and saved (less, save and except any part of such Unitized Substances used in conformity with good operating practices on unitized land for drilling, operating, camp and other production or development purposes and for injection or unavoidable loss in accordance with a Plan of Operation approved by the A.O. and Land Commissioner) shall be apportioned among and allocated to the qualified Tracts in accordance with the respective Tract Participations effective hereunder during the respective periods such Unitized Substances were produced, as set forth in the schedule of participation in Exhibit "B". The amount of Unitized Substances so allocated to each Tract, and only that amount (regardless of whether it be more or less than the amount of the actual production of Unitized Substances from the well or wells, if any, on such Tract) shall, for all intents, uses and purposes, be deemed to have been produced from such Tract.

The Unitized Substances allocated to each Tract shall be distributed among, or accounted for, to the parties entitled to share in the production from such Tract in the same manner, in the same proportions, and upon the same conditions, as they would have participated and shared in the production from such Tracts, or in the proceeds thereof, had this Agreement not been entered into; and with the same legal force and effect.

No Tract committed to this Agreement and qualified for participation as above provided shall be subsequently excluded from participation hereunder on account of depletion of Unitized Substances.

If the Working Interest and/or the Royalty Interest in any Tract are divided with respect to separate parcels or portions of such Tract and owned now or hereafter in severalty by different persons, the Tract Participation shall in the absence of a recordable instrument executed by all owners in such Tract and furnish to Unit Operator fixing the divisions of ownership, be divided among such parcels or portions in proportion to the number of surface acres in each.

SECTION 15.B. TAKING UNITIZED SUBSTANCES IN KIND. The Unitized Substances allocated to each Tract shall be delivered in kind to the respective parties entitled thereto by virtue of the ownership of oil and gas rights therein. Each such party shall have the right to construct, maintain and operate all necessary facilities for that purpose within the Unitized Area, provided the same are so constructed, maintained and operated as not to interfere with Unit Operations. Subject to Section 17 hereof, any extra expenditure incurred by Unit Operator by reason of the delivery in kind of any portion of the Unitized Substances shall be borne by the party taking delivery. In the event any Working Interest Owner shall fail to take or otherwise adequately dispose of its proportionate share of the production from the Unitized Formation, then so long as such condition continues, Unit Operator, for the Tract or Tracts concerned, and in order to avoid curtailing the operation of the Unit Area, may, but shall not be required to, sell or otherwise dispose of such production to itself or to others, provided that all contracts of sale by Unit Operator of any other party's share of Unitized Substances shall be only for such reasonable periods of time as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the circumstances, but in no

event shall any such contract be for a period in excess of one year, and at not less than the prevailing market price in the area for like production, and the account of such Working Interest Owner shall be charged therewith as having received such production. The net proceeds, if any, of the Unitized Substances so disposed of by Unit Operator shall be paid to the Working Interest Owner of the Tract or Tracts concerned. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Unit Operator shall not make a sale into interstate commerce of any Working Interest Owner's share of gas production without first giving such Working Interest Owner sixty (60) days' notice of such intended sale.

Any Working Interest Owner receiving in kind or separately disposing of all or any part of the Unitized Substances allocated to any Tract, or receiving the proceeds therefrom if the same is sold or purchased by Unit Operator, shall be responsible for the payment of all royalty, overriding royalty and production payments due thereon, and each such party shall hold each other Working Interest Owner harmless against all claims, demands and causes of action by owners of such royalty, overriding royalty and production payments.

If, after the Effective Date of this Agreement, there is any Tract or Tracts that are subsequently committed hereto, as provided in Section 4 (Expansion) hereof, or any Tract or Tracts within the Unit Area not committed hereto as of the Effective Date hereof but which are subsequently committed hereto under the provisions of Section 14 (Tracts Qualified for Participation) and Section 32 (Nonjoinder and Subsequent Joinder); or if any Tract is excluded from this Agreement as provided for in Section 21 (Loss of Title), the schedule of participation as shown in Exhibit "B" shall be revised by the Unit Operator; and the revised Exhibit "B", upon approval by the Land Commissioner and the A.O., shall govern the allocation of production on and after the effective date thereof until a revised schedule is approved as hereinabove provided.

SECTION 16. OUTSIDE SUBSTANCES. If gas obtained from formations not subject to this Agreement is introduced into the Unitized Formation for use in repressuring, stimulating of production or increasing ultimate recovery which shall be in conformity with a Plan of Operation first approved by the Land Commissioner and the A.O., a like amount of gas with appropriate deduction for loss or depletion from any cause may be withdrawn from unit wells completed in the Unitized Formation royalty free as to dry gas, but not royalty free as to the products extracted therefrom; provided that such withdrawal shall be at such time as may be provided in the approved Plan of Operator or as otherwise may be consented to or prescribed by the Land Commissioner and the A.O. as conforming to good petroleum engineering practices and provided further that such right of withdrawal shall terminate on the termination date of this Agreement.

SECTION 17. ROYALTY SETTLEMENT. The State of New Mexico and United States of America and all Royalty Owners who, under an existing contract, are entitled to take in kind a share of the substances produced from any Tract unitized hereunder, shall continue to be entitled to such right to take in kind their share of the Unitized Substances allocated to such Tract, and Unit Operator shall make deliveries of such Royalty share taken in kind in conformity with the applicable contracts, laws and regulations. Settlement

for Royalty not taken in kind shall be made by Working Interest Owners responsible therefor under existing contracts, laws and regulations on or before the last day of each month for Unitized Substances produced during the preceding calendar month; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall operate to relieve the lessees of any land from their respective lease obligations for the payment of any Royalty due under the leases, except that such Royalty shall be computed on Unitized Substances as allocated to each Tract in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. With respect to Federal leases committed hereto on which the royalty rate depends upon the daily average production per well, such average production shall be determined in accordance with the operating regulations pertaining to Federal leases as though the committed Tracts were included in a single consolidated lease.

If the amount of production or the proceeds thereof accruing to any Royalty Owner (except the United States of America) in a Tract depends upon the average production per well or the average pipeline runs per well from such Tract during any period of time, then such production shall be determined from and after the effective date hereof by dividing the quantity of Unitized Substances allocated hereunder to such Tract during such period of time by the number of wells located thereon capable of producing Unitized Substances as of the Effective Date hereof, provided that any Tract not having any well so capable of producing Unitized Substances on the Effective Date hereof shall be considered as having one such well for the purpose of this provision.

All Royalty due the State of New Mexico and the United States of America and the other Royalty Owners hereunder shall be computed and paid on the basis of all Unitized Substances allocated to the respective Tract or Tracts committed hereto, in lieu of actual production from such Tract or Tracts.

With the exception of Federal and State requirement to the contrary, Working Interest Owners may use or consume Unitized Substances for Unit Operations and no Royalty, overriding royalty, production or other payments shall be payable on account of Unitized Substances used, lost, or consumed in Unit Operations.

Each Royalty Owner (other than the State of New Mexico and the United States of America) that executes this Agreement represents and warrants that it is the owner of a Royalty Interest in a Tract of Tracts within the Unit Area as its interest appears in Exhibit "B" attached hereto. If any Royalty Interest in a Tract or Tracts should be lost by title failure or otherwise in whole or in part, during the term of this Agreement, then the Royalty Interest of the party representing himself to be the owner thereof shall be reduced proportionately and the interests of all parties shall be adjusted accordingly.

