# **CASE NO. 21367**

# APPLICATION OF TAP ROCK RESOURCES, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF A UNIT AGREEMENT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

# **EXHIBITS**

- A. Application and Proposed Ad
- B. Landman's Affidavit
- C. Geologist's Affidavit
- D. Affidavit of Notice
- E Affidavit of Publication

# BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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## APPLICATION

Tap Rock Resources, LLC applies for an order approving the Unit Agreement for the proposed Seinfeld Unit Area, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed Seinfeld Unit Area, an exploratory unit comprising 4,043.44 acres of federal and fee lands in Lea County, New Mexico, described as follows:

Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM

Section 22: All

Section 26: All

Section 27: All

Section 28: E/2E/2, SW/4NE/4, and W/2SE/4

Section 33: E/2E/2 and W/2NE/4

Section 34: All

Section 35: All

Township 25 South, Range 35 East, NMPM

Section 3: Lots 1-4, S/2N/2

- 2. The Bureau of Land Management has preliminarily approved the Unit Agreement.
- Applicant requests that Tap Rock Operating, LLC be named operator of the Unit Area.
- 4. Approval of this application will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and conserve natural resources.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after hearing, the Division enter its order approving the relief requested herein.

EXHIBIT /

Respectfully submitted,

Post Office Box 1056

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 (505) 982-2043

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Attorney for Tap Rock Resources, LLC

# PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

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Section 34: All Section 35: All

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Section 3: Lots 1-4, S/2N/2

The proposed unit area is centered approximately 10-1/2 miles northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

# STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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# **AFFIDAVIT OF ERICA HIXSON**

I, being duly sworn on oath, state the following:

- I am over the age of eighteen years and have the capacity to execute this Affidavit, which is based on my personal knowledge.
- I am employed as a Landman with Tap Rock Operating, LLC ("Tap Rock"), and I
   am familiar with the subject application and the lands involved.
- This affidavit is submitted in connection with the filing by Tap Rock of the abovereferenced unit agreement application.
- 4. I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as an expert witness in petroleum land matters. My credentials as a petroleum landman have been accepted by the Division and made a matter of record.
- 5. The purpose of this application is to get approval of the Unit Agreement for the Seinfeld Unit (the "Unit") described herein.
  - 6. No opposition is expected.
- 7. Tap Rock seeks approval of the Unit Agreement for the Seinfeld Unit Area, comprising 4,043.44 acres of federal and fee lands described as follows: Township 24 South, Range 35 East: Section 22: ALL, Section 26: ALL, Section 27: ALL, Section 28: E/2E/2, SW/4NE/4 and W/2SE/4, Section 33: E/2E/2 and W/2NE/4, Section 34: ALL, Section 35: ALL, Township 25 South, Range 35 East: Section 3: Lots 1-4, S/2N/2 in Lea County, New Mexico.

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**Exhibit 1** is a map of the proposed Unit area. The initial obligation well will be the Gipple Federal Com #214H, API # 30-025-46671 (the "Initial Well").

- 8. **Exhibit 1** shows that the Unit will be comprised of Federal and Fee acreage.
- 9. A C-102 for the Initial Well is attached as **Exhibit 2**. The Initial Well will develop the WC-025 G-09 S243532M; WOLFBONE Pool (Pool Code 98098), which is an oil pool.
- 1. The proposed surface hole, bottom hole, and first take point for the Initial Well can be found in the attached **Exhibit 2**.
- 2. The parties who own an interest in the Unit are shown on **Exhibit 3.** As shown on the exhibit, the working interest/operating rights and royalty interest owners are fully committed to the Unit and a portion of the overriding interest owners have committed.
  - 3. **Exhibit 4** is a copy of the Unit Agreement.
  - 4. **Exhibit 5** is a copy of the recording supplement for the Unit Operating Agreement.
- 5. **Exhibit 6** is a copy of the preliminary Unit approval for the Seinfeld Federal Exploratory Unit area embracing 4043.44 acres (Unit number NMNM 141169X) as set forth in this application received by Tap Rock on May 22, 2020.
  - 6. **Exhibit 7** is a copy of the Unit proposal letter to the interest owners.
- 7. **Exhibit 8** is a copy of the ratification and joinder in the Unit from all parties that have committed to the Unit and the Unit Agreement to date.
- 8. Exhibit 9 is a copy of the Authority For Expenditure ("AFE") for the Initial Well that shows the estimated costs to drill, complete and produce said well which are fair, reasonable, and comparable to the costs of other wells of similar depths and lengths drilled in this area of New Mexico.

- 9. I have conducted a diligent search of the public records in Lea County, New Mexico, where the Unit will be located, and conducted phone directory and computer searches to obtain contact information for parties entitled to notification. I mailed a Unit proposal letter to all parties with an interest in the Unit. Tap Rock has made a good faith effort to obtain voluntary commitment of all the interest owners for the Unit.
- 10. The Exhibits to this Affidavit were prepared by me, or compiled from Tap Rock's company business records.
- 11. The granting of this Application is in the interests of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights.
  - 12. The foregoing is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

# FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT

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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON	)

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 3d day of August, 2020.

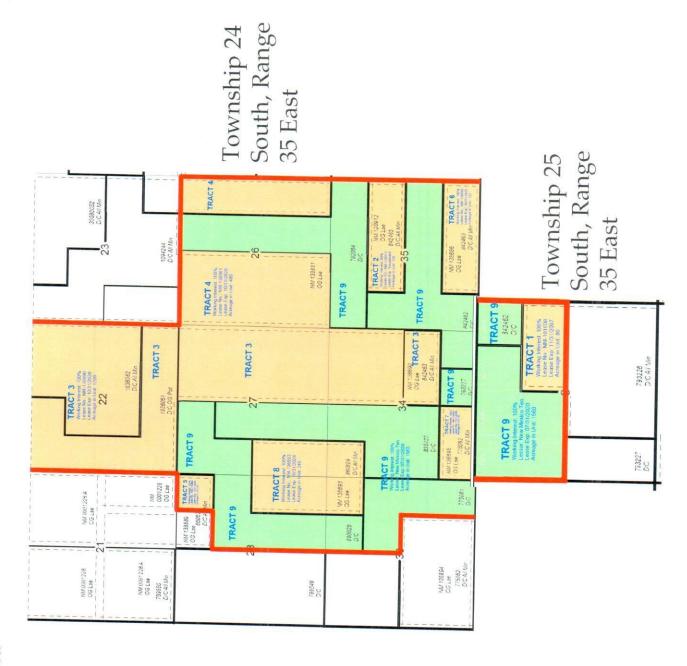
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NOTARY ID 20174010990 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 13, 2021





ATTACHMENT

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION RECEIVED

District Office

1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT API Number Pool Code 30-025- 46671 98098 WC-025 G-09 S243532M; WOLFBONE <sup>4</sup>Property Code Property Name 326772 GIPPLE FED COM #214H OGRID No. Operator Name Elevation 372043 TAP ROCK OPERATING, LLC. 3284' <sup>10</sup>Surface Location UL or lot no. Section Township Range Lot Idn Feet from the North/South line Feet from the East/West line County P 33 24-S 35-E 175' SOUTH 720' EAST LEA <sup>11</sup>Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface UL or lot no. Section Township Range Feet from the North/South line Feet from the East/West line 28 24-S 35-E 5' NORTH 989' EAST LEA Dedicated Acres Joint or Infill Order No. 320 No allowable will be assigned to this completion until all interests have been consolidated or a non-standard unit has been approved by the division. X=839886.27 X=841206.64 Y=436289.37 Y=436302.24 <sup>17</sup>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION by certify that the information contained herein is true and com LAST TAKE POINT the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either **NEW MEXICO EAST NEW MEXICO EAST** 359 NAD 1983 ns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land include NAD 1983 proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this X=840218 X=840219 ation pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or Y=436288 ting interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory Y=436193 LAT.: N 32.1957405 order heretofore entered by the division. LAT.: N 32.1954794 LONG .: W 103.3671278 LONG.: W 103.3671275 X=841231.29 Y=433661.48 ou Walk PRODUCING 02-06-19 ATTACHMENT Cory Walk 359 cory@permitswest.com 29 28 27 X=841257.33 34 Y=431022.45 <sup>18</sup>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true to the best of my belief. X=841282.85 FIRST TAKE POINT SURFACE LOCATION NEW MEXICO EAST **NEW MEXICO EAST** NAD 1983 NAD 1983 18329 X=840320 X=840587 Y=425833 Y=425910 LAT.: N 32.1670019 LAT.: N 32.1672082 LONG .: W 103.3671014 LONG.: W 103.3662353

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# Working Interest

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Type of Interest	Record Title/Operating Rights Record Title/Operating Rights	Record Title/Operating Rights

# Royalty and Overriding Royalty Interest

Commitment

Status Fully Commmitted Fully Commmitted Fully Commmitted	Fully Commmitted Not yet received Not yet received	Not yet received
Owner Bureau of Land Management Tap Rock NM10 Minerals LLC Tap Rock Minerals LLC	Crown Rock Minerals, L.P. Cayuga Royalties, LLC Foundation Minerals, LLC	Franklin Mountain Royalty Investments, LLC Mavros Minerals II, LLC Monticello Minerals, LLC Oak Valley Mineral and Land, LP Prevail Energy, LLC Rheiner Holdings, LLC Southeast Texas Oil and Gas, Inc. Southwest Texas Energy, Inc. Viper Energy Partners MRC Permian Company
Type of Interest Royalty Interest Royalty Interest Overriding Royalty	Overriding Royalty Overriding Royalty Overriding Royalty	Overriding Royalty

ATTACHMENT 3

# This is the Model Form for an onshore unit agreement as found in 43 CFR 3186, with modifications currently being used.

# UNIT AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE SEINFELD UNIT AREA COUNTY OF LEA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

## NO. NMNM 141169X

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of December 2019, 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. Sec. 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 under a 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 parties hereto hold sufficient interests in the Seinfeld 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 interests in the below-defined unit area, and agree severally among themselves as follows:

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 and State of New Mexico leases and rules and 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 and State of New Mexico lands, provided such regulations are not inconsistent with the terms of this agreement; and as to non-Federal lands, the oil and gas

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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.

**2. UNIT AREA.** The area specified on the map attached hereto marked Exhibit "A" is hereby designated and recognized as constituting the unit area, containing 4,043.44 acres, more or less, in Lea County, New Mexico.

Exhibit "A" shows, in addition to the boundary of the unit area, the boundaries and identity of tracts and leases in said 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, percentage, and kind of ownership of oil and gas interests in all lands in the unit area. However, nothing herein or in Exhibits "A" or "B" 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 the Exhibits as owned by such party. Exhibits "A" and "B" shall be revised by the Unit Operator whenever changes in the unit area or in the ownership interests in the individual tracts render such revision necessary, or when requested by the Authorized Officer, hereinafter referred to as "AO" and not less than four copies of the revised Exhibits shall be filed with the proper Bureau of Land Management office.

The above-described unit area shall when practicable be expanded to include therein any additional lands or shall be contracted to exclude lands whenever such expansion or contraction is deemed to be necessary or advisable to conform with the purposes of this agreement. Such expansion or contraction shall be effected in the following manner:

- (a) Unit Operator, on its own motion (after preliminary concurrence by the AO), or on demand of the AO, shall prepare a notice of proposed expansion or contraction describing the contemplated changes in the boundaries of the unit area, the reasons therefore, any plans for additional drilling, and the proposed effective date of the expansion or contraction, preferably the first day of a month subsequent to the date of notice.
- (b) Said notice shall be delivered to the proper BLM office, and copies thereof mailed to the last known address of each working interest owner, lessee and lessor whose interests are affected, advising that 30 days will be allowed for submission to the Unit Operator of any objections.
- (c) Upon expiration of the 30-day period provided in the preceding item (b) hereof, Unit Operator shall file with the AO evidence of mailing of the notice of expansion or contraction and a copy of any objections thereto which have been filed with the Unit Operator, together with an application in triplicate, for approval of such expansion or contraction and with appropriate joinders.
- (d) After due consideration of all pertinent information, the expansion or contraction shall, upon approval by the AO, become effective as of the date prescribed in the notice thereof or such other appropriate date.
  - (e) All legal subdivisions of lands (i.e., 40 acres by Government survey or its nearest lot

or tract equivalent; in instances of irregular surveys, unusually large lots or tracts shall be considered in multiples of 40 acres or the nearest aliquot equivalent thereof), no parts of which are in or entitled to be in a participating area on or before the fifth anniversary of the effective date of the first initial participating area established under this unit agreement, shall be eliminated automatically from this agreement, effective of said fifth anniversary, and such lands shall no longer be a part of the unit area and shall no longer be subject to this agreement, unless diligent drilling operations are in progress on unitized lands not entitled to participation on said fifth anniversary, in which event all such lands shall remain subject hereto for so long as such drilling operations are continued diligently, with not more than 180 days elapsing between the completion of one such well and the commencement of the next such well. All legal subdivisions of lands not entitled to be in a participating area within 10 years after the effective date of the first initial participating area approved under this agreement shall be automatically eliminated from this agreement as of said tenth anniversary. The Unit Operator shall, within 90 days after the effective date of any elimination hereunder, describe the area so eliminated to the satisfaction of the AO and promptly notify all parties in interest. All lands reasonably proved productive of unitized substances in paying quantities by diligent drilling operations after the aforesaid five-year period shall become participating in the same manner as during said first five-year period. However, when such diligent drilling operations cease, all nonparticipating lands not then entitled to be in a participating area shall be automatically eliminated effective as of the 91st day thereafter.

