

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL
PERMIAN LLC FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**Case No. 21273 and 21274
(De Novo Case Nos. 20865
and 20866)**

**BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC'S
PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

BTA Oil Producers, LLC ("BTA") submits its Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Commission.

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

In Case No. 21273 (*De Novo* Case No. 20865), Applicant Marathon Oil Permian LLC (“Marathon”) requests an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the S/2 N/2 of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 28 East and Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 29 East in Eddy County. Marathon proposes to dedicate the 320-acre horizontal spacing unit to the Valkyrie 12 SB Federal Com 13H well.

In Case No. 21274 (*De Novo* Case No. 20866), Marathon requests an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the N/2 of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 28 East and Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 29 East in Eddy County. Marathon proposes to dedicate the 640-acre horizontal spacing unit to the Valkyrie 12 WXY Federal Com 1H, Valkyrie WA Federal Com 3H, Valkyrie 12 WXY Federal Com 5H, Valkyrie 12 WD Federal Com 2H, Valkyrie 12 WD Federal Com 4H, and Valkyrie 12 WD Federal Com 6H wells.

Pursuant to a Joint Operating Agreement (“JOA”), BTA is the operator of the acreage comprising the N/2 of Section 7 and the NW/4 of Section 8, Township 23 South, Range 29 East (the “Ochoa Acreage”). BTA acquired its interest in the Ochoa Acreage before Marathon acquired its interest in the proposed horizontal spacing units that are the subject of its applications. BTA plans to fully develop the Ochoa Acreage, controls 100% of the interest in its Ochoa Acreage, does not need to file a pooling application to develop the acreage, and is ready to commence development. Because Marathon’s proposed well locations directly conflict with BTA’s ongoing development plan for the Ochoa Acreage, the granting of Marathon’s applications would impair BTA’s correlative rights. Granting Marathon’s applications would also render BTA’s JOA meaningless, which is inconsistent with New Mexico’s preference for voluntary agreements.

Further, BTA is an experienced and prudent operator, and BTA’s plan for developing its Ochoa Acreage is superior to Marathon’s plan. BTA’s development plan will more efficiently recover the reserves underlying its acreage, while Marathon’s proposal includes unnecessary wells, fails to fully develop the Ochoa Acreage, and strands 80 acres in the S/2 NW/4 of Section 8. Marathon’s plan would consequently impair BTA’s correlative rights and result in waste.

BTA is also able to timely locate wells and is ready to commence drilling operations. The BLM has already approved BTA’s well sites, and BTA has continued to spud wells in New Mexico during 2020 and has active rigs available. In contrast, Marathon has stated that it has suspended drilling activity in the Northern Delaware and has released its rigs. Because BTA plans to commence drilling once this case is resolved and Marathon does not, granting Marathon’s applications would result in waste and impair BTA’s correlative rights.

Denial of Marathon’s applications is further warranted because Marathon failed to negotiate with BTA in good faith prior to seeking compulsory pooling.

In addition, in Case Nos. 20410 and 20298, the Division rejected attempts to preclude operators that held 100% of the working interest in their units from developing their acreage. In Case No. 20410, the Division denied OXY USA, Inc.’s (“OXY”) motion to stay administrative approval of drilling permits issued to Murchison Oil & Gas (“Murchison”) when Murchison controlled 100% of the working interest in its 1-mile laterals and OXY sought to develop 2-mile laterals.¹ Similarly, in Case No. 20298, the Division denied Catena Resources Operating, LLC’s motion to suspend Mewbourne’s drilling permit when Mewbourne controlled 100% of the working interest in its proposed spacing unit.² The issues presented here are analogous, and the Commission should similarly deny Marathon’s applications so that BTA can develop its Ochoa Acreage.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>EST. TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Willis Price (Landman)	20 minutes	9
Britton McQuien (Engineer)	40 minutes	10
Nick Eaton (Engineer)	20 minutes	4

BTA reserves its right to call a rebuttal witness(es) if appropriate. In accordance with 19.15.4.13.B.2 NMAC, copies of the exhibits that BTA proposes to offer in evidence at the hearing are attached.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

BTA is not aware of any procedural matters to be resolved prior to the hearing.

¹ See Order No. R-20430.

² See Order No. R-20467.

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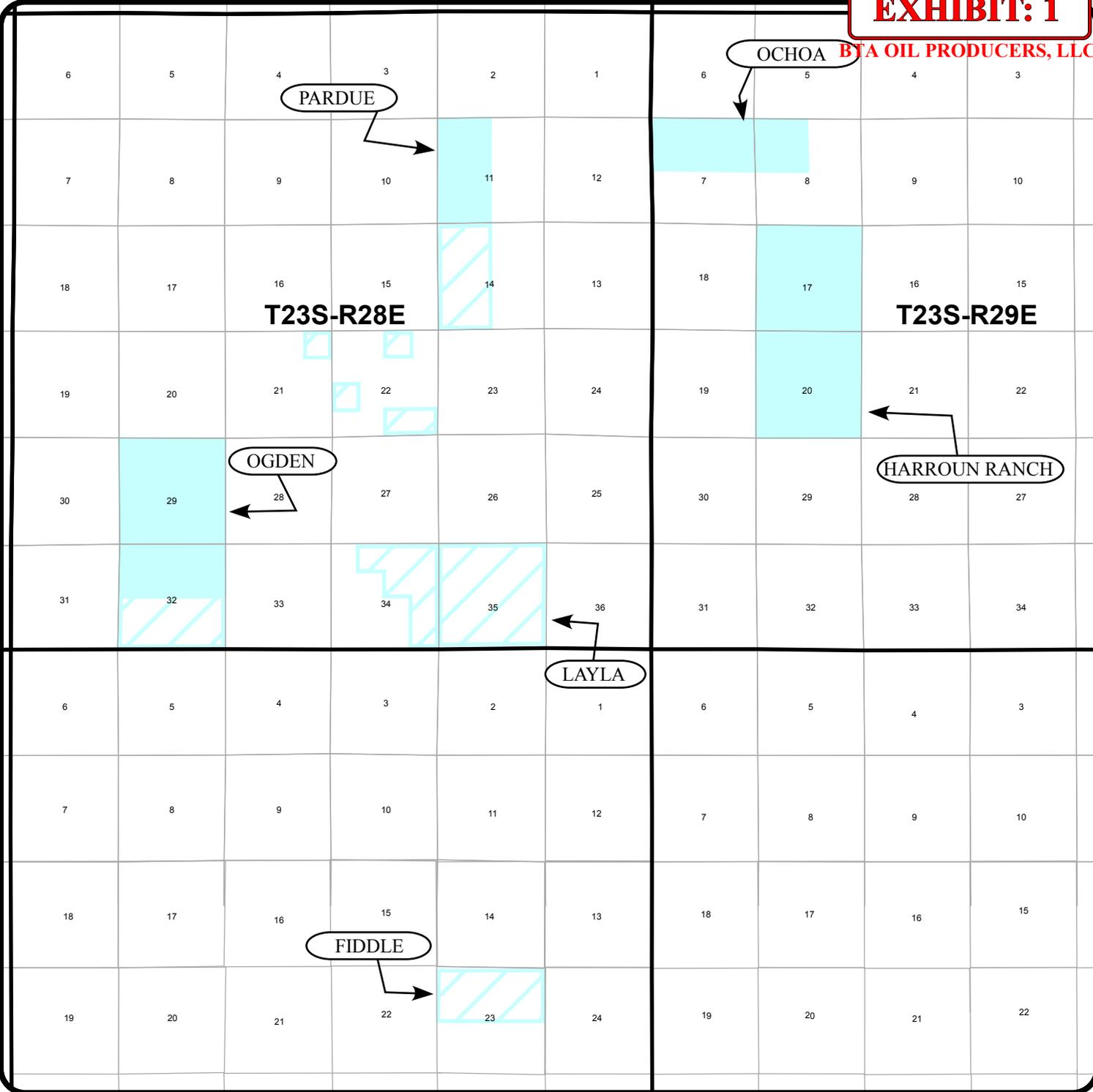
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LEGEND:

-  BTA Operated
-  BTA Non-Operated



BTA Oil Producers, LLC
LOVING AREA
BTA ACREAGE POSITION MAP
T23S-R28E & T23S-R29E
Eddy County, New Mexico

EXHIBIT: 2

BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC

MARATHON
320ac

12

BTA
474.11ac

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NOVO
480ac

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**Marathon Leasehold Interest
No Voluntary Operating Agreement**

**BTA Leasehold Rights Under
Voluntary Operating Agreement**

Novo Mineral Fee - Leased

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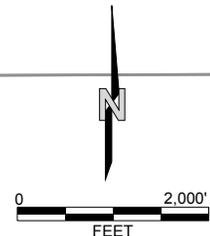
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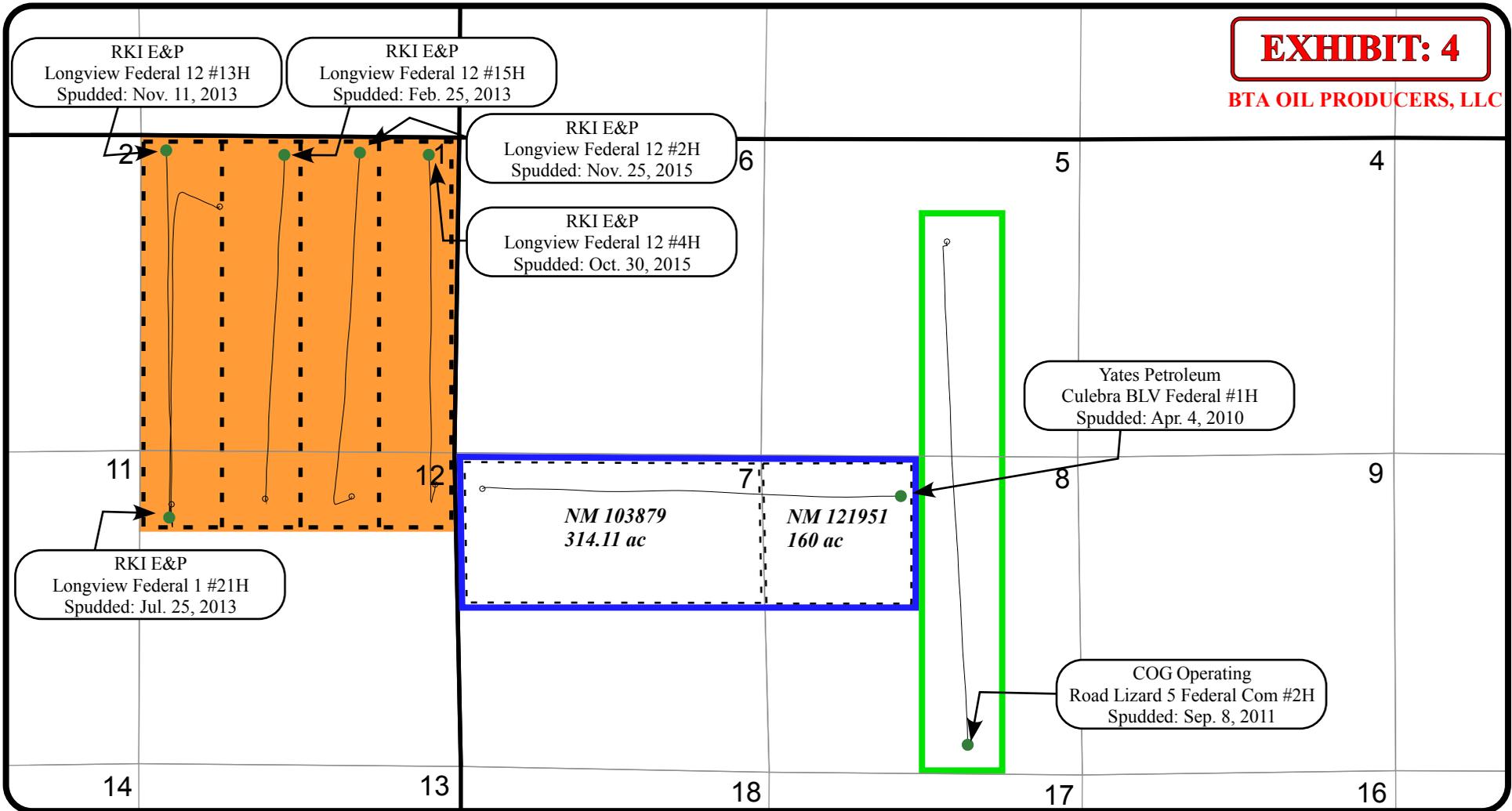
TIME LINE - BTA – MARATHON – OCHOA
N/2 SECTION 7 AND NW/4 SECTION 8-T23S-R29E-EDDY COUNTY, NM

- 03/01/2000 Federal Oil & Gas Lease USA-NMNM 103879 to Yates, et al, dated effective 03/01/2000, covering Lots 1, 2, NE/4, E/2NW/4 (**N/2**) of **Section 7-T23S-R29E-Eddy County, NM**, and Federal Oil & Gas Lease USA-NMNM 121951 to Yates, et al, dated effective 05/01/2009, covering **NE/4 Section 8-T23S-R29E-Eddy County, NM**, among other lands. The above leasehold was owned by Yates Petroleum Corporation, Abo Petroleum Corp. Yates Drilling Company, and Myco Industries, Inc., and **is subject to a voluntary Operating Agreement**, naming Yates Petroleum Corporation, as Operator, effective on the date that the first Oil & Gas Lease described above was taken.
- 07/21/2010 Yates Petroleum Corporation drills and completes the **Culebra BLV Federal #1H**, a horizontal well producing from the Delaware formation. The Yates – Culebra BLV Federal #1H was committed to **Communitization Agreement** approved 07/15/2010, effective 07/15/2010, **covering the N/2N/2 of Section 7 and the N/2NW/4 of Section 8-T23S-R29E-Eddy County, NM**.
- 10/06/2010 The name of Yates Drilling Company was changed to Oxy Y-1 Company.
- 12/20/2011 COG Operating LLC drilled and completed the **Road Lizard 5 Federal Com 2H** producing from the **Bone Spring** formation on a **280 acre unit covering the SW/4NE/4 and W/2SE/4 of Section 5, and the W/2E/2 of Section 8-T23S-R29E-Eddy County, NM**.
- 07/24/2013 RKI drilled and completed the **Longview Federal 1 21H, 12 2H, 12 4H, 12 13H, and 12 15H** producing from the **Bone Spring** formation on units covering +/- 800 acres, being **all of Section 1 and the N/2N/2 Section 12-T23S-R28E-Eddy County, NM**.
- 11/01/2018 **ASSIGNMENT AND BILL OF SALE – FROM EOG RESOURCES INC. (SEPARATELY AND AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO EOG Y RESOURCES, INC., EOG A RESOURCES, INC. AND EOG M RESOURCES, INC.) TO BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC, COVERING ALL OF EOG’S INTEREST IN THE N/2 SECTION 7 AND THE NW/4 SECTION 8-T23S-R29E-EDDY COUNTY, NM, CONTAINING 474.11 ACRES, AS TO ALL DEPTHS, AND INCLUDED ALL OF EOG’S INTEREST IN THE CULEBRA BLV FEDERAL #1H. THE CONVEYANCE WAS MADE SUBJECT TO THE VOLUNTARY OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH EOG RESOURCES INC., AS OPERATOR, COVERING THE 474.11 ACRES AS TO ALL DEPTHS.**

- 11/01/2018 **BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC** AND OXY Y-1 COMPANY ENTER INTO **RATIFICATION OF OPERATING AGREEMENT** WHEREIN OXY **RATIFIES THE VOLUNTARY OPERATING AGREEMENT** NAMING **BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC AS OPERATOR**, AND CONFIRMING THAT THE VOLUNTARY OPERATING AGREEMENT COVERS THE 474.11 ACRES DESCRIBED ABOVE AS TO ALL DEPTHS AND STIPULATES THE INTEREST EACH PARTY OWNS UNDER THE VOLUNTARY OPERATING AGREEMENT.
- 02/07/2019 **BTA** obtains management approval to drill the **BTA – Ochoa 8703 Fed #1H, #2H, #3H, and #4H**. The well surveying was conducted on 02/25/2019. Survey plats were received on 04/23/2019. **BTA** requested BLM onsite meeting by filing the Notice of Staking on 05/01/2019.
- 05/01/2019 Assignment of Oil & Gas Lease filed from Oxy USA Inc. to Marathon in **N/2 Section 12-T23S-R28E-Eddy County, NM**.
- 05/16/2019 **BTA/BLM** onsite meeting for the **Ochoa 8703 Fed #1H, #2H, #3H, and #4H** held at the proposed surface location.
- 06/26/2019 **BTA** filed Application for Permit to Drill with BLM for the **Ochoa 8703 Fed #1H, #2H, #3H, and #4H** wells.
- 07/08/2019 **BTA** sent well proposals to Oxy covering the **Ochoa 8703 #1H, #2H, #3H, and #4H** wells in the N/2 Section 7 and the NW/4 of Section 8-T23S-R29E-Eddy County, NM.
- 07/12/2019 Marathon sends well proposals to BTA for fifteen (15) wells being the Valkyrie 12 Fed Com #1H through #15H in Section 12-T23S-R28E and Section 7-T23S-R29E-Eddy County, NM.
- 07/25/2019 **BTA** and Oxy enter into a Letter Agreement providing that the election on the **BTA Ochoa well proposals** is due thirty (30) days from notice from BTA of receipt of an approved application for permit to drill for each well.
- 08/28/2019 **BTA** sends notification of the **Ochoa Development Area** since the Ochoa #1H, #2H, #3H, and #4H wellbores will be within the Potash Development Area in the N/2 of Section 7 and the NW/4 of Section 8-T23S-R29E-Eddy County, NM.
- 10/10/2019 **BTA** sets up and meets with Marathon in Houston to discuss BTA's plans to develop its Ochoa acreage.
- 11/12/2019 Marathon sends notification of Marathon's Valkyrie Development Area covering the proposed Valkyrie wells in the

N/2 of Section 12-T23S-R28E and Section 7-T23S-R29E, Eddy County, NM.

- 11/15/2019 New Mexico Oil Conservation Division hearing in Santa Fe on the on the Pooling Application on the Marathon Valkyrie wells in N/2 Section 12-T23S-R28E- and N/2 Section 7-T23S-R29E-Eddy County, NM.
- 12/03/2019 BTA objects to the Marathon - Valkyrie Development Area covering Section 12-T23S-R28E and Section 7-T23S-R29E-Eddy County, NM, by letter to James Rutley with the BLM.



LEGEND:

 Longview Bone Spring Units
  BTA - Ochoa Acreage - JOA

 Road Lizard 2nd Bone Spring Unit

WELL SYMBOL

SL  BHL

 OIL WELL
 BTA PROPOSED LOCATION



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LOVING AREA
Bone Spring Spacing Units Outline
T23S-R28E & T23S-R29E
Eddy County, New Mexico

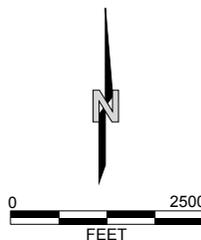


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MODEL FORM OPERATING AGREEMENT

OPERATING AGREEMENT

DATED

January 1, 1987

OPERATOR YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

CONTRACT AREA All lands owned by parties but not covered by another
Operating Agreement

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OPERATING AGREEMENT

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3 THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION, a
4 New Mexico corporation, 105 S. 4th Street, Artesia, NM, hereinafter designated and
5 referred to as "Operator", and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter
6 referred to individually herein as "Non-Operator", and collectively as "Non-Operators",
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8 WITNESSETH:

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10 WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are owners of oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas in-
11 terests in the land identified in Exhibit "A"; and the parties hereto have reached an agreement to explore
12 and develop these leases and/or oil and gas interests for the production of oil and gas to the extent and
13 as hereinafter provided:
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15 NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

16 ARTICLE I.
17 DEFINITIONS
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20 As used in this agreement, the following words and terms shall have the meanings here ascribed
21 to them:

22 A. The term "oil and gas" shall mean oil, gas, casinghead gas, gas condensate, and all other liquid
23 or gaseous hydrocarbons and other marketable substances produced therewith, unless an intent to
24 limit the inclusiveness of this term is specifically stated.

25 B. The terms "oil and gas lease", "lease" and "leasehold" shall mean the oil and gas leases cov-
26 ering tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by the parties to this agreement.

27 C. The term "oil and gas interests" shall mean unleased fee and mineral interests in tracts of
28 land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by parties to this agreement.

29 D. The term "Contract Area" shall mean all of the lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil
30 and gas interests intended to be developed and operated for oil and gas purposes under this agreement.
31 Such lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests are described in Exhibit "A".

32 E. The term "drilling unit" shall mean the area fixed for the drilling of one well by order or rule
33 of any state or federal body having authority. If a drilling unit is not fixed by any such rule or order,
34 a drilling unit shall be the drilling unit as established by the pattern of drilling in the Contract Area
35 or as fixed by express agreement of the Drilling Parties.

36 F. The term "drillsite" shall mean the oil and gas lease or interest on which a proposed well is to
37 be located.

38 G. The terms "Drilling Party" and "Consenting Party" shall mean a party who agrees to join in
39 and pay its share of the cost of any operation conducted under the provisions of this agreement.

40 H. The terms "Non-Drilling Party" and "Non-Consenting Party" shall mean a party who elects
41 not to participate in a proposed operation.
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43 Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the
44 plural includes the singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.
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46 ARTICLE II.
47 EXHIBITS
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49 The following exhibits, as indicated below and attached hereto, are incorporated in and made a
50 part hereof:

51 A. Exhibit "A", shall include the following information:

- 52 (1) Identification of lands subject to agreement,
53 (2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths or formations,
54 (3) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement,
55 (4) Oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject to this agreement,
56 (5) Addresses of parties for notice purposes.

57 B. Exhibit "B", Form of Lease.

58 C. Exhibit "C", Accounting Procedure.

59 D. Exhibit "D", Insurance.

60 E. Exhibit "E", Gas Balancing Agreement.

61 F. Exhibit "F", Non-Discrimination and Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities.
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63 If any provision of any exhibit, except Exhibit "E", is inconsistent with any provision contained
64 in the body of this agreement, the provisions in the body of this agreement shall prevail.
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ARTICLE III
INTERESTS OF PARTIES

A. Oil and Gas Interests:

If any party owns an unleased oil and gas interest in the Contract Area, that interest shall be treated for the purpose of this agreement and during the term hereof as if it were a leased interest under the form of oil and gas lease attached as Exhibit "B". As to such interest, the owner shall receive royalty on production as prescribed in the form of oil and gas lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Such party shall, however, be subject to all of the provisions of this agreement relating to lessees, to the extent that it owns the lessee interest.

B. Interest of Parties in Costs and Production:

Exhibit "A" lists all of the parties and their respective percentage or fractional interests under this agreement. Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and material acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned by the parties as their interests are shown in Exhibit "A". All production of oil and gas from the Contract Area, subject to the payment of lessor's royalties which will be borne by the Joint Account, shall also be owned by the parties in the same manner during the term hereof; provided, however, this shall not be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby.

ARTICLE IV.
TITLES

A. Title Examination:

Title examination shall be made on the drillsite of any proposed well prior to commencement of drilling operations or, if the Drilling Parties so request, title examination shall be made on the leases and/or oil and gas interests included, or planned to be included, in the drilling unit around such well. The opinion will include the ownership of the working interest, minerals, royalty, overriding royalty and production payments under the applicable leases. At the time a well is proposed, each party contributing leases and/or oil and gas interests to the drillsite, or to be included in such drilling unit, shall furnish to Operator all abstracts (including Federal Lease Status Reports), title opinions, title papers and curative material in its possession free of charge. All such information not in the possession of or made available to Operator by the parties, but necessary for the examination of title, shall be obtained by Operator. Operator shall cause title to be examined by attorneys on its staff or by outside attorneys. Copies of all title opinions shall be furnished to each party hereto. The cost incurred by Operator in this title program shall be borne as follows:

Option No. 1: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be a part of the administrative overhead as provided in Exhibit "C," and shall not be a direct charge, whether performed by Operator's staff attorneys or by outside attorneys.

Option No. 2: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and fees paid outside attorneys for title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be borne by the Drilling Parties in the proportion that the interest of each Drilling Party bears to the total interest of all Drilling Parties as such interests appear in Exhibit "A". Operator shall make no charge for services rendered by its staff attorneys or other personnel in the performance of the above functions.

Each party shall be responsible for securing curative matter and pooling amendments or agreements required in connection with leases or oil and gas interests contributed by such party. The Operator shall be responsible for the preparation and recording of Pooling Designations or Declarations as well as the conduct of hearings before Governmental Agencies for the securing of spacing or pooling orders. This shall not prevent any party from appearing on its own behalf at any such hearing.

No well shall be drilled on the Contract Area until after (1) the title to the drillsite or drilling unit has been examined as above provided, and (2) the title has been approved by the examining attorney or title has been accepted by all of the parties who are to participate in the drilling of the well.

B. Loss of Title:

1. Failure of Title: Should any oil and gas interest or lease, or interest therein, be lost through failure of title, which loss results in a reduction of interest from that shown on Exhibit "A", this agreement, nevertheless, shall continue in force as to all remaining oil and gas leases and interests, and (a) The party whose oil and gas lease or interest is affected by the title failure shall bear alone the entire loss and it shall not be entitled to recover from Operator or the other parties any development

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1 or operating costs which it may have theretofore paid, but there shall be no monetary liability on its
2 part to the other parties hereto for drilling, development, operating or other similar costs by reason of
3 such title failure; and

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

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

14 (d) Should any person not a party to this agreement, who is determined to be the owner of any inter-
15 est in the title which has failed, pay in any manner any part of the cost of operation, development,
16 or equipment, such amount shall be paid to the party or parties who bore the costs which are so refund-
17 ed; and

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

21 (f) No charge shall be made to the joint account for legal expenses, fees or salaries, in connection
22 with the defense of the interest claimed by any party hereto, it being the intention of the parties
23 hereto that each shall defend title to its interest and bear all expenses in connection therewith.
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25 2. Loss by Non-Payment or Erroneous Payment of Amount Due: If, through mistake or oversight,
26 any rental, shut-in well payment, minimum royalty or royalty payment, is not paid or is erroneously
27 paid, and as a result a lease or interest therein terminates, there shall be no monetary liability against
28 the party who failed to make such payment. Unless the party who failed to make the required payment
29 secures a new lease covering the same interest within ninety (90) days from the discovery of the fail-
30 ure to make proper payment, which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., the interests of
31 the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, effective as of the date of termination of the lease in-
32 volved, and the party who failed to make proper payment will no longer be credited with an interest in
33 the Contract Area on account of ownership of the lease or interest which has terminated. In the event
34 the party who failed to make the required payment shall not have been fully reimbursed, at the time of
35 the loss, from the proceeds of the sale of oil and gas attributable to the lost interest, calculated on an
36 acreage basis, for the development and operating costs theretofore paid on account of such interest, it
37 shall be reimbursed for unrecovered actual costs theretofore paid by it (but not for its share of the
38 cost of any dry hole previously drilled or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following
39 as is necessary to effect reimbursement:

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

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

48 (c) Any monies, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, that may be paid by any party who is, or
49 becomes, the owner of the interest lost, for the privilege of participating in the Contract Area or be-
50 coming a party to this agreement.
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52 3. Other Losses: All losses incurred, other than those set forth in Articles IV.B.1. and IV.B.2.
53 above, shall not be considered failure of title but shall be joint losses and shall be borne by all parties
54 in proportion to their interests. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of
55 the Contract Area.
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57 **ARTICLE V.**
58 **OPERATOR**

59 **A. DESIGNATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OPERATOR:**

60 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION, 105 South 4th Street, Artesia, NM 88210 shall be the
61 Operator of the Contract Area, and shall conduct and direct and have full control of all operations on
62 the Contract Area as permitted and required by, and within the limits of, this agreement. It shall con-
63 duct all such operations in a good and workmanlike manner, but it shall have no liability as Operator
64 to the other parties for losses sustained or liabilities incurred, except such as may result from gross
65 negligence or willful misconduct.
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1 B. Resignation or Removal of Operator and Selection of Successor:

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3 1. Resignation or Removal of Operator: Operator may resign at any time by giving written notice
4 thereof to Non-Operators. If Operator terminates its legal existence, no longer owns an interest in the
5 Contract Area, or is no longer capable of serving as Operator, it shall cease to be Operator without any
6 action by Non-Operator, except the selection of a successor. Operator may be removed if it fails or
7 refuses to carry out its duties hereunder, or becomes insolvent, bankrupt or is placed in receivership,
8 by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more Non-Operators owning a majority interest based on owner-
9 ship as shown on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting
10 interest of Operator. Such resignation or removal shall not become effective until 7:00 o'clock A.M.
11 on the first day of the calendar month following the expiration of ninety (90) days after the giving of
12 notice of resignation by Operator or action by the Non-Operators to remove Operator, unless a successor
13 Operator has been selected and assumes the duties of Operator at an earlier date. Operator, after effect-
14 ive date of resignation or removal, shall be bound by the terms hereof as a Non-Operator. A change of
15 a corporate name or structure of Operator or transfer of Operator's interest to any single subsidiary,
16 parent or successor corporation shall not be the basis for removal of Operator.

