

communitized area, nor the undersigned be required to measure separately the communitized substances by reason of the diverse ownership of the separate tracts of land comprising the said communitized area; provided, however, that the parties hereto shall not be released from their obligation to protect the communitized area from drainage of communitized substances by wells which may be drilled within offset distance (as that term is defined) of the communitized area.

6. The commencement, completion, and continued operation or production of a well or wells for communitized substances on the communitized area shall be considered as the commencement, completion, continued operation or production as to each of the leases described in Exhibit "A" hereto.
7. The production of communitized substances and disposal thereof shall be in conformity with the allocations, allotments, and quotas made or fixed by any duly authorized person or regulatory body under applicable Federal or State laws or statutes. This agreement shall be subject to all applicable Federal and State laws, executive orders, rules and regulations affecting the performance of the provisions hereof, and no party hereto shall suffer a forfeiture or be liable in damages for failure to comply with any of the provisions of this agreement if compliance is prevented by or if such failure results from compliance with any such laws, orders, rules and regulations.
8. TXO Production Corp. shall be the Operator of said communitized area and all matters of operation shall be determined and performed by TXO Production Corp.
9. This agreement shall be effective as of the date hereinabove written upon execution by the necessary parties, notwithstanding the date of execution and upon approval by the Commissioner of Public Lands, shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one year from the date hereof and as long thereafter as communitized substances are produced from the communitized area in commercial quantities; provided, that this agreement shall not expire if there is a well capable of producing gas in paying quantities located upon some part of the communitized area, if such well is shut-in due to the inability of the operator to obtain a pipeline connection or to market the gas therefrom, and if a shut-in royalty has been timely and properly paid pursuant to the provisions of one of the State of New Mexico oil and gas leases covering lands subject to this agreement so as to prevent the expiration of such lease; provided further, however, that prior to production in commercial quantities from the communitized area, and upon fulfillment of all requirements of the Commissioner of Public Lands with respect to any dry hole or abandoned well drilled upon the communitized area, this Agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the parties hereto. This agreement shall not terminate upon cessation of production of communitized substances if, within sixty (60) days thereafter, reworking or drilling operations on the communitized area are commenced and are thereafter conducted with reasonable diligence during the period of non-production.