Any expansion of the unit area pursuant to this section which embraces lands theretofore eliminated pursuant to this subsection 2(e) shall not be considered automatic commitment or recommitment of such lands. If conditions warrant extension of the 10-year period specified in this subsection, a single extension of not to exceed two years may be accomplished by consent of the owners of 90 percent of the working interest in the current nonparticipating unitized lands and the owners of 60 percent of the basic royalty interests (exclusive of the basic royalty interests of the United States) in nonparticipating unitized lands with approval of the AO, provided such extension application is submitted not later than 60 days prior to the expiration of said 10-year period.

- 3. UNITIZED LAND AND UNITIZED SUBSTANCES. All land now or hereafter committed to this agreement shall constitute land referred to herein as "unitized land" or "land subject to this agreement." All oil and gas in any and all formations of the unitized lands are unitized under the terms of this agreement and herein are called "unitized substances."
- 4. UNIT OPERATOR. Tap Rock Operating, LLC is hereby designated as Unit Operator and by signature hereto as Unit Operator agrees and consents to accept the duties and obligations of Unit Operator for the discovery, 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 only when such an interest is owned by it.
- 5. RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF UNIT OPERATOR. Unit Operator shall have the right to resign at any time prior to the establishment of a participating area or areas hereunder, 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 months after notice of intention to resign has been served by Unit Operator on all working interest owners and the AO and until all wells then drilled hereunder are placed in a satisfactory condition for suspension or abandonment, whichever is required by the AO, unless a new Unit Operator shall have been selected and approved and shall have taken over and assumed the duties and obligations of Unit Operator prior to the expiration of said period.

Unit Operator shall have the right to resign in like manner and subject to like limitations as above provided at any time after a participating area established hereunder is in existence, but in all instances of resignation or removal, until a successor Unit Operator is selected and approved as hereinafter provided, the working interest owners shall be jointly responsible for performance of the duties of unit Operator, and shall not later than 30 days before such resignation or removal becomes effective appoint a common agent to represent them in any action to be taken hereunder.

The resignation of Unit Operator shall not release the Unit Operator from any liability for any default by it hereunder occurring prior to the effective date of its resignation.

The Unit Operator may, upon default or failure in the performance of its duties or obligations hereunder, be subject to removal by the same percentage vote of the owners of working interests as herein provided for the selection of a new Unit Operator. Such removal shall be effective upon notice thereof to the AO.

The resignation or removal of Unit Operator under this agreement shall not terminate its right, title, or interest as the owner of 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, materials, and appurtenances used in conducting the unit operations to the new duly qualified successor Unit Operator or to the common agent, if no such new Unit Operator is selected to be used for the purpose of conducting unit operations hereunder. Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing removal of any material, equipment, or appurtenances needed for the preservation of any wells.

- 6. SUCCESSOR UNIT OPERATOR. Whenever the Unit Operator shall tender his or its resignation as Unit Operator or shall be removed as hereinabove provided, or a change of Unit Operator is negotiated by working interest owners, the owners of the working interests according to their respective acreage interests in all unitized land shall, pursuant to Approval of the Parties requirements of the unit operating agreement, select a successor Unit Operator. 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 AO.

If no successor Unit Operator is selected and qualified as herein provided, the AO at his election may declare this unit agreement terminated.

- 7. ACCOUNTING PROVISIONS AND UNIT OPERATION AGREEMENT. If the Unit Operator is not the sole owner of working interests, costs and expenses incurred by Unit Operator in conducting unit operations hereunder shall be paid and apportioned among and borne by the owners of working interests, all in accordance with the agreement or agreements entered into by and between the Unit Operator and the owners of working interests, whether one or more, separately or collectively. Any agreement or agreements entered into between the working interest owners and the Unit Operator as provided in this section, whether one or more, are herein referred to as the "Unit Operating Agreement." Such Unit Operating Agreement shall also provide the manner in which the working interest owners shall be entitled to receive their respective proportionate and allocated share of the benefits accruing hereto in conformity with their underlying operating agreements, leases, or other independent contracts, and such other rights and obligations as between Unit Operator and the working interest owners as may be agreed upon by Unit Operator and the working interest owners; 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 govern. Two copies of the Unit Operating Agreement, executed pursuant to this section shall be filed in the proper BLM office prior to approval of this unit agreement.
- 8. 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. Acceptable evidence of title to said rights shall be deposited with 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.
- 9. DRILLING TO DISCOVERY. Within six months after the effective date hereof, the Unit Operator shall commence to drill an adequate test well at a location approved by the AO, unless on such effective date a well is being drilled in conformity with the terms hereof, and thereafter continue such drilling diligently until the Wolfcamp formation has been tested with at least a 1-mile horizontal well or until at a lesser depth unitized substances shall be discovered which can be produced in paying quantities (to wit: quantities sufficient to repay the costs of drilling, completing, and producing operations, with a reasonable profit) or the Unit Operator shall at any time establish to the satisfaction of the AO that further drilling of said well would be unwarranted or impracticable, provided, however, that Unit Operator shall not in any event be required to drill the horizontal portion of said well to a length in excess of 5,280 feet. Until the discovery of unitized substances capable of being produced in paying quantities, the Unit Operator shall continue drilling one or more well(s) at a time, allowing not more than six months between the completion of one well and the commencement of drilling operations for the next well, until a well capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities is completed to the satisfaction of the AO or until it is reasonably proved that the unitized land is incapable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities in the formations drilled hereunder. Nothing in this section shall

be deemed to limit the right of the Unit Operator to resign as provided in Section 5, hereof, or as requiring Unit Operator to commence or continue any drilling during the period pending such resignation becoming effective in order to comply with the requirements of this section.

The AO may modify any of the drilling requirements of this section by granting reasonable extensions of time when, in his opinion, such action is warranted.

Until the establishment of a participating area, the failure to commence a well subsequent to the drilling of the initial obligation well, or in the case of multiple well requirements, if specified, subsequent to the drilling of those multiple wells, as provided for in this (these) section(s), within the time allowed including any extension of time granted by the AO, shall cause this agreement to terminate automatically. Upon failure to continue drilling diligently any well other than the obligation well(s) commenced hereunder, the AO may, after 15 days notice to the Unit Operator, declare this unit agreement terminated. Failure to commence drilling the initial obligation well, or the first of multiple obligation wells, on time and to drill it diligently shall result in the unit agreement approval being declared invalid ab initio by the AO. In the case of multiple well requirements, failure to commence drilling the required multiple wells beyond the first well, and to drill them diligently, may result in the unit agreement approval being declared invalid ab initio by the AO.

10. PLAN OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION. Within six months after completion of a well capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities, the Unit Operator shall submit for the approval of the AO an acceptable plan of development and operation for the unitized land which, when approved by the authorized officer, shall constitute the further drilling and development obligations of the Unit Operator under this agreement for the period specified therein. Thereafter, from time to time before the expiration of any existing plan, the Unit Operator shall submit for the approval of the AO a plan for an additional specified period for the development and operation of the unitized land. Subsequent plans should normally be filed on a calendar-year basis not later than March 1 of each year. Any proposed modification or addition to the existing plan should be filed as a supplement to the plan.

Any plan submitted pursuant to this section shall provide for the timely exploration of the unitized area, and for the diligent drilling necessary for determination of the area or areas capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities in the prospective productive formation(s). This plan shall be as complete and adequate as the AO may determine to be necessary for timely development and proper conservation of the oil and gas resources in the unitized area and shall:

- (a) Specify the number and locations of any wells to be drilled and the proposed order and time for such drilling; and
  - (b) Provide a summary of operations and production for the previous year.

Plans shall be modified or supplemented when necessary to meet changed conditions or to protect the interests of all parties to this agreement. Reasonable diligence shall be exercised in complying with the obligations of the approved plan of development and operation. The AO is authorized to grant a reasonable extension of the six-month period herein prescribed for submission of the initial

plan of development and operation where such action is justified because of unusual conditions or circumstances.

After completion of a well capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities, no further wells, except such as may be necessary to afford protection against operations not under this agreement and such as may be specifically approved by the AO, shall be drilled except in accordance with an approved plan of development and operation.

11. PARTICIPATION AFTER DISCOVERY. Upon completion of a well capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities, or as soon thereafter as required by the AO, the Unit Operator shall submit for approval by the AO, a schedule, based on subdivision of the public land survey or aliquot parts thereof, of all land then regarded as reasonably proved to be productive of unitized substances in paying quantities. These lands shall constitute a participating area on approval of the AO, effective as of the date of completion of such well or the effective date of this unit agreement, whichever is later. The acreages of both Federal and non-Federal lands shall be based upon appropriate computations from the courses and distances shown on the last approved public land survey as of the effective date of each initial participating area. The schedule shall also set forth the percentage of unitized substances to be allocated, as provided in Section 12, to each committed tract in the participating area so established, and shall govern the allocation of production commencing with the effective date of the participating area. A different participating area shall be established for each separate pool or deposit of unitized substances or for any group thereof which is produced as a single pool or zone, and any two or more participating areas so established may be combined into one, on approval of the AO. When production from two or more participating areas is subsequently found to be from a common pool or deposit, the participating areas shall be combined into one, effective as of such appropriate date as may be approved or prescribed by the AO. The participating area or areas so established shall be revised from time to time, subject to the approval of the AO, to include additional lands then regarded as reasonably proved to be productive of unitized substances in paying quantities or which are necessary for unit operations, or to exclude lands then regarded as not reasonably proved to be productive of unitized substances in paying quantities, and the schedule of allocation percentages shall be revised accordingly. The effective date of any revision shall be the first of the month in which the knowledge or information is obtained on which such revision is predicated; provided however, that a more appropriate effective date may be used if justified by Unit Operator and approved by the AO. No land shall be excluded from a participating area on account of depletion of its unitized substances, except that any participating area established under the provisions of this unit agreement shall terminate automatically whenever all completions in the formation on which the participating area is based are abandoned.

It is the intent of this section that a participating area shall represent the area known or reasonably proved to be productive of unitized substances in paying quantities or which are necessary for unit operations; but, regardless of any revision of the participating area, nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring any retroactive adjustment for production obtained prior to the effective date of the revision of the participating area.

In the absence of agreement at any time between the Unit Operator and the AO as to the proper definition or redefinition of a participating area, or until a participating area has, or areas have,

been established, the portion of all payments affected thereby shall, except royalty due the United States and the State of New Mexico, be impounded in a manner mutually acceptable to the owners of committed working interests. Royalties due the United States and the State of New Mexico shall be determined by the AO and State and the amount thereof shall be deposited, as directed by the AO and State, until a participating area is finally approved and then adjusted in accordance with a determination of the sum due as Federal or State royalty on the basis of such approved participating area.

Whenever it is determined, subject to the approval of the AO, that a well drilled under this agreement is not capable of production of unitized substances in paying quantities and inclusion in a participating area of the land on which it is situated is unwarranted, production from such well shall, for the purpose of settlement among all parties other than working interest owners, be allocated to the land on which the well is located, unless such land is already within the participating area established for the pool or deposit from which such production is obtained. Settlement for working interest benefits from such a nonpaying unit well shall be made as provided in the unit operating agreement.

12. ALLOCATION OF PRODUCTION. All unitized substances produced from a participating area established under this agreement, except any part thereof used in conformity with good operating practices within the unitized area for drilling, operating and other production or development purposes, for repressuring or recycling in accordance with a plan of development and operations that has been approved by the AO, or unavoidably lost, shall be deemed to be produced equally on an acreage basis from the several tracts of unitized land and unleased Federal or State land, if any, included in the participating area established for such production. Each such tract shall have allocated to it such percentage of said production as the number of acres of such tract included in said participating area bears to the total acres of unitized land and unleased Federal or State land, if any, included in said participating area. There shall be allocated to the working interest owner(s) of each tract of unitized land in said participating area, in addition, such percentage of the production attributable to the unleased Federal and State land within the participating area as the number of acres of such unitized tract included in said participating area bears to the total acres of unitized land in said participating area, for the payment of the compensatory royalty specified in Section 17 of this agreement. Allocation of production hereunder for purposes other than for settlement of the royalty, overriding royalty, or payment out of production obligations of the respective working interest owners, including compensatory royalty obligations under Section 17, shall be prescribed as set forth in the unit operating agreement or as otherwise mutually agreed by the affected parties. It is hereby agreed that production of unitized substances from a participating area shall be allocated as provided herein, regardless of whether any wells are drilled on any particular part or tract of the participating area. If any gas produced from one participating area is used for repressuring or recycling purposes in another participating area, the first gas withdrawn from the latter participating area for sale during the life of this agreement, shall be considered to be the gas so transferred, until an amount equal to that transferred shall be so produced for sale and such gas shall be allocated to the participating area from which initially produced as such area was defined at the time that such transferred gas was finally produced and sold.