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18 2. Selection of Successor Operator: Upon the resignation or removal of Operator, a successor Op-
19 erator shall be selected by the Parties. The successor Operator shall be selected from the parties owning
20 an interest in the Contract Area at the time such successor Operator is selected. If the Operator that
21 is removed fails to vote or votes only to succeed itself, the successor Operator shall be selected by the
22 affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown
23 on Exhibit "A", and not on the number of parties remaining after excluding the voting interest of the
24 Operator that was removed.

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26 C. Employees:

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28 The number of employees used by Operator in conducting operations hereunder, their selection,
29 and the hours of labor and the compensation for services performed, shall be determined by Operator,
30 and all such employees shall be the employees of Operator.

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32 D. Drilling Contracts:

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34 All wells drilled on the Contract Area shall be drilled on a competitive contract basis at the usual
35 rates prevailing in the area. If it so desires, Operator may employ its own tools and equipment in the
36 drilling of wells, but its charges therefor shall not exceed the prevailing rates in the area and the rate
37 of such charges shall be agreed upon by the parties in writing before drilling operations are com-
38 menced, and such work shall be performed by Operator under the same terms and conditions as are
39 customary and usual in the area in contracts of independent contractors who are doing work of a sim-
40 ilar nature.

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42 ARTICLE VI.
43 DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT

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45 A. Initial Well:

46 On or before the _____ day of _____, 19____, Operator shall commence the drill-
47 ing of a well for oil and gas at the following location:
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53 and shall thereafter continue the drilling of the well with due diligence to

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57 unless granite or other practically impenetrable substance or condition in the hole, which renders
58 further drilling impractical, is encountered at a lesser depth, or unless all parties agree to complete or
59 abandon the well at a lesser depth.

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62 Operator shall make reasonable tests of all formations encountered during drilling which give in-
63 dication of containing oil and gas in quantities sufficient to test, unless this agreement shall be limited
64 in its application to a specific formation or formations, in which event Operator shall be required to
65 test only the formation or formations to which this agreement may apply.

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67 If, in Operator's judgment, the well will not produce oil or gas in paying quantities, and it wishes
68 to plug and abandon the well as a dry hole, it shall first secure the consent of all parties and shall
69 plug and abandon same as provided in Article VI.E. hereof.

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1 B. Subsequent Operations:

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3 1. Proposed Operations: Should any party hereto desire to drill any well on the Contract Area
4 other than the well provided for in Article VI.A., or to rework, deepen or plug back a dry hole drilled
5 at the joint expense of all parties or a well jointly owned by all the parties and not then producing
6 in paying quantities, the party desiring to drill, rework, deepen or plug back such a well shall give the
7 other parties written notice of the proposed operation, specifying the work to be performed, the loca-
8 tion, proposed depth, objective formation and the estimated cost of the operation. The parties receiv-
9 ing such a notice shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice within which to notify the
10 parties wishing to do the work whether they elect to participate in the cost of the proposed operation.
11 If a drilling rig is on location, notice of proposal to rework, plug back or drill deeper may be given
12 by telephone and the response period shall be limited to forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of Saturday,
13 Sunday or legal holidays. Failure of a party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed
14 shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. Any
15 notice or response given by telephone shall be promptly confirmed in writing.

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17 2. Operations by Less than All Parties: If any party receiving such notice as provided in Article
18 VI.B.1. or VI.E.1. elects not to participate in the proposed operation, then, in order to be entitled to
19 the benefits of this article, the party or parties giving the notice and such other parties as shall elect
20 to participate in the operation shall, within sixty (60) days after the expiration of the notice period of
21 thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour period
22 where the drilling rig is on location, as the case may be) actually commence work on the proposed
23 operation and complete it with due diligence. Operator shall perform all work for the account of the
24 Consenting Parties; provided, however, if no drilling rig or other equipment is on location, and if Op-
25 erator is a Non-Consenting Party, the Consenting Parties shall either: (a) request Operator to perform
26 the work required by such proposed operation for the account of the Consenting Parties, or (b) desig-
27 nate one (1) of the Consenting Parties as Operator to perform such work. Consenting Parties, when
28 conducting operations on the Contract Area pursuant to this Article VI.B.2., shall comply with all terms
29 and conditions of this agreement.

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31 If less than all parties approve any proposed operation, the proposing party, immediately after the
32 expiration of the applicable notice period, shall advise the Consenting Parties of (a) the total interest
33 of the parties approving such operation, and (b) its recommendation as to whether the Consenting Par-
34 ties should proceed with the operation as proposed. Each Consenting Party, within forty-eight (48)
35 hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays) after receipt of such notice, shall advise the
36 proposing party of its desire to (a) limit participation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A",
37 or (b) carry its proportionate part of Non-Consenting Parties' interest. The proposing party, at its
38 election, may withdraw such proposal if there is insufficient participation, and shall promptly notify
39 all parties of such decision.

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41 The entire cost and risk of conducting such operations shall be borne by the Consenting Parties in
42 the proportions they have elected to bear same under the terms of the preceding paragraph. Consenting
43 Parties shall keep the leasehold estates involved in such operations free and clear of all liens and
44 encumbrances of every kind created by or arising from the operations of the Consenting Parties. If such
45 an operation results in a dry hole, the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well at their sole
46 cost, risk and expense. If any well drilled, reworked, deepened or plugged back under the provisions
47 of this Article results in a producer of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, the Consenting Parties shall
48 complete and equip the well to produce at their sole cost and risk, and the well shall then be turned
49 over to Operator and shall be operated by it at the expense and for the account of the Consenting Parties.
50 Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of any such
51 well by Consenting Parties in accordance with the provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party
52 shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, and the Consenting Parties shall own and
53 be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-Consenting Party's
54 interest in the well and share of production therefrom until the proceeds of the sale of such share,
55 calculated at the well, or market value thereof if such share is not sold (after deducting production
56 taxes, crude oil excise taxes, royalty, overriding royalty and other interests
57 existing on the effective date hereof, payable out of or measured by the produc-
58 tion from such well accruing with respect to such interest until it reverts) shall
59 equal the total of the following:

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61 (a) 100% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of any newly acquired surface
62 equipment beyond the wellhead connections (including, but not limited to, stock tanks, separators,
63 treaters, pumping equipment and piping), plus 100% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the
64 cost of operation of the well commencing with first production and continuing until each such Non-
65 Consenting Party's relinquished interest shall revert to it under other provisions of this Article, it being
66 agreed that each Non-Consenting Party's share of such costs and equipment will be that interest which
67 would have been chargeable to each Non-Consenting Party had it participated in the well from the be-
68 ginning of the operation; and

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70 (b) 300% of that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling, reworking, deepening, or plugging
back, testing and completing, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C., and

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1 300% of that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the well-
2 head connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had partici-
3 pated therein.
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5 Gas production attributable to any Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest upon such Party's
6 election, shall be sold to its purchaser, if available, under the terms of its existing gas sales con-
7 tract. Such Non-Consenting Party shall direct its purchaser to remit the proceeds receivable from
8 such sale direct to the Consenting Parties until the amounts provided for in this Article are recov-
9 ered from the Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest. If such Non-Consenting Party has not
10 contracted for sale of its gas at the time such gas is available for delivery, or has not made the elec-
11 tion as provided above, the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive and sell such Non-
12 Consenting Party's share of gas as hereinabove provided during the recoupment period.
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14 During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's share
15 of production, or the proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of
16 all production, crude oil excise taxes, severance, gathering and other taxes, and all
17 royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's
18 share of production.

19 In the case of any reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling operation, the Consenting Parties shall
20 be permitted to use, free of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of
21 all such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon abandonment of a well after such reworking,
22 plugging back or deeper drilling, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equipment to the
23 owners thereof, with each party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of
24 salvage.
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26 Within sixty (60) days after the completion of any operation under this Article, the party con-
27 ducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an in-
28 ventory of the equipment in and connected to the well, and an itemized statement of the cost of drilling,
29 deepening, plugging back, testing, completing, and equipping the well for production; or, at its option,
30 the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed
31 statement of monthly billings. Each month thereafter, during the time the Consenting Parties are being
32 reimbursed as provided above, the Party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furn-
33 ish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities incurred in the
34 operation of the well, together with a statement of the quantity of oil and gas produced from it and the
35 amount of proceeds realized from the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding
36 month. In determining the quantity of oil and gas produced during any month, Consenting Parties
37 shall use industry accepted methods such as, but not limited to, metering or periodic well tests. Any
38 amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with any
39 such operation which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein
40 shall be credited against the total unreturned costs of the work done and of the equipment purchased,
41 in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as above provided;
42 and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting party.
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44 If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest
45 the amounts provided for above, the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall auto-
46 matically revert to it, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-Consenting Party shall own the same
47 interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production there-
48 from as such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling,
49 reworking, deepening or plugging back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be
50 charged with and shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of the operation of said well in
51 accordance with the terms of this agreement and the Accounting Procedure, attached hereto.
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53 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that without the mutual consent
54 of all parties, no wells shall be completed in or produced from a source of supply from which a well
55 located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, unless such well conforms to the then-existing
56 well spacing pattern for such source of supply.
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58 The provisions of this Article shall have no application whatsoever to the drilling of the initial
59 well described in Article VI.A. except (a) when Option 2, Article VIII.D.1., has been selected, or (b)
60 to the reworking, deepening and plugging back of such initial well, if such well is or thereafter shall
61 prove to be a dry hole or non-commercial well, after having been drilled to the depth specified in Article
62 VI.A.
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64 C. Right to Take Production in Kind:

65 Each party electing to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of the production from the Contract Area
66 shall keep accurate records of the volume, selling price, royalty and taxes relative to its share of production. Non-Operators
67 shall, upon request, furnish Operator with true and complete copies of the records required to be kept hereunder whenever, under
68 the terms of this agreement or any agreement executed in connection herewith, it is necessary for Operator to obtain said informa-
69 tion. Any information furnished to Operator hereunder shall be used by Operator only to the extent necessary to carry out its
70 duties as Operator and shall otherwise be kept confidential.

Each party shall have the right to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all oil and gas produced
from the Contract Area, exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in preparing and

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1 treating oil for marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditure incurred in the taking in kind or separate
2 disposition by any party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any party taking its share of
3 production in kind shall be required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it
4 uses.

5 Each party shall execute such division orders and contracts as may be necessary for the sale of its
6 interest in production from the Contract Area, and, except as provided in Article VII.B., shall be entitled
7 to receive payment direct from the purchaser thereof for its share of all production.

8 In the event any party shall fail to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately
9 dispose of its proportionate share of the oil and gas produced from the Contract Area, Operator shall have
10 the right, subject to the revocation at will by the party owning it, but not the obligation, to purchase such
11 oil and gas or sell it to others at any time and from time to time, for the account of the non-taking
12 party at the best price obtainable in the area for such production. Any such purchase or sale by Op-
13 erator shall be subject always to the right of the owner of the production to exercise at any time its
14 right to take in kind, or separately dispose of, its share of all oil and gas not previously delivered to a
15 purchaser. Any purchase or sale by Operator of any other party's share of oil and gas shall be only for
16 such reasonable periods of time as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the
17 particular circumstances, but in no event for a period in excess of one (1) year. Notwithstanding the
18 foregoing, Operator shall not make a sale, including one into interstate commerce, of any other party's
19 share of gas production without first giving such other party thirty (30) days notice of such intended
20 sale.

21 In the event any party hereto is not at any time taking or marketing its share of gas
22 production and Operator is either (i) unwilling to purchase or sell or (ii) unable to
23 obtain the prior written consent to purchase or sell such party's share of gas production,
24 or in the event any party has contracted to sell its share of gas produced from the Contract
25 Area to a purchaser which does not at any time while this agreement is in effect take the
26 full share of gas attributable to the interest of such party, then in any such event the
27 terms and conditions of the Gas Balancing Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "E" and
28 incorporated herein shall automatically become effective.

29 D. Access to Contract Area and Information:

30 Each party shall have access to the Contract Area at all reasonable times, at its sole risk to inspect
31 or observe operations, and shall have access at reasonable times to information pertaining to the de-
32 velopment or operation thereof, including Operator's books and records relating thereto. Operator, upon
33 request, shall furnish each of the other parties with copies of all forms or reports filed with govern-
34 mental agencies, daily drilling reports, well logs, tank tables, daily gauge and run tickets and reports
35 of stock on hand at the first of each month, and shall make available samples of any cores or cuttings
36 taken from any well drilled on the Contract Area. The cost of gathering and furnishing information to
37 Non-Operator, other than that specified above, shall be charged to the Non-Operator that requests the
38 information.

39 E. Abandonment of Wells:

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41 1. Abandonment of Dry Holes: Except for any well drilled pursuant to Article VII.B.2., any well
42 which has been drilled under the terms of this agreement and is proposed to be completed as a dry hole
43 shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. Should Operator, after diligent
44 effort, be unable to contact any party, or should any party fail to reply within forty-eight (48) hours
45 (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays) after receipt of notice of the proposal to plug and
46 abandon such well, such party shall be deemed to have consented to the proposed abandonment. All
47 such wells shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost,
48 risk and expense of the parties who participated in the cost of drilling of such well. Any party who ob-
49 jects to the plugging and abandoning such well shall have the right to take over the well and conduct
50 further operations in search of oil and/or gas subject to the provisions of Article VII.B.

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52 2. Abandonment of Wells that have Produced: Except for any well which has been drilled or re-
53 worked pursuant to Article VII.B.2. hereof for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reim-
54 bursed as therein provided, any well which has been completed as a producer shall not be plugged and
55 abandoned without the consent of all parties. If all parties consent to such abandonment, the well shall
56 be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense
57 of all the parties hereto. If, within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the proposed abandonment
58 of such well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of any well, those wishing to continue its op-
59 eration shall tender to each of the other parties its proportionate share of the value of the well's salvageable
60 material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated
61 cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. Each abandoning party shall
62 assign to the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity,
63 quality, or fitness for use of the equipment and material, all of its interest in the well and related equip-
64 ment, together with its interest in the leasehold estate as to, but only as to, the interval or intervals of the
65 formation or formations then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes
66 an oil and gas interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-abandoning party or parties an
67 oil and gas lease, limited to the interval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to produc-
68 tion, for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the interval or inter-
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1 vals of the formation or formations covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached as Exhibit
2 "B". The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the "drilling unit" upon which the well is
3 located. The payments by, and the assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon
4 the relationship of their respective percentages of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of
5 the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment
6 of interest in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

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8 Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the op-
9 eration of or production from the well in the interval or intervals then open other than the royalties
10 retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon request, Operator shall continue to
11 operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and charges con-
12 templated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of
13 the separate ownership of the assigned well.

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15 **ARTICLE VII.**

16 **EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES**

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18 **A. Liability of Parties:**

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20 The liability of the parties shall be several, not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible
21 only for its obligations, and shall be liable only for its proportionate share of the costs of developing
22 and operating the Contract Area. Accordingly, the liens granted among the parties in Article VII.B. are
23 given to secure only the debts of each severally. It is not the intention of the parties to create, nor shall
24 this agreement be construed as creating, a mining or other partnership or association, or to render the
25 parties liable as partners. It is not the intention of the parties that this contract is
26 made or intended for the benefit of any third person.

27 **B. Liens and Payment Defaults:**

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29 Each Non-Operator grants to Operator a lien upon its oil and gas rights in the Contract Area, and a
30 security interest in its share of oil and/or gas when extracted and its interest in all equipment, to secure
31 payment of its share of expense, together with interest thereon at the rate provided in the Accounting
32 Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". To the extent that Operator has a security interest under the
33 Uniform Commercial Code of the State, Operator shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies
34 of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the obtaining of judgment by Operator
35 for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien
36 rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any Non-
37 Operator in the payment of its share of expense, Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to
38 other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such Non-Operator's
39 ~~including reasonable attorney fees in the event of suit, to collect any delinquency,~~
40 share of oil and/or gas until the amount owed by such Non-Operator, plus interest has been paid. Each
41 purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon Operator's written statement concerning the amount of any de-
42 fault. Operator grants a like lien and security interest to the Non-Operators to secure payment of Op-
43 erator's proportionate share of expense.

44 If any party fails or is unable to pay its share of expense within sixty (60) days after rendition of
45 a statement therefor by Operator, the non-defaulting parties, including Operator, shall, upon request by
46 Operator, pay the unpaid amount in the proportion that the interest of each such party bears to the in-
47 terest of all such parties. Each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall, to obtain reimburse-
48 ment thereof, be subrogated to the security rights described in the foregoing paragraph.

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50 **C. Payments and Accounting:**

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52 Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, Operator shall promptly pay and discharge expenses
53 incurred in the development and operation of the Contract Area pursuant to this agreement and shall
54 charge each of the parties hereto with their respective proportionate shares upon the expense basis pro-
55 vided in the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Operator shall keep an accurate
56 record of the joint account hereunder, showing expenses incurred and charges and credits made and
57 received.

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59 Operator, at its election, shall have the right from time to time to demand and receive from the
60 other parties payment in advance of their respective shares of the estimated amount of the expense to
61 be incurred in operations hereunder during the next succeeding month, which right may be exercised only
62 by submission to each such party of an itemized statement of such estimated expense, together with
63 an invoice for its share thereof. Each such statement and invoice for the payment in advance of esti-
64 mated expense shall be submitted on or before the 20th day of the next preceding month. Each party
65 shall pay to Operator its proportionate share of such estimate within fifteen (15) days after such es-
66 timate and invoice is received. If any party fails to pay its share of said estimate within said time, the
67 amount due shall bear interest as provided in Exhibit "C" until paid. Proper adjustment shall be
68 made monthly between advances and actual expense to the end that each party shall bear and pay its
69 proportionate share of actual expenses incurred, and no more.

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1 D. Limitation of Expenditures:

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3 1. Drill or Deepen: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled or deepened, except any well drilled or deepened pursuant to the provisions of Article VLB.2. of this Agreement, it being understood that the consent to the drilling or deepening shall include:

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7 ~~Option No. 1: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening, testing, completing and equipping of the well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.~~

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10 Option No. 2: All necessary expenditures for the drilling or deepening and testing of the well. When such well has reached its authorized depth, and all tests have been completed, Operator shall give immediate notice to the Non-Operators who have the right to participate in the completion costs. The parties receiving such notice shall have forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) in which to elect to participate in the setting of casing and the completion attempt. Such election, when made, shall include consent to all necessary expenditures for the completing and equipping of such well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities. Failure of any party receiving such notice to reply within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the completion attempt. If one or more, but less than all of the parties, elect to set pipe and to attempt a completion, the provisions of Article VLB.2. hereof (the phrase "reworking, deepening or plugging back" as contained in Article VLB.2. shall be deemed to include "completing") shall apply to the operations thereafter conducted by less than all parties.

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23 2. Rework or Plug Back: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be reworked or plugged back except a well reworked or plugged back pursuant to the provisions of Article VLB.2. of this agreement, it being understood that the consent to the reworking or plugging back of a well shall include consent to all necessary expenditures in conducting such operations and completing and equipping of said well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

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29 3. Other Operations: Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND Dollars (\$ 25,000.00), except in connection with a well, the drilling, reworking, deepening, completing, recompleting, or plugging back of which has been previously authorized by or pursuant to this agreement; provided, however, that, in case of explosion, fire, flood or other sudden emergency, whether of the same or different nature, Operator may take such steps and incur such expenses as in its opinion are required to deal with the emergency to safeguard life and property but Operator, as promptly as possible, shall report the emergency to the other parties. If Operator prepares "Authority for Expenditures" for its own use, Operator, upon request, shall furnish copies of its "Authority for Expenditures" for any single project costing in excess of FIFTEEN THOUSAND Dollars (\$ 15,000.00).

40 E. Royalties, Overriding Royalties and Other Payments:

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42 Each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, all royalties to the extent of 1/8 of 8/8ths due on its share of production and shall hold the other parties free from any liability therefor. If the interest of any party in any oil and gas lease covered by this agreement is subject to any royalty, overriding royalty, production payment, or other charge over and above the aforesaid royalty, such party shall assume and alone bear all such obligations and shall account for or cause to be accounted for, such interest to the owners thereof.

48 No party shall ever be responsible, on any price basis higher than the price received by such party, to any other party's lessor or royalty owner; and if any such other party's lessor or royalty owner should demand and receive settlements on a higher price basis, the party, contributing such lease shall bear the royalty burden insofar as such higher price is concerned.
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50 It is recognized by the parties hereto that in addition to each party's share of working interest production as shown on Exhibit "A", such party shall have the right, subject to existing contracts, to market the royalty gas attributable to each lease which it contributes to the Contract Area and to receive payments due for such royalty gas produced from or allocated to such lease or leases. It is agreed that, regardless of whether such party markets or contracts for its share of gas, including the royalty gas under the leases which it contributed to the Contract Area, such party agrees to pay or cause to be paid to the royalty owners under its lease or leases the proceeds attributable to their respective royalty interest and to hold all other parties hereto harmless for its failure to do so.

54 F. Rentals, Shut-in Well Payments and Minimum Royalties:

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56 Rentals, shut-in well payments and minimum royalties which may be required under the terms of any lease shall be paid by the party or parties who subjected such lease to this agreement at its or their expense. In the event two or more parties own and have contributed interests in the same lease to this agreement, such parties may designate one of such parties to make said payments for and on behalf of all such parties. Any party may request, and shall be entitled to receive, proper evidence of all such payments. In the event of failure to make proper payment of any rental, shut-in well payment or minimum royalty through mistake or oversight where such payment is required to continue the lease in force, any loss which results from such non-payment shall be borne in accordance with the provisions of Article IV.B.2.

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63 Operator shall notify Non-Operator of the anticipated completion of a shut-in gas well, or the shutting in or return to production of a producing gas well, at least five (5) days (excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays), or at the earliest opportunity permitted by circumstances, prior to taking such action, but assumes no liability for failure to do so. In the event of failure by Operator to so notify Non-Operator, the loss of any lease contributed hereto by Non-Operator for failure to make timely payments

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1 of any shut-in well payment shall be borne jointly by the parties hereto under the provisions of Article
2 IV.B.3.

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4 **G. Taxes:**

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6 Beginning with the first calendar year after the effective date hereof, Operator shall render for ad
7 valorem taxation all property subject to this agreement which by law should be rendered for such
8 taxes, and it shall pay all such taxes assessed thereon before they become delinquent. Prior to the ren-
9 dition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator, information as to burdens (to include, but not be
10 limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on leases and oil and gas interests con-
11 tributed by such Non-Operator. If the assessed valuation of any leasehold estate is reduced by reason of its
12 being subject to outstanding excess royalties, overriding royalties or production payments, the reduction in
13 ad valorem taxes resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of such leasehold
14 estate, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such
15 reduction. Operator shall bill other parties for their proportionate share of all tax payments in the man-
16 ner provided in Exhibit "C".

17
18 If Operator considers any tax assessment improper, Operator may, at its discretion, protest within
19 the time and manner prescribed by law, and prosecute the protest to a final determination, unless all
20 parties agree to abandon the protest prior to final determination. During the pendency of administrative
21 or judicial proceedings, Operator may elect to pay, under protest, all such taxes and any interest and
22 penalty. When any such protested assessment shall have been finally determined, Operator shall pay
23 the tax for the joint account, together with any interest and penalty accrued, and the total cost shall then
24 be assessed against the parties, and be paid by them, as provided in Exhibit "C".

25
26 Each party shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, gathering and other taxes im-
27 posed upon or with respect to the production or handling of such party's share of oil and/or gas pro-
28 duced under the terms of this agreement.

29
30 **H. Insurance:**

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32 At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the Workmen's
33 Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Op-
34 erator may be a self-insurer for liability under said compensation laws in which event the only charge
35 that shall be made to the joint account shall be an amount equivalent to the premium which would have
36 been paid had such insurance been obtained. Operator shall also carry or provide insurance for the
37 benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D", attached to and made a part hereof.
38 Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the
39 Workmen's Compensation Law of the State where the operations are being conducted and to maintain
40 such other insurance as Operator may require.

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42 In the event Automobile Public Liability Insurance is specified in said Exhibit "D", or subsequently
43 receives the approval of the parties, no direct charge shall be made by Operator for premiums paid for
44 such insurance for Operator's fully owned automotive equipment.

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46 **ARTICLE VIII**
47 **ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST**

48
49 **A. Surrender of Leases:**

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51 The leases covered by this agreement, insofar as they embrace acreage in the Contract Area, shall
52 not be surrendered in whole or in part unless all parties consent thereto.

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54 However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any lease or in any portion thereof, and
55 other parties do not agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express
56 or implied warranty of title, all of its interest in such lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and
57 equipment which may be located thereon and any rights in production thereafter secured, to the parties
58 not desiring to surrender it. If the interest of the assigning party includes an oil and gas interest, the as-
59 signing party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not desiring to surrender an oil and gas
60 lease covering such oil and gas interest for a term of one year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas
61 is produced from the land covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
62 Upon such assignment, the assigning party shall be relieved from all obligations thereafter accruing,
63 but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the acreage assigned and the operation of any well thereon,
64 and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the lease assigned and its equipment and pro-
65 duction other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The parties
66 assignee shall pay to the party assignor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any wells
67 and equipment on the assigned acreage. The value of all material shall be determined in accordance
68 with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plug-
69 ging and abandoning. If the assignment is in favor of more than one party, the assigned interest shall

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1 be shared by the parties assignee in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the interest of all
2 parties assignee.

3
4 Any assignment or surrender made under this provision shall not reduce or change the assignor's or
5 surrendering parties' interest, as it was immediately before the assignment, in the balance of the Contract
6 Area; and the acreage assigned or surrendered, and subsequent operations thereon, shall not thereafter
7 be subject to the terms and provisions of this agreement.

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9 **B. Renewal or Extension of Leases:**

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11 If any party secures a renewal of any oil and gas lease subject to this Agreement, all other parties
12 shall be notified promptly, and shall have the right for a period of thirty (30) days following receipt
13 of such notice in which to elect to participate in the ownership of the renewal lease, insofar as such
14 lease affects lands within the Contract Area, by paying to the party who acquired it their several proper
15 proportionate shares of the acquisition cost allocated to that part of such lease within the Contract Area,
16 which shall be in proportion to the interests held at that time by the parties in the Contract Area.

17
18 If some, but less than all, of the parties elect to participate in the purchase of a renewal lease, it
19 shall be owned by the parties who elect to participate therein, in a ratio based upon the relationship of
20 their respective percentage of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages
21 of participation in the Contract Area of all parties participating in the purchase of such renewal lease.
22 Any renewal lease in which less than all parties elect to participate shall not be subject to this agreement.

23
24 Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal lease shall be given an assignment/without warranty
25 of its proportionate interest therein by the acquiring party.