SECTION 18. RENTAL SETTLEMENT. Rentals or minimum Royalties due on the leases committed hereto shall be paid by Working Interest Owners responsible therefor under existing contracts, laws and regulations provided that nothing herein contained shall operate to relieve the lessees of any land from their respective lease obligations for the payment of any rental or minimum Royalty in lieu thereof, due under their leases. Rental for lands of the State of New Mexico subject to this Agreement shall be paid at the rate specified in the respective leases from the State of New Mexico. Rental or minimum Royalty for lands of the United States of America subject to this Agreement shall be paid at the rate specified in the respective leases from the United States of America, unless such rental or minimum Royalty is waived, suspended or reduced by law or by approval of the Secretary or his duly authorized representative.

SECTION 19. CONSERVATION. Operations hereunder and production of Unitized Substances shall be conducted to provide for the most economical and efficient recovery of said substances without waste, as defined by or pursuant to Federal and State laws and regulations.

SECTION 20. DRAINAGE. The Unit Operator shall take all reasonable and prudent measures to prevent drainage of Unitized Substances from unitized land by wells on land not subject to this Agreement.

The Unit Operator, upon approval by the Working Interest Owners, the A.O. and the Land Commissioner, is hereby empowered to enter into a borderline agreement or agreements with working interest owners of adjoining lands not subject to this Agreement with respect to operation in the border area for the maximum economic recovery, conservation purposes and proper protection of the parties and interest affected.

SECTION 21. LOSS OF TITLE. In the event title to any Tract of unitized land shall fail and the true owner cannot be induced to join in this Agreement, such Tract shall be automatically regarded as not committed hereto, and there shall be such readjustment of future costs and benefits as may be required on account of the loss of such title. In the event of a dispute as to title to any Royalty, Working Interest, or other interests subject thereto, payment or delivery on account thereof may be withheld without liability for interest until the dispute is finally settled; provided, that, as to State or Federal lands or leases, no payments of funds due the United States or the State of New Mexico shall be withheld, but such funds shall be deposited as directed by the A.O. or Land Commissioner (as the case may be) to be held as unearned money pending final settlement of the title dispute, and then applied as earned or returned in accordance with such final settlement.

If the title or right of any party claiming the right to receive in kind all or any portion of the Unitized Substances allocated to a Tract is in dispute, Unit Operator at the direction of Working Interest Owners shall either:

(a) require that the party to whom such Unitized Substances are delivered to or whom the proceeds thereof are paid furnish security for the proper accounting therefor to the rightful owner if the title or right of such party fails in whole or in part, or

(b) withhold and market the portion of Unitized Substances with respect to which title or right is in dispute, and impound the proceeds thereof until such time as the title or right thereto is established by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction or otherwise to the satisfaction of Working Interest Owners, whereupon the proceeds as impounded shall be paid to the party rightfully entitled thereto.

Each Working Interest Owner shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend all other Working Interest Owners against any and all claims by any party against the interest attributed to such Working Interest Owner on Exhibit "B".

Unit Operator as such is relieved from any responsibility for any defect or failure of any title hereunder.

SECTION 22: LEASES AND CONTRACTS CONFORMED AND EXTENDED. The terms, conditions and provisions of all leases, subleases and other contracts relating to exploration, drilling, development or operation for oil or gas on lands committed to this Agreement are hereby expressly modified and amended to the extent necessary to make the same conform to the provisions hereof, but otherwise to remain in full force and effect, and the parties heret hereby consent that the Secretary and the Land Commissioner, respectively, shall and by their approval hereof, or by the approval hereof by their duly authorized representatives, do hereby establish, alter, change or revoke the drilling, producing, rental, minimum Royalty and Royalty requirements of Federal and State leases committed hereto and the regulations in respect thereto to conform said requirements to the provisions of this Agreement

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all leases, subleases and contracts are particularly modified in accordance with the following:

(a) The development and operation of lands subject to this Agreement under the terms hereof shall be deemed full performance of all obligations for development and operation with respect to each Tract subject to this Agreement, regardless of whether there is any development of any Tract of the Unit Area, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any lease, operating agreement or other contract by and between the parties hereto, or their respective predecessors in interest, or any of them.

(b) Drilling, producing or improved recovery operations performed hereunder shall be deemed to be performed upon and for the benefit of each Tract, and no lease shall be deemed to expire by reason of failure to drill or produce wells situated on the land therein embraced.

(c) Suspension of drilling or producing operations within the Unit Area pursuant to direction or consent of the Land Commissioner and the A.O., or their duly authorized representatives, shall be deemed to constitute such suspension pursuant to such direction or consent as to each Tract within the Unitized Area.

(d) Each lease, sublease, or contract relating to the exploration, drilling, development, or operation for oil and gas which by its terms might expire prior to the termination of this Agreement, is hereby extended beyond any such term so provided therein, so that it shall be continued in full force and effect for and during the term of this Agreement.

(e) Any lease embracing lands of the State of New Mexico which is made subject to this Agreement shall continue in force beyond the term provided therein as to the lands committed hereto until the termination hereof.

(f) Any lease embracing lands of the State of New Mexico having only a portion of its land committed hereto shall be segregated as to that portion committed and that not committed, and the terms of such lease shall apply separately to such segregated portions commencing as of the Effective Date hereof. Provided, however, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, such lease (including both segregated portions) shall continue in full force and effect beyond the term provided therein as to all lands embraced in such lease if oil or gas is, or has heretofore been discovered in paying quantities on some part of the lands embraced in such

lease committed to this Agreement or, so long as a portion of the Unitized Substances produced from the Unit Area is, under the terms of this Agreement, allocated to the portion of the lands covered by such lease committed to this Agreement, or, at any time during the term hereof, as to any lease that is then valid and subsisting and upon which the leases or the Unit Operator is then engaged in bona fide drilling, reworking, or improved recovery operations on any part of the lands embraced in such lease, then the same as to all lands embraced therein shall remain in full force and effect so long as such operations are diligently prosecuted, and if they result in the production of oil or gas, said lease shall continue in full force and effect as to gas in paying quantities is being produced from any portion of said lands.

(g) The segregation of any Federal lease committed to this Agreement is governed by the following provision in the fourth paragraph of Section 17(j) of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended by the Act of September 2, 1960 (74 Stat. 781-784): "Any (Federal) lease heretofore or hereafter committed to any such (unit) plan embracing lands that are in part within and in part outside of the area covered by any such plan shall be segregated into separate leases as to the lands committed and the lands not committed as of the Effective Date of unitization; Provided, however, that any such lease as to the non-unitized portion shall continue in force and effect for the term thereof but for not less than two years from the date of such segregation and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities."

SECTION 23. COVENANTS RUN WITH LAND. The covenants herein shall be construed to be covenants running with the land with respect to the interest of the parties hereto and their successors in interest until this Agreement terminates, and any grant, transfer or conveyance of interest in land or leases subject hereto shall be and hereby is conditioned upon the assumption of all privileges and obligations hereunder by the grantee, transferee or other successor in interest. No assignment or transfer of any Working Interest subject hereto shall be binding upon Unit Operator until the first day of the calendar month after Unit Operator is furnished with the original, or acceptable photostatic or certified copy, of the recorded instrument or transfer; and no assignment or transfer of any Royalty Interest subject hereto shall be binding upon the Working Interest Owner responsible therefor until the first day of the calendar month after said Working Interest Owner is furnished with the original, or acceptable photostatic or certified copy, of the recorded instrument or transfer.

SECTION 24. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM. This Agreement shall become binding upon each party who executes or ratifies it as of the date of execution or ratification by such party and shall become effective on the first day of the calendar month next following the approval of this Agreement by the A.O., the Land Commissioner and the Commission.

If this Agreement does not become effective on or before June 14, 1990 it shall ipso facto expire on said date (hereinafter called "Expiration Date") and thereafter be of no further force or effect, unless prior thereto this Agreement has been executed or ratified by Working Interest Owners owning a combined Participation of at least seventy-five percent (75%); and at least seventy-five percent (75%) of such Working Interest Owners committed to this Agreement have decided to extend Expiration Date for a period not to exceed one(1) year (hereinafter called "Extended Expiration Date"). If Expiration Date is so extended and this Agreement does not become effective on or before Extended Expiration Date, it shall ipso facto expire on Extended Expiration Date and thereafter be of no further force and effect.