13. DEVELOPMENT OR OPERATION OF NONPARTICIPATING LAND OR FORMATIONS. Any operator may, with the approval of the AO, at such party's sole risk, costs, and expense, drill a well on the unitized land to test any formation provided the well is outside any participating area established for that formation, unless within 90 days of receipt of notice from said party of his intention to drill the well, the Unit Operator elects and commences to drill the well in a like manner as other wells are drilled by the Unit Operator under this agreement.

If any well drilled under this section by a non-unit operator results in production of unitized substances in paying quantities such that the land upon which it is situated may properly be included in a participating area, such participating area shall be established or enlarged as provided in this agreement and the well shall thereafter be operated by the Unit Operator in accordance with terms of this agreement and the unit operating agreement.

If any well drilled under this section by a non-unit operator that obtains production in quantities insufficient to justify the inclusion of the land upon which such well is situated in a participating area, such well may be operated and produced by the party drilling the same, subject to the conservation requirements of this agreement. The royalties in amount or value of production from any such well shall be paid as specified in the underlying lease and agreements affected.

14. ROYALTY SETTLEMENT. The United States and any State and any royalty owner, who is entitled to take in kind a share of the substances now unitized hereunder shall be hereafter be entitled to the right to take in kind its share of the unitized substances, and Unit Operator, or the non-unit operator in the case of the operation of a well by a non-unit operator as herein provided for in special cases, shall make deliveries of such royalty share taken in kind in conformity with the applicable contracts, laws, and regulations. Settlement for royalty interest not taken in kind shall be made by an operator responsible therefore under existing contracts, laws and regulations, or by the Unit Operator on or before the last day of each month for unitized substances produced during the preceding calendar month; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall operate to relieve the responsible parties of any land from their respective lease obligations for the payment of any royalties due under their leases.

If gas obtained from lands not subject to this agreement is introduced into any participating area hereunder, for use in repressuring, stimulation of production, or increasing ultimate recovery, in conformity with a plan of development and operation approved by the AO, a like amount of gas, after settlement as herein provided for any gas transferred from any other participating area and with appropriate deduction for loss from any cause, may be withdrawn from the formation into which the gas is introduced, royalty free as to dry gas, but not as to any products which may be extracted therefrom; provided that such withdrawal shall be at such time as may be provided in the approved plan of development and operation or as may otherwise be consented to by the AO as conforming to good petroleum engineering practice; and provided further, that such right of withdrawal shall terminate on the termination of this unit agreement.

Royalty due the United States shall be computed as provided in 30 CFR Group 200 and paid in value or delivered in kind as to all unitized substances on the basis of the amounts thereof allocated to unitized Federal land as provided in Section 12 at the rates specified in the respective Federal leases, or at such other rate or rates as may be authorized by law or regulation and approved by the

AO; provided, that for leases on which the royalty rate depends on the daily average production per well, said average production shall be determined in accordance with the operating regulations as though each participating area were a single consolidated lease.

15. RENTAL SETTLEMENT. Rental or minimum royalties due on leases committed hereto shall be paid by the appropriate parties under existing contracts, laws, and regulations, provided that nothing herein contained shall operate to relieve the responsible parties of the land from their respective obligations for the payment of any rental or minimum royalty due under their leases. Rental or minimum royalty for lands of the United States or State of New Mexico subject to this agreement shall be paid at the rate specified in the respective leases from the United States or State unless such rental or minimum royalty is waived, suspended, or reduced by law or by approval of the Secretary or his duly authorized representative.

With respect to any lease on non-Federal land containing provisions which would terminate such lease unless drilling operations are commenced upon the land covered thereby within the time therein specified or rentals are paid for the privilege of deferring such drilling operations, the rentals required thereby shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, be deemed to accrue and become payable during the term thereof as extended by this agreement and until the required drilling operations are commenced upon the land covered thereby, or until some portion of such land is included within a participating area.

16. 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 State or Federal law or regulation.

## 17. DRAINAGE.

- (a) The Unit Operator shall take such measures as the AO deems appropriate and adequate to prevent drainage of unitized substances from unitized land by wells on land not subject to this agreement, which shall include the drilling of protective wells and which may include the payment of a fair and reasonable compensatory royalty, as determined by the AO.
- (b) Whenever a participating area approved under Section 11 of this agreement contains unleased Federal or State lands, the value of 12-1/2 percent of the production that would be allocated to such Federal lands under Section 12 of this agreement, if such lands were leased, committed and entitled to participation and the appropriate State of New Mexico royalty rate, shall be payable as compensatory royalties to the Federal and State Governments. Parties to this agreement holding working interests in committed leases within the applicable participating area shall be responsible for such compensatory royalty payment on the volume of production reallocated from the unleased Federal and State lands to their unitized tracts under Section 12. The value of such production subject to the payment of said royalties shall be determined pursuant to 30 CFR Part 206 and the terms of the State of New Mexico leases, rules and regulations. Payment of compensatory royalties on the production reallocated from unleased Federal and State land to the committed tracts within the participating area shall fulfill the Federal and State royalty obligation for such production, and said production shall be subject to no further Federal royalty assessment under Section 14 of this agreement. Payment of compensatory royalties as provided herein shall accrue from the date the committed tracts in the participating area that includes

unleased Federal and State lands receive a production allocation, and shall be due and payable monthly by the last day of the calendar month next following the calendar month of actual production. If leased Federal or State lands receiving a production allocation from the participating area become unleased, compensatory royalties shall accrue from the date the Federal or State lands become unleased. Payment due under this provision shall end when the unleased Federal or State tract is leased or when production of unitized substances ceases within the participating area and the participating area is terminated, whichever occurs first.

- 18. 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 hereto hereby consent that the Secretary shall and by his approval hereof, or by the approval hereof by his duly authorized representative, does hereby establish, alter, change, or revoke the drilling, producing, rental, minimum royalty, and royalty requirements of Federal leases committed hereto and the regulations in respect thereto to conform said requirements to the provisions of this agreement, and, 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 and every separately owned tract subject to this agreement, regardless of whether there is any development of any particular tract of this unit area.
- (b) Drilling and producing operations performed hereunder upon any tract of unitized lands will be accepted and deemed to be performed upon and for the benefit of each and every tract of unitized land, 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 on all unitized lands pursuant to direction or consent of the AO shall be deemed to constitute such suspension pursuant to such direction or consent as to each and every tract of unitized land. A suspension of drilling or producing operations limited to specified lands shall be applicable only to such lands.
- (d) Each lease, sublease, or contract relating to the exploration, drilling, development, or operation for oil or gas of lands other than those of the United States committed to this agreement 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 Federal lease committed hereto shall continue in force beyond the term so provided therein or by law as to the land committed so long as such lease remains subject hereto, provided that production of unitized substances in paying quantities is established under this unit agreement prior to the expiration date of the term of such lease, or in the event actual drilling operations are commenced on unitized land, in accordance with provisions of this agreement, prior to the end of

the primary term of such lease and are being diligently prosecuted at that time, such lease shall be extended for two years, and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended.

- (f) Each sublease or contract relating to the operation and development
  Of unitized substances from lands of the United States committed to this agreement, which by its
  terms would expire prior to the time at which the underlying lease, as extended by the immediately
  preceding paragraph, will expire 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 the underlying lease as
  such term is herein extended.
- (g) The segregation of any Federal lease committed to this agreement is governed by the following provision in the fourth paragraph of Sec. 17(m) of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended by the Act of September 2, 1960 (74 Stat. 781-784) (30 U.S.C. 226(m)):

"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."

If the public interest requirement is not satisfied, the segregation of a lease and/or extension of a lease pursuant to 43 CFR 3107.3-2 and 43 CFR 3107.4, respectively, shall not be effective.

- (h) Any lease, other than a Federal lease, having only a portion of its lands committed hereto shall be segregated as to the portion committed and the portion not committed, and the provisions of such lease shall apply separately to such segregated portions commencing as of the effective date hereof. In the event any such lease provides for a lump-sum rental payment, such payment shall be prorated between the portions so segregated in proportion to the acreage of the respective tracts.
- 19. COVENANTS RUN WITH THE LAND. The covenants herein shall be construed to be covenants running with the land with respect to the interests 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, royalty, or other 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, photostatic, or certified copy of the instrument of transfer.
- 20. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM. This agreement shall become effective upon approval by the AO and shall automatically terminate five years from said effective date unless:
  - (a) Upon application by the Unit operator such date of expiration is extended by the AO,

- (b) It is reasonably determined prior to the expiration of the fixed term or any extension thereof that the unitized land is incapable of production of unitized substances in paying quantities in the formations tested hereunder, and after notice of intention to terminate this agreement on such ground is given by the Unit Operator to all parties in interest at their last known address, this agreement is terminated with approval of the AO, or
- (c) A valuable discovery of unitized substances in paying quantities has been made or accepted on unitized land during said initial term or any extension thereof, in which event this agreement shall remain in effect for such term and so long thereafter as unitized substances can be produced in quantities sufficient to pay for the cost of producing same from wells on unitized land within any participating area established hereunder. Should production cease and diligent drilling or reworking operations to restore production or new production are not in progress within 60 days and production is not restored or should new production not be obtained in paying quantities on committed lands within this unit area, this agreement will automatically terminate effective the last day of the month in which the last unitized production occurred, or
- (d) It is voluntarily terminated as provided in this agreement. Except as noted herein, this agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the discovery of unitized substances which can be produced in paying quantities by not less than 75 per centum, on an acreage basis, of the working interest owners signatory hereto, with the approval of the AO. The Unit Operator shall give notice of any such approval to all parties hereto.

If the public interest requirement is not satisfied, the approval of this unit by the AO shall be invalid.

21. RATE OF PROSPECTING, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION. The AO is hereby vested with authority to alter or modify from time to time, in his discretion, the quantity and rate of production under this agreement when such quantity and rate are not fixed pursuant to Federal or State law, or do not conform to any Statewide voluntary conservation or allocation program which is established, recognized, and generally adhered to by the majority of operators in such State. The above authority is hereby limited to alteration or modifications which are in the public interest. The public interest to be served and the purpose thereof, must be stated in the order of alteration or modification. Without regard to the foregoing, the AO is also hereby vested with authority to alter or modify from time to time, in his discretion, the rate of prospecting and development and the quantity and rate of production under this agreement when such alteration or modification is in the interest of attaining the conservation objectives stated in this agreement and is not in violation of any applicable Federal or State law.

Powers in this section vested in the AO shall only be exercised after notice to Unit Operator and opportunity for hearing to be held not less than 15 days from notice.

22. APPEARANCES. The Unit Operator shall, after notice to other parties affected, have the right to appear for and on behalf of any and all interests affected hereby before the Department

of the Interior and to appeal from orders issued under the regulations of said Department or to apply for relief from any of said regulations, or in any proceedings relative to operations before the Department, or any other legally constituted authority; provided, however, that any other interested party shall also have the right at its own expense to be heard in any such proceeding.

- 23. NOTICES. All notices, demands, or statements required hereunder to be given or rendered to the parties hereto shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered to the party or parties, or sent by postpaid registered or certified mail, to the last-known address of the party or parties.
- 24. NO WAIVER OF CERTAIN RIGHTS. Nothing contained in this agreement 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 where the unitized lands are located, or of the United States, 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.
- 25. UNAVOIDABLE DELAY. All obligations under this agreement requiring the Unit Operator to commence or continue drilling, or to operate on, or produce unitized substances from any of the lands covered by this agreement, shall be suspended while 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 agencies, unavoidable accidents, uncontrollable delays in transportation, inability to obtain necessary materials or equipment in the open market, or other matters beyond the reasonable control of the Unit Operator, whether similar to matters herein enumerated or not.
- **26. NONDISCRIMINATION.** In connection with the performance of work under this agreement, the Unit Operator agrees to comply with all the provisions of section 202 (1) to (7) inclusive, of Executive Order 11246 (30 FR 12319), as amended, which are hereby incorporated by reference in this agreement.
- 27. 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 unit 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 Federal lands or leases, no payments of funds due the United States shall be withheld, but such funds shall be deposited as directed by the AO, 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.