26
27 The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal leases whether they are for the entire interest
28 covered by the expiring lease or cover only a portion of its area or an interest therein. Any renewal lease
29 taken before the expiration of its predecessor lease, or taken or contracted for within six (6) months after
30 the expiration of the existing lease shall be subject to this provision; but any lease taken or contracted
31 for more than six (6) months after the expiration of an existing lease shall not be deemed a renewal
32 lease and shall not be subject to the provisions of this agreement.

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34 The provisions in this Article shall apply also and in like manner to extensions of oil and gas
35 leases. The provisions of this Article VIII-B shall only apply to leases, or portions
36 of leases, located within the Unit Area.

37 **C. Acreage or Cash Contributions:**

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39 While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash toward the drilling
40 of a well or any other operation on the Contract Area, such contribution shall be paid to the party who
41 conducted the drilling or other operation and shall be applied by it against the cost of such drilling or
42 other operation. If the contribution be in the form of acreage, the party to whom the contribution is
43 made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling
44 Parties in the proportions said Drilling Parties shared the cost of drilling the well. If all parties hereto
45 are Drilling Parties and accept such tender, such acreage shall become a part of the Contract Area and
46 be governed by the provisions of this agreement. If less than all parties hereto are Drilling Parties and
47 accept such tender, such acreage shall not become a part of the Contract Area. Each party shall promptly
48 notify all other parties of all acreage or money contributions it may obtain in support of any well or
49 any other operation on the Contract Area.

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51 If any party contracts for any consideration relating to disposition of such party's share of substances
52 produced hereunder, such consideration shall not be deemed a contribution as contemplated in this
53 Article VIII.C. This paragraph shall not be applicable to the contribution of acreage
54 by the Contributing Parties toward the Initial, Substitute, or Option Test Well.

55 **D. Subsequently Created Interest:**

56
57 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII.E. and VIII.G., if any party hereto shall, subsequent
58 to execution of this agreement, create an overriding royalty, production payment, or net proceeds interest,
59 which such interests are hereinafter referred to as "subsequently created interest", such subsequently
60 created interest shall be specifically made subject to all of the terms and provisions of this agreement, as
61 follows:

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63 1. If non-consent operations are conducted pursuant to any provision of this agreement, and the
64 party conducting such operations becomes entitled to receive the production attributable to the interest
65 out of which the subsequently created interest is derived, such party shall receive same free and clear
66 of such subsequently created interest. The party creating same shall bear and pay all such subsequently
67 created interests and shall indemnify and hold the other parties hereto free and harmless from any and
68 all liability resulting therefrom.

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1 2. If the owner of the interest from which the subsequently created interest is derived (1) fails to
2 pay, when due, its share of expenses chargeable hereunder, or (2) elects to abandon a well under pro-
3 visions of Article VI.E. hereof, or (3) elects to surrender a lease under provisions of Article VIII.A.
4 hereof, the subsequently created interest shall be chargeable with the pro rata portion of all expenses
5 hereunder in the same manner as if such interest were a working interest. For purposes of collecting
6 such chargeable expenses, the party or parties who receive assignments as a result of (2) or (3) above
7 shall have the right to enforce all provisions of Article VII.B. hereof against such subsequently created
8 interest.

9
10 E. Maintenance of Uniform Interest:

11
12 For the purpose of maintaining uniformity of ownership in the oil and gas leasehold interests
13 covered by this agreement, and notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, no party shall
14 sell, encumber, transfer or make other disposition of its interest in the leases embraced within the Con-
15 tract Area and in wells, equipment and production unless such disposition covers either:

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17 1. the entire interest of the party in all leases and equipment and production; or
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19 2. an equal undivided interest in all leases and equipment and production in the Contract Area.

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21 Every such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party shall be made ex-
22 pressly subject to this agreement, and shall be made without prejudice to the right of the other parties.

23
24 If, at any time the interest of any party is divided among and owned by four or more co-owners,
25 Operator, at its discretion, may require such co-owners to appoint a single trustee or agent with full
26 authority to receive notices, approve expenditures, receive billings for and approve and pay such party's
27 share of the joint expenses, and to deal generally with, and with power to bind, the co-owners of such
28 party's interests within the scope of the operations embraced in this agreement; however, all such
29 co-owners shall have the right to enter into and execute all contracts or agreements for the disposition
30 of their respective shares of the oil and gas produced from the Contract Area and they shall have the
31 right to receive, separately, payment of the sale proceeds hereof.

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33 F. Waiver of Right to Partition:

34
35 If permitted by the laws of the state or states in which the property covered hereby is located, each
36 party hereto owning an undivided interest in the Contract Area waives any and all rights it may have
37 to partition and have set aside to it in severalty its undivided interest therein.

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39 ~~C. Preferential Right to Purchase:~~

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41 ~~Should any party desire to sell all or any part of its interests under this agreement, or its rights and~~
42 ~~interests in the Contract Area, it shall promptly give written notice to the other parties, with full infor-~~
43 ~~mation concerning its proposed sale, which shall include the name and address of the prospective pur-~~
44 ~~chaser (who must be ready, willing and able to purchase), the purchase price, and all other terms of~~
45 ~~the offer. The other parties shall then have an optional prior right, for a period of ten (10) days after~~
46 ~~receipt of the notice, to purchase on the same terms and conditions the interest which the other party~~
47 ~~proposes to sell; and, if this optional right is exercised, the purchasing parties shall share the pur-~~
48 ~~chased interest in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all purchasing~~
49 ~~parties. However, there shall be no preferential right to purchase in those cases where any party wishes~~
50 ~~to mortgage its interests, or to dispose of its interests by merger, reorganization, consolidation, or sale~~
51 ~~of all or substantially all of its assets to a subsidiary or parent company or to a subsidiary of a parent~~
52 ~~company, or to any company in which any one party owns a majority of the stock.~~

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54 **ARTICLE IX.**
55 **INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION**

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57 This agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, a relationship of part-
58 nership or an association for profit between or among the parties hereto. Notwithstanding any pro-
59 visions herein that the rights and liabilities hereunder are several and not joint or collective, or that this
60 agreement and operations hereunder shall not constitute a partnership, if, for Federal income tax pur-
61 poses, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, each party hereby
62 affected elects to be excluded from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter "K", Chapter
63 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as permitted and authorized by Section 761 of
64 the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Operator is authorized and directed to execute on
65 behalf of each party hereby affected such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary
66 of the Treasury of the United States or the Federal Internal Revenue Service, including specifically, but
67 not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements, and the data required by Federal Regula-
68 tions 1.761. Should there be any requirement that each party hereby affected give further evidence of
69 this election, each such party shall execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be
70 required by the Federal Internal Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. No

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1 such party shall give any notices or take any other action inconsistent with the election made hereby.
2 If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Contract Area is located or
3 any future income tax laws of the United States contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter "K",
4 Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, under which an election similar to that
5 provided by Section 761 of the Code is permitted, each party hereby affected shall make such election as
6 may be permitted or required by such laws. In making the foregoing election, each such party states that
7 the income derived by such party from Operations hereunder can be adequately determined without the
8 computation of partnership taxable income.
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10 **ARTICLE X.**
11 **CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS**

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13 Operator may settle any single damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the ex-
14 penditure does not exceed FIFTEEN THOUSAND Dollars
15 (\$ 15,000.00) and if the payment is in complete settlement of such claim or suit. If the amount
16 required for settlement exceeds the above amount, the parties hereto shall assume and take over the
17 further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is delegated to Operator. All costs and ex-
18 pense of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be at the joint expense
19 of the parties. If a claim is made against any party or if any party is sued on account of any matter
20 arising from operations hereunder over which such individual has no control because of the rights given
21 Operator by this agreement, the party shall immediately notify Operator, and the claim or suit shall
22 be treated as any other claim or suit involving operations hereunder.
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24 **ARTICLE XI.**
25 **FORCE MAJEURE**

26
27 If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by force majeure to carry out its obligations
28 under this agreement, other than the obligation to make money payments, that party shall give to all
29 other parties prompt written notice of the force majeure with reasonably full particulars concerning it;
30 thereupon, the obligations of the party giving the notice, so far as they are affected by the force majeure,
31 shall be suspended during, but no longer than, the continuance of the force majeure. The affected party
32 shall use all reasonable diligence to remove the force majeure situation as quickly as practicable.
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34 The requirement that any force majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not
35 require the settlement of strikes, lockouts, or other labor difficulty by the party involved, contrary to its
36 wishes; how all such difficulties shall be handled shall be entirely within the discretion of the party
37 concerned.
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39 The term "force majeure", as here employed, shall mean an act of God, strike, lockout, or other
40 industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightning, fire, storm, flood,
41 explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint or inaction, unavailability of equipment,
42 and any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is not
43 reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension.
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45 **ARTICLE XII.**
46 **NOTICES**

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48 All notices authorized or required between the parties, and required by any of the provisions of
49 this agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be given in writing by United States mail
50 or Western Union telegram, postage or charges prepaid, or by teletype, and addressed to the party to
51 whom the notice is given at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A". The originating notice given under any
52 provision hereof shall be deemed given only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed,
53 and the time for such party to give any notice in response thereto shall run from the date the originat-
54 ing notice is received. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed given when deposited in
55 the United States mail or with the Western Union Telegraph Company, with postage or charges prepaid,
56 or when sent by teletype. Each party shall have the right to change its address at any time, and from
57 time to time, by giving written notice hereof to all other parties.
58

59 **ARTICLE XIII.**
60 **TERM OF AGREEMENT**

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62 This agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas in-
63 terests subjected hereto for the period of time selected below; provided, however, no party hereto shall
64 ever be construed as having any right, title or interest in or to any lease, or oil and gas interest con-
65 tributed by any other party beyond the term of this agreement.
66

67 Option No. 1: So long as any of the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement remain or are con-
68 tinued in force as to any part of the Contract Area, whether by production, extension, renewal or other-
69 wise, and/or so long as oil and/or gas production continues from any lease or oil and gas interest.
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~~1. Option No. 2: In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled
2. under any provision of this agreement, results in production of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, this
3. agreement shall continue in force so long as any such well or wells produce or are capable of produc-
4. tion, and for an additional period of 180 days from cessation of all production; provided, however,
5. if, prior to the expiration of such additional period, one or more of the parties hereto are engaged in
6. drilling or reworking a well or wells hereunder, this agreement shall continue in force until such oper-
7. ations have been completed and if production results therefrom, this agreement shall continue in
8. force as provided herein. In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well
9. drilled hereunder, results in a dry hole, and no other well is producing, or capable of producing oil
10. and/or gas from the Contract Area, this agreement shall terminate unless drilling or reworking opera-
11. tions are commenced within 120 days from the date of abandonment of said well.~~

12.
13. It is agreed, however, that the termination of this agreement shall not relieve any party hereto from
14. any liability which has accrued or attached prior to the date of such termination.
15.

16. **ARTICLE XIV.**
17. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

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19. **A. Laws, Regulations and Orders:**

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21. This agreement shall be subject to the conservation laws of the state in which the committed
22. acreage is located, to the valid rules, regulations, and orders of any duly constituted regulatory body of
23. said state; and to all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and
24. orders.

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26. **B. Governing Law:**

27.
28. The essential validity of this agreement and all matters pertaining thereto, including, but not lim-
29. ited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties and in-
30. terpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the law of the state in which the
31. Contract Area is located. If the Contract Area is in two or more states, the law of the state where most
32. of the land in the Contract Area is located shall govern.
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34. **ARTICLE XV.**
35. **OTHER PROVISIONS**

36.
37. **A. Not included.**

38. **B. Not included.**

39. **C. Not included.**

40.
41. **D. Notwithstanding any other provisions herein, if during the term of this agreement, a well is required**
42. **to be drilled, deepened, reworked, plugged back, sidetracked, or recompleted, or any other operation that**
43. **may be required in order to (1) continue a lease or leases in force and effect, or (2) maintain a unitized**
44. **area or any portion thereof in force and effect, or (3) earn or preserve an interest in and to oil and/or**
45. **gas and other minerals which may be owned by a third party or which, failing in such operation, may revert**
46. **to a third party, or, (4) comply with an order issued by a regulatory body having jurisdiction in the**
47. **premises, failing in which certain rights would terminate, the following shall apply. Should less than all**
48. **of the parties hereto elect to participate and pay their proportionate part of the costs to be incurred in**
49. **such operation, those parties desiring to participate shall have the right to do so at their sole cost,**
50. **risk, and expense. Promptly following the conclusion of such operation, each of those parties not**
51. **participating agree to execute and deliver an appropriate assignment to the total interest of each**
52. **non-participating party in and to the lease, leases, or rights which would have terminated or which**
53. **otherwise may have been preserved by virtue of such operation, and in and to the lease, leases or rights**
54. **within the balance of the drilling unit upon which the well was drilled, excepting, however, wells**
55. **theretofore completed and capable of producing in paying quantities. Such assignment shall be delivered to**
56. **the participating parties in the proportion that they bore the expense attributable to the**
57. **non-participating parties' interest.**

58. **E. No production, whether oil or gas, may be sold from the lease acreage, or lands pooled therewith, to**
59. **any party's subsidiaries, affiliates, or associates, without each party's prior written consent. All**
60. **production sold from the lease acreage, or lands pooled therewith, will be an arm's length trade with a**
61. **third party purchaser. It is expressly agreed if prior written consent is given to a party selling to**
62. **themselves, its subsidiaries, affiliates, or associates, the other parties to this agreement will have the**
63. **option to also sell to said purchaser, at the same or better price. In the event any party hereto, makes**
64. **an arm's length trade with a third party purchaser, the remaining parties will have the option to also sell**
65. **at the same or higher price.**

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ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF OPERATING AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 1, 1987, BETWEEN YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION, "OPERATOR", AND YATES DRILLING COMPANY, ET AL, "NON-OPERATORS", COVERING ALL LANDS OWNED BY PARTIES BUT NOT COVERED BY ANOTHER OPERATING AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE XVI
MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of _____ day of _____ 19____ on the effective date of each lease covered hereby.

OPERATOR

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

By [Signature]
Attorney-in-Fact

NON-OPERATORS

YATES DRILLING COMPANY

By [Signature]
Attorney-in-Fact

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
: ss
COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26th day of Dec, 19 87, by A.P. Yates Attorney-in-Fact for YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION, a New Mexico corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My commission expires: March 1, 1990

Miriam d. Holow
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
: ss
COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26th day of Dec, 19 87, by Yates Attorney-in-Fact for YATES DRILLING COMPANY, a New Mexico corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My commission expires: March 1, 1990

Miriam d. Holow
Notary Public

EXHIBIT A

YATES OA

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LOS CHICOS

By John A. Yates
John A. Yates, Agent

WEED OIL & GAS

By Peyton Yates
Peyton Yates, Partner

BY-OIL

By Frank Yates, Jr.
Frank Yates, Jr., Attorney-In-Fact

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) :ss
COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5th day of January, 1997 by John A. Yates, Agent for LOS CHICOS, a partnership.

My commission expires:
March 9, 1996

Rhonda A. Becker
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) :ss
COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5th day of January, 1997 by Peyton Yates, Partner for WEED OIL & GAS, a partnership.

My commission expires:
March 9, 1996

Rhonda A. Becker
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) :ss
COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5th day of January, 1997 by Frank Yates, Jr., Attorney-In-Fact for BY-OIL, a partnership.

My commission expires:
March 9, 1996

Rhonda A. Becker
Notary Public

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ATTEST:

TRAIL MOUNTAIN, INC.

By John A. Yates, Jr.
John A. Yates, Jr., Secretary

By Peyton Yates
Peyton Yates, President

ESTATE OF LILLIE M. YATES, DECEASED

By Frank Yates, Jr.
Frank Yates, Jr., Attorney-In-Fact for S. P. Yates, B. W. Harper and Frank Yates, Jr., Personal Representatives of the ESTATE OF LILLIE M. YATES, DECEASED.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) :ss
COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5th day of January, 1987 by Peyton Yates, President of TRAIL MOUNTAIN, INC., a New Mexico corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My commission expires:
March 9, 1996

Rhonda R. Becker
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) :ss
COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5th day of January, 1987 by Frank Yates, Jr., Attorney-In-Fact for S. P. Yates, B. W. Harper and Frank Yates, Jr., Personal Representatives of the ESTATE OF LILLIE M. YATES, DECEASED.

My commission expires:
March 9, 1996

Rhonda R. Becker
Notary Public

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SHARBRO OIL LTD. CO.

By: Frank Yates Jr
Manager

FRANK W. YATES, JR.

By: Frank Yates Jr
PEGGY A. YATES ESTATE

By: John A. Yates
John A. Yates, Personal Representative

JOHN A. YATES, JR.

By: John A. Yates Jr

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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:ss
COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of September, 1999 by Frank W. Yates, Jr., Manager for SHARBRO OIL LTD. CO. a New Mexico corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My Commission Expires:
6-14-2003

[Signature]
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of September, 1999 by FRANK W. YATES, JR.

My Commission Expires:
6-14-2003

[Signature]
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of September, 1999 by John A. Yates, Personal Representative for PEGGY A. YATES ESTATE

My Commission Expires:
6-14-2003

[Signature]
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
)
:ss
COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of September, 1999 by JOHN A. YATES, JR.

My Commission Expires:
6-14-2003

[Signature]
Notary Public

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SACRAMENTO PARTNERS
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: *Peyton Yates*
Peyton Yates, Manager of Weed Oil & Gas, L.C.,
General Partner

ESTELLE H. YATES

By: *Peyton Yates*

PEYTON YATES

By: *Peyton Yates*

RICHARD YATES

By: *Peyton Yates*

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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:ss
COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of September, 1999 by Peyton Yates, Attorney-in-Fact for SACRAMENTO PARTNERS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a New Mexico corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My Commission Expires:

6-14-2003

Theresa J. ...
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of September, 1999 by PEYTON YATES.

My Commission Expires:

6-14-2003

Theresa J. ...
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of September, 1999 by ESTELLE H. YATES.

My Commission Expires:

6-14-2003

Theresa J. ...
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of September, 1999 by RICHARD YATES.

My Commission Expires:

6-14-2003

Theresa J. ...
Notary Public

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MARY YATES DAVIS

By: [Signature]

S.P. & ESTELLE H. YATES 1976 TRUST FOR GRANDCHILDREN

[Signature]
St. Clair Peyton Yates, Jr. Trustee

WEED OIL & GAS COMPANY, LC

By: [Signature]
Peyton Yates, Manager

MARICO EXPLORATION, INC.

By: [Signature]
Mo Sarwar, Vice President

ATTEST

By: [Signature]
Dennis Kinsey, Secretary

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
)
:SS
COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19 day of September, 1998 by MARY YATES DAVIS.

My Commission Expires:
6-14-2003

[Signature]
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of September, 1998 by St. Clair Peyton Yates, Jr for S.P. & ESTELLE H. YATES 1976 TRUST FOR GRANDCHILDREN.

My Commission Expires:
6-14-2003

[Signature]
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of September, 1998 by PEYTON YATES, Manager for WEED OIL & GAS COMPANY, L.C., a New Mexico limited liability company.

My Commission Expires:
6-14-2003

[Signature]
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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:SS
COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13 day of September, 1998 by Mo Sarwar, Vice President for MARICO EXPLORATION, INC. a New Mexico corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My Commission Expires:
6-14-2003

[Signature]
Notary Public

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TRUST Q CREATED UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF PEGGY A. YATES, DECEASED

By: *John A. Yates* *
John A. Yates, Trustee of Trust Q u/w/o Peggy A. Yates, deceased.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)

COUNTY OF EDDY) ss.
)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 28th day of June, 2000, by John A. Yates, Trustee of Trust Q under the Last Will and Testament of Peggy A. Yates, deceased.

My Commission Expires:
8-12-01

Paula J. Baker
Notary Public

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EXHIBIT "A"

- I. 1. Lands Subject to Agreement:
All lands owned by the parties but not covered by another Operating Agreement
2. Depth Restriction:
None
3. Drilling Units for the Wells:
Proration Unit as established by the governing regulatory agency

II. Percentage Interests of Parties Under the Agreement:

Yates Petroleum Corporation	Interests as they appear of record
Yates Drilling Company	
Myco Industries, Inc.	
Abo Petroleum Corporation	
S.P. Yates	
John A. Yates	
Estate of Martin Yates, III	
Lillie M. Yates	
Los Chicos	
Weed Oil & Gas, a partnership	
By-Oil	
Trail Mountain, Inc.	
Estate of Lillie M. Yates	
Sharbro Oil Ltd. Co.	
Frank W. Yates, Jr.	
Estate of Peggy A. Yates	
John A. Yates, Jr.	
Sacramento Partners Limited Partnership	
Estelle H. Yates	
Peyton Yates	
Marico Exploration, Inc.	
Richard Yates	
Mary Yates Davis	
S.P. and Estelle H. Yates 1976 Trust	
Trust Q created under the Last Will and Testament of Peggy A. Yates, deceased.	

III. Leasehold Interest of Each Party:

All Leases owned by the parties but not covered by another Operating Agreement

IV. Addresses of Parties to Which Notices Should Be Sent:

Yates Petroleum Corporation	Yates Drilling Company
Myco Industries, Inc.	Abo Petroleum Corporation
Sharbro Industries, Inc.	S.P. Yates
John A. Yates	Frank W. Yates, Jr.
John A. Yates, Jr.	Peyton Yates
Estelle H. Yates	Estate of Martin Yates, III
Lillie M. Yates	Estate of Lillie M. Yates
Estate of Peggy A. Yates	Los Chicos
Weed Oil & Gas, a partnership	By-Oil
Trail Mountain, Inc.	Sacramento Partners Limited Partnership
Marico Exploration, Inc.	Richard Yates
Mary Yates Davis	S.P. and Estelle H. Yates 1976 Trust
	Trust Q created under the Last Will & Testament of Peggy A. Yates, dec.
105 South Fourth Street	
Artesia, New Mexico 88210	

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None
3. Drilling Units for Wells:
Proration Unit as established by the governing regulatory agency

II. Percentage Interests of Parties Under the Agreement:

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	Interests as they appear of record
YATES DRILLING COMPANY	BY-OIL.
MYCO INDUSTRIES, INC.	TRAIL MOUNTAIN, INC.
ABO PETROLEUM CORPORATION	ESTATE OF LILLIE M. YATES
S.P. YATES	
JOHN A. YATES	
ESTATE OF MARTIN YATES III	
LILLIE M. YATES	
LOS CHICOS	
WEED OIL & GAS	

III Leasehold Interest of Each Party:

All leases owned by the parties but not covered by another Operating Agreement

IV. Addresses of Parties to Which Notices Should be Sent:

Yates Petroleum Corporation	LOS CHICOS
Yates Drilling Company	WEED OIL & GAS
Myco Industries, Inc.	BY-OIL
Abco Petroleum Corporation	TRAIL MOUNTAIN, INC.
S.P. Yates	ESTATE OF LILLIE M. YATES
John A. Yates	105 South Fourth Street
Estate of Martin Yates III	Artesia, New Mexico 88210
Lillie M. Yates	
105 South Fourth Street	
Artesia, New Mexico 88210	
ATTN Randy G. Patterson	

EXHIBIT " C "

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ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE JOINT OPERATIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Definitions

"Joint Property" shall mean the real and personal property subject to the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached.

"Joint Operations" shall mean all operations necessary or proper for the development, operation, protection and maintenance of the Joint Property.

"Joint Account" shall mean the account showing the charges paid and credits received in the conduct of the Joint Operations and which are to be shared by the Parties.

"Operator" shall mean the party designated to conduct the Joint Operations.

"Non-Operators" shall mean the parties to this agreement other than the Operator.

"Parties" shall mean Operator and Non-Operators.

"First Level Supervisors" shall mean those employees whose primary function in Joint Operations is the direct supervision of other employees and/or contract labor directly employed on the Joint Property in a field operating capacity.

"Technical Employees" shall mean those employees having special and specific engineering, geological or other professional skills, and whose primary function in Joint Operations is the handling of specific operating conditions and problems for the benefit of the Joint Property.

"Personal Expenses" shall mean travel and other reasonable reimbursable expenses of Operator's employees.

"Material" shall mean personal property, equipment or supplies acquired or held for use on the Joint Property.

"Controllable Material" shall mean Material which at the time is so classified in the Material Classification Manual as most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies of North America.

2. Statement and Billings

Operator shall bill Non-Operators on or before the last day of each month for their proportionate share of the Joint Account for the preceding month. Such bills will be accompanied by statements which identify the authority for expenditure, lease or facility, and all charges and credits, summarized by appropriate classifications of investment and expense except that items of Controllable Material and unusual charges and credits shall be separately identified and fully described in detail.

3. Advances and Payments by Non-Operators

Unless otherwise provided for in the agreement, the Operator may require the Non-Operators to advance their share of estimated cash outlay for the succeeding month's operation. Operator shall adjust each monthly billing to reflect advances received from the Non-Operators.

Each Non-Operator shall pay its proportion of all bills within fifteen (15) days after receipt. If payment is not made within such time, the unpaid balance shall bear interest monthly at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum or the maximum contract rate permitted by the applicable usury laws in the state in which the Joint Property is located, whichever is the lesser, plus attorney's fees, court costs, and other costs in connection with the collection of unpaid amounts.

4. Adjustments

Payment of any such bills shall not prejudice the right of any Non-Operator to protest or question the correctness thereof; provided, however, all bills and statements rendered to Non-Operators by Operator during any calendar year shall conclusively be presumed to be true and correct after twenty-four (24) months following the end of any such calendar year, unless within the said twenty-four (24) month period a Non-Operator takes written exception thereto and makes claim on Operator for adjustment. No adjustment favorable to Operator shall be made unless it is made within the same prescribed period. The provisions of this paragraph shall not prevent adjustments resulting from a physical inventory of Controllable Material as provided for in Section V.

5. Audits

A. Non-Operator, upon notice in writing to Operator and all other Non-Operators, shall have the right to audit Operator's accounts and records relating to the Joint Account for any calendar year within the twenty-four (24) month period following the end of such calendar year; provided, however, the making of an audit shall not extend the time for the taking of written exception to and the adjustments of accounts as provided for in Paragraph 4 of this Section I. Where there are two or more Non-Operators, the Non-Operators shall make every reasonable effort to conduct joint or simultaneous audits in a manner which will result in a minimum of inconvenience to the Operator. Operator shall bear no portion of the Non-Operators' audit cost incurred under this paragraph unless agreed to by the Operator.

6. Approval by Non-Operators

Where an approval or other agreement of the Parties or Non-Operators is expressly required under other sections of this Accounting Procedure and if the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached contains no contrary provisions in regard thereto, Operator shall notify all Non-Operators of the Operator's proposal, and the agreement or approval of a majority in interest of the Non-Operators shall be controlling on all Non-Operators.

II. DIRECT CHARGES

Operator shall charge the Joint Account with the following items:

1. Rentals and Royalties

Lease rentals and royalties paid by Operator for the Joint Operations.

2. Labor

A. (1) Salaries and wages of Operator's field employees directly employed on the Joint Property in the conduct of Joint Operations.

(2) Salaries of First Level Supervisors in the field.

(3) Salaries and wages of Technical Employees directly employed on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates.

B. Operator's cost of holiday, vacation, sickness and disability benefits and other customary allowances paid to employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. Such costs under this Paragraph 2B may be charged on a "when and as paid basis" or by "percentage assessment" on the amount of salaries and wages chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II. If percentage assessment is used, the rate shall be based on the Operator's cost experience.

C. Expenditures or contributions made pursuant to assessments imposed by governmental authority which are applicable to Operator's costs chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II.

D. Personal Expenses of those employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraph 2A of this Section II.

3. Employee Benefits

Operator's current costs of established plans for employees' group life insurance, hospitalization, pension, retirement, stock purchase, thrift, bonus, and other benefit plans of a like nature, applicable to Operator's labor cost chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II shall be Operator's actual cost not to exceed twenty per cent (20%), or percentage most recently recommended by COPAS.