Unit Operator shall file for record within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, in the office of the County Clerk of Chaves County, New Mexico, where a counterpart of this Agreement has become effective according to its terms and stating further the effective date.

The terms of this Agreement shall be for and during the time that Unitized Substances are produced in paying quantities from the unitized land and so long thereafter as drilling, reworking or other operations (including improved recovery operations) are prosecuted thereon without cessation of more than ninety (90) consecutive days unless sooner terminated as herein provided.

This Agreement may be terminated with the approval of the Land Commission and the A.O. by Working Interest Owners owning eighty percent (80%) of the Unit Participation then in effect whenever such Working Interest Owners determine that Unit Operations are no longer profitable, or in the interest of conservation. Upon approval, such termination shall be effective as of the first day of the month after said Working Interest Owners' determination. Notice of any such termination shall be filed by Unit Operator in the office of the County Clerk of Chaves County, New Mexico, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of termination.

Upon termination of this Agreement, the parties hereto shall be governed by the terms and provisions of the leases and contracts affecting the separate Tracts just as if this Agreement had never been entered into.

Notwithstanding any other provision in the leases unitized under this Agreement, Royalty Owners hereby grant Working Interest Owners a period of six months after termination of this Agreement in which to salvage, sell, distribute or otherwise dispose of the personal property and facilities used in connection with Unit Operations.

SECTION 25. RATE OF PROSPECTING, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION. All production and the disposal thereof shall be in conformity with allocations and quotas made or fixed by any duly authorized person or regulatory body under any Federal or State status. The A.O. is hereby vested with authority to alter or modify from time to time, in his discretion, the rate of prospecting and development and within the limits made or fixed by the Division to alter or modify the quantity and rate of production under this Agreement, such authority being hereby limited to alteration or modification in the public interest, the purpose thereof and the public interest to be served thereby to be stated in the order of alteration or modification; provided further, that no such alteration or modification shall be effective as to any lands of the State of New Mexico as to the rate of prospecting and development in absence of the specific written approval thereof by the Land Commissioner as to any lands of the State of New Mexico or privately-owned Lands subject to this Agreement as to the quantity and rate of production in the absence of specific written approval thereof by the Division.

Powers in this Section vested in the A.O. shall only be exercised after notice to Unit Operator and opportunity for hearing to be held not less than fifteen (15) days from notice, and thereafter subject to administrative appeal before becoming final.

SECTION 26. NONDISCRIMINATION. Unit Operator in connection with the performance of work under this Agreement relating to leases of the United States, agrees to comply with all of the provisions of Section 202(1) to (7) inclusive of Executive Order 11246, (30 F.R. 12319), which are hereby incorporated by reference in this Agreement.

SECTION 27. APPEARANCES. Unit Operator shall have the right to appear for or on behalf of any interests affected hereby before the Land Commissioner, the Department, and the Division, and to appeal from any order issued under the rules and regulations of the Land Commissioner, the Department or the Division, or to apply for relief from any of said rules and regulations or in any proceedings relative to operations before the Land Commissioner, the Department or the Division or any other legally constituted authority; provided, however, that any other interested party shall also have the right at his or its own expense to be heard in any such proceeding.

SECTION 28. NOTICES. All notices, demands, objections or statements required hereunder to be given or rendered to the parties hereto shall be deemed fully given if made in writing and personally delivered to the party or parties or sent by postpaid certified or registered mail, addressed to such party or parties at their last known address set forth in connection with the signatures hereto or to the ratification or consent hereof or to such other address as any such party or parties may have furnished in writing to the party sending the notice, demand or statement.

SECTION 29. NO WAIVER OF CERTAIN RIGHTS. Nothing in this Agreement contained shall be construed as a waiver by any party hereto of the right to assert any legal or constitutional right or defense as to the validity or invalidity of any law of the State wherein said Unitized Lands are located, or regulations issued thereunder in any way affecting such party, or as a waiver by any such party of any right beyond his or its authority to waive; provided, however, each party hereto covenants that it will not resort to any action to partition the unitized land or the Unit Equipment.

SECTION 30. EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES NOT FIXTURES ATTACHED TO REALTY. Each Working Interest Owner has heretofore placed and used on its Tract or Tracts committed to this Agreement various well and lease equipment and other property, equipment and facilities. It is also recognized that additional equipment and facilities may hereafter be placed and used upon the Unitized Land as now or hereafter constituted. Therefore, for all purposes to this Agreement, any such equipment shall be considered to be personal property and not fixtures attached to realty. Accordingly, said well and lease equipment and personal property is hereby severed from the mineral estates affected by this Agreement, and it is agreed that any such equipment and personal property shall be and remain personal property of the Working Interest Owners for all purposes.

SECTION 31. UNAVOIDABLE DELAY. All obligations under this Agreement requiring the Unit Operator to commence or continue improved recovery operations or to operate on or produce Unitized Substances from any of the lands covered by this Agreement shall be suspended while, but only so long as, the Unit Operator, despite the exercise of due care and diligence, is prevented from complying with such obligations, in whole or in part, by strikes, acts of God, Federal, State or municipal law or agency, unavoidable accident, uncontrollable delays in transportation, inability to obtain necessary materials or equipment in open market, or other matters beyond the reasonable control of the Unit Operator whether similar to matters herein enumerated or not.

SECTION 32. NONJOINDER AND SUBSEQUENT JOINDER. Joinder by any Royalty Owner, at any time, must be accompanied by appropriate joinder of the corresponding Working Interest Owner in order for the interest of such Royalty Owner to be regarded as effectively committed. Joinder to this Agreement by a Working Interest Owner, at any time, must be accompanied by appropriate joinder to the Unit Operating Agreement in order for such interest to be regarded as effectively committed to this Agreement.

Any oil or gas interest in the Unitized Formations not committed hereto prior to submission of this Agreement to the Land Commissioner and the A.O. for final approval may thereafter be committed hereto upon compliance with the applicable provisions of this Section and of Section 14 (Tracts Qualified for Participation) hereo, at any time up to the Effective Date hereof on the same basis of Tract Participation as provided in Section 13, by the owner or owners thereof subscribing, ratifying, or consenting in writing to this Agreement, and if the interest is a Working Interest, by the owner of such interest subscribing also to the Unit Operating Agreement.

It is understood and agreed, however, that from and after the Effective Date hereof the right of subsequent joinder as provided in this Section shall be subject to such requirements or approvals and on such basis as may be agreed upon by Working Interest Owners owning not less than sixty-five percent (65%) of the Unit Participation then in effect, and approved by the Land Commissioner and A.O. Such subsequent joinder by a proposed Working Interest Owner must be evidenced by his execution or ratification of this Agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement and, where State or Federal land is involved, such joinder must be approved by the Land Commissioner or A.O. Such joinder by a proposed Royalty Owner must be evidenced by his execution, ratification or consent of this Agreement and must be consented to in writing by the Working Interest Owner responsible for the payment of any benefits that may accrue hereunder in behalf of such proposed Royalty Owner. Except as may be otherwise herein provided, subsequent joinder to this Agreement shall be effective as of the first day of the month following the filing with the Land Commissioner and A.O. of duly executed counterparts of any and all documents necessary to establish effective commitment of any Tract or interest to this Agreement, unless objection to such joinder by the Land Commissioner or the A.O., is duly made sixty (60) days after such filing.