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

28. NONJOINDER AND SUBSEQUENT JOINDER. If the owner of any substantial interest in a tract within the unit area fails or refuses to subscribe or consent to this agreement, the owner of the working interest in that tract may withdraw the tract from this agreement by written

notice delivered to the proper BLM office and the Unit Operator prior to the approval of this agreement by the AO. Any oil or gas interests in lands within the unit area not committed hereto prior to final approval may thereafter be committed hereto by the owner or owners thereof subscribing or consenting to this agreement, and, if the interest is a working interest, by the owner of such interest also subscribing to the unit operating agreement. After operations are commenced hereunder, the right of subsequent joinder, as provided in this section, by a working interest owner is subject to such requirements or approval(s), if any, pertaining to such joinder, as may be provided for in the unit operating agreement. After final approval hereof, joinder by a nonworking interest owner must be consented to in writing by the working interest owner committed hereto and responsible for the payment of any benefits that may accrue hereunder in behalf of such nonworking interest. A nonworking interest may not be committed to this unit agreement unless the corresponding working interest is committed hereto. Joinder to the unit agreement by a working interest owner, at any time, must be accompanied by appropriate joinder to the unit operating agreement, in order for the interest to be regarded as committed to this agreement. Except as may otherwise herein be provided, subsequent joinders to this agreement shall be effective as of the date of the filing with the AO of duly executed counterparts of all or any papers necessary to establish effective commitment of any interest and/or tract to this agreement.

- 29. COUNTERPARTS. This agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, no one of which needs to be executed by all parties, or 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 such 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 lands within the above-described unit area.
- 30. SURRENDER. Nothing in this agreement shall prohibit the exercise by any working interest owner of the right to surrender vested in such party by any lease, sublease, or operating agreement as to all or any part of the lands covered thereby, provided that each party who will or might acquire such working interest by such surrender or by forfeiture as hereafter set forth, is bound by the terms of this agreement.

If as a result of any such surrender, the working interest rights as to such lands become vested in any party other than the fee owner of the unitized substances, said party may forfeit such rights and further benefits from operations hereunder as to said land to the party next in the chain of title who shall be and become the owner of such working interest.

If as the result of any such surrender or forfeiture working interest rights become vested in the fee owner of the unitized substances, such owner may:

- (a) Accept those working interest rights subject to this agreement and the unit operating agreement; or
- (b) Lease the portion of such land as is included in a participating area established hereunder subject to this agreement and the unit operating agreement; or

(c) Provide for the independent operation of any part of such land that is not then included within a participating area established hereunder.

If the fee owner of the unitized substances does not accept the working interest rights subject to this agreement and the unit operating agreement or lease such lands as above provided within six months after the surrendered or forfeited, working interest rights become vested in the fee owner; the benefits and obligations of operations accruing to such lands under this agreement and the unit operating agreement shall be shared by the remaining owners of the unitized working interests in accordance with their respective working interest ownerships, and such owners of working interests shall compensate the fee owner of unitized substances in such lands by paying sums equal to the rentals, minimum royalties, and royalties applicable to such lands under the lease in effect when the lands were unitized.

An appropriate accounting and settlement shall be made for all benefits accruing to or payments and expenditures made or incurred on behalf of such surrendered or forfeited working interests subsequent to the date of surrender or forfeiture, and payment of any moneys found to be owing by such an accounting shall be made as between the parties within 30 days.

The exercise of any right vested in a working interest owner to reassign such working interest to the party from whom obtained shall be subject to the same conditions as set forth in this section in regard to the exercise of a right to surrender.

- 31. TAXES. The working interest owners shall render and pay for their account and the account of the royalty owners all valid taxes on or measured by the unitized substances in and under or that may be produced, gathered and sold from the land covered by this agreement after its effective date, or upon the proceeds derived therefrom. The working interest owners on each tract shall and may charge the proper proportion of said taxes to royalty owners having interests in said-tract, and may currently retain and deduct a sufficient amount of the unitized substances or derivative products, or net proceeds thereof, from the allocated share of each royalty owner to secure reimbursement for the taxes so paid. No such taxes shall be charged to the United States or to the State of New Mexico or to any lessor who has a contract with his lessee which requires the lessee to pay such taxes.
- 32. NO PARTNERSHIP. It is expressly agreed that the relation of the parties hereto is that of independent contractors and nothing contained in this agreement, expressed or implied, nor any operations conducted hereunder, shall create or be deemed to have created a partnership association between the parties hereto or any of them.
- 33. SURFACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STIPULATIONS. Nothing in this agreement shall modify or change either the special Federal lease stipulations relating to surface management or such special Federal lease stipulations relating to surface and environmental protection, attached to and made a part of, Oil and Gas Leases covering lands within the Unit Area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed and have set opposite their respective na	re caused this agreement to be ames the date of execution.
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# **Unit Agreement Guidelines**

- 1. Executed agreement to be legally complete.
- 2. Agreement submitted for approval must contain Exhibit A and B in accordance with models shown in  $\S3186.1-1$  and  $\S3186.102$  of this title.
- 3. Consents should be identified (in pencil) by tract numbers as listed in Exhibit B and assembled in that order as far as practical. Unit agreements submitted for approval shall include a list of the overriding royalty interest owners who have executed ratifications of the unit agreement. Subsequent joinders by overriding royalty interest owners shall be submitted in the same manner, except each must include or be accompanied by a statement that the corresponding working interest owner has consented in writing to such joinder. Original ratifications of overriding royalty owners will be kept on file by the unit Operator or his designated agent.
- 4. All leases held by option should be noted on Exhibit B with an explanation as to the type of option, i.e., whether for operating rights only, for full leasehold record title, or for certain interests to be earned by performance. In all instances, optionee committing such interests is expected to exercise option promptly.
- 5. All owners of oil and gas interests must be invited to joint the unit agreement, and statement to that effect must accompany executed agreement, together with summary of results of such invitations. A written reason for all interest owners who have not joined shall be furnished by the unit operator.
- 6. In the event fish and wildlife lands are included, and the following as a separate section:

"Wildlife Stipulation. Nothing in this agreement shall modify the special Federal lease stipulations applicable to lands under the jurisdiction of the United State Fish and Wildlife Service."

7. In the event National Forest System lands are included within the unit area, add the following as a separate section:

"Forest Land Stipulation. Notwithstanding any other terms and conditions contained in this agreement, all of the stipulations and conditions of the individual leases between the United States and its lessees or their successors or assigns embracing lands within the unit area included for the protection of lands or functions under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture shall remain in full force and effect the same as though this agreement had not been entered into, and no modification thereof is authorized except with the prior consent in writing of the Regional Forester, United States Forest Service,

9. In the event reclamation lands are included, add the following as a new separate section:

"Reclamation Lands. Nothing in this agreement shall modify the special Federal lease stipulations applicable to lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of reclamation."

10. In the event a powersite is embraced in the proposed unit area, the following section should be added:

"Powersite. Nothing in this agreement shall modify the special Federal lease stipulations applicable to lands under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission."

11. In the event special surface stipulations have been attached to any of the Federal oil and gas leases to be included, add the following as a separate section:

"Special Surface Stipulations. Nothing in this agreement shall modify the special Federal lease stipulations attached to the individual Federal oil leases."

- 12. In the event State lands are included in the proposed unit area, add the appropriate State Lands Section as separate section. (See §3181.4(a) of this title).
- 13. In the event restricted Indian lands are involved, consult the AO regarding the appropriate requirements under §3181.4(b) of this title.
- 14. In the event a prior well was completed within the unit area include the following as the first paragraph of Section 11, Participation After Discovery:

"Determination as to whether a well completed within the Unit Area prior to the effective date of this agreement is capable of producing unitized substances in paying quantities shall be deferred until an initial participating area is established as the result of the completion of a well for production in paying quantities in accordance with Section 9 hereof."

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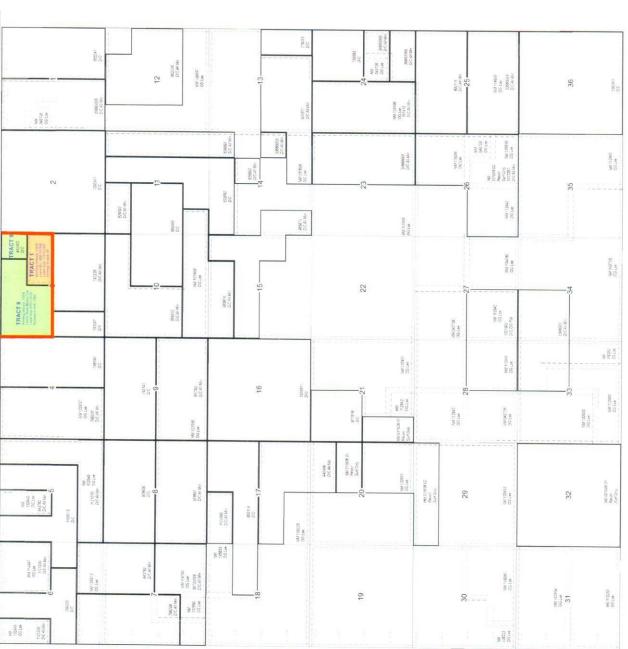
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Recording Supplement

Attached to and made part of the Unit Operating Agreement by and between Tap Rock Operating, LLC, as Operator, and Tap Rock Resources, LLC, et al, as Non-Operators for the Seinfeld Unit Area located in Lea County, New Mexico

# MEMORANDUM OF UNIT OPERATING AGREEMENT, MORTAGE AND FINANCING STATEMENT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO	8
COUNTY OF LEA	8

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between Tap Rock Operating, LLC, as "Unit Operator", and the signatory parties other than Operator, hereinafter referred to individually as "Non-Operator," and collectively as "Non-Operators."

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are owners of Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests in the lands identified in Exhibit "A" (said land, Leases and Interests being hereinafter called the "Unit Area");

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have executed a Unit Operating Agreement dated	
for the purpose of exploring and developing such lands, Leases and Interests for Oil and O	Area
and	

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have executed this agreement for the purpose of imparting notice to all persons of the rights and obligations of the parties under the Unit Operating Agreement and for the further purpose of perfecting those rights capable of perfection.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual rights and obligations of the parties hereto, it is agreed as follows:

- 1. This agreement supplements the Unit Operating Agreement, which Agreement in its entirety is incorporated herein by reference, and all terms used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Unit Operating Agreement.
- 2. The parties do hereby agree that:
- A. The Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests of the parties comprising the Unit Area shall be subject to and burdened with the terms and provisions of this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement, and the parties do hereby commit such Leases and Interests to the performance thereof.
- B. The exploration and development of the Unit Area for Oil and Gas shall be governed by the terms and provisions of the Unit Operating Agreement, as supplemented by this agreement.
  - C. All costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement and the Unit



Operating Agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and materials acquired in operations on the Unit Area shall be owned, by the parties hereto, as provided in the Unit Operating Agreement.

- D. Regardless of the record title ownership to the Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests identified on Exhibit "A," all production of Oil and Gas from the Unit Area shall be owned by the parties as provided in the Unit Operating Agreement; provided nothing contained in this agreement shall be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby.
- E. Each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, all burdens on its share of the production from the Unit Area as provided in the Unit Operating Agreement.
- F. An overriding royalty, production payment, net profits interest or other burden payable out of production hereafter created, assignments of production given as security for the payment of money and those overriding royalties, production payments and other burdens payable out of production heretofore created and defined as Subsequently Created Interests in the Unit Operating Agreement shall be (i) borne solely by the party whose interest is burdened therewith, (ii) subject to suspension if a party is required to assign or relinquish to another party an interest which is subject to such burden, and (iii) subject to the lien and security interest hereinafter provided if the party subject to such burden fails to pay its share of expenses chargeable hereunder and under the Unit Operating Agreement, all upon the terms and provisions and in the times and manner provided by the Unit Operating Agreement.
- G. The Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests which are subject hereto may not be assigned or transferred except in accordance with those terms, provisions and restrictions in the Unit Operating Agreement regulating such transfers. This agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, and assigns, and the terms hereof shall be deemed to run with the Oil and Gas Leases and Oil Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests within the Unit Area.
- H. The parties shall have the right to acquire an interest in wells proposed to be abandoned and interests to be relinquished as a result of non-participation in operations, all in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Unit Operating Agreement.
- I. The rights and obligations of the parties, the adjustment of interests, each party's right to propose operations, obligations with respect to participation in operations on the Unit Area, the consequences of a failure to participate in operations, the rights and obligations of the parties regarding the marketing of production, and the rights and remedies of the parties for failure to comply with financial obligations shall be as provided in the Unit Operating Agreement.
- J. Each party's interest under this agreement and under the Unit Operating Agreement shall be subject to relinquishment for its failure to participate in subsequent operations and each party's share of production and costs shall be reallocated on the basis of such relinquishment, all upon the terms and provisions provided in the Unit Operating Agreement.
- K. All other matters with respect to exploration and development of the Unit Area and the ownership and transfer of the Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interest therein shall be governed by the terms and provisions of the Unit Operating Agreement.
- 3. The parties hereby grant reciprocal liens and security interests as follows:
  - A. Each party grants to the other parties hereto a lien upon any interest it now owns

or hereafter acquires in Oil and Gas Leases and Oil and Gas Interests in the Unit Area, and a security interest and/or purchase money security interest in any interest it now owns or hereafter acquires in the personal property and fixtures on or used or obtained for use in connection therewith, to secure performance of all of its obligations under this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement including but not limited to payment of expense, interest and fees, the proper disbursement of all monies paid under this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement, the assignment or relinquishment of interest in Oil and Gas Leases as required under this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement, and the proper performance of operations under this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement. Such lien and security interest granted by each party hereto shall include such party's leasehold interests, working interests, operating rights, and royalty and overriding royalty interests in the Unit Area now owned or hereafter acquired and in lands pooled or unitized therewith or otherwise becoming subject to this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement, the Oil and Gas when extracted therefrom and equipment situated thereon or used or obtained for use in connection therewith (including, without limitation, all wells, tools, and tubular goods), and accounts (including, without limitation, accounts arising from the sale of production at the wellhead), contract rights, inventory and general intangibles relating thereto or arising therefrom, and all proceeds and products of the foregoing.