4. Material

Material purchased or furnished by Operator for use on the Joint Property as provided under Section IV. Only such Material shall be purchased for or transferred to the Joint Property as may be required for immediate use and is reasonably practical and consistent with efficient and economical operations. The accumulation of surplus stocks shall be avoided.

5. Transportation

Transportation of employees and Material necessary for the Joint Operations but subject to the following limitations:

A. If Material is moved to the Joint Property from the Operator's warehouse or other properties, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance from the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point where like material is normally available, unless agreed to by the Parties.

B. If surplus Material is moved to Operator's warehouse or other storage point, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance to the nearest reliable supply store, recognized barge terminal, or railway receiving point unless agreed to by the Parties. No charge shall be made to the Joint Account for moving Material to other properties belonging to Operator, unless agreed to by the Parties.

C. In the application of Subparagraphs A and B above, there shall be no equalization of actual gross trucking cost of \$200 or less excluding accessorial charges.

6. Services

The cost of contract services, equipment and utilities provided by outside sources, except services excluded by Paragraph 9 of Section II and Paragraph 1. ii of Section III. The cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly engaged on the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the Overhead rates. The cost of professional consultant services or contract services of technical personnel not directly engaged on the Joint Property shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless previously agreed to by the Parties.

7. Equipment and Facilities Furnished by Operator

A. Operator shall charge the Joint Account for use of Operator owned equipment and facilities at rates commensurate with costs of ownership and operation. Such rates shall include costs of maintenance, repairs, other operating expense, insurance, taxes, depreciation, and interest on investment not to exceed eight per cent (8%) per annum. Such rates shall not exceed average commercial rates currently prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property.

B. In lieu of charges in Paragraph 7A above, Operator may elect to use average commercial rates prevailing in the immediate area of the Joint Property less 20%. For automotive equipment, Operator may elect to use rates published by the Petroleum Motor Transport Association.

8. Damages and Losses to Joint Property

All costs or expenses necessary for the repair or replacement of Joint Property made necessary because of damages or losses incurred by fire, flood, storm, theft, accident, or other cause, except those resulting from Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Operator shall furnish Non-Operator written notice of damages or losses incurred as soon as practicable after a report thereof has been received by Operator.

9. Legal Expense

Expense of handling, investigating and settling litigation or claims, discharging of liens, payment of judgments and amounts paid for settlement of claims incurred in or resulting from operations under the agreement or necessary to protect or recover the Joint Property, except that no charge for services of Operator's legal staff or fees or expense of outside attorneys shall be made unless previously agreed to by the Parties. All other legal expense is considered to be covered by the overhead provisions of Section III unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, except as provided in Section I, Paragraph 3.

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10. Taxes

All taxes of every kind and nature assessed or levied upon or in connection with the Joint Property, the operation thereof, or the production therefrom, and which taxes have been paid by the Operator for the benefit of the Parties.

11. Insurance

Net premiums paid for insurance required to be carried for the Joint Operations for the protection of the Parties. In the event Joint Operations are conducted in a state in which Operator may act as self-insurer for Workmen's Compensation and/or Employers Liability under the respective state's laws, Operator may, at its election, include the risk under its self-insurance program and in that event, Operator shall include a charge at Operator's cost not to exceed manual rates.

12. Other Expenditures

Any other expenditure not covered or dealt with in the foregoing provisions of this Section II, or in Section III, and which is incurred by the Operator in the necessary and proper conduct of the Joint Operations.

III. OVERHEAD

1. Overhead - Drilling and Producing Operations

i. As compensation for administrative, supervision, office services and warehousing costs, Operator shall charge drilling and producing operations on either:

- () Fixed Rate Basis, Paragraph 1A, or
() Percentage Basis, Paragraph 1B.

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, such charge shall be in lieu of costs and expenses of all offices and salaries or wages plus applicable burdens and expenses of all personnel, except those directly chargeable under Paragraph 2A, Section II. The cost and expense of services from outside sources in connection with matters of taxation, traffic, accounting or matters before or involving governmental agencies shall be considered as included in the Overhead rates provided for in the above selected Paragraph of this Section III unless such cost and expense are agreed to by the Parties as a direct charge to the Joint Account.

ii. The salaries, wages and Personal Expenses of Technical Employees and/or the cost of professional consultant services and contract services of technical personnel directly employed on the Joint Property shall () shall not (X) be covered by the Overhead rates.

A. Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates per well per month:

Drilling Well Rate \$ furnished to Accounting by separate memo
Producing Well Rate \$

(2) Application of Overhead - Fixed Rate Basis shall be as follows:

(a) Drilling Well Rate

- [1] Charges for onshore drilling wells shall begin on the date the well is spudded and terminate on the date the drilling or completion rig is released, whichever is later, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.
- [2] Charges for offshore drilling wells shall begin on the date when drilling or completion equipment arrives on location and terminate on the date the drilling or completion equipment moves off location or rig is released, whichever occurs first, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of drilling operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.
- [3] Charges for wells undergoing any type of workover or recompletion for a period of five (5) consecutive days or more shall be made at the drilling well rate. Such charges shall be applied for the period from date workover operations, with rig, commence through date of rig release, except that no charge shall be made during suspension of operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

(b) Producing Well Rates

- [1] An active well either produced or injected into for any portion of the month shall be considered as a one-well charge for the entire month.
- [2] Each active completion in a multi-completed well in which production is not commingled down hole shall be considered as a one-well charge providing each completion is considered a separate well by the governing regulatory authority.
- [3] An inactive gas well shut in because of overproduction or failure of purchaser to take the production shall be considered as a one-well charge providing the gas well is directly connected to a permanent sales outlet.
- [4] A one-well charge may be made for the month in which plugging and abandonment operations are completed on any well.
- [5] All other inactive wells (including but not limited to inactive wells covered by unit allowable, lease allowable, transferred allowable, etc.) shall not qualify for an overhead charge.

(3) The well rates shall be adjusted as of the first day of April each year following the effective date of the agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached. The adjustment shall be computed by multiplying the rate currently in use by the percentage increase or decrease in the average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Production Workers for the last calendar year compared to the calendar year preceding as shown by the index of average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Fields Production Workers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or the equivalent Canadian index as published by Statistics Canada, as applicable. The adjusted rates shall be the rates currently in use, plus or minus the computed adjustment.

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B. Overhead - Percentage Basis

(1) Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates:

(a) Development

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Development of the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraph 9 of Section II and all salvage credits.

(b) Operating

_____ Percent (%) of the cost of Operating the Joint Property exclusive of costs provided under Paragraphs 1 and 9 of Section II, all salvage credits, the value of injected substances purchased for secondary recovery and all taxes and assessments which are levied, assessed and paid upon the mineral interest in and to the Joint Property.

(2) Application of Overhead - Percentage Basis shall be as follows:

For the purpose of determining charges on a percentage basis under Paragraph 1B of this Section III, development shall include all costs in connection with drilling, re-drilling, deepening or any remedial operations on any or all wells involving the use of drilling crew and equipment; also, preliminary expenditures necessary in preparation for drilling and expenditures incurred in abandoning when the well is not completed as a producer, and original cost of construction or installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset, except Major Construction as defined in Paragraph 2 of this Section III. All other costs shall be considered as Operating.

2. Overhead - Major Construction

To compensate Operator for overhead costs incurred in the construction and installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets, and any other project clearly discernible as a fixed asset required for the development and operation of the Joint Property, Operator shall either negotiate a rate prior to the beginning of construction, or shall charge the Joint Account for Overhead based on the following rates for any Major Construction project in excess of \$ 25,000.00 :

- A. 5 % of total costs if such costs are more than \$ 25,000.00 but less than \$ 100,000.00 ; plus
- B. 3 % of total costs in excess of \$ 100,000.00 but less than \$1,000,000; plus
- C. 2 % of total costs in excess of \$1,000,000.

Total cost shall mean the gross cost of any one project. For the purpose of this paragraph, the component parts of a single project shall not be treated separately and the cost of drilling and workover wells shall be excluded.

3. Amendment of Rates

The Overhead rates provided for in this Section III may be amended from time to time only by mutual agreement between the Parties hereto if, in practice, the rates are found to be insufficient or excessive.

IV. PRICING OF JOINT ACCOUNT MATERIAL PURCHASES, TRANSFERS AND DISPOSITIONS

Operator is responsible for Joint Account Material and shall make proper and timely charges and credits for all material movements affecting the Joint Property. Operator shall provide all Material for use on the Joint Property; however, at Operator's option, such Material may be supplied by the Non-Operator. Operator shall make timely disposition of idle and/or surplus Material, such disposal being made either through sale to Operator or Non-Operator, division in kind, or sale to outsiders. Operator may purchase, but shall be under no obligation to purchase, interest of Non-Operators in surplus condition A or B Material. The disposal of surplus Controllable Material not purchased by the Operator shall be agreed to by the Parties.

1. Purchases

Material purchased shall be charged at the price paid by Operator after deduction of all discounts received. In case of Material found to be defective or returned to vendor for any other reason, credit shall be passed to the Joint Account when adjustment has been received by the Operator.

2. Transfers and Dispositions

Material furnished to the Joint Property and Material transferred from the Joint Property or disposed of by the Operator, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, shall be priced on the following bases exclusive of cash discounts:

A. New Material (Condition A)

- (1) Tubular goods, except line pipe, shall be priced at the current new price in effect on date of movement on a maximum carload or barge load weight basis, regardless of quantity transferred, equalized to the lowest published price f.o.b. railway receiving point or recognized barge terminal nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.
- (2) Line Pipe
 - (a) Movement of less than 30,000 pounds shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.
 - (b) Movement of 30,000 pounds or more shall be priced under provisions of tubular goods pricing in Paragraph 2A (1) of this Section IV.
- (3) Other Material shall be priced at the current new price, in effect at date of movement, as listed by a reliable supply store or f.o.b. railway receiving point nearest the Joint Property where such Material is normally available.

B. Good Used Material (Condition B)

Material in sound and serviceable condition and suitable for reuse without reconditioning:

- (1) Material moved to the Joint Property
 - (a) At seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV.
- (2) Material moved from the Joint Property
 - (a) At seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as new Material, or

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(b) at sixty-five percent (65%) of current new price, as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV, if Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as good used Material at seventy-five percent (75%) of current new price.

The cost of reconditioning, if any, shall be absorbed by the transferring property.

C. Other Used Material (Condition C and D)

(1) Condition C

Material which is not in sound and serviceable condition and not suitable for its original function until after reconditioning shall be priced at fifty percent (50%) of current new price as determined by Paragraph 2A of this Section IV. The cost of reconditioning shall be charged to the receiving property, provided Condition C value plus cost of reconditioning does not exceed Condition B value.

(2) Condition D

All other Material, including junk, shall be priced at a value commensurate with its use or at prevailing prices. Material no longer suitable for its original purpose but usable for some other purpose, shall be priced on a basis comparable with that of items normally used for such other purpose. Operator may dispose of Condition D Material under procedures normally utilized by the Operator without prior approval of Non-Operators.

D. Obsolete Material

Material which is serviceable and usable for its original function but condition and/or value of such Material is not equivalent to that which would justify a price as provided above may be specially priced as agreed to by the Parties. Such price should result in the Joint Account being charged with the value of the service rendered by such Material.

E. Pricing Conditions

(1) Loading and unloading costs may be charged to the Joint Account at the rate of fifteen cents (15¢) per hundred weight on all tubular goods movements, in lieu of loading and unloading costs sustained, when actual hauling cost of such tubular goods are equalized under provisions of Paragraph 3 of Section II.

(2) Material involving erection costs shall be charged at applicable percentage of the current knocked-down price of new Material.

3. Premium Prices

Whenever Material is not readily obtainable at published or listed prices because of national emergencies, strikes or other unusual causes over which the Operator has no control, the Operator may charge the Joint Account for the required Material at the Operator's actual cost incurred in providing such Material, in making it suitable for use, and in moving it to the Joint Property; provided notice in writing is furnished to Non-Operators of the proposed charge prior to billing Non-Operators for such Material. Each Non-Operator shall have the right, by so electing and notifying Operator within ten days after receiving notice from Operator, to furnish in kind all or part of his share of such Material suitable for use and acceptable to Operator.

4. Warranty of Material Furnished by Operator

Operator does not warrant the Material furnished. In case of defective Material, credit shall not be passed to the Joint Account until adjustment has been received by Operator from the manufacturers or their agents.

V. INVENTORIES

The Operator shall maintain detailed records of Controllable Material.

1. Periodic Inventories, Notice and Representation

At reasonable intervals, Inventories shall be taken by Operator of the Joint Account Controllable Material. Written notice of intention to take inventory shall be given by Operator at least thirty (30) days before any inventory is to begin so that Non-Operators may be represented when any inventory is taken. Failure of Non-Operators to be represented at an inventory shall bind Non-Operators to accept the inventory taken by Operator.

2. Reconciliation and Adjustment of Inventories

Reconciliation of a physical inventory with the Joint Account shall be made, and a list of overages and shortages shall be furnished to the Non-Operators within six months following the taking of the inventory. Inventory adjustments shall be made by Operator with the Joint Account for overages and shortages, but Operator shall be held accountable only for shortages due to lack of reasonable diligence.

3. Special Inventories

Special Inventories may be taken whenever there is any sale or change of interest in the Joint Property. It shall be the duty of the party selling to notify all other Parties as quickly as possible after the transfer of interest takes place. In such cases, both the seller and the purchaser shall be governed by such inventory.

4. Expense of Conducting Periodic Inventories

The expense of conducting periodic Inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account unless agreed to by the Parties.

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OPERATING AGREEMENT

ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF OPERATING AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 1, 1987, BETWEEN YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION, "OPERATOR"; AND YATES DRILLING COMPANY, ET AL, "NON-OPERATORS", COVERING ALL LANDS OWNED BY PARTIES BUT NOT COVERED BY ANOTHER OPERATING AGREEMENT.

ADDITIONAL INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Operator, during the term of this agreement, shall carry insurance for the benefit and at the expense of the parties hereto, as follows:

- (A) Workmen's Compensation Insurance as contemplated by the state in which operations will be conducted, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limits of not less than \$100,000.00 per employee.

- (B) Public Liability Insurance:
 - Bodily Injury - \$500,000.00 each occurrence.

- (C) Automobile Public Liability Insurance:
 - Bodily Injury - \$250,000.00 each person.
\$500,000.00 each occurrence.

 - Property Damage - \$100,000.00 each occurrence.

Except as authorized by this Exhibit "D", Operator shall not make any charge to the joint account for insurance premiums. Losses not covered by Operator's insurance (or by insurance required by this agreement to be carried for the benefit and at the expense of the parties hereto) shall be charged to the joint account.

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GAS BALANCING AGREEMENT

The parties to the Operating Agreement to which this agreement is attached own the working interest in the gas rights underlying the lands covered by such agreement (the "Contract Area") in accordance with the percentages of participation as set forth in Exhibit "A" to the Operating Agreement (the "participation percentage").

In accordance with the terms of the Operating Agreement, each party thereto has the right to take its share of gas produced from the Contract Area and market the same. In the event any of the parties hereto collectively owning participation percentages of less than 50% are not at any time taking or marketing their share of gas or have contracted to sell their share of gas produced from the Contract Area to a purchaser which does not at any time while this agreement is in effect take the full share of gas attributable to the interest of such parties, this agreement shall automatically become effective upon the terms hereinafter set forth.

1. During the period or periods when any parties hereto collectively owning participation percentages of less than 50% have no market for their share of gas produced from any proration unit within the Contract Area, or their purchaser does not take its full share of gas produced from such proration unit, other parties collectively owning participation percentages of more than 50% shall be entitled to produce each month 100% of the lesser of a) allowable gas production assigned to such proration unit by applicable state regulatory authority or b) the delivery capacity of gas from such proration unit; provided, however, no party who does not have gas in place shall be entitled to take or deliver to a purchaser gas production in excess of 200% of the lesser of c) its share of the volumes of gas capable of being delivered on a daily basis or d) its share of allowable gas production. All parties hereto shall share in and own the liquid hydrocarbons recovered from such gas by lease equipment in accordance with their respective interests and subject to the Operating Agreement to which this agreement is attached, but the party or parties taking such gas shall own all of the gas delivered to its or their purchaser.

2. On a cumulative basis, each party not taking or marketing its full share of the gas produced shall be credited with gas in place equal to its full share of the gas produced under this agreement, less its share of gas used in lease operations, vented or lost, and less that portion such party took or delivered to its purchaser. The Operator will maintain a current account of gas balance between the parties and will furnish all parties hereto monthly statements showing the total quantity of gas produced, the amount used in lease operations, vented or lost, the total quantity of liquid hydrocarbons recovered therefrom, and the monthly and cumulative over and under account of each party.

3. At all times while gas is produced from the Contract Area, each party hereto will make settlement with the respective royalty owners to whom they are each accountable, just as if each party were taking or delivering to a purchaser its share, and its share only. Each party hereto agrees to hold each other party harmless from any and all claims for royalty payments asserted by royalty owners to whom each party is accountable. The term "royalty owner" shall include owners of royalty, overriding royalties, production payments and other similar interests.

Each party producing and taking or delivering gas to its purchaser shall pay any and all production taxes due on such gas.

4. After notice to the Operator, any party at any time may begin taking or delivering to its purchaser its full share of the gas produced from a proration unit under which it has gas in place less such party's share of gas used in operations, vented or lost. In addition to such share, each party, including the Operator, until it has recovered its gas in place and balanced the gas account as to its interest, shall be entitled to take or deliver to its purchaser a share of gas determined by multiplying 50% of the interest in the current gas production of the party or parties without gas in place by a fraction, the numerator of which is the interest in the proration unit of such party with gas in

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place and the denominator of which is the total percentage interest in such proration unit of all parties with gas in place currently taking or delivering to a purchaser.

5. Nothing herein shall be construed to deny any party the right, from time to time, to produce and take or deliver to its purchaser its full share of the allowable gas production to meet the deliverability tests required by its purchaser, provided that said test should be reasonable in length, normally not to exceed 72 hours.

6. If a proration unit ceases to produce gas and/or liquid hydrocarbons in paying quantities before the gas account is balanced, settlement will be made between the underproduced and overproduced parties. In making such settlement, the underproduced party or parties will be paid a sum of money by the overproduced party or parties attributable to the overproduction which said overproduced party received, less applicable taxes theretofore paid, at the applicable price defined below for the delivery of a volume of gas equal to that for which settlement is made. For gas, the price of which is not regulated by federal, state or other governmental agencies, the price basis shall be the price received for the sale of the gas. For gas, the price of which is subject to regulation by federal, state or other governmental authorities, the price basis shall be the rate collected, from time to time, which is not subject to possible refund, as provided by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any other governmental authority, pursuant to final order or settlement applicable to the gas sold from such well, plus any additional collected amount which is not ultimately required to be refunded by such authority, such additional collected amount to be accounted for at such time as final determination is made with respect hereto.

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of ¶6, it is expressly agreed that any underproduced party shall have the optional right, with respect to each proration unit, to receive a cash settlement bringing such underproduced party's gas account into balance at any time and from time to time prior to the final settlement, by first giving each overproduced party 90 days' written notice of demand for cash settlement. If such option is so exercised, settlement shall be made (as of 7:00 o'clock A.M. on the first day of the calendar month following the date of such written demands) within 90 days following the actual receipt of such written demands by the overproduced parties, in the same manner provided for in ¶6. The option provided for in this paragraph may be exercised, from time to time, but only one time in each calendar year.

8. Nothing herein shall change or affect each party's obligation to pay its proportionate share of all costs and liabilities incurred, as its share thereof is set forth in the Operating Agreement.

9. This agreement shall constitute a separate agreement as to each proration unit approved by the applicable regulatory authority for a pool within the Contract Area, but such proration unit shall not include any producing horizon which is not within the vertical limits of said pool. This agreement shall remain in force and effect so long as the Operating Agreement to which it is attached remains in effect, and shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROVISION

During the performance of this contract, the Operator agrees as follows:

- (1) The Operator will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin or sex. The Operator will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin or sex. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Operator agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment notices to be provided for the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.
- (2) The Operator will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Operator, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin or sex.
- (3) The Operator will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Operator's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (4) The Operator will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (5) The Operator will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (6) In the event of the Operator's non-compliance with the non-discrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be cancelled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the Operator may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

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- (7) The Operator will include the provisions of Paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Operator will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for non-compliance: Provided, however, that in the event the Operator becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the contracting agency, the Operator may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Operator acknowledges that it may be required to file Standard Form 100 (EEO-1) promulgated jointly by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Plans for Progress with Joint Reporting Committee, Federal Depot, Jeffersonville, Indiana, within thirty (30) days of the date of contract award if such report has not been filed for the current year and otherwise comply with or file such other compliance reports as may be required under Executive Order 11246, as amended and Rules and Regulations adopted thereunder.

Operator further acknowledges that he may be required to develop a written affirmative action compliance program as required by the Rules and Regulations approved by the Secretary of Labor under authority of Executive Order 11246 and supply Non-Operators with a copy of such program if they so request.

CERTIFICATION OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES

Operator assures Non-Operators that it does not and will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not and will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. For this purpose, it is understood that the phrase "segregated facilities" includes facilities which are in fact segregated on a basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, because of habit, local custom or otherwise. It is further understood and agreed that maintaining or providing segregated facilities for its employees or permitting its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained is a violation of the equal opportunity clause required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965.

Operator further understands and agrees that a breach of the assurance herein contained subjects it to the provisions of the Order at 41 CFR Chapter 60 of the Secretary of Labor dated May 21, 1968, and the provisions of the equal opportunity clause enumerated in contracts between the United States of America and Non-Operators.

Whoever knowingly and willfully makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent representation may be liable to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. As to all operations hereunder, Operator shall carry for the benefit and protection of the parties hereto Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance in accordance with the applicable State law. If under the laws of said State, Operator is authorized to be a self-insurer as to Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability, Operator may elect to be a self-insurer under such laws and in such event Operator shall charge to the joint account, in lieu of any premiums for such insurance, a premium equivalent not to exceed manual insurance rates applied to the payroll.

B. Operator shall not be required to carry any other insurance for the joint account. The liability of the parties hereto in damages for claims growing out of personal injury to or death of third persons or damage or destruction of property of third parties resulting from the operations conducted hereunder shall be borne by the parties hereto in the proportions of their respective obligations to bear such costs. Operator shall not be liable to Non-Operator for loss, damages or destruction to jointly owned property from operations hereunder unless such loss, damages or destruction arise solely out of willful misconduct or gross negligence of Operator.

C. Each party individually may acquire at its own cost and expense such insurance as it deems proper to protect itself from third party claims or damages to joint property and such insurance shall inure solely for the benefit of such party procuring same; provided, however, that each such insurance policy shall contain a waiver on the part of the insurance carrier of all rights, by subrogation or otherwise, against all of the other parties hereto.

D. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the benefit of the operations hereunder to comply with applicable Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability laws and to maintain such other insurance as Operator shall deem necessary.



BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC

**RATIFICATION OF OPERATING AGREEMENT
AND STIPULATION OF INTEREST**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO §
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COUNTY OF EDDY §

Reference is made to the terms and provisions of the Yates Petroleum Corporation "in-house" Operating Agreement dated January 1, 1987, (the "Yates Operating Agreement") covering, among other lands, the following (the "Subject Lands"):

Lots 1, 2, NE/4 and E/2NW/4 of Section 7 and the NW/4 of Section 8, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, covering 474.11 acres, more or less, as to all depths.

The following described oil and gas leases issued by the United States of America, as Lessor, to Yates Petroleum Corporation, Yates Drilling Company, Myco Industries, Inc. and Abo Petroleum Corporation, insofar as said leases cover the Subject Lands, are hereinafter referred to as the "Subject Leases":

Oil and Gas Lease NM-103879 dated effective March 1, 2000
Township 23 South, Range 29 East, NMPM
Section 7: Lots 1, 2, NE/4 and E/2 NW/4
Eddy County, New Mexico, containing 314.11 acres, more or less.

Oil and Gas Lease NM-121951 dated effective May 1, 2009
Township 23 South, Range 29 East, NMPM
Section 8: NW/4
Eddy County, New Mexico, containing 160 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, that certain Pooling Agreement and Stipulation of Interest dated February 22, 2010, recorded in Book 820, Page 252 of the Eddy County Records, Eddy County, New Mexico, was executed by Yates Petroleum Corporation, Myco Industries, Inc., Abo Petroleum Corporation and Yates Drilling Company (the "Pooling Agreement"). In addition to the Subject Lands the Pooling Agreement covers the N/2 SW/4 of Section 4, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, Texas Mexico (the "Novo Lands").

WHEREAS, the name of Yates Drilling Company was changed to Oxy Y-1 Company, as reflected by instrument filed October 6, 2010, in Eddy County, New Mexico in Book 835 Page 435.

WHEREAS, Abo Petroleum Corporation changed its name to EOG A Resources, Inc., Myco Industries, Inc. changed its name to EOG M Resources, Inc. and Yates Petroleum Corporation changed its name to EOG Y Resources, Inc.

BTA OIL PRODUCERS LLC
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WHEREAS, thereafter, pursuant to Assignment of Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases dated October 12, 2018, effective August 1, 2018, recorded in Book 1116, Page 1089 of the Eddy County Records, Eddy County, New Mexico, EOG Y Resources, Inc., EOG A Resources, Inc. and EOG M Resources, Inc., as assignor, assigned to Novo Oil & Gas Northern Delaware, LLC, as assignee, all of assignor's interest in United States of America Oil and Gas Lease NM-121951 insofar and only insofar as said lease covers the N/2 SW/4 of Section 4, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico (the "Novo Assignment"). The Novo Assignment is made subject to the Pooling Agreement. It was the intent of the parties to the Novo Assignment for Novo Oil & Gas Northern Delaware, LLC to own an interest only in the Novo Lands.

WHEREAS, EOG Resources, Inc., a Delaware corporation, is successor by merger to EOG Y Resources, Inc., EOG A Resources, Inc., and EOG M Resources, Inc., each filed December 17, 2018, effective January 1, 2019.

WHEREAS, EOG Resources, Inc., a Delaware corporation (separately and as successor by merger to EOG Y Resources, Inc., EOG A Resources, Inc., and EOG M Resources, Inc.) assigned to BTA Oil Producers, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, the Subject Leases insofar as said leases cover the Subject Lands pursuant to Assignment dated effective November 1, 2018, recorded in Book 1119, Page 0048 of the Eddy County Records, Eddy County, New Mexico.

WHEREAS, BTA Oil Producers, LLC, and Novo Oil & Gas Northern Delaware, LLC ("Novo") executed a Stipulation of Interest dated effective August 1, 2018, and recorded in Book 1121, Page 0804 of the Eddy County Records, Eddy County, New Mexico, wherein said parties agreed that pursuant to the Novo Assignment, Novo acquired an interest in only the Novo Lands and Novo owns no interest in the Subject Lands.

WHEREAS, the undersigned parties desire to clarify that the Subject Lands will no longer be subject to the Yates Operating Agreement but instead the Subject Lands will be subject to a separate operating agreement containing terms identical to the Yates Operating Agreement less and except Article XV.D. which is hereby stricken and removed. The undersigned parties further desire to stipulate and agree that the Pooling Agreement is amended to cover the Subject Lands only.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and for the mutual benefits to be derived herefrom, the undersigned parties do hereby covenant, stipulate and agree that (i) the Subject Lands are not subject to the Yates Operating Agreement but instead are subject to a separate operating agreement containing terms identical to the Yates Operating Agreement (the "Subject Lands JOA"); (ii) Exhibit "A" to the Subject Lands JOA is as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto; (iii) BTA Oil Producers, LLC is the current Operator under the Subject Lands JOA; and (iv) as between BTA Oil Producers, LLC and Oxy Y-1 Company, the Pooling Agreement is amended to delete the Novo Lands and cover the Subject Lands only.