SECTION 33. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, no one of which needs to be executed by all parties and may be ratified or consented to by separate instrument in writing, specifically referring hereto, and shall be binding upon all those parties who have executed such a counterpart, ratification or consent hereto with the same force and effect as if all parties had signed the same document, and regardless of whether or not it is executed by all other parties owning or claiming an interest in the land within the described Unit Area. Furthermore, this Agreement shall extend to and be binding on the parties hereto, their successors, heirs and assigns.

SECTION 34. JOINDER IN DUAL CAPACITY. Execution as herein provided by any party as either a Working Interest Owner or a Royalty Owner shall commit all interests owned or controlled by such party; provided, that if the party is the owner of a Working Interest, he must also execute the Unit Operating Agreement.

SECTION 35. TAXES. Each party hereto shall, for its own account, render and pay its share of any taxes levied against or measured by the amount or value of the Unitized Substances produced from the unitized land; provided, however, that if it is required or if it be determined that the Unit Operator or the several Working Interest Owners must pay or advance said taxes for the account of the parties hereto, it is hereby expressly agreed that the parties so paying or advancing said taxes shall be reimbursed therefor by the parties hereto, including Royalty Owners, who may be responsible for the taxes on their respective allocated share of said Unitized Substances. No taxes shall be charged to the United States or to the State of New Mexico, nor to any lessor who has a contract with a lessee which requires his lessee to pay such taxes.

SECTION 36. NO PARTNERSHIP. The duties, obligations and liabilities of the parties hereto are intended to be several and not joint or collective. This Agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, an association or trust, or to impose a partnership duty, obligation or liability with regard to any one or more of the parties hereto. Each party hereto shall be individually responsible for its own obligation as herein provided.

SECTION 37. PRODUCTION AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE. Unit Operator shall make a proper and timely gauge of all leases and other tanks within the Unit Area in order to ascertain the amount of merchantable oil above the pipeline connection, in such tanks as of 7.00 a.m. on the Effective Date hereof. All such oil which has then been produced in accordance with established allowables shall be and remain the property of the Working Interest Owner entitled thereto, the same as if the unit had not been formed; and the responsible Working Interest Owner shall promptly remove said oil from the unitized land. Any such oil not so removed shall be sold by Unit Operator for the account of such Working Interest Owners, subject to the payment of all Royalty to Royalty Owners under the terms hereof. The oil that is in excess of the prior allowable of the wells from which it was produced shall be regarded as Unitized Substances produced after Effective Date hereof.

If, as of the Effective Date hereof, any Tract is over-produced with respect to the allowable of the wells on that Tract and the amount of over-production has been sold or otherwise disposed of, such over-production shall be regarded as a part of the Unitized Substances produced after the Effective Date hereof and shall be charged to such Tract as having been delivered to the parties entitled to Unitized Substances allocated to such Tract.

SECTION 38. NO SHARING OF MARKET. This Agreement is not intended to provide and shall not be construed to provide, directly or indirectly, for any cooperative refining, joint sale or marketing of Unitized Substances.

SECTION 39. STATUTORY UNITIZATION. If and when Working Interest Owners owning at least seventy-five percent (75%) Unit Participation and Royalty Owners owning at least seventy-five percent (75%) Royalty Interest have become parties to this Agreement or have approved this Agreement in writing and such Working Interest Owners have also become parties to the Unit Operating Agreement, Unit Operator may make application to the Division for statutory unitization of the uncommitted interests pursuant to the Statutory Unitization

Act (Chapter 65, Article 14, N.M.S. 1953 Annotated). If such application is made and statutory unitization is approved by the Division, then effective as of the date of the Division's order approving statutory unitization, this Agreement and/or the Unit Operating Agreement shall automatically be revised and/or amended in accordance with the following:

(1) Section 14 of this Agreement shall be revised by substituting for the entire said section the following:

"SECTION 14. TRACTS QUALIFIED FOR PARTICIPATION. On and after the Effective Date hereof, all Tracts within the Unit Area shall be entitled to participation in the production of Unitized Substances."

(2) Section 24 of this Agreement shall be revised by substituting for the first three paragraphs of said section the following:

"SECTION 24. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM. This Agreement shall become effective on the first day of the calendar month next following the effective date of the Division's order approving statutory unitization upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement, as amended (if any amendment is necessary) to conform to the Division's order; approval of this Agreement, as so amended, by the Land Commissioner; and the A.O. and the filing by Unit Operator of this Agreement or notice thereof for record in the office of the County Clerk of Chaves County, New Mexico. Unit Operator shall not file this Agreement or notice thereof for record, and hence this Agreement shall not become effective, unless within ninety (90) days after the date all other prerequisites for effectiveness of this Agreement have been satisfied, such filing is approved by Working Interest Owners owning a combined Unit Participation of at least seventy-five (75%) as to all Tracts within the Unit Area.

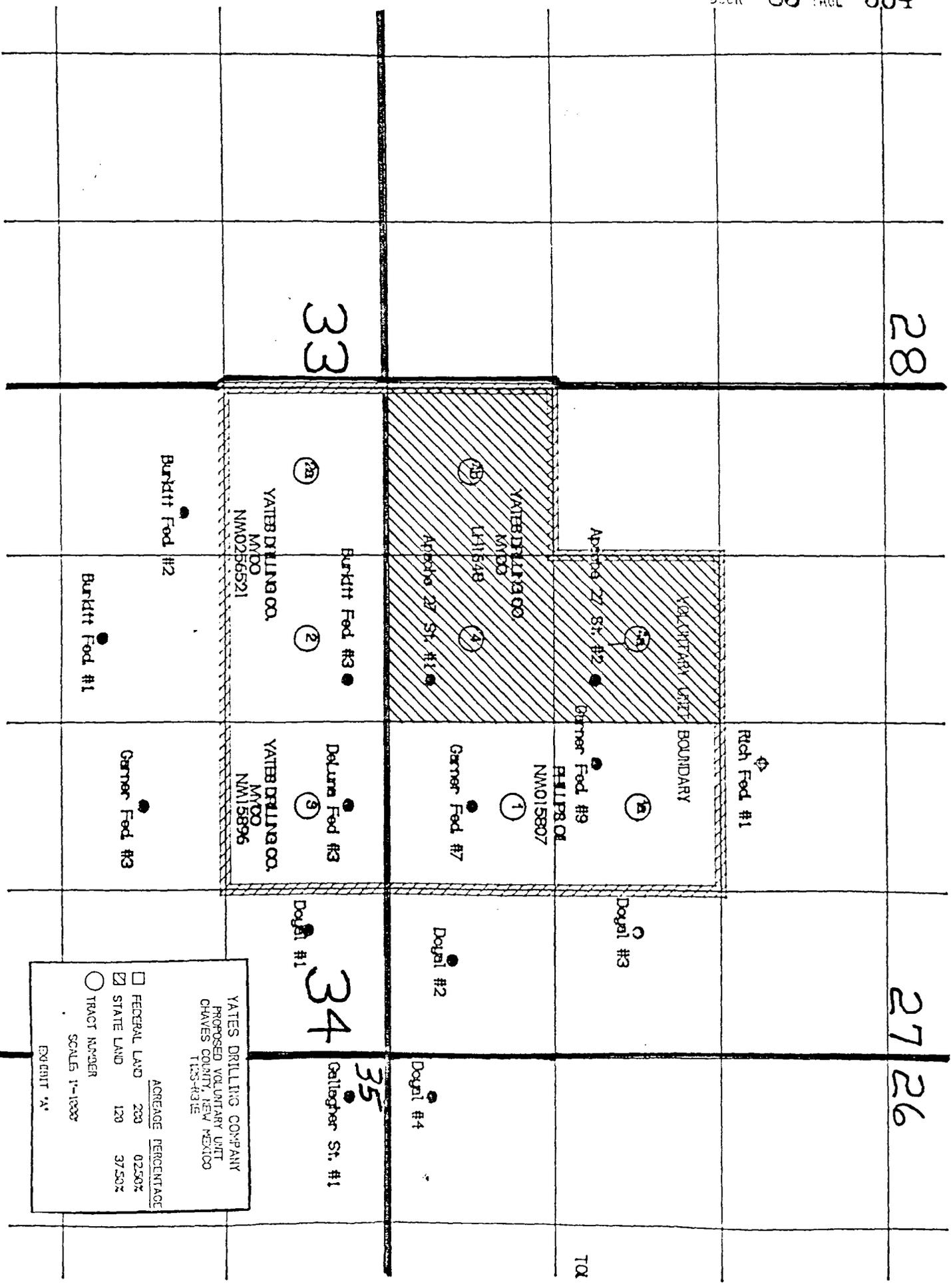
"Unit Operator shall, within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, file for record in the office of the County Clerk of Chaves County, New Mexico, a certificate to the effect that this Agreement has become effective in accordance with its terms, therein identifying the Division's order approving statutory unitization and stating the Effective Date."