- B. Each party represents and warrants to the other parties hereto that the lien and security interest granted by such party to the other parties shall be a first and prior lien, and each party hereby agrees to maintain the priority of said lien and security interest against all persons acquiring an interest in Oil and Gas Leases and Oil and Gas Interests covered by this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement by, through or under such party. All parties acquiring an interest in Oil and Gas Leases and Oil and Gas Interests covered by this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement, whether by assignment, merger, mortgage, operation of law, or otherwise, shall be deemed to have taken subject to the lien and security interest granted by the Unit Operating Agreement and this instrument as to all obligations attributable to such interest under this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement whether or not such obligations arise before or after such interest is acquired.
- C. To the extent that the parties have a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the state in which the Unit Area is situated, they shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the obtaining of judgment by a party for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any party in the payment of its share of expenses, interest or fees, or upon the improper use of funds by the Operator, the other parties shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such defaulting party's share of Oil and Gas until the amount owed by such party, plus interest, has been received, and shall have the right to offset the amount owed against the proceeds from the sale of such defaulting party's share of Oil and Gas. All purchasers of production may rely on a notification of default from the non-defaulting party or parties stating the amount due as a result of the default, and all parties waive any recourse available against purchasers for releasing production proceeds as provided in this paragraph.
- D. If any party fails to pay its share of expenses within one hundred-twenty (120) days after rendition of a statement therefor by Operator the non-defaulting parties, including Operator, shall, upon request by Operator, pay the unpaid amount in the proportion that the

interest of each such party bears to the interest of all such parties. The amount paid by each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall be secured by the liens and security rights described in this paragraph 3 and in the Unit Operating Agreement, and each paying party may independently pursue any remedy available under the Unit Operating Agreement or otherwise.

- E. If any party does not perform all of its obligations under this agreement or the Unit Operating Agreement, and the failure to perform subjects such party to foreclosure or execution proceedings pursuant to the provisions of this agreement or the Unit Operating Agreement, to the extent allowed by governing law, the defaulting party waives any available right of redemption from and after the date of judgment, any required valuation or appraisement of the mortgaged or secured property prior to sale, any available right to stay execution or to require a marshalling of assets and any required bond in the event a receiver is appointed. In addition, to the extent permitted by applicable law, each party hereby grants to the other parties a power of sale as to any property that is subject to the lien and security rights granted hereunder or under the Unit Operating Agreement, such power to be exercised in the manner provided by applicable law or otherwise in a commercially reasonable manner and upon reasonable notice.
- F. The lien and security interest granted in this paragraph 3 supplements the rights granted under the Unit Operating Agreement.
- G. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Non-Operators agree that Operator may invoke or utilize the mechanics' or materialmen's lien law of the state in which the Unit Area is situated in order to secure the payment to Operator of any sum due under this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement for services performed or materials supplied by Operator.
- H. The above described security will be financed at the wellhead of the well or wells located on the Unit Area and this Recording Supplement may be filed in the land records in the County or Parish in which the Unit Area is located, and as a financing statement in all recording offices required under the Uniform Commercial Code or other applicable state statutes to perfect the above-described security interest, and any party hereto may file a continuation statement as necessary under the Uniform Commercial Code, or other state laws.
- 4. This agreement shall be effective as of the date of the Unit Operating Agreement as above recited. Upon termination of this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement and the satisfaction of all obligations thereunder, Operator is authorized to file of record in all necessary recording offices a notice of termination, and each party hereto agrees to execute such a notice of termination as to Operator's interest, upon the request of Operator, if Operator has complied with all of its financial obligations.
- 5. This agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. No sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition shall be made by any party of any interest in the Leases or Interests subject hereto except as expressly permitted under the Unit Operating Agreement and, if permitted, shall be made expressly subject to this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement and without prejudice to the rights of the other parties. If the transfer is permitted, the assignee of an ownership interest in any Oil and Gas Lease shall be deemed a party to this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement as to the interest assigned from and after the effective date of the transfer of ownership; provided, however, that the other parties shall not be required to recognize any such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition for any purpose hereunder until thirty (30) days after they have received a copy of the instrument of transfer or other satisfactory evidence thereof in writing from the transferor or transferee. No assignment or other disposition of interest by a party shall

relieve such party of obligations previously incurred by such party under this agreement or the Unit Operating Agreement with respect to the interest transferred, including without limitation the obligation of a party to pay all costs attributable to an operation conducted under this agreement and the Unit Operating Agreement in which such party has agreed to participate prior to making such assignment, and the lien and security interest granted by Section 28.3 of the Unit Operating Agreement and hereby shall continue to burden the interest transferred to secure payment of any such obligations.

- 6. In the event of a conflict between the terms and provisions of this agreement and the terms and provisions of the Unit Operating Agreement, then, as between the parties, the terms and provisions of the Unit Operating Agreement shall control.
- 7. This agreement shall be binding upon each Non-Operator when this agreement or a counterpart thereof has been executed by such Non-Operator and Operator notwithstanding that this agreement is not then or thereafter executed by all of the parties to which it is tendered or which are listed on Exhibit "A" as owning an interest in the Unit Area or which own, in fact, an interest in the Unit Area. In the event that any provision herein is illegal or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall not be affected, and shall be enforced as if the illegal or unenforceable provision did not appear herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreemed	ent shall be effective as of the	day of
OPERATOR AND WORKING INTEREST OW	NER:	
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NONOPERATOR AND WORKING INTEREST	OWNER:	
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ATTEST:

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

STATE OF	§
COUNTY OF	§
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	Notary Public in and for the State of Notary's Name Printed: Notary's commission expires:
STATE OF Texas COUNTY OF Harris	§
This instrument was acknowledged l	perfore me on July 20, 2020 by Brandon resident of Franklin Mountain on behalf of said
LOIS FAY STASTNY Notary ID #5397796 My Commission Expires May 16, 2021	Notary Public in and for the State of Texas  Notary's Name Printed: Lois Fay Stast-Y  Notary's commission expires: 5-16-2021

# Exhibit "A" Description of Unit Area

Attached to and made a part of that certain Memorandum of Unit Operating Agreement, Mortgage and Financing Statement by and between Tap Rock Operating, LLC, as Operator, and Tap Rock Resources, LLC, et al, as Non-Operator(s).

# Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM

Section 22: All

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Comprising 4,043.44 acres, more or less, in Lea County, New Mexico



# United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT New Mexico State Office 301 Dinosaur Trail Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508 www.blm.gov/new-mexico

In Reply Refer To: 3180 (NM92500) NMNM 141169X

May 22, 2020

Reference:

Application and Request for Designation Seinfeld Federal Exploratory Unit NMNM 141169X

Dana Arnold Tap Rock Resources 602 Park Point Drive Suite 200 Golden, CO 80401

Dear Dana Arnold:

Your application of May 22, 2020, filed with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) New Mexico State Office (NMSO), requests the re-designation of the **Seinfeld Federal Exploratory Unit** area, embracing **4,043.44 acres**, more or less, in Lea County, New Mexico, as logically subject to exploration and development under the unitization provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended.

Pursuant to public interest requirements and unit plan regulations 43 CFR 3180, the land requested, as outlined on your plat marked Exhibit "A", Seinfeld Federal Exploratory Unit, Lea County, New Mexico, is hereby designated as a logical unit area and has been assigned agreement number NMNM 141169X. This unit designation is for all oil and gas in any and all formations of the unitized lands and is valid for a period of one year from the date of this letter.

The unit agreement submitted for the area designated will provide for the drilling of one (1) obligation well to test the **Wolfcamp formation** with at least a one-mile horizontal well in the following location:

Name: Gipple Fed Com 214H

Surface Hole Location: SE ¼ SE ¼, Section 33, T.24S, 35E Bottom Hole Location: NE ¼ NE ¼, Section 28, T.24S, 35E

As stated in Section 3 in the unit agreement unitized substances are as follows:

ATTACHMENT 6

All land now or hereafter committed to this agreement shall constitute land referred to herein as "unitized land" or "land subject to this agreement." All oil and gas in any and all formations of the unitized lands are unitized under the terms of this agreement and herein are called "unitized substances."

Participating areas within the Seinfeld Unit area shall encompass those lands proven capable of production of unitized substances in paying quantities and shall be based on the productive drainage areas of individual unit wells as determined by reasonable economical, geological, and engineering analysis.

Any producible wells that exist in the unit area prior to unitization will not be considered for recognition as unit wells until after establishment of an initial participating area based on the aforementioned obligation well.

If conditions are such that further modification of said standard form is deemed necessary, two copies of the proposed modifications with appropriate justification must be re-submitted to this office for preliminary approval. In the absence of any type of land requiring special provisions or of any objections not now apparent, a duly executed agreement identical with said form, modified as outlined above, will be considered for approval if submitted in approvable status within one (1) year from receipt of this letter. However, notice is hereby given that the right is reserved to deny approval of any executed agreement submitted that, in our opinion, does not serve the public interest or does not have the full commitment of sufficient lands to afford effective control of operations in the unit area.

Please include a separate recapitulation table of the latest commitment status of the interests in each tract when the executed agreement is submitted for final approval.

In preparing Exhibits "A" and "B", the format of the sample exhibits of the model form shall be followed. A minimum of three copies of the executed agreement shall be submitted with your request for final approval.

As provided in 43 CFR 3165.3(b), you may request an administrative review of this decision before the State Director. Per 43 CFR 3165.4, you may appeal any instructions, orders, or decisions issued by the BLM New Mexico State Office directly to the Interior Board of Land Appeals pursuant to the regulations found at 43 CFR 4. A copy of Form 1842-1, Information on Taking Appeals to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, is enclosed.

Sincerely,

**JAMES** 

GLOVER

Digitally signed by JAMES GLOVER Date: 2020.05.22

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James Glover

Chief, Branch of Reservoir Management

BLM New Mexico

# Enclosures

- 1 Designated Seinfeld Federal Exploratory Unit Agreement 2 BLM Form 1842-1

cc:

NM92500, M. Dupre



June 11, 2020

Cayuga Royalties, LLC P. O. Box 540711 Houston, Texas 77254

RE: Seinfeld Unit Agreement and Unit Operating Agreement

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As a Royalty Interest Owner in the Unit Area, please execute and notarize the Ratification and Joinder where indicated and return to my attention at the letterhead address. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

If you have any questions please contact Erica Hixson at <a href="mailto:ehixson@taprk.com">ehixson@taprk.com</a> or 720-460-3316.

Sincerely,

RACHELLE ROLL

Rachelle Reese

Senior Land Administrator 720-460-3495

rreese@taprk.com



June 8, 2020

Franklin Mountain Energy LLC 2401 E. 2nd Avenue, Suite 300 Denver, CO 80206

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If you have any questions please contact Erica Hixson at <a href="mailto:ehixson@taprk.com">ehixson@taprk.com</a> or 720-460-3316.

Sincerely,

TAP ROCK OPERATING, LLC

Rachelle Roll

Rachelle Reese

Senior Land Administrator 720-460-3495

rreese@taprk.com

In consideration of the execution of the Unit Agreement for the Development and Operation of the Scinfeld Unit Area, located in Lea County, New Mexico, which has received preliminary approval on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, 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, and also said Unit Operating 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 u interest.	pon the undersigned, its heirs, devisees, assignees or successors in	
EXECUTED this HM day of JUN	, 2020.	
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STATE OF	§	
COUNTY OF	§	
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Witness my hand and official seal:		
	Notary Public	-
My Commission Expires Tuly 15, 2022	DAVID FEHN Notary ID #128328424 My Commission Expires July 15, 2022	
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EXECUTED this q day of Tune , 2020.