This instrument shall be deemed to contain adequate words of grant and conveyance as are necessary and proper in order to effectuate the stipulation and agreement above. The undersigned parties agree to execute, acknowledge and deliver such further instruments and take such other

action as may be reasonably necessary in order to more fully accomplish the purposes of this Ratification of Operating Agreement and Stipulation of Interest.

This agreement may be executed in any number of separate counterparts by the parties. For recording purposes, the signature and acknowledgement pages of the counterparts may be assembled into one document. The terms and provisions of this instrument shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the undersigned parties and their respective heirs, successors and assigns once signed by both of the undersigned parties.

This Stipulation of Interest is executed on the dates of the respective acknowledgments of the parties but is effective as of November 1, 2018.

BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC, Texas limited liability company

By: [Signature]
Name: Barry Beal, Jr. *WDP*
Title: Managing Member

OXY Y-1 COMPANY, a New Mexico corporation

By: [Signature]
Name: BRADLEY R. PUSEK *BR*
Title: ATTORNEY-IN-FACT *JVS*

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 10th day of May, 2019, by Barry Beal, Jr., Managing Member of BTA Oil Producers, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, on behalf of said limited liability company.

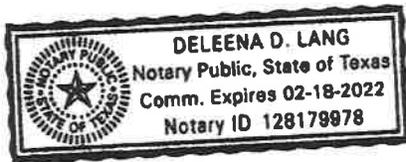


Mona Lagan
Notary Public – State of Texas
My Commission Expires: 3-27-21

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF Harris §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 6th day of May, 2019, by Bradley S. Doser Attorney-in-Fact of Oxy Y-1 Company., a New Mexico corporation, on behalf of said corporation.



Deleena D. Lang
Notary Public – State of Texas
My Commission Expires: 02/18/2022

Exhibit "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement by and between BTA Oil Producers, LLC, Operator and Oxy Y-1 Company, Non-Operator

I. LANDS SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT:

Lots 1, 2, NE/4 and E/2NW/4 of Section 7, and NW/4 of Section 8, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, containing 474.11 acres, more or less.

II. RESTRICTIONS AS TO DEPTHS, FORMATIONS OR SUBSTANCES:

All Depths.

III. INTEREST OF THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT:

In the Culebra "BLV" Federal No. 1-H Well as to the Bone Spring formation

BTA Oil Producers, LLC	73.19666%
104 South Pecos	
Midland, Texas 79701	
Phone: 432-682-3753	
Attn: Willis Price	

Oxy Y-1 Company	26.80334%
P. O. Box 4294	
Houston, TX 77210-4294	

In wells drilled on the Lands referenced above save except the Culebra "BLV" Federal No. 1-H Well as to the Bone Spring formation

BTA Oil Producers, LLC	73.19752%
104 South Pecos	
Midland, Texas 79701	
Phone: 432-682-3753	
Attn: Willis Price	

Oxy Y-1 Company	26.80248%
P. O. Box 4294	
Houston, TX 77210-4294	

IV. OIL AND GAS LEASES:

Oil and Gas Leases owned by the parties hereto covering the lands subject to this Agreement insofar as they cover Lots 1, 2, NE/4 and E/2NW/4 of Section 7, and NW/4 of Section 8, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, as to all depths:

1. Federal Lease No.: NMNM-121591
Lessor: United State of America
Lessee: Yates Petroleum Corporation, et al
Date: May 01, 2009
Recorded:
Land Covered: Insofar as it covers the NW/4 of Section 8, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, containing 160 acres, more or less.

2. Federal Lease No.: NMNM-103879
Lessor: United State of America
Lessee: Yates Petroleum Corporation, et al
Date: March 1, 2000
Recorded:
Land Covered: Lots 1, 2, NE/4, and E/2NW/4 of Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, containing 314.11 acres, more or less.



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July 8, 2019

In re: BTA – Ochoa 8703 Fed #1H
Lots 1, 2, NE/4 and E/2NW/4 of Section 7, and NW/4 of Section 8-T23S-R29E-
Eddy County, New Mexico, containing 474.11 acres, more or less

Oxy Y-1 Company
5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 110
Houston, TX 77046
Attention: Mr. Peter R. Van Liew

Dear Peter:

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By: _____

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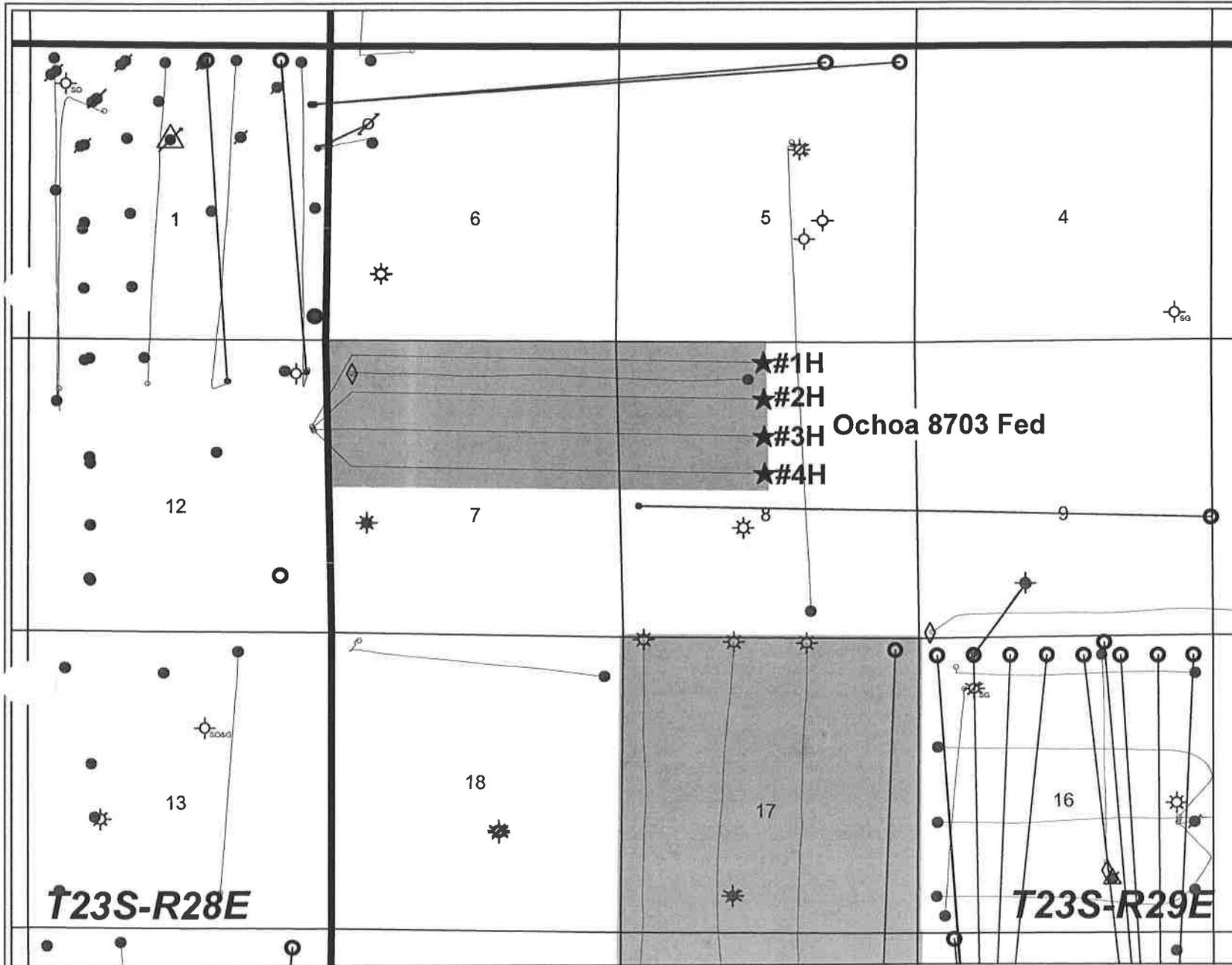
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COMPANY: _____

DATE: _____



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Ochoa 8703 Fed - ATS Map

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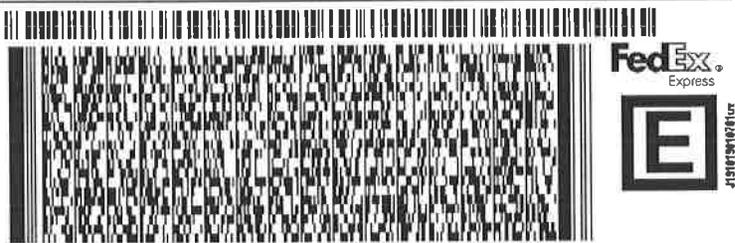
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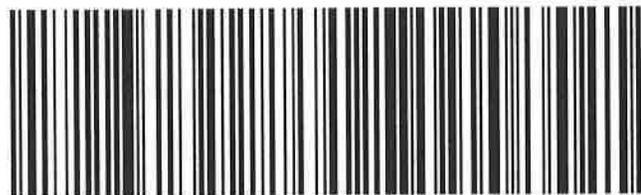


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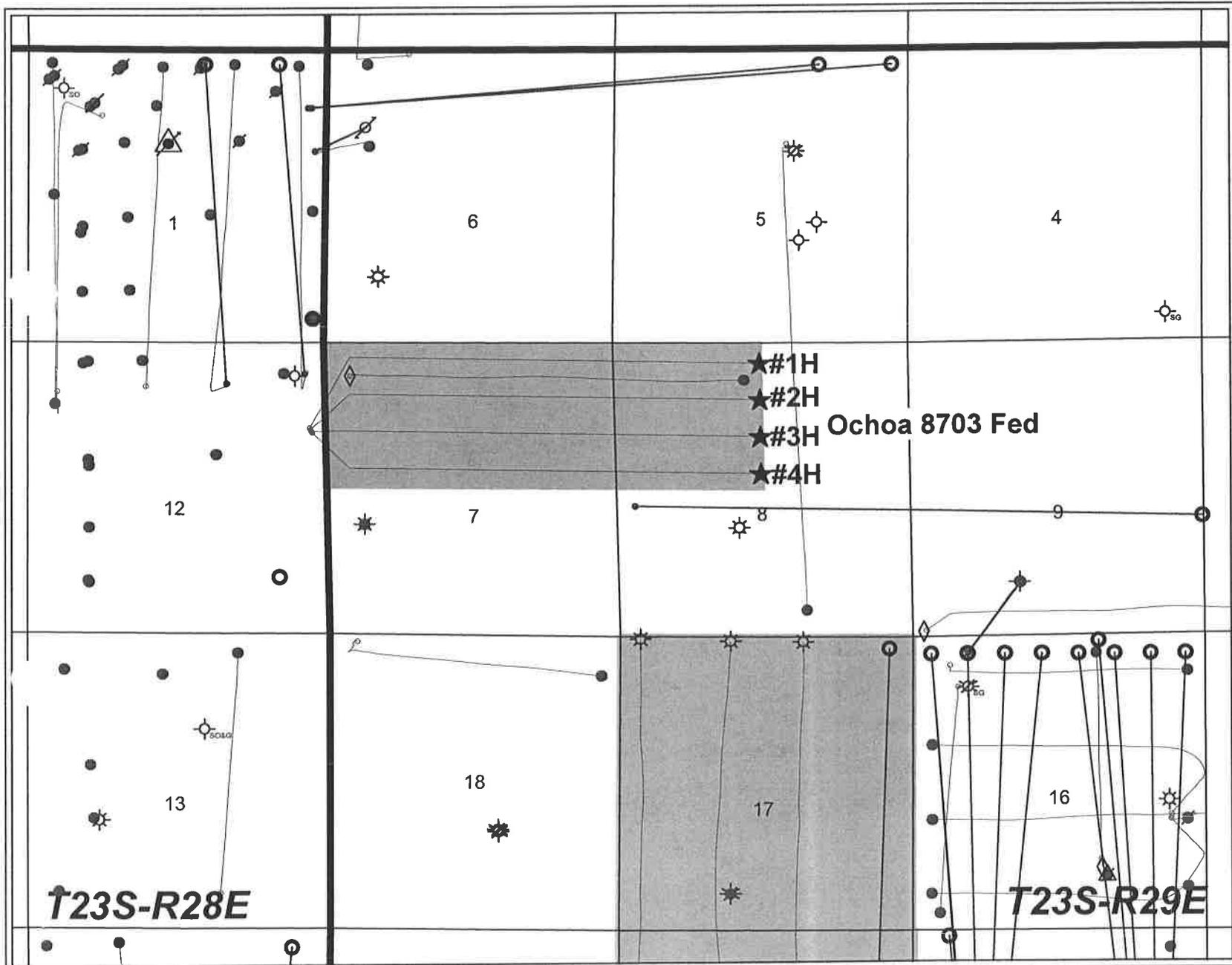
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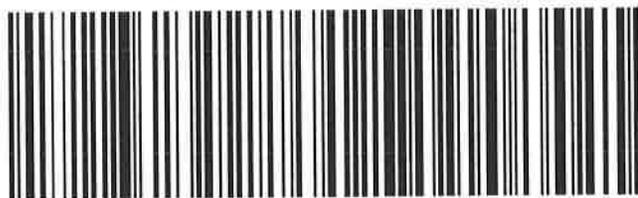
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July 8, 2019

In re: BTA – Ochoa 8703 Fed #3H
Lots 1, 2, NE/4 and E/2NW/4 of Section 7, and NW/4 of Section 8-T23S-R29E-
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Houston, TX 77046
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By: _____

Title: _____

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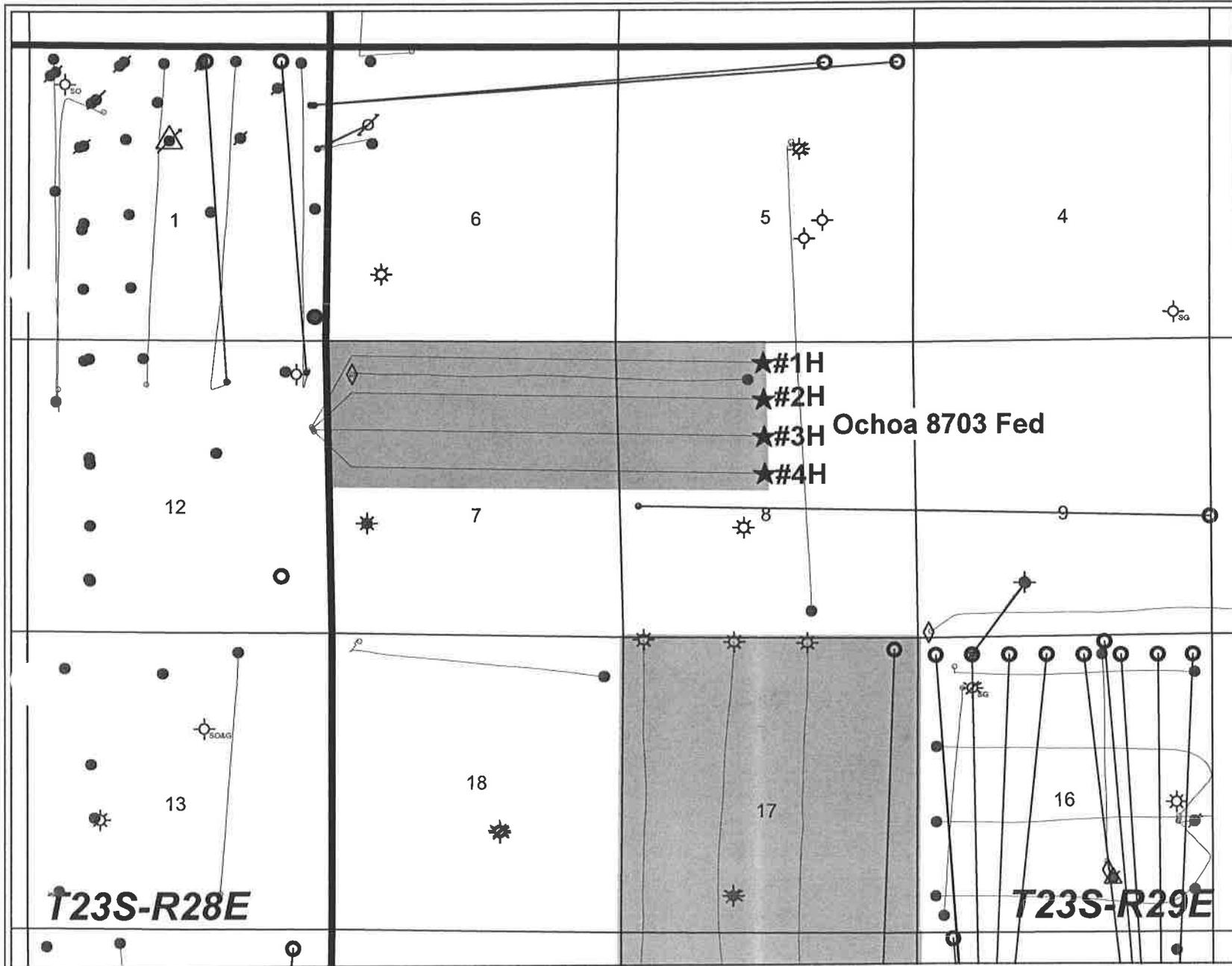
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 Eddy County, NM
 Date Prepared: 6/27/19

Total Depth: ~10541' TVD
 18,347' MD
 Formation: Lwr Wolfcamp

Prepared By:
 NE NE TW
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INTANGIBLE COSTS	NE DRY	NE CASED HOLE	TW COMPLETION	TOTAL COSTS
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 COMPANY: _____
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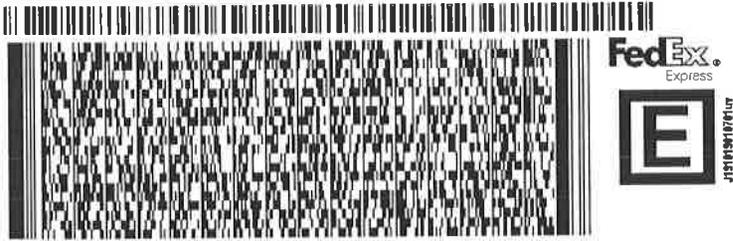
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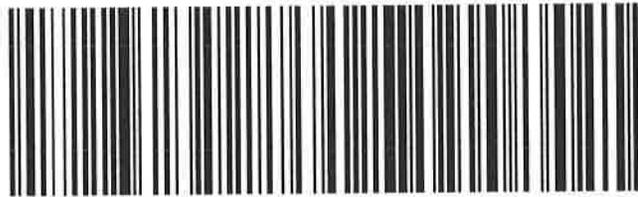
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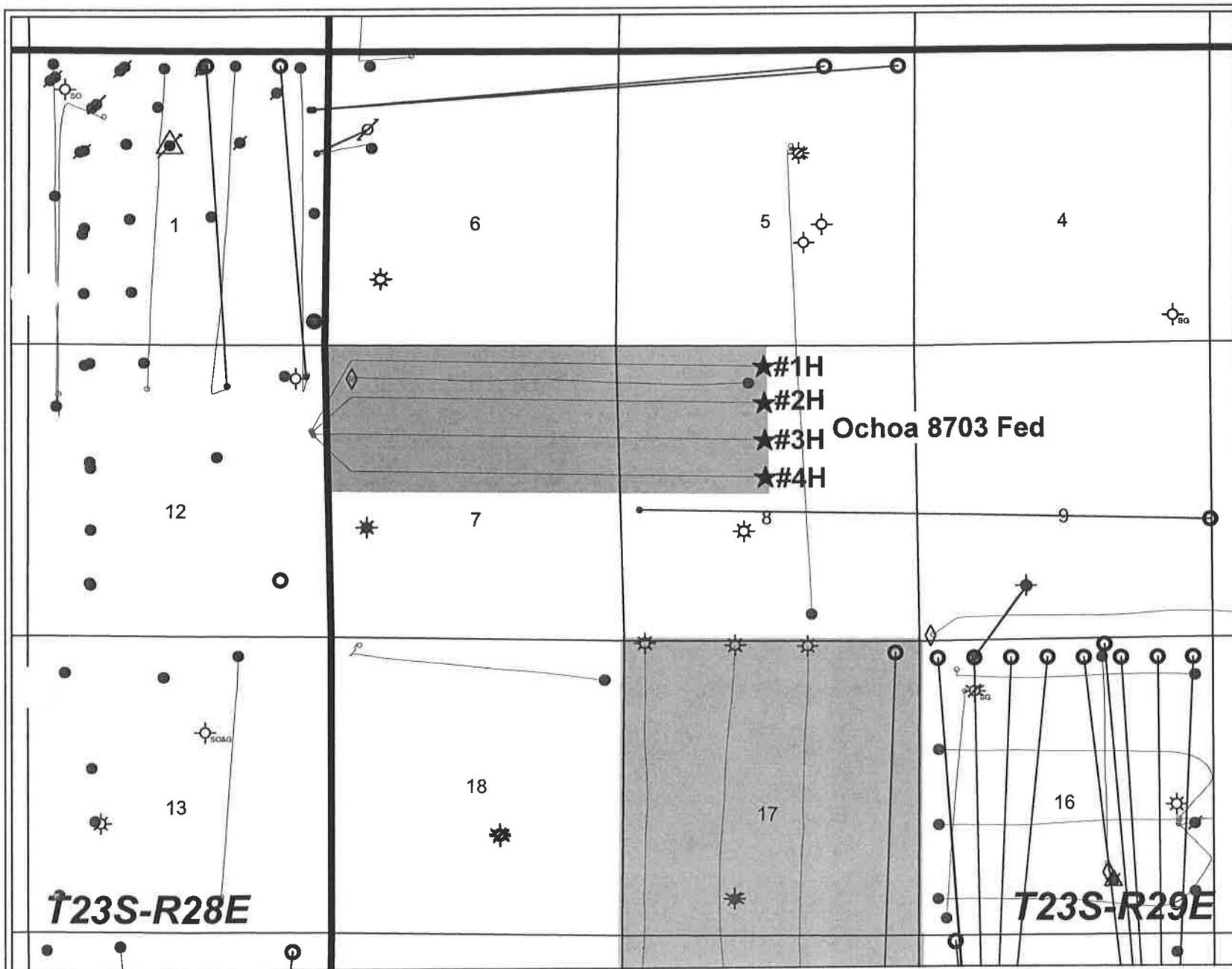
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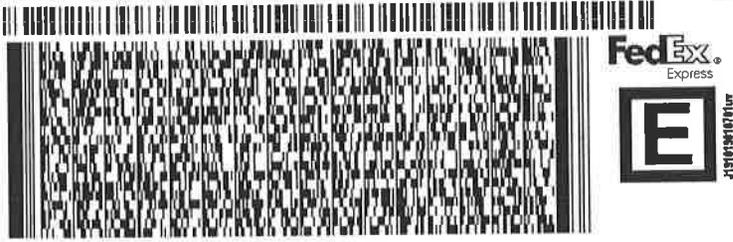
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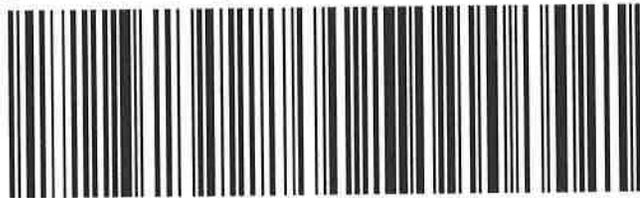
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July 25, 2019

In re: BTA – Ochoa 8703 Fed #1H, #2H, #3H, and #4H
 Lots 1, 2, NE/4 and E/2NW/4 of Section 7, and NW/4 of Section 8-T23S-R29E-
 Eddy County, New Mexico, containing 474.11 acres, more or less

Oxy Y-1 Company
 5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 110
 Houston, TX 77046
 Attention: Mr. Jeremy Murphrey

Dear Jeremy:

BTA Oil Producers, LLC (“BTA”) sent well proposals dated July 8, 2019, to Oxy Y-1 Company (“Oxy”) covering the BTA – Ochoa 8703 Fed #1H, #2H, #3H, and #4H. The wells were proposed under that certain Operating Agreement dated January 1, 1987, naming BTA as Operator, as amended and ratified. BTA agrees to amend the election period on each of the well proposals referenced above so that Oxy’s election is due thirty (30) days from notice from BTA of receipt of an approved application for permit to drill (“APD”) for each well.

Please signify your approval of the amendment of the election period as set out above by signing in the space provided below. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss, please call me at (432) 682-3753.