3. This Agreement and/or the Unit Operating Agreement shall be amended in any and all respects necessary to conform to the Division's order approving statutory unitization.

Any and all amendments of this Agreement an/or the Unit Operating Agreement that are necessary to conform said agreements to the Division's order approving statutory unitization shall be deemed to be hereby approved in writing by the parties hereto without any necessity for further approval by said parties, except as follows:

(a) If any amendment of this Agreement has the effect of reducing any Royalty Owner's participation in the production of Unitized Substances, such Royalty Owner shall not be deemed to have hereby approved the amended agreement without the necessity of further approval in writing by said Royalty Owner; and





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YATES DRILLING CO.  
MDDO  
NM0256521

Burkitt Fed #2

Burkitt Fed #1

Burkitt Fed #3

Garner Fed #3

YATES DRILLING CO.  
MDDO  
NM15896

Deluna Fed #3

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NM015807

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Dougal #1

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VOLUNTARY UNIT BOUNDARY

Rich Fed #1

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YATES DRILLING COMPANY PROPOSED VOLUNTARY UNIT CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO 125-433E			
<input type="checkbox"/>	FEDERAL LAND	200	02.50%
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SCALE: 1"=1000'			
EXHIBIT 'A'			



EXHIBIT "B"  
 To Unit Agreement  
 CACTUS QUEEN UNIT  
 Chaves County, New Mexico

*THESE ARE CORRECTED  
 RECORD TITLE HOLDERS  
 REWISED 6/29/90  
 cy*

Tract	No. of Acres	Serial No. of Lease	Expiration Date	Basic		Overriding		Working Interest	
				Owner & Percentage	Lessee of Record	Percentage	Owner & Percentage		
2. T12S-R31E	40	NM-0256521	USA	Yates Drilg.	Erion E. Nowell	1.5	Yates Drilling	-	5
Sec. 34:		HBP	12.5	Company	R.F. Partnership,	1.5	Company	-	5
NW1NW1				Estate of Martin	Est. of Martin		Yates III	-	2
				Lillie M.	Lillie M. Yates		Lillie M. Yates	-	2
				Yates				-	2
2a. T12S-R31E	40	NM-15896	USA	Yates Drilg.	C.E. Strange	2.0	Yates Drilling	-	5
Sec. 34:		HBP	12.5	Company	George Globe	2.0	Company	-	5
NW1NE1				Est. of Martin			Est. of Martin	-	5
				Yates III			Yates III	-	5
				Lillie M.			Lillie M. Yates	-	5
				Yates				-	5
TOTAL 200.00 ACRES OF FEDERAL LANDS									
4. T12S-31E	40	LH-1648	St. of NM	Yates Drilling	None		Yates Drilling	-	5
Sec. 27:		6-1-92	12.5	Company - 100%			Company	-	5
SE1SW1							Myco Industries, Inc.	-	5
4a. T12S-R31E	40	LH-1648	St. of NM	Yates Drilling	None		Yates Drilling	-	5
Sec. 27:		6-1-92	12.5	Company - 100%			Company	-	5
NE1SW1							Myco Industries, Inc.	-	5

EXHIBIT "B"  
 To Unit Agreement  
 CACTUS QUINN UNIT  
 Chaves County, New Mexico

Tract	No. of Acres	Serial No. & Expiration Date of Lease	Basic Royalty Owner & Percentage	Lessee of Record	Overriding Royalty Owner & Percentage	Working Interest Owner & Percentage
2a. <u>T12S-R31E</u> Sec. 34: NW1/4	40	NM-0256521 HPP	12.5 George H. Williams Yates Drilg. Company	George H. Williams Yates Drilg. Company	Erion E. Nowell R.F. Partnership, Ltd.	Yates Drilling Company Est. of Martin Yates III Lillie M. Yates
3. <u>T12S-R31E</u> Sec. 34: NW1/4	40	NM-15896 HPP	12.5 Yates Drilg. Company Est. of Martin Yates III Lillie M. Yates	Yates Drilg. Company Est. of Martin Yates III Lillie M. Yates	C.F. Strange George Globe	Yates Drilling Company Est. of Martin Yates III Lillie M. Yates
<u>TOTAL 200.00 ACRES OF FEDERAL LANDS</u>						

*Revised 05/25/29*

4a. <u>T12S-R31E</u> Sec. 27: NE1/4	40	LH-1648 6-1-92	12.5 St. of NM Yates Drilling Company - 100%	Yates Drilling Company - 100%	None	Yates Drilling Company Myco Industries, Inc.
4b. <u>T12S-R31E</u> Sec. 27: NE1/4	40	LH-1648 6-1-92	12.5 St. of NM Yates Drilling Company - 100%	Yates Drilling Company - 100%	None	Yates Drilling Company Myco Industries, Inc.

EXHIBIT "B"  
 To Unit Agreement  
 CACTUS QUEFEN UNIT  
 Chaves County, New Mexico

Tract	Description	Acres	Date of Lease	Serial No. & Expiration	Basic		Lessee of Record	Overriding	Working Interest
					Owner & Percentage	Royalty Percentage			
4b.	T12S-R31E Sec. 27: SW4SW4	40	6-1-92	LH-1648	St. of NM 12.5	Yates Drilling Company - 100%	None	Yates Drilling Company - 50% Mycro Industries, Inc. - 50%	
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>120.00</u>	<u>ACRES OF STATE LANDS</u>						

RECAPITULATION

200 acres Federal Lands	-	62.50% of Unit
<u>120 acres State Lands</u>	-	<u>37.50%</u> of Unit
TOTALS		<u>100.00%</u>

PARTICIPATION FOR PROPOSED WORKING INTEREST UNIT

ACCUMULATIVE OIL PROD. (MAY, JUNE & JULY 1989) (ORIGINAL LIT IN PLACE THRU JULY 1989) (SEE L8) (PRODUCTION) (SEE L8) (SEE L8)										
WELL		FACTOR	% OF	FACTOR	% OF	FACTOR		UNIT PARTICIPATION		
1	Banner Federal	7	100.000	0.126400709	1	178	0.00889008	332.121	0.007705784	0.293098
1A	Banner Federal	9	121.429	0.126337810	1	116	0.187996724	17.418	0.001002857	0.161740
2	Buryxst Federal	3	100.000	0.06771971	1	76	0.11700468	199.740	0.17844812	0.094687
2A	WYNN 21-108-31E	1	0	0.00000000	1	0	0.00000000	79.371	0.04455593	0.011139
3	Delona Federal	3	100.000	0.14200767	1	102	0.18512607	199.198	0.17875704	0.151060
4	Asacre 27th St.	1	100.000	0.01761267	1	64	0.14664537	100.007	0.12594517	0.198732
4A	Asacre 27th St.	2	100.000	0.01749399	1	36	0.08734349	14.182	0.02700043	0.043979
4B	WYNN 27-108-31E	1	0	0.00000000	1	0	0.00000000	14.847	0.02777870	0.043945
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TOTAL		FACTOR	0.00000000	141	0.00000000	887.121	0.00000000		1.000000	





RATIFICATION AND JOINDER OF UNIT AGREEMENT  
AND  
UNIT OPERATING AGREEMENT

In consideration of the execution of the Unit Agreement for the Development and Operation of the CACTUS (QUEEN) UNIT AREA, County of Chaves, State of New Mexico, dated November 1, 1989, in form approved on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Public Lands, and in consideration of the execution or ratification by other working interest owners of the contemporary Unit Operating Agreement which relates to said Unit Agreement the undersigned hereby expressly ratifies, approves and adopts said Unit Agreement as fully as though the undersigned had executed the original agreement.