Name Telf Beard To Title: Executive Vice Prosidor

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STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF Midland §
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Witness my hand and official seal:
MARTA K. RUIZ  Notary Public, State of Texas  Comm. Expires 08-12-2022  Notary ID 128353645  My Commission Expires  8.12.2032
INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Vice President of Franklin Mountain Energy

this 20th day of July , 2020. Witness my hand and official seal: Notary Public Staston LOIS FAY STASTNY Notary ID #5397796 Commission Expires May 16, 2021 5-16-2021 INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATE OF 8 COUNTY OF This instrument was acknowledged before me by \_ this Witness my hand and official seal: Notary Public

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EXECUTED this 15 day of May , 2020.

My Commission Expires

May 2, 2021

Name: Clayton Sponch Title: VP and & legal

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COUNTY OF Dallas	
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Witness my hand and official seal:	
CRAIG PAYNTER Notary ID #125972535 My Commission Expires May 2, 2021	Notary Public

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#### TAP ROCK OPERATING, LLC

602 Park Point Dr, Golden, Colorado 80401 Authorization For Expenditure

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Gipple Fed Com #214H AFE #:

Date: March 24 2020 MD/TVD: 23175 / 12515 Lateral Length: 10210 Geologic Target: Wolfcamp A

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VP - EXPLORATION	CEO
VP - OPERATIONS	CFO
SENIOR GEOLOGIST	P - LAND & LEGAL
SENIOR GEOLOGIST	P - LAND & LEGAL

NON	OPERATING PARTNER APPROVAL:	
COMPA	NY NAME:	
SIGNED BY:	ТПТ.Е;	_
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# STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF TAP ROCK OPERATING, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF A UNIT AGREEMENT LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. 21367

## AFFIDAVIT OF EMILY LANGE

I, being duly sworn on oath, state the following:

- 1. I am over the age of 18, and I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
- 2. I am employed as a petroleum geologist for Tap Rock Operating, LLC ("Tap Rock"), and I am familiar with the subject applications and the geology involved.
- 3. This affidavit is submitted in connection with the filing by Tap Rock of the above-referenced compulsory pooling applications pursuant to 19.15.4.12.A(1) NMAC.
- 4. I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as an expert witness in petroleum geology matters. My credentials as a petroleum geologist have been accepted by the Division and made a matter of record.
  - a. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Geology from the University of Southern California, which I completed in 2012. I am currently working towards a Master's degree in Geology at Southern Methodist University.
  - b. I have been employed as a petroleum geologist since 2013. I have worked in New Mexico since 2015.
  - 5. Exhibits 11-14 are Gun Barrel diagrams showing the planned Wolfcamp horizontal spacing for the Unit. These diagrams show the existing development, as well as the projected development in the Wolfcamp. In Exhibit 11, moving from West to East, the

wells are spaced approximately 550' away, at their closest, from the nearest well in the same zone. In Exhibits 12-14, moving from West to East all wells are spaced 660' away from the nearest well in the same zone. Green circles represent drilled and producing wells, blue circles represent drilled and not yet producing wells & orange circles represent near term future development. The Gipple 214H, shown on Exhibit 11, is the Initial Obligation Well for the Unit. Tap Rock has also identified an additional deeper target, denoted by a black dashed circle, that is uniformly deposited across the Unit, and will be developed at a future date as an exploration target within the Wolfcamp C horizon. A nearby type log has been included (for log descriptions, see Exhibit 17) to show approximate depths and reservoir quality of the selected landing zones.

- 6. **Exhibit 15** is a Wolfcamp Subsea Structure Map. The map shows the location of the Seinfeld Unit outlined by the purple box. The map is the top of the Wolfcamp formation in subsea vertical depth with contour intervals of 25'. Control points for the structure are shown with values in purple. There is a monoclinal dip down to the southwest. The orientation of the Seinfeld Unit wells will be approximately along strike. Offset producers are shown with circles identifying specific Wolfcamp targets. I do not observe any major faulting, pinch-outs, or other geologic impediments or hazards to developing this targeted interval with horizontal wells.
- 7. **Exhibit 16** is Wolfcamp Isopach Map. The map shows the location of the Seinfeld Unit outlined by the purple box. The map is the thickness of the Wolfcamp section with contour intervals of 10°. Control points for the isopach are shown with values in purple. The Wolfcamp thickens to the southwest. Offset producers are shown with circles identifying specific Wolfcamp targets. I do not observe any major faulting, pinch-outs, or other geologic impediments or hazards to developing this targeted interval with horizontal wells.

- 8. Exhibit 17 shows the Wolfcamp Targets in the Unit with a Wolfcamp Stratigraphic Cross Section (flattened on the top of the Third Bone Spring Sand horizon). Each well displays a triple combo log. Track 1 has a gamma ray log with interpreted color fill for lithology scaled from 0 to 200 api units and a caliper log scaled from 0 to 16. For gamma ray, the blue colors indicate carbonate, yellow to orange are sandstone/siltstones, and the darker browns are shale facies. For caliper, higher values indicate irregularities in hole diameter. Track 2 has the deep resistivity log, scaled from 0.2 ohm\*m to 2000 ohm\*m. Track 3 is the porosity track and contains the red neutron porosity curve and the blue density porosity curve, both scaled from 30% to -10%. The pink shading on the neutron porosity curve highlights anything greater than 15% to identify zones with increased clay content. The green shading on the density porosity curve highlights anything greater than 10% porosity. This density cutoff indicates the best rock properties for reservoir evaluation. The cross-section identifies the key tops used to evaluate reservoirs and landing targets for the Seinfeld Unit Wells. Orange color-filled circles on the depth track of Well 1 and the black dashed circle on Well 2 represent planned & future landing targets, respectively, for the Wells. The targeted reservoir has a thickness from ~500-650', and exhibits consistent reservoir facies throughout the Unit.
- 9. **Exhibits 18-21** are Gun Barrel diagrams showing the planned Bone Spring horizontal spacing for the Unit. These diagrams show the existing development, as well as the projected development in the Bone Spring. Moving from West to East, the wells are spaced approximately 550' away, at their closest, from the nearest well in the same zone. In **Exhibits 18-19**, moving from West to East all wells are spaced 1,320' away from the nearest well in the same zone for the First Bone Sand target. Green circles represent drilled and producing wells & orange

circles represent near term future development. Tap Rock has also identified additional targets, denoted by a black dashed circle, that are uniformly deposited across the Unit, and will be developed at a future date as exploration targets within the Upper Avalon, Second Bone Spring Sand, and Third Bone Spring Carbonate horizons. A nearby type log has been included (for log descriptions, see **Exhibit 24**) to show approximate depths and reservoir quality of the selected landing zones.

- 10. **Exhibit 22** is a Bone Spring Subsea Structure Map. The map shows the location of the Seinfeld Unit outlined by the purple box. The map is the top of the Bone Spring formation in subsea vertical depth with contour intervals of 25'. Control points for the structure are shown with values in purple. There is a monoclinal dip down to the west. The orientation of the Seinfeld Unit wells will be approximately along strike. Offset producers are shown with circles identifying specific Bone Spring targets. I do not observe any major faulting, pinch-outs, or other geologic impediments or hazards to developing this targeted interval with a horizontal well.
- 11. **Exhibit 23** is Bone Spring Isopach Map. The map shows the location of the Seinfeld Unit outlined by the purple box. The map is the thickness of the Bone Spring section with contour intervals of 10°. Control points for the isopach are shown with values in purple. The Bone Spring thickens to the southwest. Offset producers are shown with circles identifying specific Wolfcamp targets. I do not observe any major faulting, pinch-outs, or other geologic impediments or hazards to developing this targeted interval with a horizontal well.
- 12. **Exhibit 24** shows the Bone Spring Targets in the Unit with a Bone Spring Stratigraphic Cross Section (flattened on the top of the Bone Spring horizon). Each well displays a triple combo log. Track 1 has a gamma ray log with interpreted color fill for lithology scaled from 0 to 200 api units and a caliper log scaled from 0 to 16. For gamma ray, the blue colors

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- 13. Based on my geologic study of the area, I conclude the following:
  - a. The Unit is justified from a geologic standpoint.
  - b. There are no structural impediments or faulting that will interfere with horizontal development.
- 14. The Exhibits to this Affidavit were prepared by me, or compiled from Tap Rock's company business records.
- 15. The granting of this Application is in the interests of conservation and the prevention of waste.
  - 16. The foregoing is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYET	HN	AU	UHI
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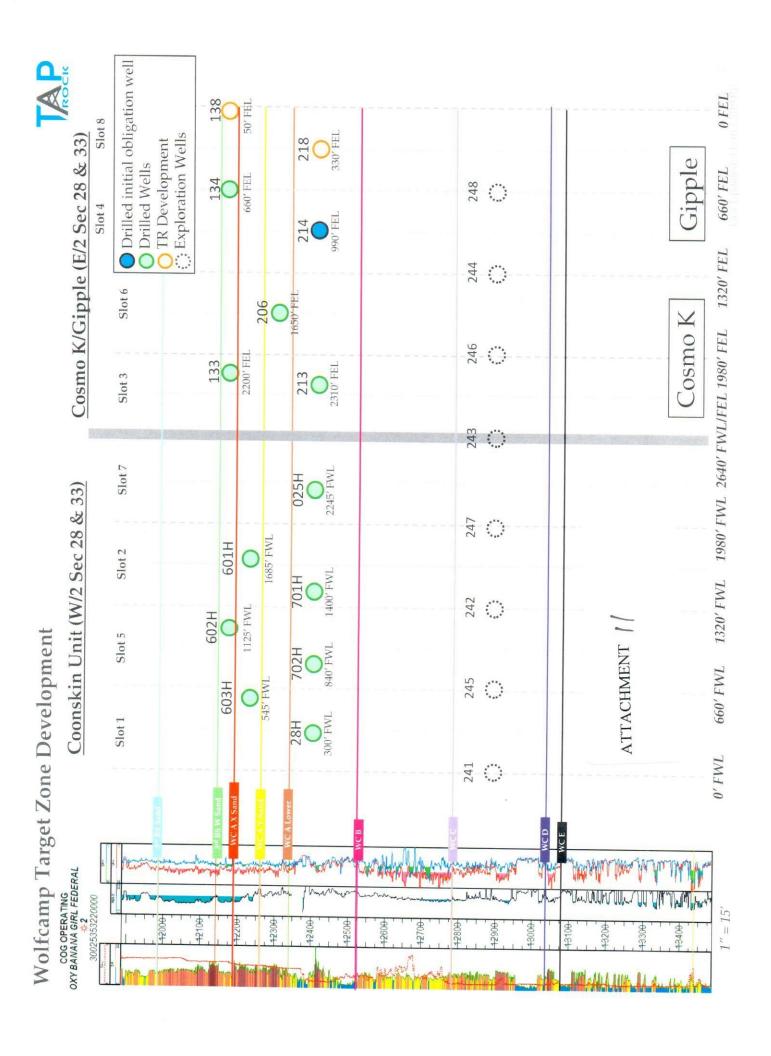
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Subscribed to and sworn before me this day of August , 2020.