Respectfully,

Willis D. Price III
 Land Manager

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED:

Oxy Y-1 Company

By: _____

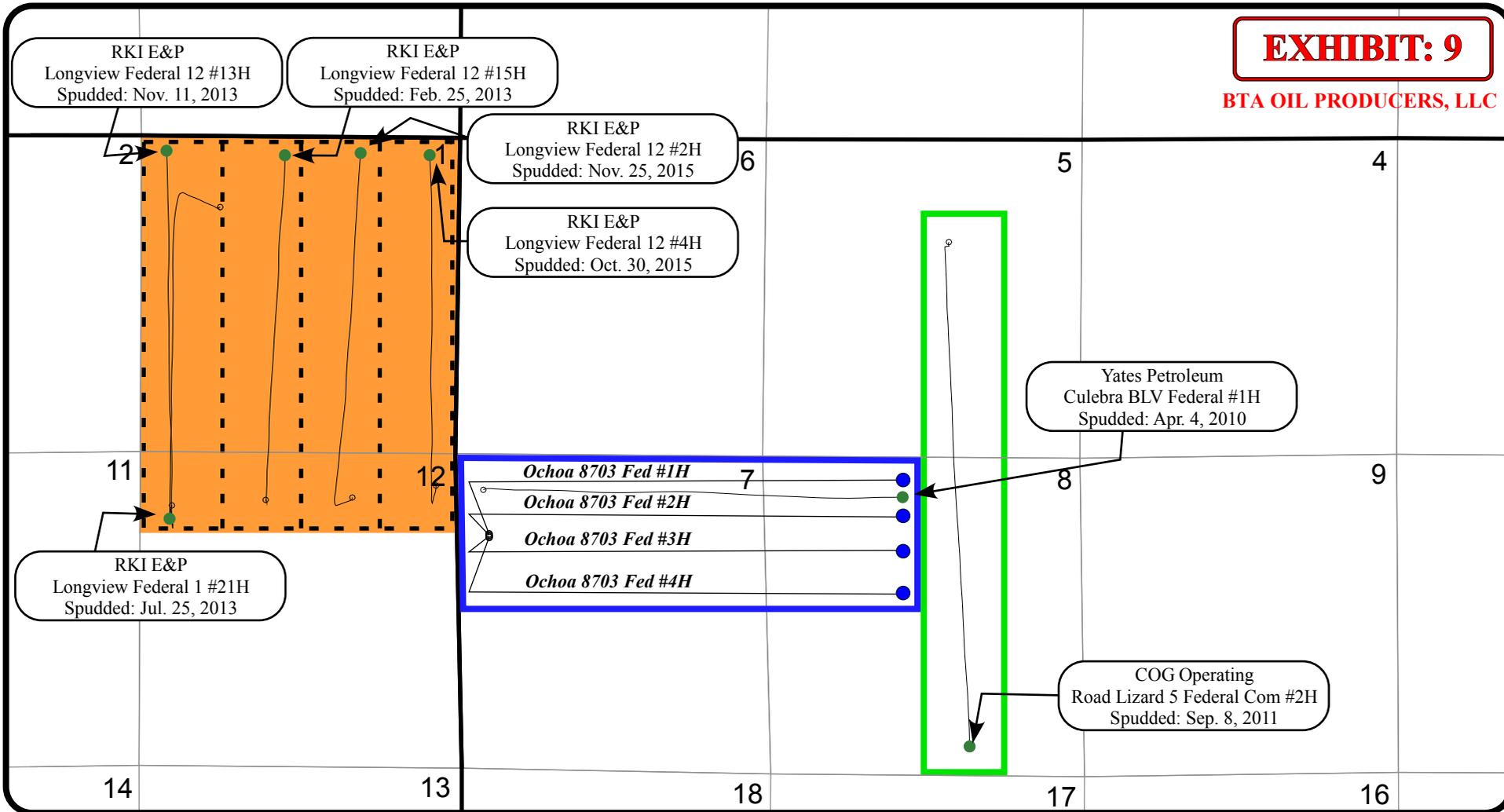
Title: _____

Date: _____

Willis D. Price III

Land Negotiator Advisor

7/26/2019



LEGEND:

Longview Bone Spring Units
 BTA - Ochoa Acreage - JOA

Road Lizard 2nd Bone Spring Unit

WELL SYMBOL

SL — BHL

● OIL WELL
● BTA PROPOSED LOCATION



BTA Oil Producers, LLC

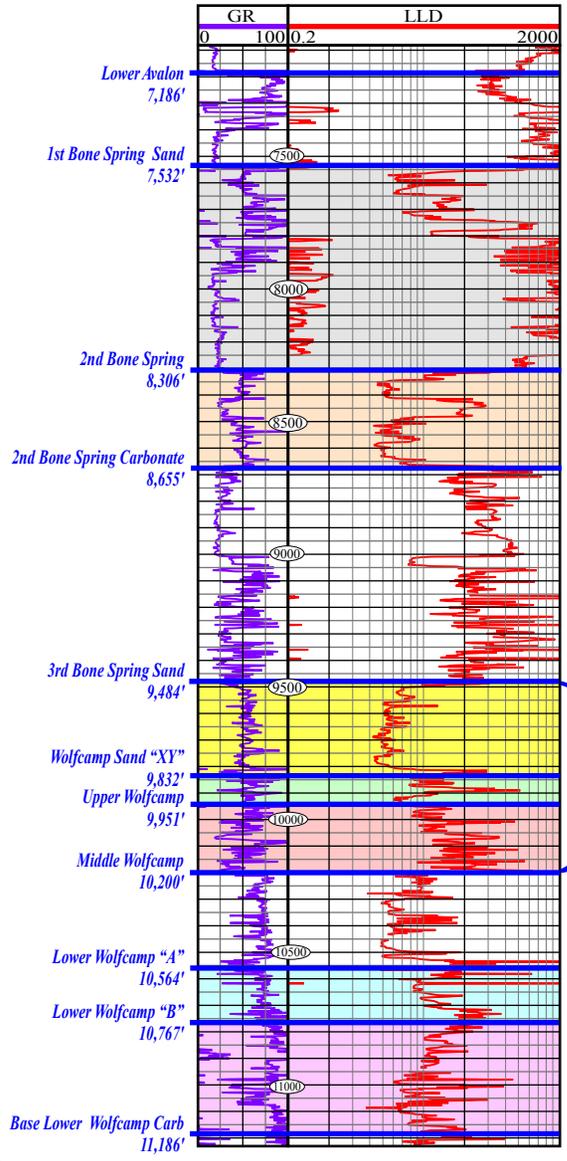
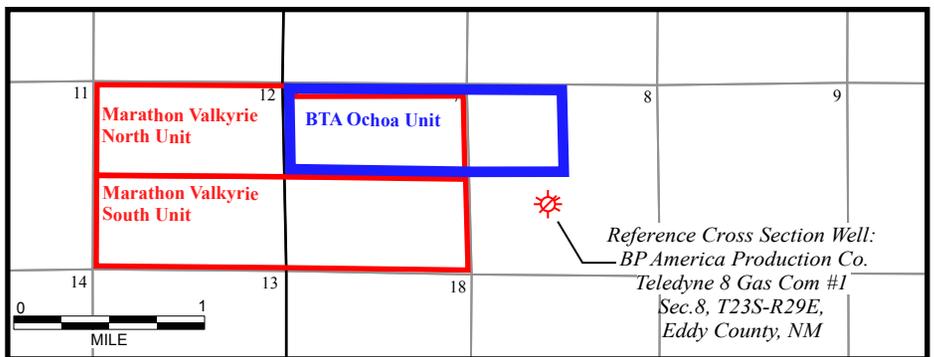
LOVING AREA
Bone Spring Spacing Units Outline
T23S-R28E & T23S-R29E
Eddy County, New Mexico



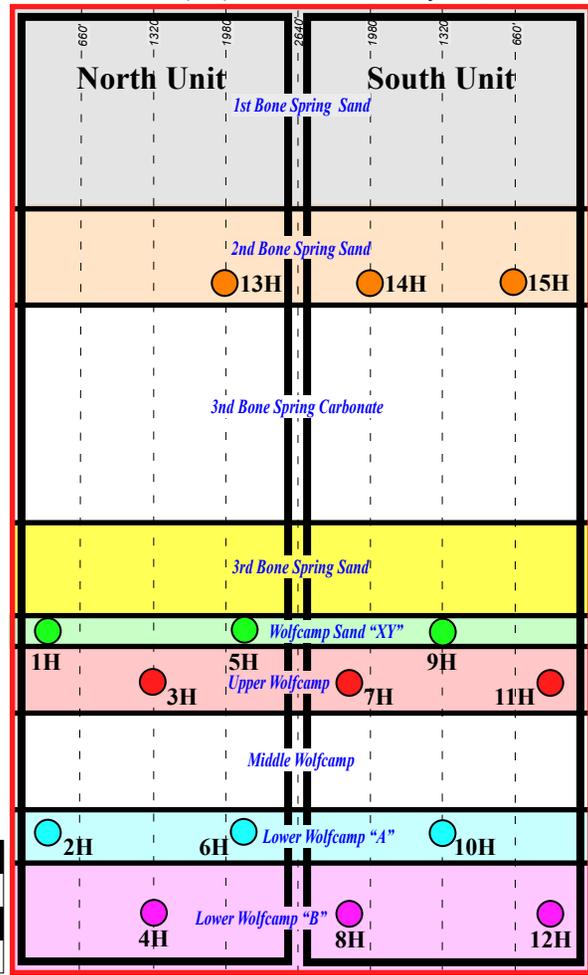


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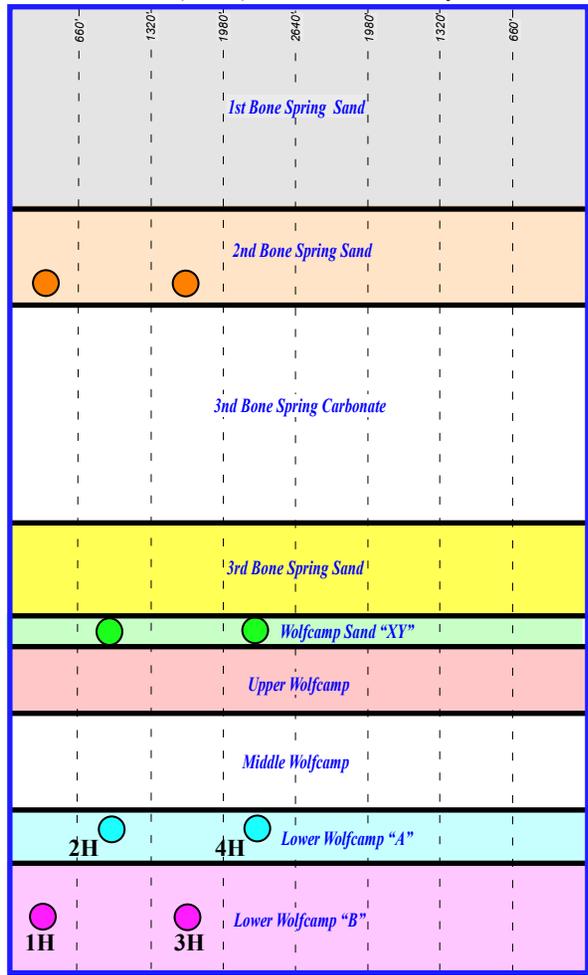
**Comparison Development Plan
Marathon / BTA**



Marathon Oil Permian
15 well Proposal
SHL: Sec. 12 (All), T23S-R28E &
BHL: Sec. 7 (All), T23S-R29E, Eddy Co., NM

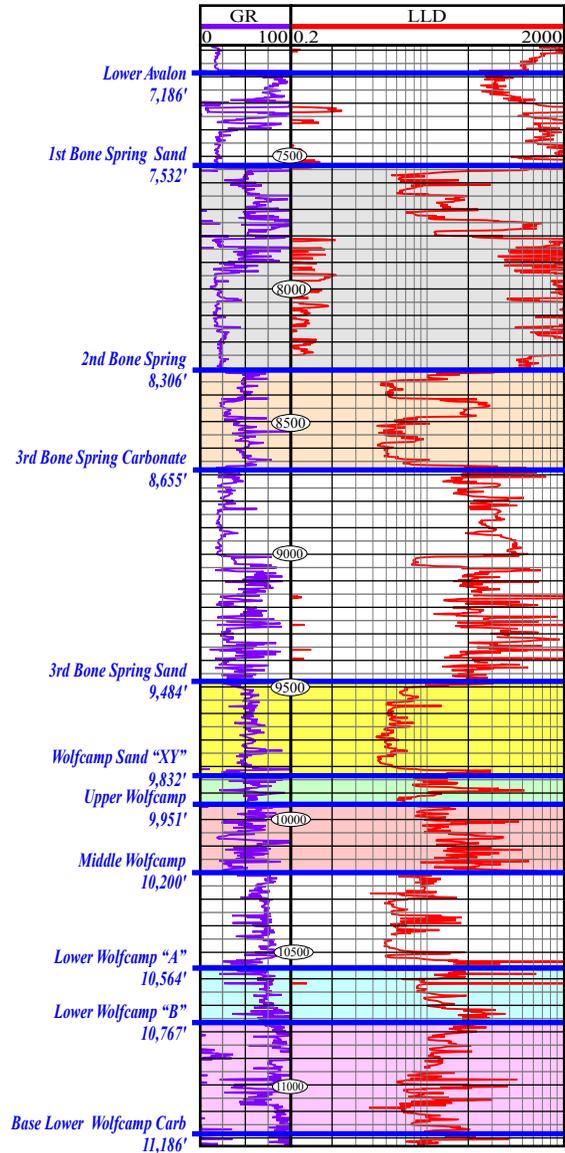
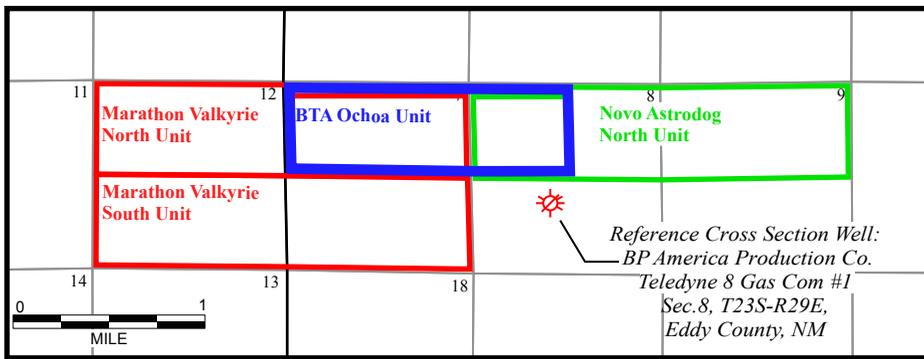


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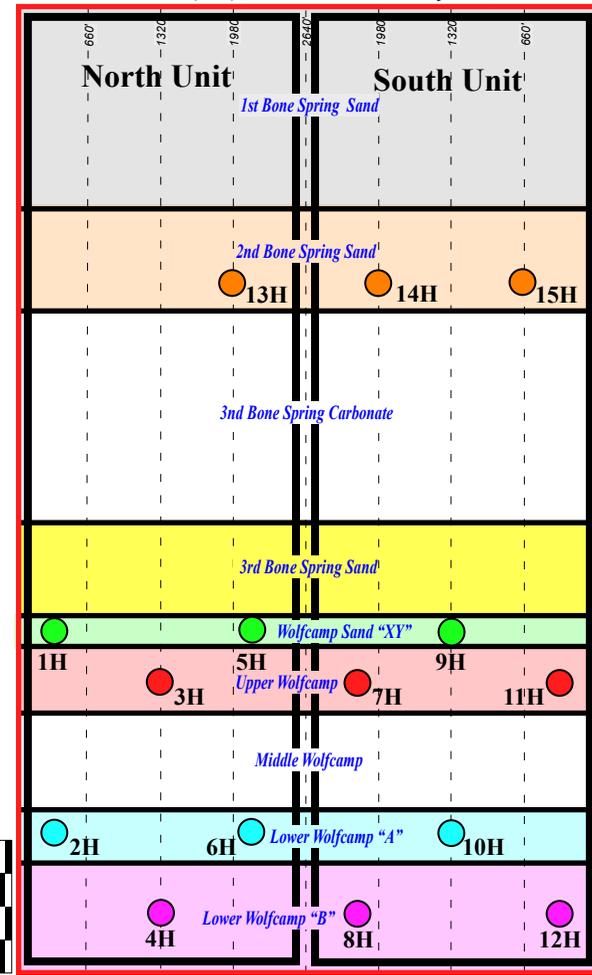




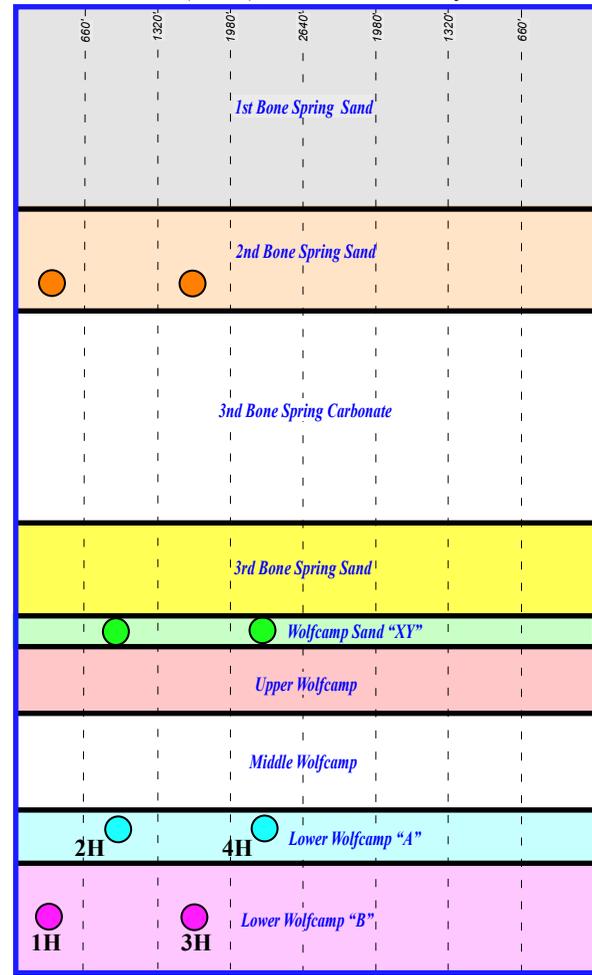
Comparison Development Plan Marathon / BTA / Novo



Marathon Oil Permian
15 well Proposal
SHL: Sec. 12 (All), T23S-R28E &
BHL: Sec. 7 (All), T23S-R29E, Eddy Co., NM



BTA Oil Producers, LLC
8 well Proposal
SHL: Sec. 12 (N2), T23S-R28E,
BHL: Sec. 8 (NW4), T23S-R29E, Eddy Co., NM



Novo Oil & Gas Northern Delaware, LLC
15 well Proposal
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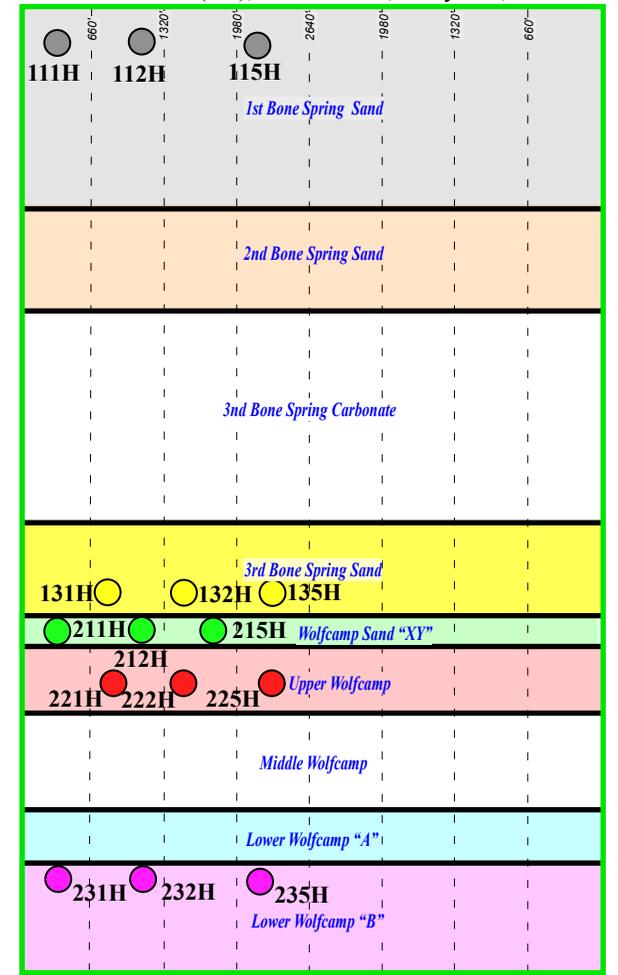
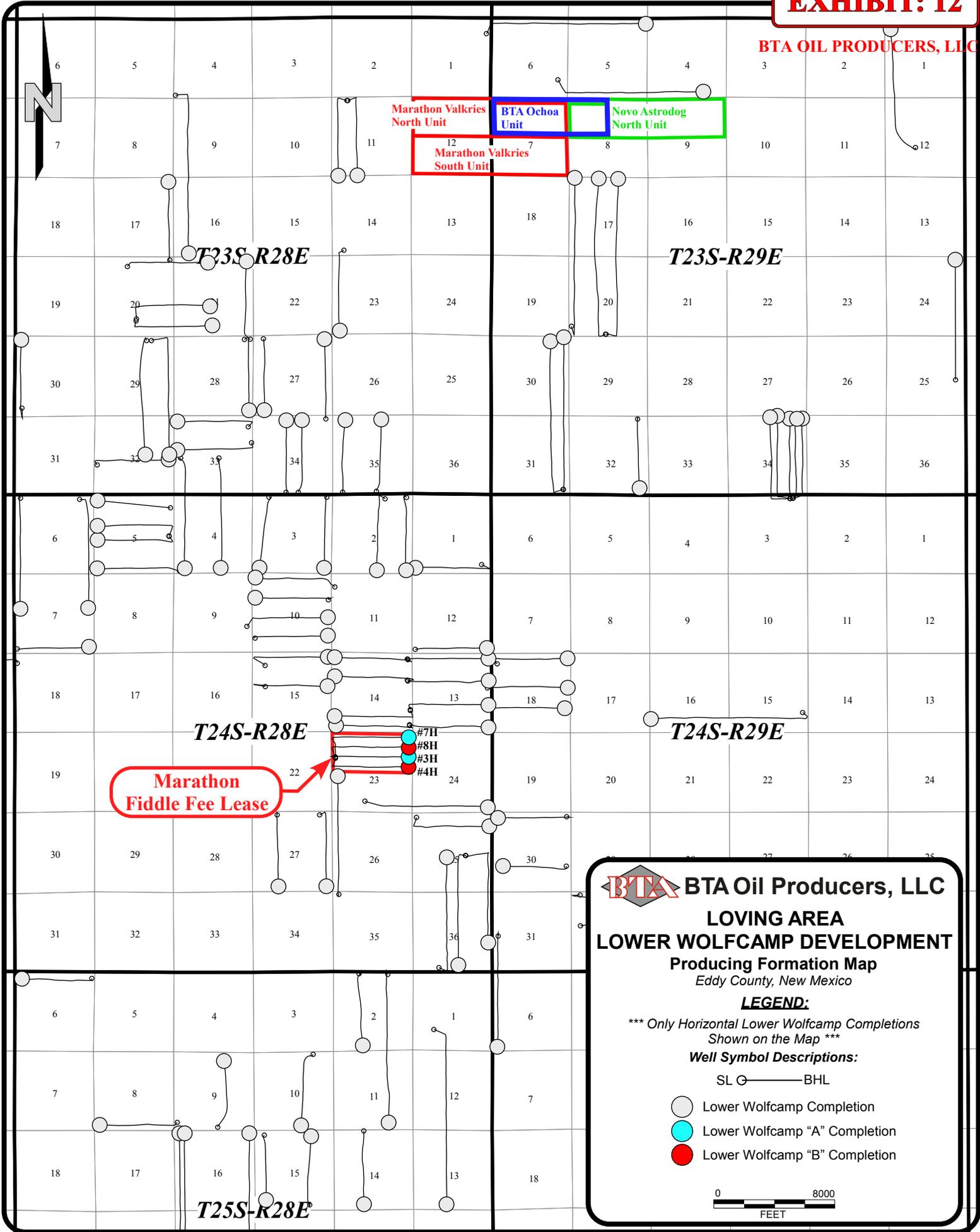
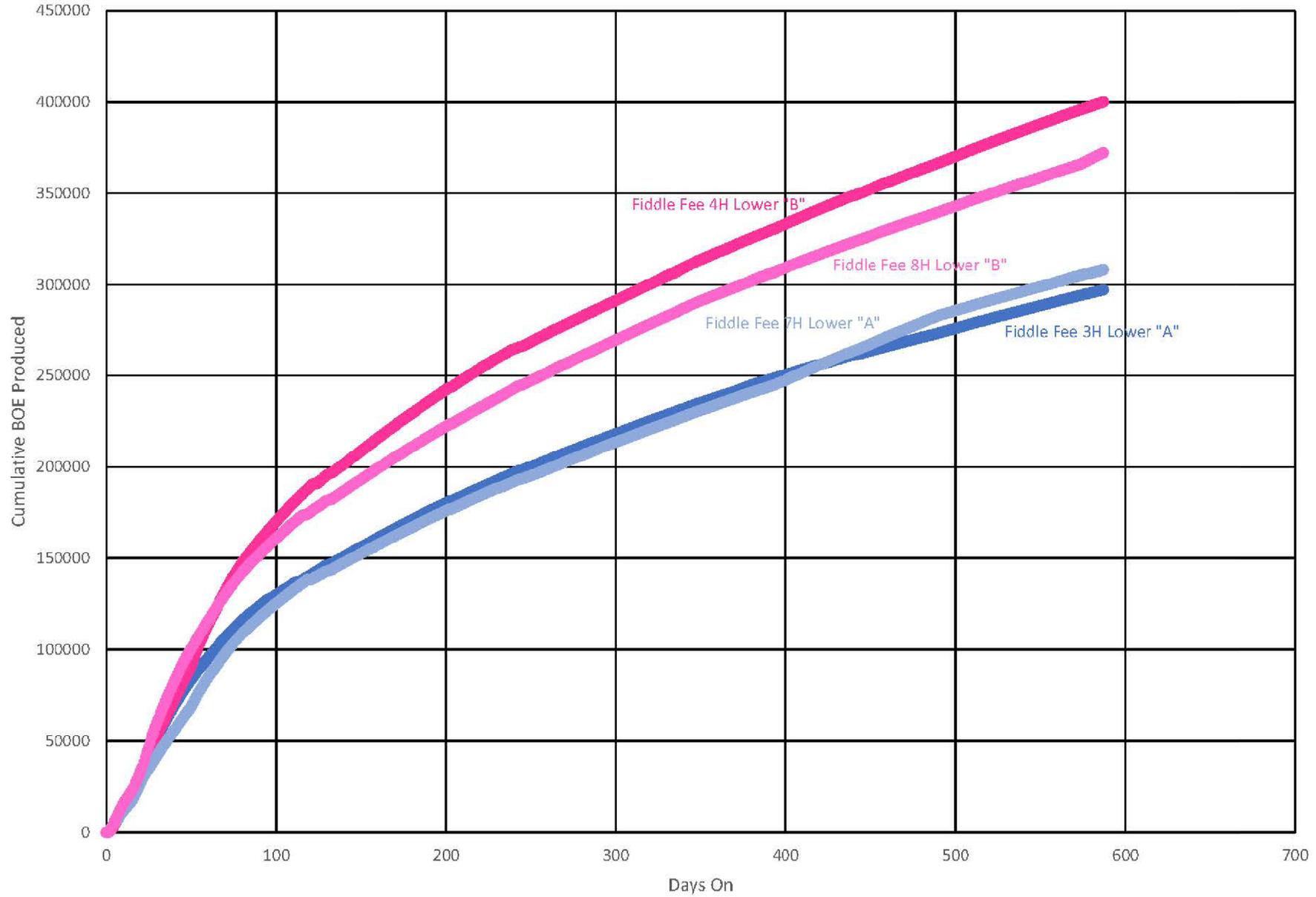


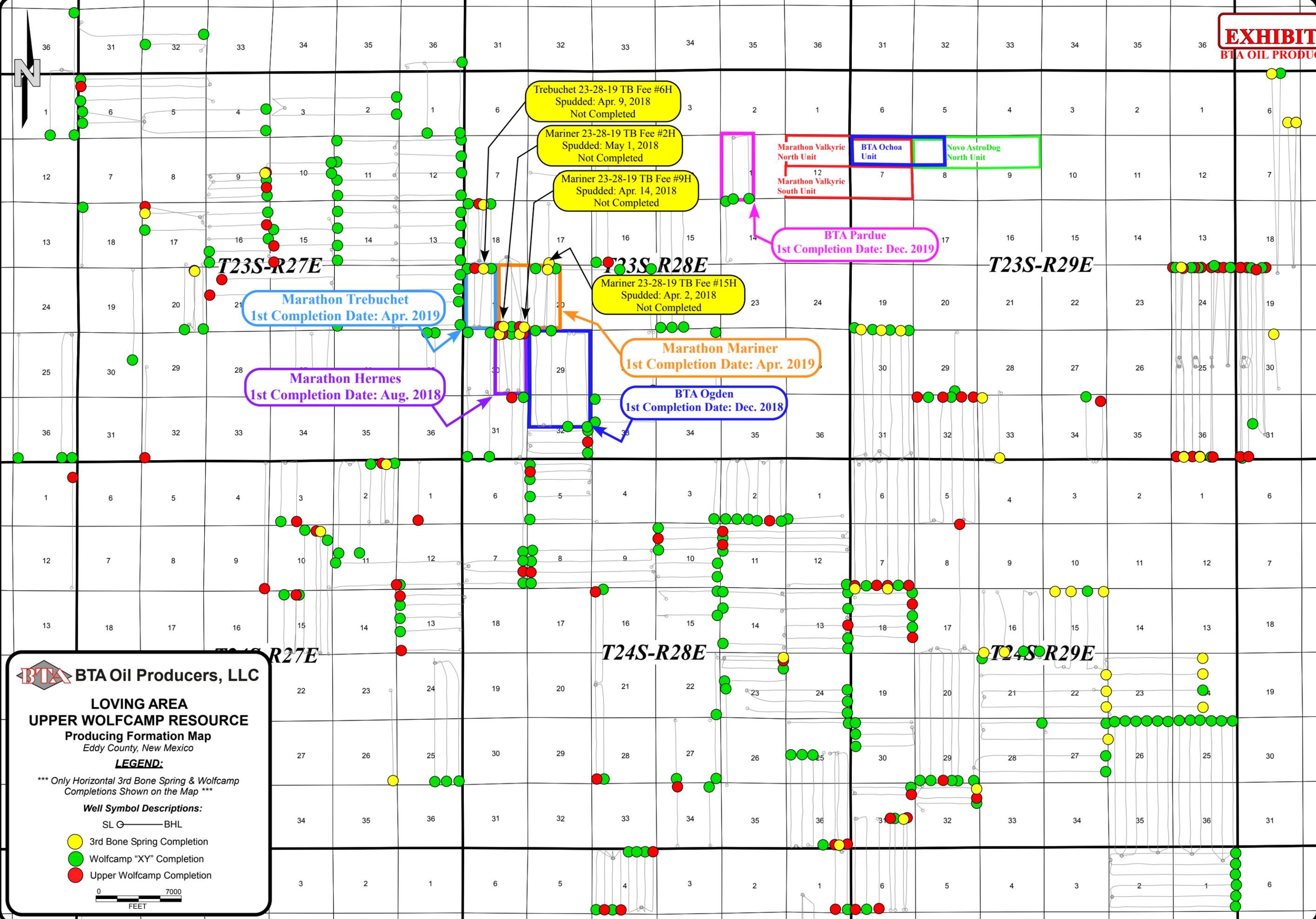
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BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC