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

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

EXECUTED this 14th day of May, 1990.

LILLIE M. YATES  
ESTATE OF MARTIN YATES III

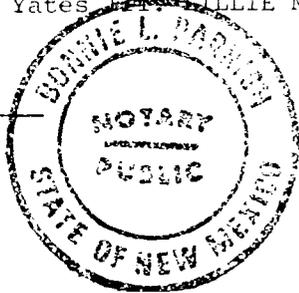
By Frank W. Yates, Jr.  
Frank W. Yates, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact  
for Lillie M. Yates, individually  
and, with S. P. Yates, Personal  
Representatives of the Estate of  
Martin Yates III.

105 South Fourth Street  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
  : ss  
COUNTY OF EDDY         )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14th day of May, 1990 by Frank W. Yates, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Lillie M. Yates, individually and, with S. P. Yates, Personal Representatives of the Estate of Martin Yates III. LILLIE M. YATES

My commission expires:  
August 28, 1991



Bonnie L. Parish  
Notary Public

RATIFICATION AND JOINDER OF UNIT AGREEMENT

In consideration of the execution of the Unit Agreement for the Development and Operation of the Cactus (Queen) Unit, County of Chaves, State of New Mexico, dated November 1, 1989, in form approved on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Public Lands, the undersigned hereby expressly ratifies, approves and adopts and confirms said Unit Agreement, as fully as though the undersigned had executed the original instrument.

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

This Ratification and Joinder shall be binding upon the undersigned and the heirs, devisees, assigns or successors in interest of the undersigned.

EXECUTED this 7 day of May, 1990.

F. G. Breckenridge  
F. G. Breckenridge

Address: P. O. Drawer 4667  
Midland, Texas 79704-4667

STATE OF Texas )  
  :SS  
COUNTY OF Midland )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 7 day of May, 1990 by F. G. Breckenridge.

My commission expires: 7-26-91  
Carolyn A. Copeland  
Notary Public

RATIFICATION AND JOINDER OF UNIT AGREEMENT

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This Ratification and Joinder shall be binding upon the undersigned and the heirs, devisees, assigns or successors in interest of the undersigned.

EXECUTED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1990.

Etoile M. Bennett  
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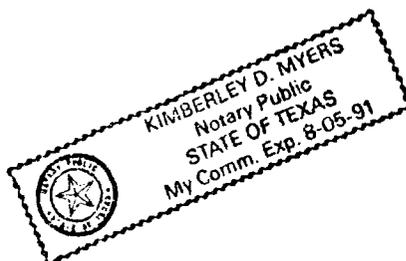
Address: c/o F. G. Breckenridge  
P. O. Drawer 3000  
Midland, Texas 79702

STATE OF TX  
COUNTY OF midland:ss

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1990 by Etoile M. Bennett.

My commission expires:  
02-05-91

Kimberley D. Myers  
Notary Public



RATIFICATION AND JOINDER OF UNIT AGREEMENT

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This Ratification and Joinder shall be binding upon the undersigned and the heirs, devisees, assigns or successors in interest of the undersigned.

EXECUTED this 17th day of May, 1990.

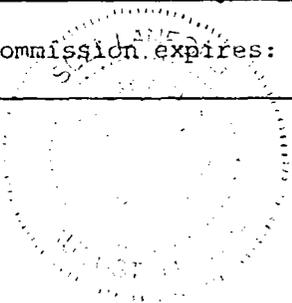
Monty D. McLane  
Monty D. McLane

Address: P. O. Box 9451  
Midland, Texas 79708-2541

STATE OF Texas )  
  : ss  
COUNTY OF Midland )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 17th day of May, 1990 by Monty D. McLane.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aussi Langford  
Notary Public



RATIFICATION AND JOINDER OF UNIT AGREEMENT

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EXECUTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1990.

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

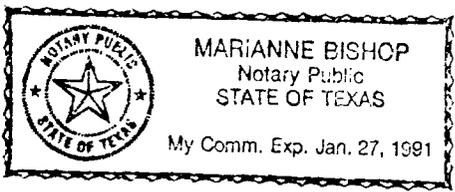
BY: J. E. Carlton  
J. E. Carlton  
Attorney-in-Fact

Address: 4001 Penbrook  
Odessa, Texas 79762  
Attention: J. E. Carlton

STATE OF TEXAS )  
  : ss  
COUNTY OF ECTOR )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1990 by J. E. Carlton, Attorney-in-Fact for PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My commission expires: 1/27/91  
Marianne Bishop  
Notary Public



RATIFICATION AND JOINDER OF UNIT AGREEMENT

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This Ratification and Joinder shall be binding upon the undersigned and the heirs, devisees, assigns or successors in interest of the undersigned.

EXECUTED this 26 day of APRIL, 1990.

*Erlon E. Nowell*

Erlon E. Nowell

Address: 2735 South St. Paul  
Denver, Colorado 80201

STATE OF Colorado )  
City and :ss  
COUNTY OF Denver )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26 day of April, 1990 by Erlon E. Nowell.

My commission expires:  
1/18/93

*Robert G. Longman*  
Notary Public





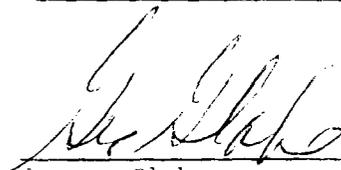
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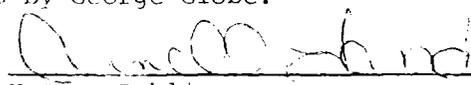
EXECUTED this 20th day of March, 1990.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
George Globe

Address: P. O. Box 40577  
Bakersfield, California 93384

STATE OF California  
:SS  
COUNTY OF Kern

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20th day of March, 1990 by George Globe.

My commission expires: 12-31-90  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public





# United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

ROSWELL DISTRICT OFFICE

P.O. BOX 1397

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO 88201

Cactus Queen Voluntary Unit  
3180 (065)

Yates Drilling Company  
105 S. Fourth St.  
Artesia, NM 88210

MAY 08 1990

Gentlemen:

Your application of April 17, 1990, filed with the BLM requests the designation of the Cactus Queen Voluntary Unit area, embracing 320.00 acres, more or less, Chaves County, New Mexico, as logically subject to secondary operations under the unitization provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act as amended.

Pursuant to unit plan regulations 43 CFR 3180, the land requested as outlined on your plat marked Yates Drilling Company, Cactus Queen Voluntary Unit, Chaves County, New Mexico, is hereby designated as a logical unit area for the purpose of conducting secondary recovery operations. Waterflooding will be limited to the following interval: 50 feet above the top of the Queen formation to a lower limit as the base of the Queen formation, as defined by section 2(G) of the unit agreement. This designation is valid for a period of one year from the date of this letter. The proposed waterflood unit contains two (2) undrilled 40 acre tracts which are to be drilled within 2 years of approval of the unit.