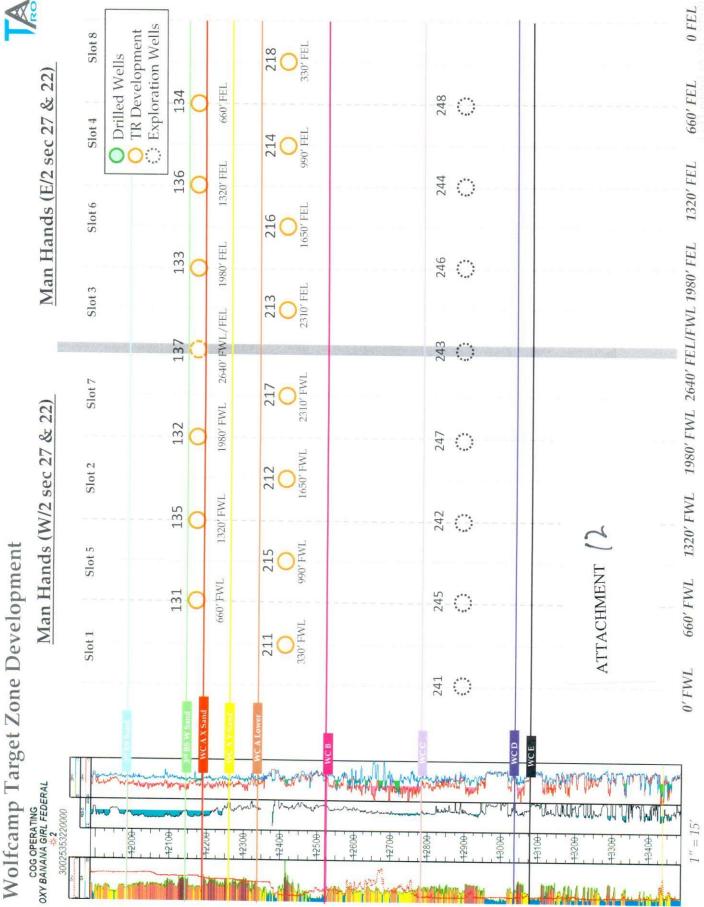
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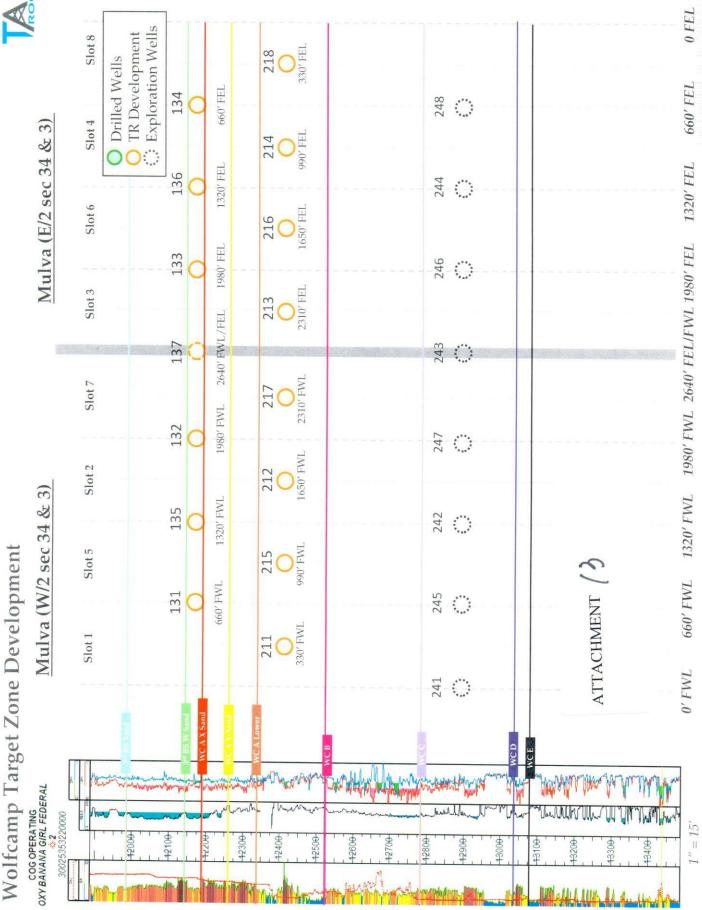
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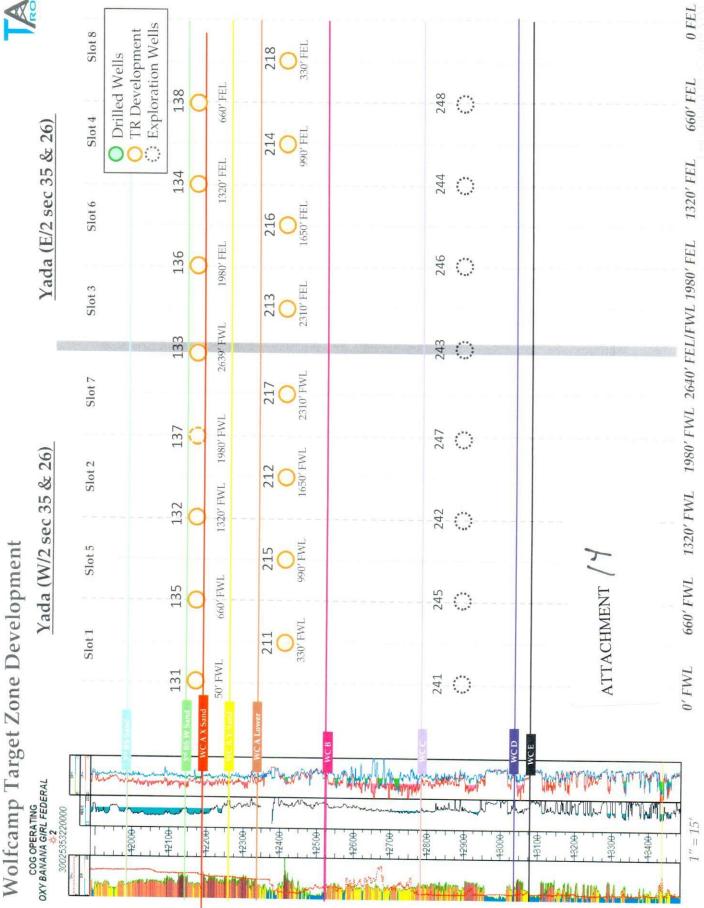