Marathon Fiddle Fee Lower Wolfcamp Cumulative BOE vs Time





Trebuchet 23-28-19 TB Fee #6H
Spudded: Apr. 9, 2018
Not Completed

Mariner 23-28-19 TB Fee #2H
Spudded: May 1, 2018
Not Completed

Mariner 23-28-19 TB Fee #9H
Spudded: Apr. 14, 2018
Not Completed

Marathon Valkyrie
North Unit
Marathon Valkyrie
South Unit

BTA Ochoa
Unit

Novo AstroDog
North Unit

BTA Pardue
1st Completion Date: Dec. 2019

Marathon Trebuchet
1st Completion Date: Apr. 2019

Mariner 23-28-19 TB Fee #15H
Spudded: Apr. 2, 2018
Not Completed

Marathon Mariner
1st Completion Date: Apr. 2019

BTA Ogden
1st Completion Date: Dec. 2018

Marathon Hermes
1st Completion Date: Aug. 2018

BTA BTA Oil Producers, LLC

**LOVING AREA
UPPER WOLFCAMP RESOURCE
Producing Formation Map**
Eddy County, New Mexico

LEGEND:

*** Only Horizontal 3rd Bone Spring & Wolfcamp Completions Shown on the Map ***

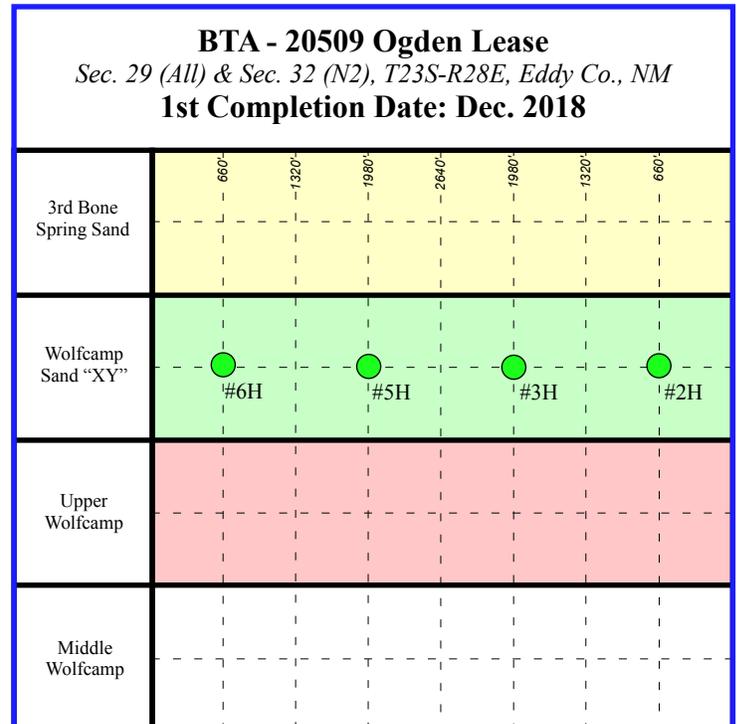
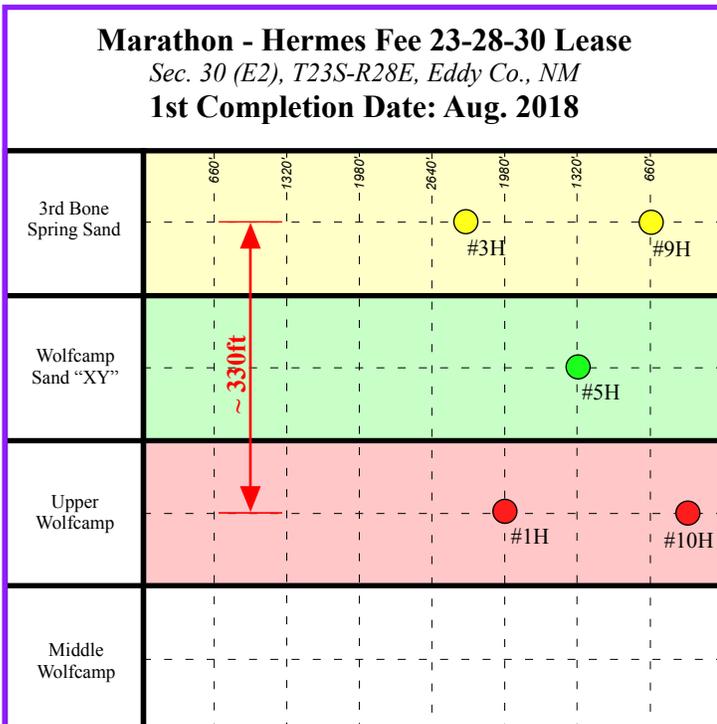
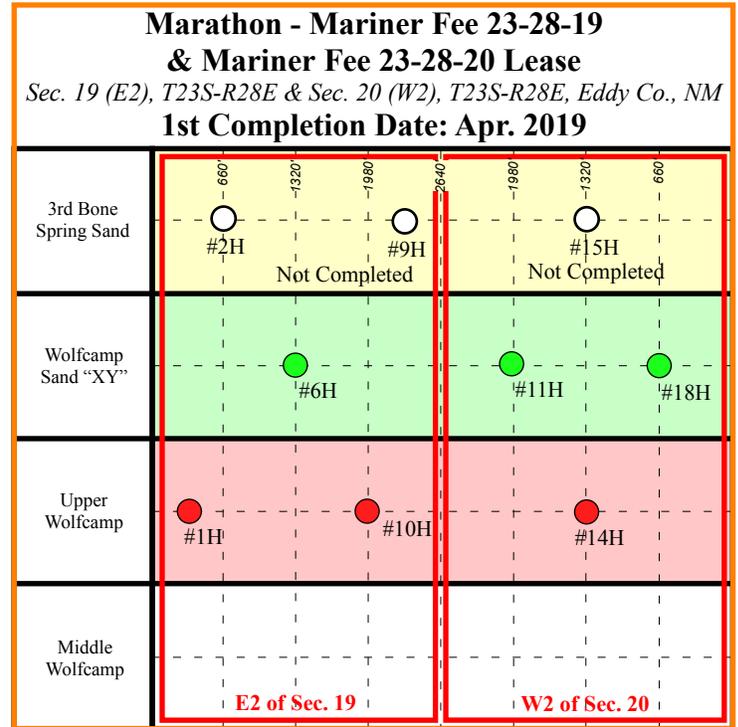
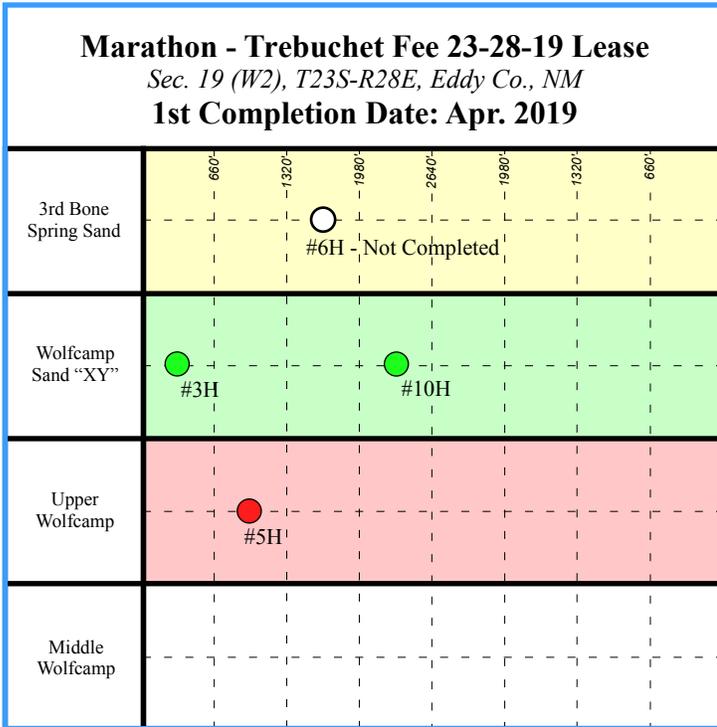
Well Symbol Descriptions:

- SL ○ — BHL
- 3rd Bone Spring Completion
- Wolfcamp "XY" Completion
- Upper Wolfcamp Completion

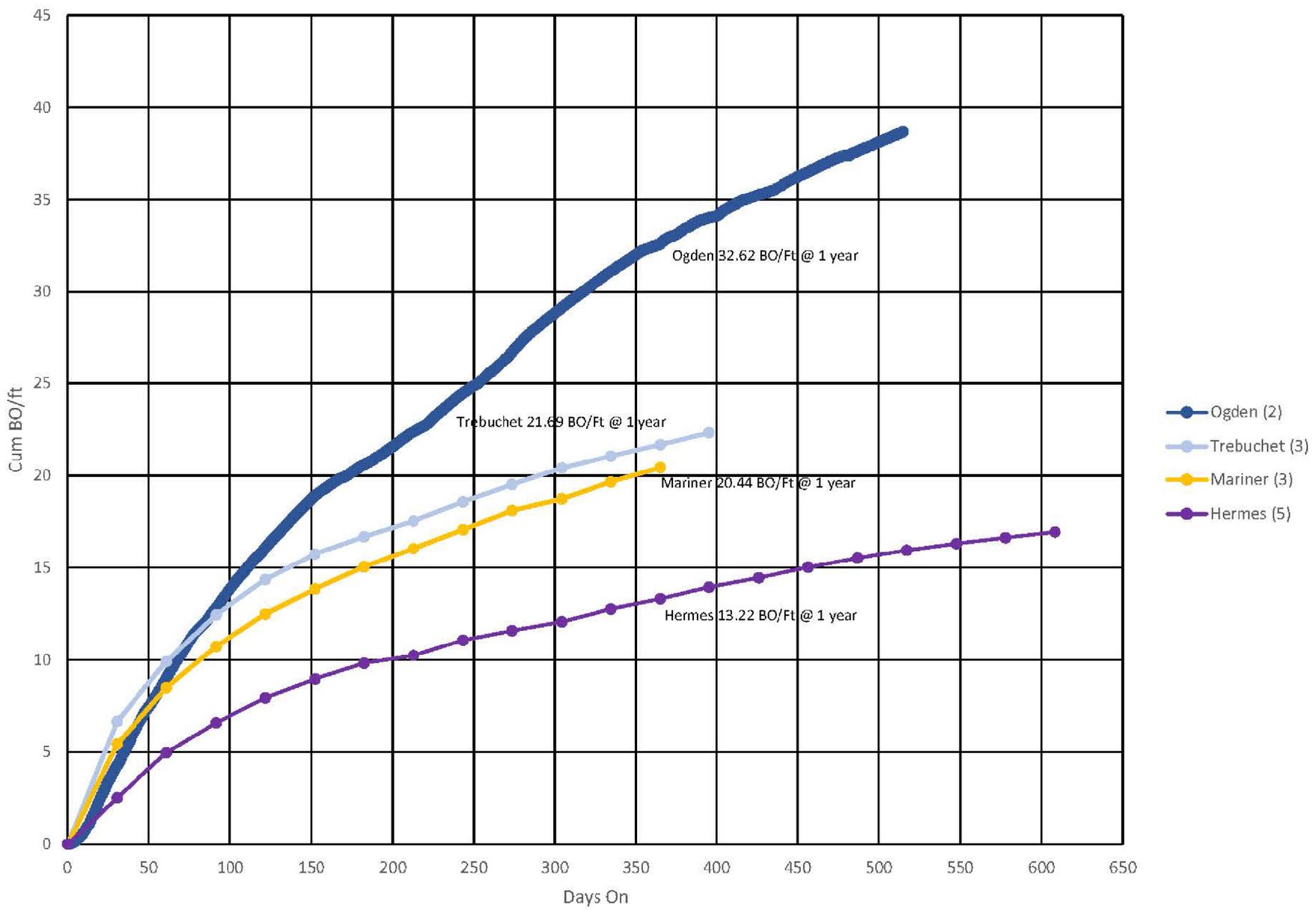




**Comparison of Development Spacing Patterns
Upper Wolfcamp Resource
BTA Oil Producers, LLC vs Marathon Oil Permian, LLC
Sec. 19, 20, 29, 30 & 32, T23S - R28E, Eddy Co., NM**



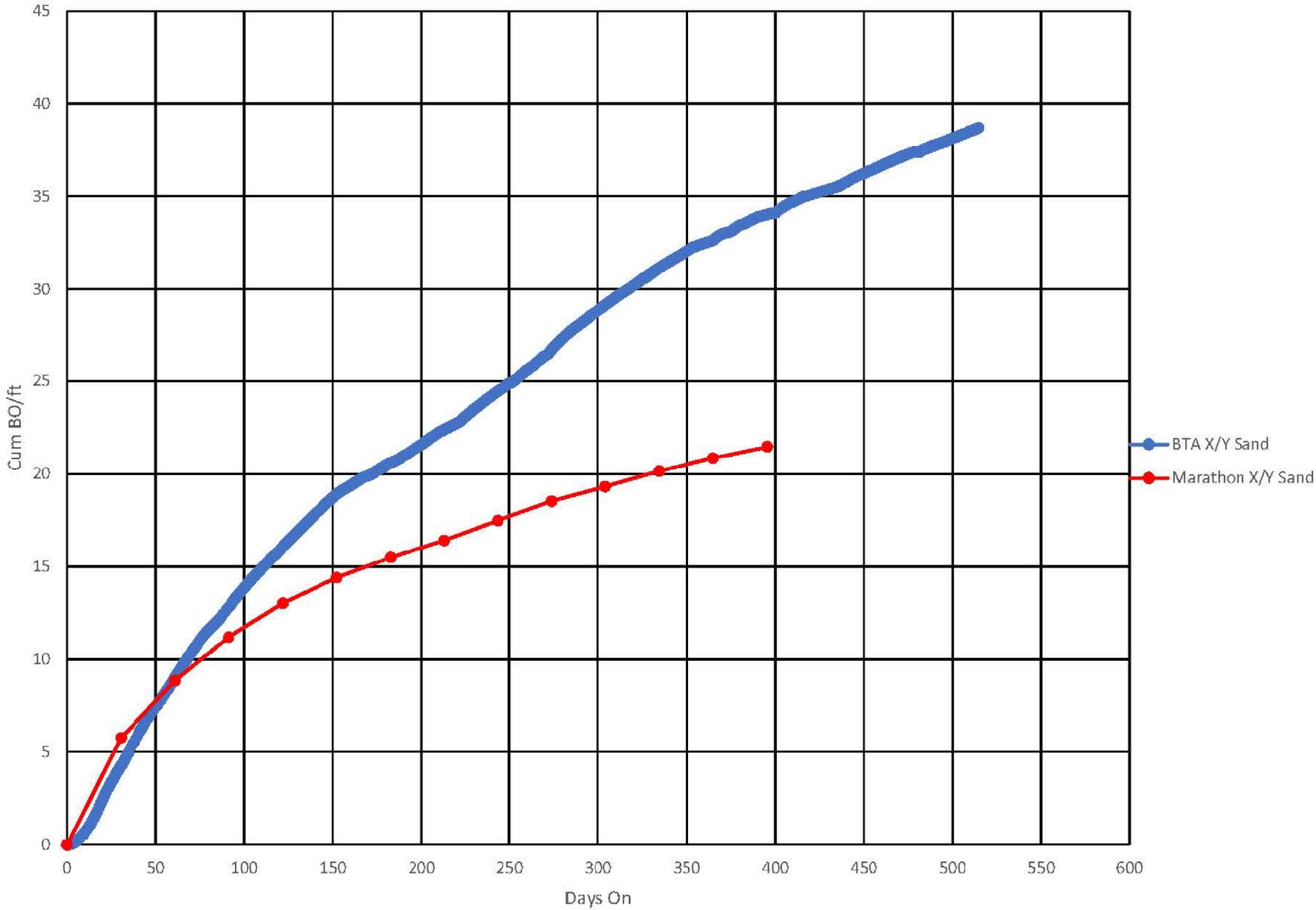
Upper Wolfcamp Resource: BTA vs Marathon



Upper Wolfcamp Resource Project Recovery Summary
BTA vs Marathon

A	B	C	D	E
Lease	1 year Cum, BO/ft	Wells per 1/2 Section	Normalized Completed Interval	1 year Cum per 1/2 Section (BxCxD)
Ogden	32.62	2	4500	293,580
Trebuchet	21.69	3	4500	292,815
Mariner	20.44	3	4500	275,940
Hermes	13.22	5	4500	297,450

BTA vs Marathon X/Y-Sand





Marathon Oil Permian
Hades 2 SB State Com #3H
Spudded: Dec. 7, 2019
Hades 2 SB State Com #5H
Spudded: Dec. 19, 2019
Not Completed

Marathon
Bone Spring Unit

BTA
Bone Spring Unit

COG
2nd Bone Spring Unit

80ac stranded

T23S-R28E

T23S-R29E



BTA Oil Producers, LLC

**LOVING AREA
2nd BONE SPRING DEVELOPMENT**

Producing Formation Map
Eddy County, New Mexico

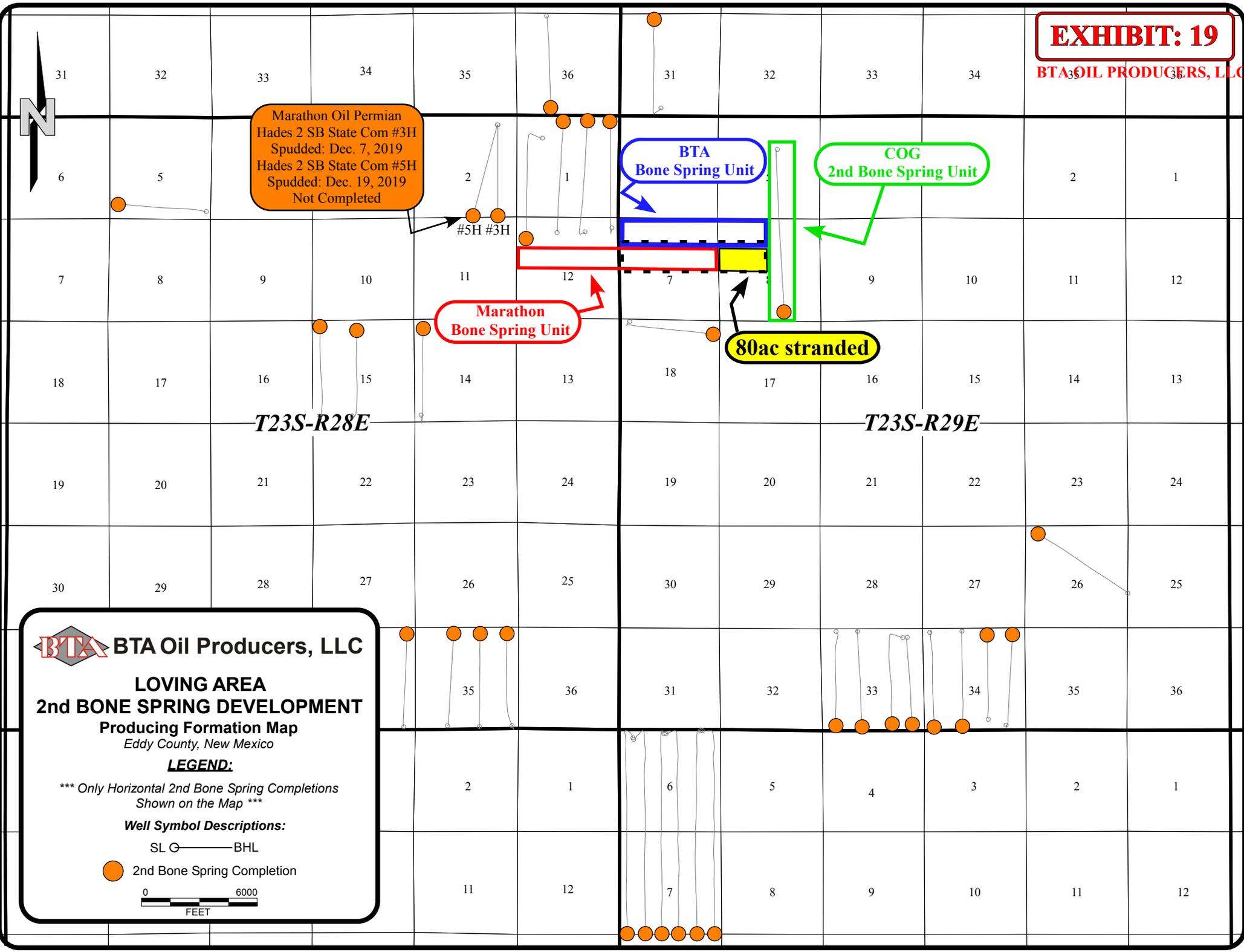
LEGEND:

*** Only Horizontal 2nd Bone Spring Completions
Shown on the Map ***

Well Symbol Descriptions:

SL ○ — BHL

● 2nd Bone Spring Completion



BTA & Marathon Eddy County Drilling Comparison – Actual Data

BTA Operated			
4 well pad, Wolfcamp targets, 1 mile wells.			
	Drill Cost	Spud	Drilling days
Pardue 1H	\$ 5,425,446	July 2019	19
Pardue 2H	\$ 5,588,601	July 2019	20
Pardue 3H	\$ 5,526,147	July 2019	20
Pardue 4H	\$ 5,163,004	July 2019	20
Avg	\$ 5,425,800		19.75
Total:	\$ 21,703,198		

BTA drilled Pardue 1H-4H. Sec 11, T23S, R28E

Marathon Operated			
4 well pad, Wolfcamp targets, 1 mile wells.			
	Drill Cost	Spud	Drilling days
Fiddle 3H	\$ 6,974,819	July 2018	21
Fiddle 4H	\$ 7,383,842	July 2018	21
Fiddle 7H	\$ 7,260,382	July 2018	22
Fiddle 8H	\$ 7,196,354	July 2018	20
Avg	\$ 7,203,849		21
Total:	\$ 28,815,397		

In 2018 BTA voluntarily participated in Marathon Fiddle 3H, 4H, 7H and 8H. Sec 23, T24S, R28E

BTA averaged drilling **1.25 days faster** and **saved \$7,112,199** over the 4 well project
(**25%** cost savings)

Statements from Lee Tillman – Chairman, President, CEO of **Marathon** regarding future drilling activity in New Mexico

NEWS RELEASE

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Prioritizing Financial Strength and Flexibility

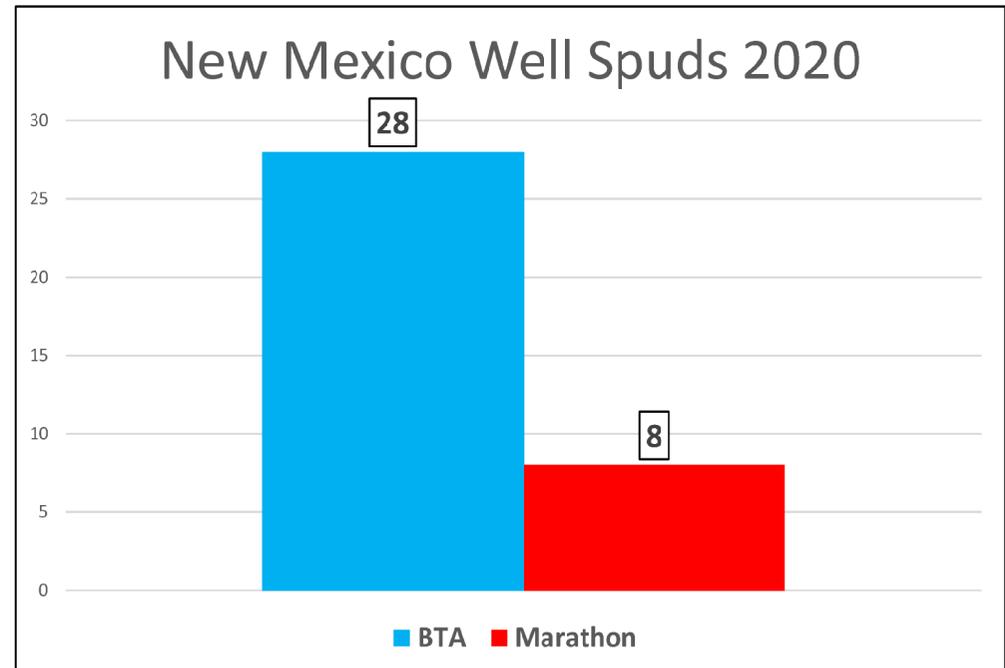
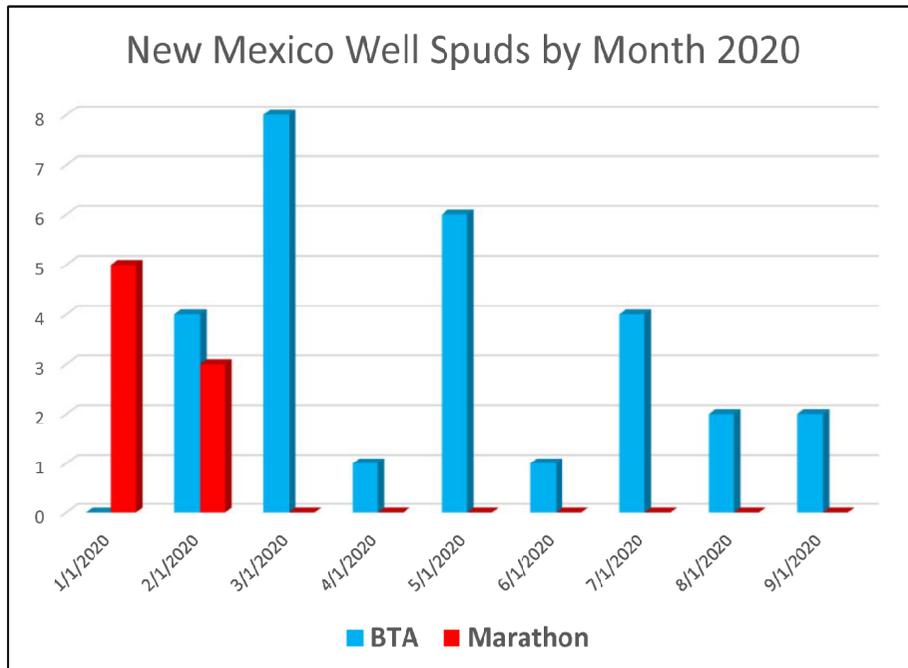


May 5, 2020

Marathon Oil has suspended further drilling activity in the Northern Delaware, with only a limited number of wells to sales expected through the balance of the year.

BTA & Marathon 2020 New Mexico Drilling Activity

- **BTA** has spudded 28 New Mexico wells in 2020 (through 7/28/2020) and continues pad drilling operations with 2 horizontal rigs in New Mexico
- **Marathon** has reported 8 New Mexico wells spudded in 2020 (through 7/28/2020) and has announced no further drilling plans in the Northern Delaware Basin. Has not spudded a well in New Mexico since February 2020.

