part to the other parties herete for drilling, development, operating or other similar costs by reason such title failure; and

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

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

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

(e) Any liability to account to a third party for prior production of oil and gas which arises by 18 19 reason of title failure shall be borne by the party or parties in the same proportions in which they shared 20 in such prior production; and 21

(f) No charge shall be made to the joint account for legal expenses, fees or salaries, in connection 22 with the defense of the interest claimed by any party horeto, it being the intention of the parties 23 hereto that each shall defend title to its interest and bear all expenses in connection therewith. 24

252. Loss by Non-Payment or Erroneous Payment of Amount Due: If, through mistake or oversight, any rental, shut-in well payment, minimum royally or royalty payment, is not paid or is erroneously 2627 paid, and as a result a lease or interest therein to minates, there shall be no monetary liability against the party who failed to make such payment. Unless the party who failed to make the required payment secures a new lease covering the same interest within ninety (90) days from the discovery of the fail-ure to make proper payment, which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., the interests of 28 2930 the parties shall be revised on an acreagy basis, effective as of the date of termination of the lease in-31 volved, and the party who failed to make proper payment will no longer be credited with an interest in 32 33 the Contract Area on account of owpership of the lease or interest which has terminated. In the event 34 the party who failed to make the required payment shall not have been fully reimbursed, at the time of the loss, from the proceeds of the sale of oil and gas attributable to the lost interest, calculated on an 35 36 acreage basis, for the development and operating costs theretofore paid on account of such interest, it shall be reimbursed for unrecovered actual costs theretofore paid by it (but not for its share of the 37 cost of any dry hole previously drilled or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following as is necessary to effect reimbursement: ..... 39

40 (a) Proceeds of fil and gas, less operating expenses, theretofore accrued to the credit of the lost interest, on an accerge basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs: 41

42 (b) Proceeds less operating expenses, thereafter accrued attributable to the lost interest on an 43 acreage basis, of that portion of oil and gas thereafter produced and marketed (excluding production from any weiss thereafter drilled) which, in the absence of such lease termination, would be attributable 44 to the lost interest on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, the proceeds of said portion of the oil and gas to be contributed by the other parties in proportion to their respective in-45  $\cdot 16$ terests; and 47 48

Any monies, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, that may be paid by any party who is, or omes, the owner of the interest lost, for the privilege of participating in the Contract Area or be-30:00000

3. Other Losses: All losses incurred, athalous, shall not be considered failure of title but shall be joint losses and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

## ARTICLE V. **OPERATOR**

A. DESIGNATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OPERATOR:

Enserch Exploration, Inc.

shall be the Operator of the Contract Area, and shall conduct and direct and have full control of all operations on the Contract Area as permitted and required by, and within the limits of, this agreement. It shall con-64 65 duct all such operations in a good and workmanlike manner, but it shall have no liability as Operator 66 to the other parties for losses sustained or liabilities incurred, except such as may result from gross negligence or willful misconduct.

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## ARTICLE XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of <u>14</u> day of <u>October</u> 79

## OPERATOR

ENSERCH EXPLORATION, INC.

BY: ill Höward D. niver Attorney In-Fact

NON-OPERATORS

SUNMARK EXPLORATION COMPANY, a Diviston of Sun Dil Company (Delaware) Talle District Manager - Southwest District .