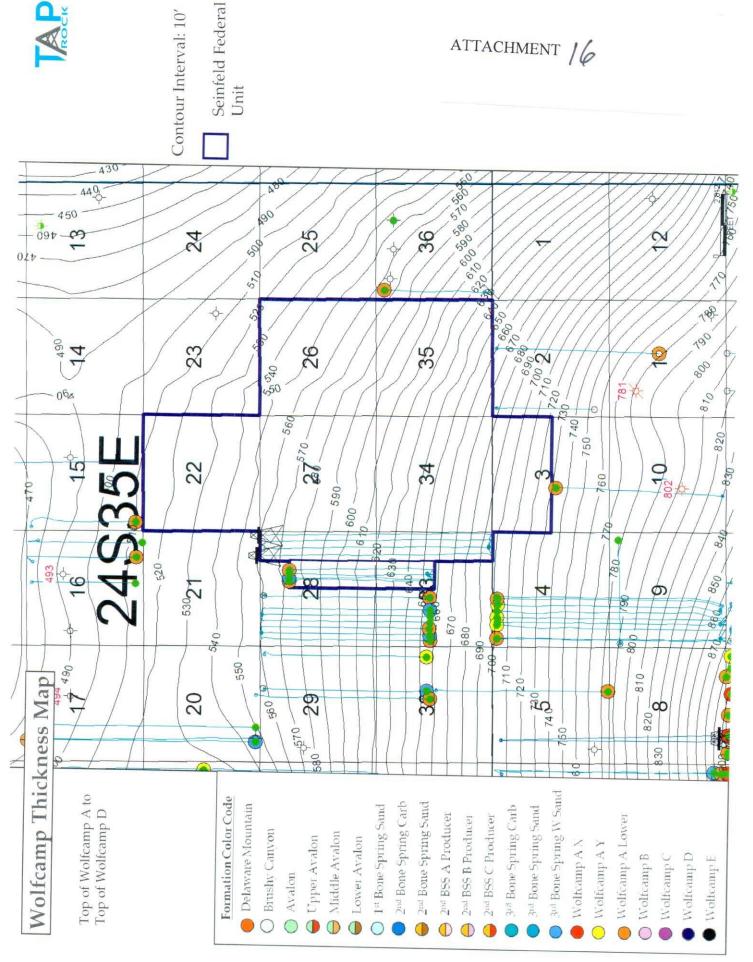






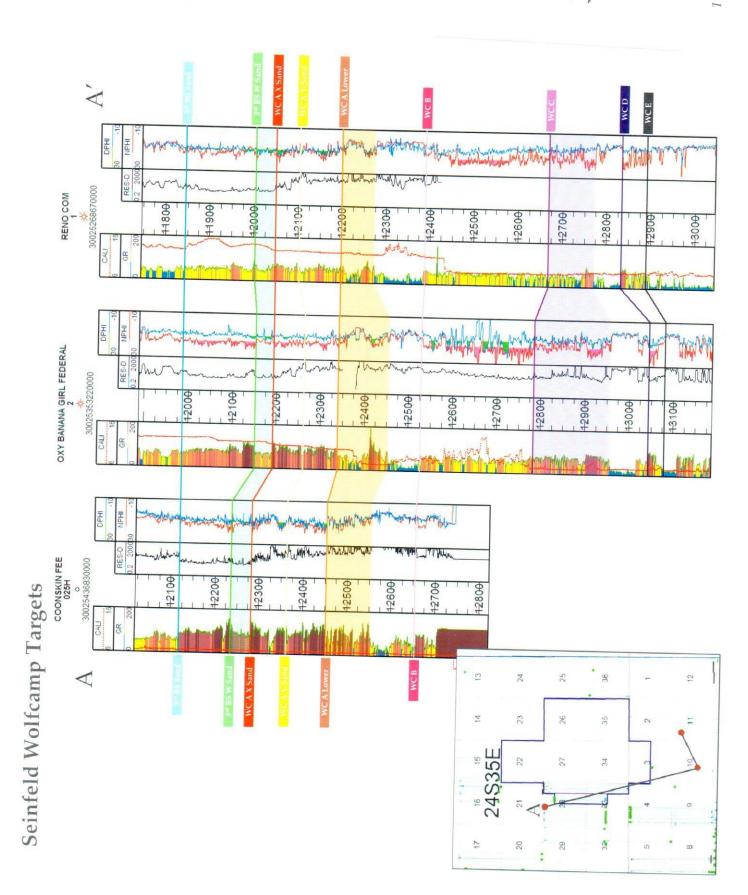


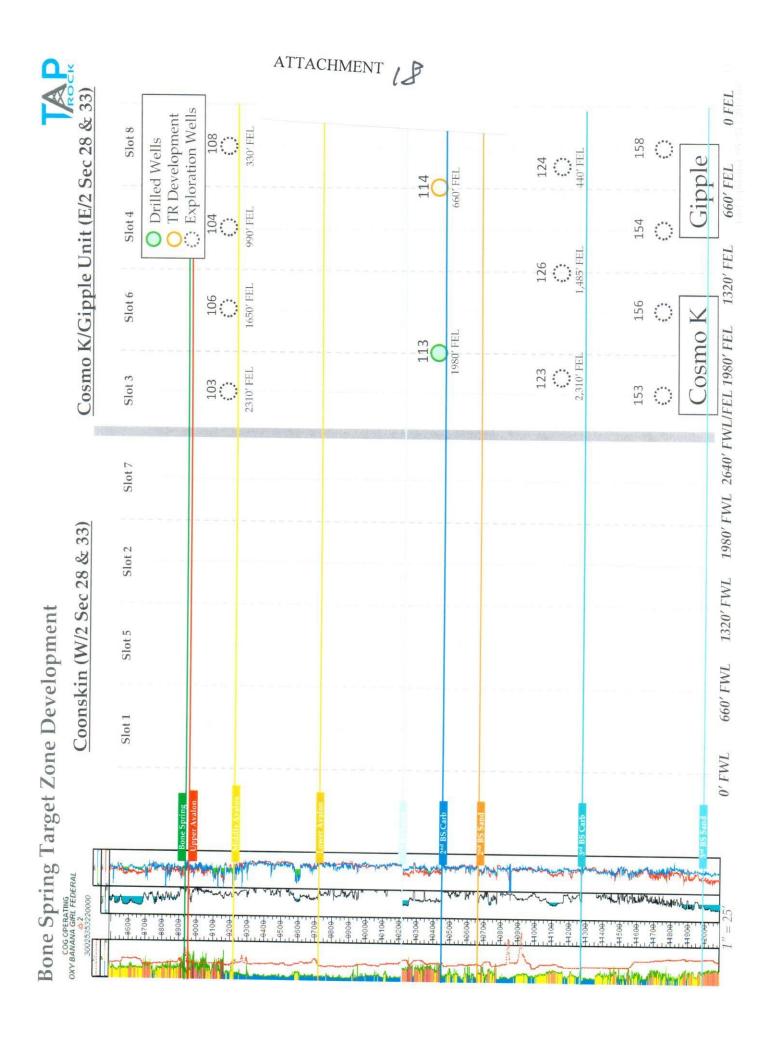


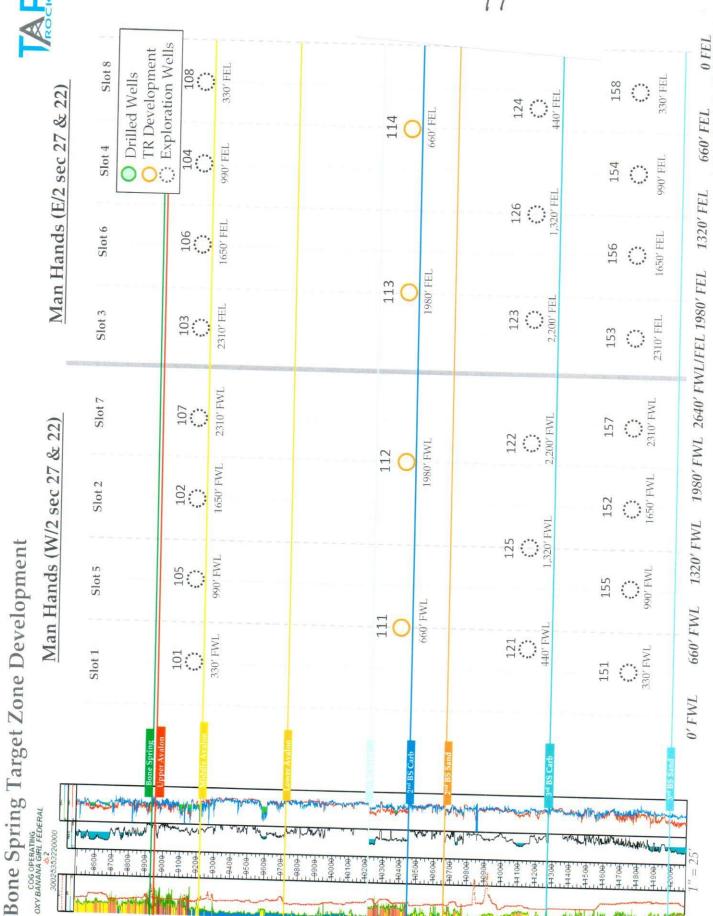




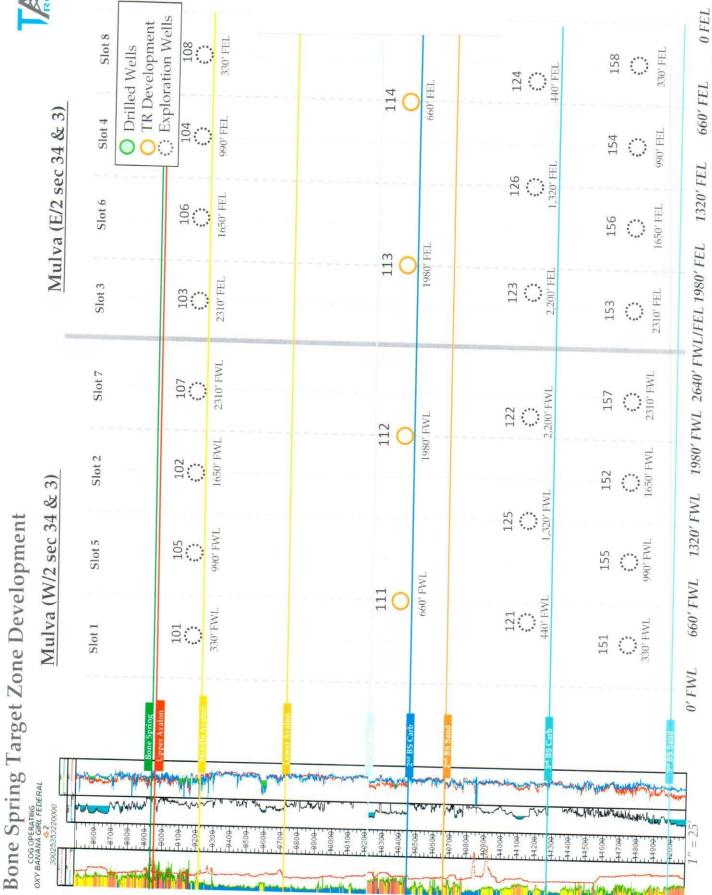


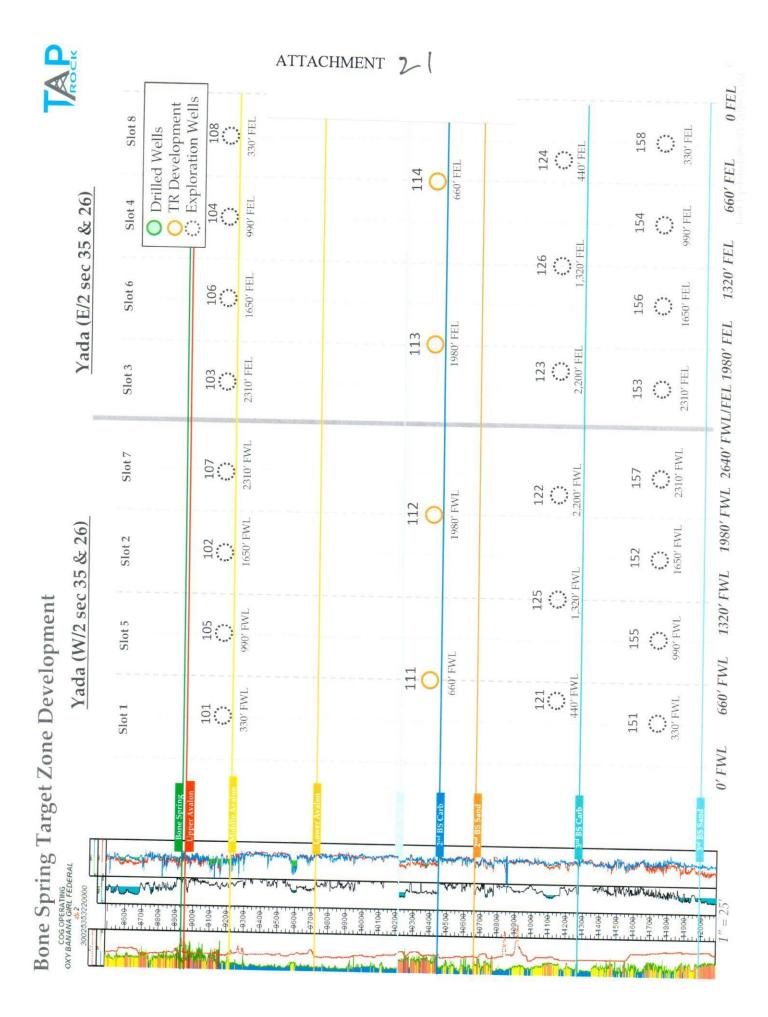










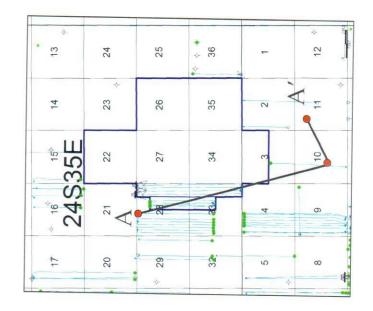


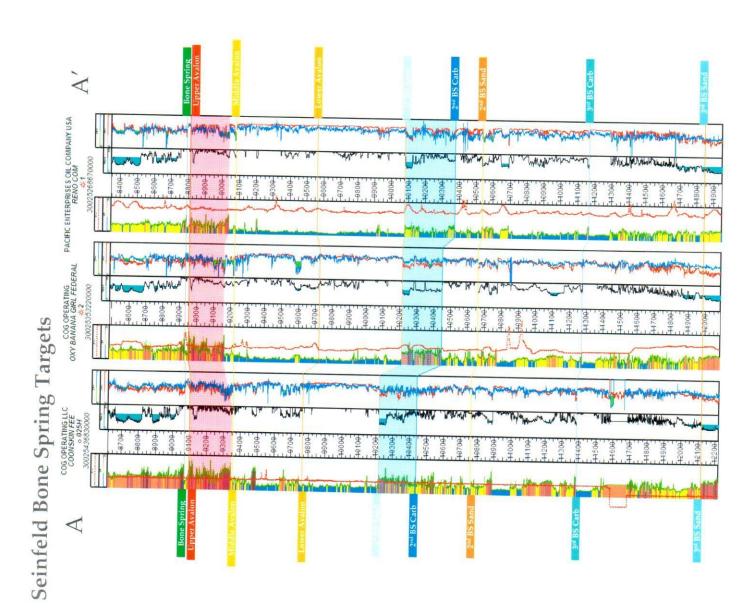
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## STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF TAP ROCK RESOURCES, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF A UNIT AGREMENT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 2/367

# SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF NOTICE

COUNTY OF SANTA FE	)
	) ss
STATE OF NEW MEXICO	)

James Bruce deposes and states:

- 1. I am over the age of 18, and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
- I am an attorney for Tap Rock Resources, LLC.
- 3. Tap Rock Resources, LLC has conducted a good faith, diligent effort to find the names and correct addresses of the interest owners entitled to receive notice of the application filed herein.
- 4. Notice of the application was provided to the interest owners, at their last known addresses, by certified mail. Copies of the notice letter and certified return receipts are attached hereto as Attachment A.
  - 5. Applicant has complied with the notice provisions of Division Rules.
- 6. I understand that this Self-Affirmed Statement will be used as written testimony in this case. I affirm that my testimony in paragraphs 1 through 5 above is true and correct and is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico. My testimony is made as of the date handwritten next to my signature below.

Date: Aug. 4 roro

James Bruce

**EXHIBIT** 



JAMES BRUCE ATTORNEY AT LAW

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jamesbruc@aol.com

July 16, 2020

#### CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

To: Persons on Exhibit A

Ladies and gentlemen:

Enclosed is an application for approval of a unit agreement, filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division by Tap Rock Resources, LLC, seeking approval of the Unit Agreement for the Seinfeld Unit Area, comprising 4,043.44 acres of federal and fee lands, described as follows:

### Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM

Section 22: All

Section 26: All

Section 27: All

Section 28: E/2E/2, SW/4NE/4, and W/2SE/4

Section 33: E/2E/2 and W/2NE/4

Section 34: All

Section 35: All

#### Township 25 South, Range 35 East, NMPM

Section 3: Lots 1-4, S/2N/2

This case is scheduled for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2020. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an interest owner that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from contesting this matter at a later date. This is a voluntary unit, and you cannot be forced to join in the unit agreement.

ATTACHMENT

Due to the Wuhan Flu epidemic, the hearing will be held remotely. Persons may view and participate in the hearing through one of the following links:

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Very truly yours,

Attorney for Tap Rock Resources, LLC

#### **EXHIBIT** A

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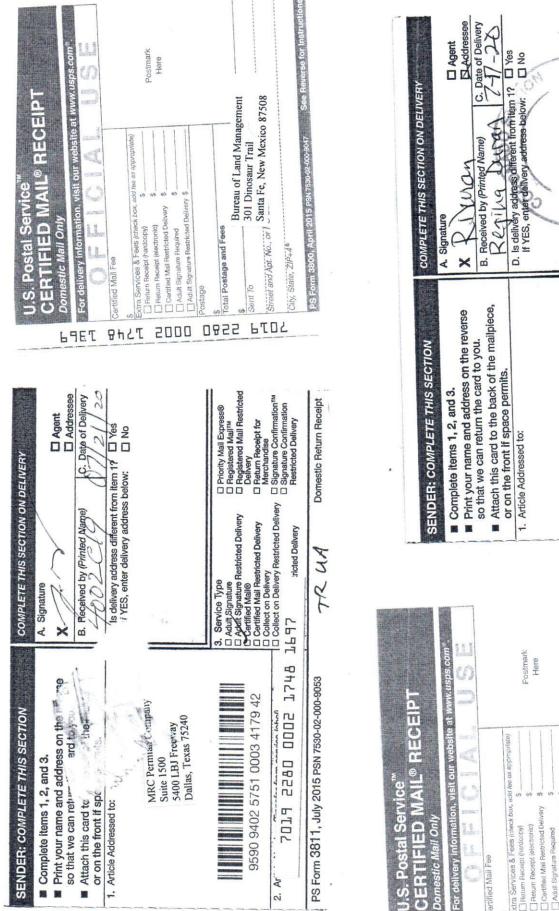
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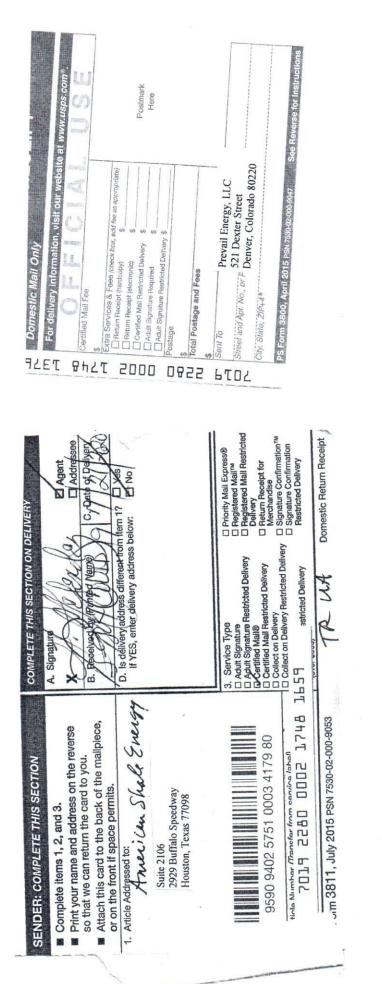
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Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM Section 22: All

Section 26: All Section 27: All

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As an interest owner to the well unit you have the right to enter an appearance and participate in the case. Failure to appear will preclude you from contesting this matter at a later date

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