Your basis for allocation of unitized substances and your proposed form of unit agreement are acceptable. Corrections requested by the Bureau of Land Management are shown in red on page 17, second paragraph, of the Form of Agreement and on Exhibits A and B.

If conditions are such that further modification of said standard form is deemed necessary, three copies of the proposed modifications with appropriate justification must be submitted to this office for preliminary approval.

In the absence of any type of land requiring special provisions or any objections not now apparent, a duly executed agreement identical with said form, modified as outline above, will be approved if submitted in approvable status within a reasonable period of time. However, notice is hereby given that the right is reserved to deny approval of any executed agreement submitted which in our opinion, does not have the full commitment of sufficient lands to afford effective control of operations in the unit area.

When the executed agreement is transmitted to the BLM for approval, include the latest status of all acreage. In preparation of Exhibits "A" and "B", follow closely the format of the sample exhibits attached to the reprint of the aforementioned form.

Inasmuch as this unit agreement involves State land, we are sending a copy of the letter to the \*Commissioner of Public Lands. Please contact the State of New Mexico before soliciting joinders regardless of prior contacts or clearances from the State.

Sincerely,

~~(GREG. SGR.)~~ JOE G. LARA

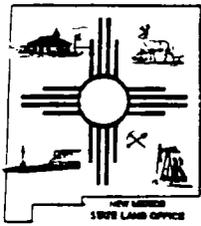
Joe G. Lara  
Assistant District Manager,  
Minerals

Enclosures

- 1 - Exhibit A & B
- 2 - Page 17 of Unit Agreement

cc:

✓ Commissioner of Public Lands, Santa Fe



State of New Mexico  
Commissioner of Public Lands

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May 22, 1990

Yates Drilling Company  
105 South Fourth Street  
Artesia, NM 88210

OCB

ATTN: Mr. Cy Cowen

RE: Approval of Cactus (Queen) Unit  
Chaves County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that the Commissioner of Public Lands has this date granted final approval to the Cactus (Queen) Unit located in Chaves County, New Mexico. The effective date of the Unit Agreement is today, May 7, 1990.

Our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

We have enclosed 5 Certificates of Approval for the Cactus Queen Unit.

If we may be of further help, please contact this office at (505) 827-5744.

Very truly yours,

W.R. HUMPHRIES  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY: *Floyd O. Prando*

FLOYD O. PRANDO, Director  
Oil and Gas Division  
(505) 827-5746

WRH/FOP/bs  
enclosures

cc: OCB - Santa Fe, New Mexico  
BLM - Roswell, New Mexico



YATES DRILLING COMPANY

105 SOUTH FOURTH STREET -- (505) 746-9889

FAX (505) 746-6480

TELEX 508891 (YPCART)

ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO 88210

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TREASURER

May 21, 1990

Commissioner of Public Lands  
P. O. Box 1148  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148

Re: Cactus Queen Unit  
Township 12 South, Range 31 East, NMPM  
Chaves County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

The proposed Cactus Queen State Unit is made up of the following acreage totaling 320 acres:

Township 12 South, Range 31 East  
Section 27:  $W\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $E\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $SW\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 34:  $N\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $NW\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$   
Chaves County, New Mexico

By Ratification and Joinder to the Unit Agreement and Unit Operating Agreement by all of the working interest owners, please be advised that 100% of the described acreage has been committed to the Cactus Queen Unit.

Therefore, enclosed please find three (3) originally signed copies of the Unit Agreement and Unit Operating Agreement.

We respectfully request final approval of the Cactus Queen Unit.

Thank you for your concern in this matter.

Very truly yours,

YATES DRILLING COMPANY

Cy Cowan  
Associate Landman

CC/bp  
Enclosures



# NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE

## CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Cactus (Queen) Unit Chaves County, New Mexico

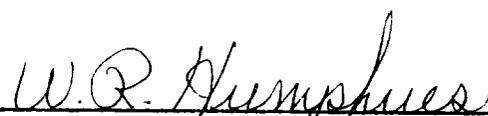
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There having been presented to the undersigned Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico for examination, the attached Agreement for the development and operation of acreage which is described within the attached Agreement, dated November 1, 1989, which said Agreement has been executed by parties owning and holding oil and gas leases and royalty interests in and under the property described, and upon examination of said Agreement, the Commissioner finds:

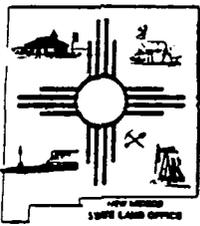
- (a) That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy in said area.
- (b) That under the proposed agreement, the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil or gas in place under its lands in the area.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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Approval is executed, with seal affixed, this 22nd day of May, 1990.

  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS  
of the State of New Mexico

State of New Mexico  
Commissioner of Public Lands



W. R. Humphries  
COMMISSIONER

April 19, 1990

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Yates Drilling Company  
105 South Fourth Street  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

ATTN: Mr. Cy Cowan

RE: Proposed Cactus Queen Voluntary Unit  
Chaves County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

We received your letter, dated April 17, 1990, requesting final approval of the Cactus Queen Voluntary Unit and the following enclosed information:

1. Two copies of the draft Unit Agreement
2. Two copies of the draft Unit Operating Agreement
3. Engineering and Geologic Report
4. OCD Orders R-9075-A and B
5. Filing fee in the amount of sixty dollars (\$60.00).

This office has reviewed the unexecuted copy of the unit agreement submitted for the proposed Cactus Queen Voluntary Unit Area, Chaves County, New Mexico. This agreement meets the general requirements of the Commissioner of Public Lands who has this date granted you preliminary approval as to form and content.

Preliminary approval shall not be construed to mean final approval of this agreement in any way and will not extend any short term leases until final approval and an effective date have been given.

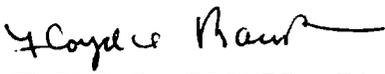
In order to grant final approval to this proposed unit, we require the following additional information:

1. Initial Plan of Operations
2. Ratifications of Lessees of Record and Working Interest Owners. Please submit two sets of ratifications: one set must contain original signatures.
3. A letter that identifies which tracts have been committed and which are not committed to the Unit Agreement.

If we may be of further help, please do not hesitate to call Susan Howarth at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

W.R. HUMPHRIES  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:   
FLOYD O. PRANDO, Director  
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State of New Mexico  
Energy And Mineral Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, N. M. 87501

Re: Division Case 9809  
To be heard December 27, 1989

Gentlemen:

We, the Doyal family will not appear but we do ask that this letter be read to all parties interested.

We strongly oppose any water flooding on or within 1320 feet of any Doyal fee land. We can no longer trust Yates Drilling and associates because of their drilling of the Gallaghe well on a 330-330 measurement with Doyal fee land on two sides.

Yates set casing on Doyal #3 and Doyal #4 through the pay zone and perforated, (just one time in the water zone. Four years has passed and no correction has been made.

Doyal #2 and Doyal #4 both have a common collector line going into a common tank battery located at Doyal #1. There isn't any way of knowing how many barrels are pumped from Doyal #4 but each time we have drawn a sample from the tubing head, there has been less than one inch of oil in a gallon measurement. The balance was water.

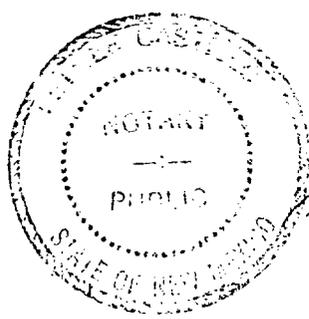
We believe by this that Yates Drilling Company and associates are attempting to waterflood 160 acres of Doyal fee land where they have only been paumping 80 acres. We would appreciate an investigation by your office concerning this matter.

