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COMMUNITIZATION AGREEMENT

C. C. C. ARTESIA, OFFICE

This agreement entered into as of the <u>lst</u> day of <u>December</u> 1969, by and between the parties subscribing, ratifying or consenting hereto, such parties being hereinafter referred to as "parties hereto",

<u>WITNESSETH</u>:

WHEREAS, the Act of February 25, 1920, 41 Stat. 437, as amended by the Act of August 8, 1946, 60 Stat. 950, 30 U.S.C. Secs. 181 et seq., authorizes communitization or drilling agreements communitizing or pooling a federal oil and gas lease, or any portion thereof, with other lands, whether or not owned by the United States, when separate tracts under such federal lease cannot be independently developed and operated in conformity with an established well-spacing program for the field or area and such communitization or pooling is determined to be in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto own working, royalty or other leasehold interests, or operating rights under the oil and gas leases and lands subject to this agreement which cannot be independently developed and operated in conformity with the wellspacing program established for the field or area in which said lands are located; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to communitize and pool their respective mineral interests in lands subject to this agreement for the purpose of developing and producing gas and associated liquid hydrocarbons in accordance with the terms and conditions of this agreement:

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

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

All of Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico,

containing 640 acres, more or less, and this agreement shall include only the <u>Pennsylvanian</u> Formation underlying said lands and the gas and associated liquid hydrocarbons (hereinafter referred to as "communitized substances") producible from such formation.

2. Attached hereto and made a part of this agreement for all purposes, is Exhibit A designating the operator of the communitized area and showing the acreage, percentage and ownership of oil and gas interests in all lands within the communitized area, and the authorization, if any, for communitizing or pooling any patented or fee lands within the communitized area.