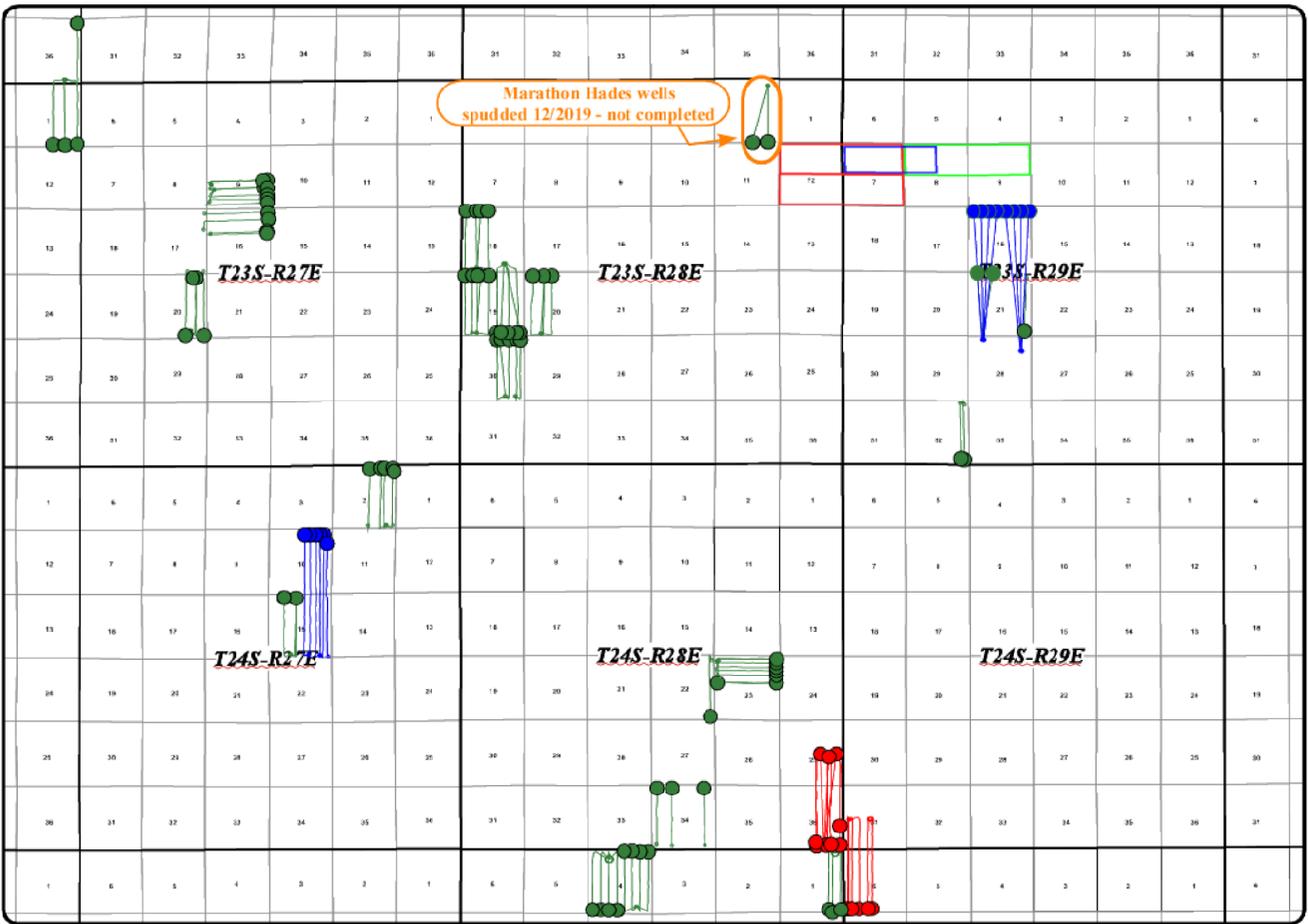


Since January 2019 **Marathon** regularly drills both 1 and 1-1/2 mile wells in the surrounding area

*** Only Marathon Horizontal Wells Spudded since January 2019 Shown on the Map ***

Well Symbol Descriptions:
SL ○ — BHL

- 1 Mile Horizontal Well
- 1½ Mile Horizontal Well
- 2 Mile Horizontal Well



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Marathon Oil Reports First Quarter 2020 Results

Prioritizing Financial Strength and Flexibility

HOUSTON, May 6, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Marathon Oil Corporation (NYSE: MRO) today reported a first quarter 2020 net loss of \$(46) million, or \$(0.06) per diluted share, which includes the impact of certain items not typically represented in analysts' earnings estimates and that would otherwise affect comparability of results. The adjusted net loss was \$(125) million, or \$(0.16) per diluted share. Net operating cash flow was \$701 million, or \$550 million before changes in working capital.

"I want to first extend my thanks to our resilient and dedicated employees and contractors, all of whom remain hard at work day in and day out, helping to supply our communities and our nation with the clean and affordable energy we need to power our way of life, as well as our eventual economic recovery," said Chairman, President, and CEO Lee Tillman. "While the safety and health of our people remains my top priority, we continue to focus on the financial strength of our Company. In addition to the previously announced \$1.1 billion reduction to our 2020 capital budget, we also expect to reduce our annualized cash costs by \$350 million. We entered this unprecedented downturn on firm financial footing, and we believe we are taking the necessary steps to protect our hard-earned financial strength and flexibility."

Highlights

- Executing revised 2020 total capital expenditure budget of \$1.3 billion or less, a reduction of at least \$1.1 billion in comparison to initial 2020 guidance and a 50% reduction in comparison to actual 2019 capital spending
- Expect to capture annualized cash cost reductions of \$350 million, or 20%, relative to initial 2020 budget
- Implementing broad-based cost saving measures, including base salary reductions for CEO and other corporate officers, reduction of Board of Director compensation, and U.S. employee and contractor workforce reductions
- Temporarily suspending quarterly dividend and share repurchase program
- Ended first quarter with \$3.8 billion of liquidity, including \$817 million of cash and cash equivalents and an undrawn revolving credit facility of \$3.0 billion
- Investment grade credit rating at all three primary rating agencies, with recently completed reviews from Fitch and S&P
- Protected second quarter cash flow through 117,000 bopd of fixed price swaps and two-way collars at a weighted average floor price of \$30.33/bbl

"In response to the challenges facing our industry," Tillman continued, "we are exercising the capital allocation flexibility inherent in our multi-basin portfolio. We're dramatically reducing our capital expenditures, including a pause in virtually all completion activity during second quarter, and we will continue to optimize our capital program in response to market conditions. We are also aggressively managing our cost structure. While returning capital to our shareholders remains a core Marathon Oil objective, we are temporarily suspending our dividend and share repurchase program, prioritizing our liquidity and balance sheet during this period of heightened uncertainty. We plan to resume building on our well-established track record of returning capital to our shareholders upon improved visibility into normalizing macro conditions and sustainable free cash flow generation. Collectively, we believe these proactive steps, along with the strength of our asset base, the resolve of our people, our execution excellence, and our investment grade balance sheet, position us well to navigate this challenging time for our industry."

United States (U.S.)

U.S. production averaged 340,000 net barrels of oil equivalent per day (boed) for first quarter 2020. Oil production averaged 207,000 net barrels of oil per day (bopd), in comparison to first quarter production guidance of 192,000 to 202,000 net bopd. U.S. unit production costs were \$4.63 per boe, the lowest quarterly average since Marathon Oil became an independent exploration and production company. First quarter average completed well cost per lateral foot was down approximately 10% in comparison to the prior year average.

EAGLE FORD: Marathon Oil's Eagle Ford production averaged 114,000 net boed for first quarter 2020. Oil production averaged 72,000 net bopd. Marathon Oil operated four rigs and two frac crews on average during first quarter and brought 38 gross Company-operated wells to sales. The Company has suspended second quarter completion activity and plans to transition to a lower and more stable level of drilling and completion activity over the second half of the year.

BAKKEN: Marathon Oil's Bakken production averaged 110,000 net boed in the first quarter 2020. Oil production averaged 88,000 net bopd. Marathon Oil operated four rigs and 1 frac crew on average during first quarter and brought 25 gross Company-operated wells to sales. As in the Eagle Ford, the Company has suspended second quarter completion activity and plans to

transition to a lower and more stable level of drilling and completion activity over the second half of the year.

OKLAHOMA: Marathon Oil's Oklahoma production averaged 74,000 net boed in the first quarter 2020. Oil production averaged 21,000 net bopd. The Company brought 13 gross Company-operated wells to sales during first quarter. Marathon Oil began the year operating three rigs and one frac crew in Oklahoma but suspended all drilling and completion operations before the end of first quarter. The Company currently does not expect to bring any additional wells to sales in Oklahoma this year.

NORTHERN DELAWARE: Marathon Oil's Northern Delaware production averaged 30,000 net boed in the first quarter 2020. Oil production averaged 17,000 net bopd. The Company brought 6 gross Company-operated wells to sales. **Marathon Oil has suspended further drilling activity in the Northern Delaware**, with only a limited number of wells to sales expected through the balance of the year.

RESOURCE PLAY EXPLORATION: In response to the dramatic fall in commodity prices, the Company has exercised the flexibility inherent in this program and has suspended further activity, beyond wells already in progress in the Texas Delaware oil play. The Company therefore expects to drive an approximate \$100 million reduction to REx capital expenditures this year in comparison to initial guidance of \$200 million. REx spending is fully contemplated within the Company's total capital spending budget of \$1.3 billion or less.

International

Equatorial Guinea production averaged 82,000 net boed for first quarter 2020, including 14,000 net bopd of oil. Unit production costs averaged \$2.35 per boe. The previously disclosed major turnaround at the AMPCO methanol facility was completed during first quarter.

Guidance

In light of the substantial change to global commodity prices and the macro environment, the Company has withdrawn previously provided guidance. At the revised capital spending budget of \$1.3 billion or less, for full-year 2020, the Company now expects its underlying U.S. crude oil production to decline by approximately 8% on a divestiture-adjusted basis, with a similar percentage decline expected for boe production. Underlying International oil production is expected to decline by approximately 7% on a divestiture-adjusted basis, with a similar percentage decline expected for boe production. Underlying production guidance excludes the potential impact from production curtailments.

On this same underlying basis, full year 2020 U.S. unit production expense is expected to average \$4.25/boe to \$5.25/boe and full year International unit production expense is expected to average \$2.25 to \$2.75/boe. These unit production expense guidance ranges are consistent with previously provided guidance.

Marathon Oil currently expects that second quarter U.S. crude oil and boe production will be down sequentially due to curtailments along with natural decline from reduced activity. The Company will continue to assess the need for curtailments on an ongoing basis in response to market conditions.

Corporate

Consistent with a focus to continually reduce its cost structure, Marathon Oil expects to capture annualized cash cost reductions of approximately \$350 million relative to its initial 2020 budget. Savings will be realized across numerous expense categories, including production expense, general and administrative expense, shipping and handling expense, and production taxes. Savings are expected to be fully realized on a run-rate basis by the end of this year, with approximately 40% of these savings attributable to the Company's fixed cost structure. For 2020, the Company expects to realize total cash cost savings of approximately \$260 million, inclusive of severance and partial year timing impacts.

Cost saving measures include base salary reductions for certain corporate officers, a reduction of Board of Director compensation, and employee and contractor workforce reductions. More specifically, corporate officers, including the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, the Company's Chief Financial Officer, and other corporate officers will experience temporary base salary reductions of 10% from May 4, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The Company's Board of Directors has also agreed to a temporary reduction of annual cash retainer fees for non-employee directors of 20% for the third and fourth quarter of 2020.

Additionally, broad workforce actions have taken place that reduce the Company's U.S. employee base by 16% and total contractor base by 70%. Such reductions reflect a realignment of Company resources with lower investment levels, while retaining a foundation of essential talent to support an efficient recovery in investment. The Company believes these actions, in addition to other measures, will drive a 17% annualized reduction to corporate general and administrative expense by the end of this year, in comparison to 2019.

Marathon Oil generated first quarter net operating cash flow of \$701 million, or \$550 million before changes in working capital. The Company made \$40 million of dividend payments and executed \$85 million of share repurchases during first quarter. In response to dramatic commodity price weakness and the significant uncertainty surrounding the near-term macroeconomic and global oil supply and demand outlook, the Company is temporarily suspending its quarterly dividend payment and its share repurchase program. While returning capital to shareholders remains a key objective for Marathon Oil, the Company is prioritizing financial strength and liquidity preservation in the current uncertain environment. The Company will revisit its return of capital policy in coming quarters, expecting to resume quarterly dividend payments pending improved visibility to normalizing macroeconomic conditions and global oil supply and

demand balances.

Total liquidity as of March 31 was approximately \$3.8 billion, which consisted of \$0.8 billion in cash and cash equivalents and an undrawn revolving credit facility of \$3.0 billion. Marathon Oil is investment grade rated at all three primary rating agencies, including recent reviews from Fitch and S&P, and has no significant debt maturities until November of 2022.

The adjustments to net income for first quarter 2020 totaled \$(79) million before tax, primarily due to the income impact associated with unrealized gains on derivative instruments, partly offset by the full impairment of remaining goodwill.

Marathon Oil has added to its hedge positions with a primary focus on protecting near-term cash flow. As of May 4, 2020, the Company's second quarter open crude hedge positions include 117,000 bopd of fixed price swaps and two-way collars at a weighted average floor price of \$30.33/bbl. Additional protection to second quarter cash flow has been added through fixed price sales agreements. The Company has also added hedges to protect near-term regional basis differentials and NYMEX trade roll exposure.

A slide deck and Quarterly Investor Packet will be posted to the Company's website following this release today, May 6. On Thursday, May 7, at 9:00 a.m. ET, the Company will conduct a question and answer webcast/call, which will include forward-looking information. The live webcast, replay and all related materials will be available at <https://www.marathonoil.com/Investors>.

Non-GAAP Measures

In analyzing and planning for its business, Marathon Oil supplements its use of GAAP financial measures with non-GAAP financial measures, including adjusted net income, adjusted net income per share and net cash provided by operations before changes in working capital.

Adjusted net income is defined as net income adjusted for gain/loss on dispositions, certain property impairments, unrealized derivative gain/loss on commodity instruments, pension settlement losses and other items that could be considered "non-operating" or "non-core" in nature. Management believes adjusted net income and adjusted net income per share are useful to investors as additional tools to meaningfully represent the Company's operating performance and to compare Marathon to certain competitors.

Management believes net cash provided by operations before changes in working capital is useful to investors to demonstrate the Company's ability to generate cash quarterly or year-to-date by eliminating differences caused by the timing of certain working capital items.

These non-GAAP financial measures reflect an additional way of viewing aspects of the business that, when viewed with GAAP results may provide a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting the business and are a useful tool to help management and investors make informed decisions about Marathon Oil's financial and operating performance. These measures should not be considered in isolation or as alternatives to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. A reconciliation to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures can be found in our investor package on our website at www.marathonoil.com and in the tables below. Marathon Oil strongly encourages investors to review the Company's consolidated financial statements and publicly filed reports in their entirety and not rely on any single financial measure.

Forward-looking Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, including without limitation statements regarding the Company's future capital budgets and allocations (including development capital budget and resource play leasing and exploration spend), future performance, corporate-level cash returns on invested capital, business strategy, asset quality, drilling plans, production guidance, cash margins, asset sales and acquisitions, leasing and exploration activities, production, oil growth and other plans and objectives for future operations, are forward-looking statements. Words such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "forecast," "guidance," "intend," "may," "outlook," "plan," "project," "seek," "should," "target," "will," "would," or similar words may be used to identify forward-looking statements; however, the absence of these words does not mean that the statements are not forward-looking. While the Company believes its assumptions concerning future events are reasonable, a number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected, including, but not limited to: conditions in the oil and gas industry, including supply/demand levels for crude oil and condensate, NGLs and natural gas and the resulting impact on price; changes in expected reserve or production levels; changes in political or economic conditions in the U.S. and Equatorial Guinea, including changes in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates, inflation rates; actions taken by the members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and Russia affecting the production and pricing of crude oil; and other global and domestic political, economic or diplomatic developments; capital available for exploration and development; our ability to complete our announced acquisitions on the timeline currently anticipated, if at all; risks related to the Company's hedging activities; voluntary or involuntary curtailments, delays or cancellations of certain drilling activities; well production timing; liability resulting from litigation; drilling and operating risks; lack of, or disruption in, access to storage capacity, pipelines or other transportation methods; availability of drilling rigs, materials and labor, including the costs associated therewith; difficulty in obtaining necessary approvals and permits; non-performance by third parties of contractual obligations; unforeseen hazards such as weather conditions, a health pandemic (including COVID-19), acts of war or terrorist acts and the government or military response thereto; cyber-attacks; changes in safety, health, environmental, tax and other regulations, requirements or initiatives, including initiatives addressing the impact of global climate change, air emissions, or water management; other geological, operating and economic considerations; and the risk factors, forward-looking statements and challenges and uncertainties described in the Company's 2019 Annual Report on

Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and other public filings and press releases, available at www.marathonoil.com. Except as required by law, the Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)	Three Months Ended		
	Mar. 31 2020	Dec. 31 2019	Mar. 31 2019
<i>(In millions, except per share data)</i>			
Revenues and other income:			
Revenues from contracts with customers	\$ 1,024	\$ 1,233	\$ 1,200
Net gain (loss) on commodity derivatives	202	(44)	(91)
Income (loss) from equity method investments	(12)	24	11
Net gain (loss) on disposal of assets	9	(6)	42
Other income	7	8	35
Total revenues and other income	1,230	1,215	1,197
Costs and expenses:			
Production	160	169	187
Shipping, handling and other operating	144	143	154
Exploration	28	42	59
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	644	616	554
Impairments	97	—	6
Taxes other than income	66	79	72
General and administrative	76	93	94
Total costs and expenses	1,215	1,142	1,126
Income from operations	15	73	71
Net interest and other	(64)	(67)	(49)
Other net periodic benefit costs	—	(6)	5
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	(3)	—
Income (loss) before income taxes	(49)	(3)	27
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(3)	17	(147)
Net income (loss)	\$ (46)	\$ (20)	\$ 174
Adjusted Net Income (Loss)			
Net income (loss)	\$ (46)	\$ (20)	\$ 174
Adjustments for special items (pre-tax):			
Net (gain) loss on disposal of assets	(9)	6	(42)
Proved property impairments	2	—	6
Goodwill impairment	95	—	—
Pension settlement	2	10	—
Unrealized (gain) loss on derivative instruments	(171)	55	113
Other	2	4	12
Benefit for income taxes related to special items	—	—	(7)
Adjustments for special items	(79)	75	82
Adjusted net income (loss) (a)	\$ (125)	\$ 55	\$ 256

Per diluted share:

Net income (loss)	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.21
Adjusted net income (loss) (a)	\$ (0.16)	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.31
Weighted average diluted shares	794	800	820

(a) Non-GAAP financial measure. See "Non-GAAP Measures" above for further discussion.

Supplemental Statistics (Unaudited)	Three Months Ended		
	Mar. 31 2020	Dec. 31 2019	Mar. 31 2019
<i>(In millions)</i>			
Segment income (loss)			
United States	\$ (20)	\$ 148	\$ 132
International	(1)	33	61
Not allocated to segments	(25)	(201)	(19)
Net income (loss)	\$ (46)	\$ (20)	\$ 174
Cash flows			
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 701	\$ 700	\$ 515
Minus: changes in working capital	151	15	(157)
Net cash provided by operations before changes in working capital (a)	\$ 550	\$ 685	\$ 672
Cash additions to property, plant and equipment	\$ (620)	\$ (616)	\$ (615)

(a) Non-GAAP financial measure. See "Non-GAAP Measures" above for further discussion.

Supplemental Statistics (Unaudited)	Three Months Ended		Year Ended	
	Mar. 31 2020	Dec. 31 2019	Mar. 31 2019	Dec. 31 2019
Net Production				
Equivalent Production (mboed)				
United States	340	328	296	324
International	82	85	92	92
Total net production	422	413	388	416
Less: Divestitures (a)	—	—	16	8
Total divestiture-adjusted net production	422	413	372	408
Oil Production (mbbl/d)				
United States	207	196	177	191
International	14	15	26	21
Total net production	221	211	203	212
Less: Divestitures (b)	—	—	12	6
Total divestiture-adjusted net production	221	211	191	206

(a) Divestitures include volumes associated with the following: (i) 2 mboed and 1 mboed for the first quarter 2019 and the year 2019 related to the sale of certain United States non-core conventional assets which closed in first quarter 2019 (ii) 12 mboed and 6 mboed for the first quarter 2019 and the year 2019 related to the sale of our U.K. business which closed in third quarter 2019 and (iii) 2 mboed and 1 mboed for the first quarter 2019 and the year 2019 related to the sale of our non-operated interest in the Atrush block in Kurdistan which closed in second quarter 2019.

- (b) Divestitures include volumes associated with the following: (i) 1 mbbld for the first quarter 2019 related to the sale of certain United States non-core conventional assets which closed in first quarter 2019 (ii) 9 mbbld and 5 mbbld for the first quarter 2019 and the year 2019 related to the sale of our U.K. business which closed in third quarter 2019 and (iii) 2 mbbld and 1 mbbld for the first quarter 2019 and the year 2019 related to the sale of our non-operated interest in the Atrush block in Kurdistan which closed in second quarter 2019.

Supplemental Statistics (Unaudited)	Three Months Ended		
	Mar. 31 2020	Dec. 31 2019	Mar. 31 2019
United States - net sales volumes			
Crude oil and condensate (mbbld)	205	196	177
Eagle Ford	72	67	61
Bakken	88	86	79
Oklahoma	20	24	16
Northern Delaware	17	16	15
Other United States (a)	8	3	6
Natural gas liquids (mbbld)	57	58	55
Eagle Ford	19	18	23
Bakken	12	12	7
Oklahoma	20	22	18
Northern Delaware	5	5	6
Other United States (a)	1	1	1
Natural gas (mmcf)	454	444	392
Eagle Ford	138	121	127
Bakken	58	59	36
Oklahoma	197	216	173
Northern Delaware	44	41	33
Other United States (a)	17	7	23
Total United States (mboed)	338	328	297
International - net sales volumes			
Crude oil and condensate (mbbld)	13	13	23
Equatorial Guinea	13	13	12
United Kingdom (b)	—	—	9
Other International (c)	—	—	2
Natural gas liquids (mbbld)	9	9	8
Equatorial Guinea	9	9	8
Natural gas (mmcf)	352	363	342
Equatorial Guinea	352	363	330
United Kingdom (b)(d)	—	—	12
Total International (mboed)	81	83	88
Total Company - net sales volumes (mboed)	419	411	385
Net sales volumes of equity method investees			
LNG (mtd)	5,064	5,180	4,636
Methanol (mtd)	1,185	1,153	1,003
Condensate and LPG (boed)	10,638	11,832	9,890

(a) Includes sales volumes from the sale of certain non-core proved properties in our United States segment.

(b) The Company closed on the sale of its U.K. business on July 1, 2019.

(c) Other International includes volumes for the Atrush block in Kurdistan, which was sold in the second quarter of 2019.

(d) Includes natural gas acquired for injection and subsequent resale.

Supplemental Statistics (Unaudited)	Three Months Ended		
	Mar. 31 2020	Dec. 31 2019	Mar. 31 2019
United States - average price realizations (a)			
Crude oil and condensate (\$ per bbl) (b)	\$ 44.23	\$ 54.83	\$ 54.05
Eagle Ford	46.82	57.63	57.69
Bakken	41.14	51.98	52.15
Oklahoma	44.87	55.49	53.39
Northern Delaware	46.78	57.08	48.97
Other United States (c)	47.82	56.26	56.19
Natural gas liquids (\$ per bbl)	\$ 9.97	\$ 15.47	\$ 15.66
Eagle Ford	9.50	15.72	17.05
Bakken	8.43	13.12	16.17
Oklahoma	11.69	17.30	13.66
Northern Delaware	8.14	12.35	15.27
Other United States (c)	11.74	13.98	18.92
Natural gas (\$ per mcf)	\$ 1.60	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.93
Eagle Ford	1.84	2.40	2.99
Bakken	1.54	2.31	3.77
Oklahoma	1.60	1.95	2.90
Northern Delaware	0.80	1.72	1.93
Other United States (c)	1.94	1.89	2.89
International - average price realizations			
Crude oil and condensate (\$ per bbl)	\$ 36.88	\$ 48.26	\$ 53.93
Equatorial Guinea	36.88	48.26	44.36
United Kingdom (d)	—	—	67.62
Other International (e)	—	—	47.76
Natural gas liquids (\$ per bbl)	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.96
Equatorial Guinea (f)	1.00	1.00	1.00
United Kingdom (d)	—	—	38.10
Natural gas (\$ per mcf)	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.48
Equatorial Guinea (f)	0.24	0.24	0.24
United Kingdom (d)	—	—	7.02
Benchmark			
WTI crude oil (per bbl)	\$ 45.78	\$ 56.87	\$ 54.90
Brent (Europe) crude oil (per bbl) (g)	\$ 50.44	\$ 63.41	\$ 63.17
Mont Belvieu NGLs (per bbl) (h)	\$ 13.27	\$ 17.15	\$ 21.77
Henry Hub natural gas (per mmbtu) (i)	\$ 1.95	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.15

(a) Excludes gains or losses on commodity derivative instruments.

(b) Inclusion of realized gains (losses) on crude oil derivative instruments would have affected average price realizations by \$1.47, \$0.58, and \$1.10, for the first quarter 2020, the fourth quarter 2019, and the first quarter 2019.

(c) Includes sales volumes from the sale of certain non-core proved properties in our United States segment.

(d) The Company closed on the sale of its U.K. business on July 1, 2019.

(e) Other International includes volumes for the Atrush block in Kurdistan, which was sold in the second quarter of 2019.

(f) Represents fixed prices under long-term contracts with Alba Plant LLC, Atlantic Methanol Production Company LLC and/or Equatorial Guinea LNG Holdings Limited, which are equity method investees. The Alba Plant LLC processes the NGLs and then sells secondary condensate, propane, and butane at market prices. Marathon Oil includes its share of income from each of these equity method investees in the International segment.

- (g) Average of monthly prices obtained from Energy Information Administration website.
(h) Bloomberg Finance LLP: Y-grade Mix NGL of 55% ethane, 25% propane, 5% butane, 8% isobutane and 7% natural gasoline.
(i) Settlement date average per mmbtu.

The following table sets forth outstanding derivative contracts as of May 4, 2020, and the weighted average prices for those contracts:

<i>Crude Oil</i>	Second Quarter	2020 Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	2021 Full Year
<i>NYMEX WTI Three-Way Collars</i>				
Volume (Bbls/day)	—	80,000	80,000	—
Weighted average price per Bbl:				
Ceiling	\$ —	\$ 64.40	\$ 64.40	\$ —
Floor	\$ —	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00	\$ —
Sold put	\$ —	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00	\$ —
<i>NYMEX WTI Two-Way Collars</i>				
Volume (Bbls/day)	40,000	—	—	—
Weighted average price per Bbl:				
Ceiling	\$ 40.31	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Floor	\$ 32.89	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
<i>Fixed Price WTI Swaps</i>				
Volume (Bbls/day)	76,703	10,000	—	—
Weighted average price per Bbl:	\$ 28.99	\$ 32.77	\$ —	\$ —
<i>Basis Swaps - Argus WTI Midland^(a)</i>				
Volume (Bbls/day)	15,000	15,000	15,000	—
Weighted average price per Bbl	\$ (0.94)	\$ (0.94)	\$ (0.94)	\$ —
<i>Basis Swaps - NYMEX WTI / ICE Brent^(b)</i>				
Volume (Bbls/day)	5,000	5,000	5,000	808
Weighted average price per Bbl	\$ (7.24)	\$ (7.24)	\$ (7.24)	\$ (7.24)
<i>Basis Swaps - NYMEX WTI / MEH^(c)</i>				
Volume (Bbls/day)	26,813	—	—	—
Weighted average price per Bbl	\$ (0.75)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
<i>NYMEX Roll Basis Swaps</i>				
Volume (Bbls/day)	43,571	60,000	10,000	—
Weighted average price per Bbl	\$ (1.62)	\$ (1.58)	\$ (1.94)	\$ —

(a) The basis differential price is indexed against Argus WTI Midland.

(b) The basis differential price is indexed against Intercontinental Exchange ("ICE") Brent and NYMEX WTI.

(c) The basis differential price is indexed against Argus WTI Houston.

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