Enclosed please find a copy of certified article P567 641 525 of letter sent to your office November 7th of this year pertaining to this same matter. We ask that this be read at the hearing. The offer we stated at that time applies word for word with the exception that this offer is to be extended for a period of thirty days.

*James Chavez*  
Sincerely,

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One enclosure

Power of attorney  
Allen Doyal heirs  
Registered Chaves Co  
Roswell, N.M.



*Joseph Castell*  
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Oil Conservation Division  
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State Land Office Building  
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 9809:  
In the Matter of the Application of Yates Drilling Company for Statutory  
Unitization, Chaves County, New Mexico

Oil Conservation Division Case No. 9810:  
In the Matter of the Application of Yates Drilling Company for a Waterflood  
Project, Chaves County, New Mexico

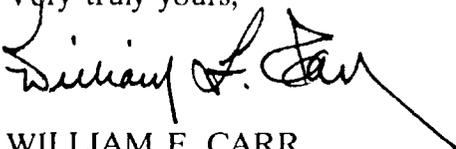
Oil Conservation Division Case No. 9823:  
In the Matter of the Application of Yates Drilling Company for a Unit  
Agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed is a letter which we request be included in the hearing file in the above-referenced cases.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR  
WFC:mlh  
Enclosure

*F. G. Breckenridge*

P.O. Box 4667 • MIDLAND, TEXAS 79704

October 26, 1989

Mr. William F. Carr, Esq.  
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In RE: Application of Yates Drilling Company  
For Approval of a Waterflood Project,  
Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Carr:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 11, 1989 in which you advise in part, "Failure to appear at the hearing or otherwise become a party of record in this case we'll preclude you from challenging this matter at a later date".

I do not plan to appear at the hearing but I would not wish to forfeit my right to consider and challenge this matter at a latter date. Accordingly, I would appreciate your observing this and consider me "A party of record".

Yours very truly,

*F. G. Breckenridge*  
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November 5, 1989

State of New Mexico  
Energy & Mineral Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
P.O. Box 2088  
Sante Fe, NM 87501

Gentlemen:

In the matter of Case 9823 to be heard 11-15-89 at 8:15 AM.

As you can see by the attached papers, we are somewhat confused by the actual date of hearing, but our letter (certified article P567-646-635) still applies.

Due to ill health, none of the Doyal Family will be present.

If Yates Drilling & Associates believe they must have the Doyal fee land for waterflooding, we are prepared to make one final firm offer which is good through 11-30-89.

It is our understanding that an equal amount of oil (in this case more) will be recovered from waterflooding than the original pumping. Therefore, we are prepared to accept a one time payment equal to the barrels already pumped since completion of Doyal #1-2-3-4. This will be as of Navajo Refining records. Price per barrel will be paid as quoted by Navajo Refining as of 12-7-89.

In return, Yates Drilling Co. & Associates will have free hand to waterflood any well or wells as they see fit on the Doyal fee land. This does not apply to NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 26 T12 SR31E or SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 26 T12 SR31E. Any drilling on these will be treated as the original lease.

This means the Doyal Family will draw no money - not even RI checks for a period of two years. This amount will be divided by the Yates Drilling Co. & Associates as they may see fit.

This agreement will last for a period of two years - 12-16-89 to 12-15-91 inclusive.

All paper work and agreements to be drawn by Yates Drilling Co. and approved by Louis C. Doyal.

All this pertains to the 3200 foot level.

If Yates Drilling Co. cannot accept this, than we, the Doyal Family, strongly oppose any waterflooding on the Doyal fee land or within 1320 feet of any Doyal fee land. We look forward to the Commission to give us a favorable hearing.

Just so there will be no misunderstanding - the price will be:

Number of barrels pumped since completion of Doyal #1-2-3-4 X's price per barrel as quoted by Navajo Refining as of 12-7-89. Only the number of barrels paid to the Doyal Family by Navajo Refining as R1 will apply. Not hearing from Yates Drilling Co. by 11-30-89 makes this offer null and void.

*Louis C. Doyal*

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(full power of attorney in this matter for the Allen Doyal heirs, as registered in Chaves County Courthouse in Roswell, NM)

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William J. LeMay, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
New Mexico Department of Energy,  
Minerals and Natural Resources  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 9809:  
In the Matter of the Application of Yates Drilling Company for Statutory  
Unitization, Chaves County, New Mexico

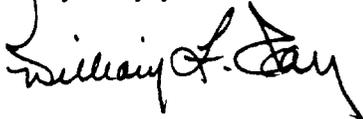
Oil Conservation Division Case No. 9810:  
In the Matter of the Application of Yates Drilling Company for a Waterflood  
Project, Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Yates Drilling Company requests that the Division continue the above-referenced hearing from the November 1, 1989 Examiner docket to the November 15, 1989 Examiner docket.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC:mlh

cc: Mr. Toby Rhodes  
Yates Drilling Company  
105 South Fourth Street  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

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October 21, 1989

State of New Mexico  
Energy & Mineral Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
P.O. Box 2088  
Sante Fe, NM 87501

Gentlemen:

In the matter of Case 9809 & 9810 to be heard 11-1-89 at 8:15 AM.

We, the Doyal Family, owning 100% royalty of 240 acres of the Cactus Queen Unit, T 12 S, R 31E, do strongly oppose any water injection into any fee land listed on this proposal or within 1320 ft. of any fee land owned by the Doyal Family. In no way would this be acceptable, as we feel this would rob the Doyal Family of many barrels of oil, as Doyal #3 and Doyal #4 were perforated below the pay zone, as on record in hearing before your Board in Case 8502, Yates Drilling Co. has made no effort to correct this.

Any water injection as proposed will kill any production well or any non-production well in the Doyal Lease. There are many more dry wells in the surrounding area that could be used for water injection.

Yates Drilling Co. has other options, such as, shutting down completely all operations on the Doyal Lease and returning it to the Doyal Family. They can waterflood their own 320 State & Federal in sec. 27 and 34 as long as no injection of water is made no nearer than 1320 ft. of the Doyal Fee Land. Yates could, also, go back and right the wrongs we feel that they have caused, which includes drilling the eighty acres left undrilled by making dry holes out of Doyal #3 and Doyal #4 by faulty elevations and perforations.

We ask that this matter not be brought before the Board again until the aforementioned corrections are made.

The Doyal Family believes Gallagher State #1 should never have been allowed to be drilled at its present location 330-330 with Doyal Fee land on two sides. There is no reason for an unorthodox location. (Exhibit I, Page 3)

Doyal #3 & Doyal #4 were perforated below the pay zone as shown by comparison of elevation given by Yates. (Page two of Exhibit I and the Dick Wright Engineering report - Exhibit #2).

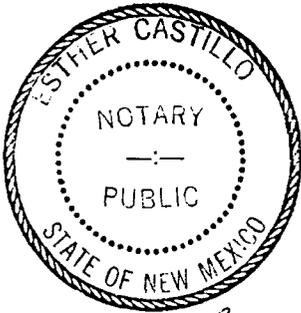
If this wasn't planned in advance, why would Yates circulate the cement on the long string in Doyal #3 as shown on Page Two, Exhibit I?

Is it possible Yates will acquire a larger percent of total number of barrels recorded from State and Federal lands than from the Doyal land? (Exhibit III)

It is our belief, and records show the largest percent of oil recovered in the Cactus Queen Unit would come from the Doyal Lease as forced out by water injection, into other wells.

We request that this protest be read at this hearing.

Due to ill health, none of the Doyal Family will appear at the hearing.



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*Esther Castillo - Oct 23, 1989*  
*Oct 21, 1992*

*Louis C. Doyal*