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RE: Case No. 8606

Dear Mr. Quintana:

Enclosed is a proposed form of Order.

Paragraphs (1)-(5) of the Findings portion are similar to provisions found in most orders entered in compulsory pooling cases. Paragraph (6) describes the Operating Agreement dated January 16, 1951, as modified by the Modification of Operating Agreement dated December 15, 1954, which we believe govern the rights and obligations of Doyle Hartman and the other interest owners, including our client Marilyn A. Tarlton, Trustee. Paragraphs (7)-(10) describe some of the provisions of the Operating Agreement and the Modification which are inconsistent with those Mr. Hartman seeks to impose upon Mrs. Tarlton and the other interest owners. Finally, Paragraph (11) recognizes this inconsistency and states that if the Operating Agreement and the Modification govern the rights and obligations of Mr. Hartman and the other interest owners, an order entered in this Case would have no effect upon such rights and obligations.

Consequently, Paragraph (1) of the Ordering portion of the proposed Order provides that no further order will be entered unless an appropriate court determines or Mr. Hartman and Mrs. Tarlton agree that the Operating Agreement and the Modification do not govern their rights and obligations. Paragraph (2) of the Ordering portion provides for the retention by the Division of jurisdiction for the entry of further orders.

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Mr. Gilbert P. Quintana
July 16, 1985
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I will be happy to discuss the enclosed form of Order with you,
Mr. Taylor, or Mr. Carr.

Very truly yours,

RODEY, DICKASON, SLOAN, AKIN & ROBB, P.A.

By: Mark K. Adams
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Enclosure

cc: Mr. and Mrs. Tarlton
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 8606
Order No. R-_____

APPLICATION OF DOYLE HARTMAN
FOR SIMULTANEOUS DEDICATION
AND COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:00 a.m. on July 2, 1985,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Gilbert P. Quintana.

NOW, on this _____ day of _____, 1985, the Division
Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the
recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the
premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law,
the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter
thereof.

(2) The applicant, Doyle Hartman, seeks an order pooling all
mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Jalmat Gas
Pool underlying the NW/4 of Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 37
East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) The E. E. Jack Well No. 1 was completed in 1951 in the proposed proration unit and continues to produce therefrom.

(4) The applicant proposes to drill the E. E. Jack Well No. 5 at a standard location in the proposed proration unit.

(5) There are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

(6) Marilyn A. Tarlton ("Tarlton"), Trustee of the Surviving Trustor's Trust of the Lortscher Family Trust dated November 26, 1980 and one of the owners of interests in the proposed proration unit who has not agreed to pool her interests therein, contends that all of the respective rights and obligations of the applicant, the other interest owners, and Tarlton, are governed by the Operating Agreement dated January 16, 1951 by and between Howard Hogan, Operator, and Charles T. Scott, Harold S. Russell, Herbert J. Schmitz and F. D. Lortscher, Non-Operators, as modified by the Modification of Operating Agreement dated December 15, 1954 by and between R. Olsen, Operator, and the same Non-Operators. The applicant denies that such respective rights and obligations are governed by the Operating Agreement and the Modification of Operating Agreement. Copies of the Operating Agreement and of the Modification of Operating Agreement are part of the applicant's Exhibit No. 13 in this cause. Howard Hogan, R. Olsen and Herbert J. Schmitz are predecessors in title to the proposed proration unit to the applicant. F. D. Lortscher is a predecessor in title to the proposed proration unit to Tarlton.

(7) Section 5 of the Operating Agreement provides that if one party owns a majority in interest in the proposed proration unit, no additional well shall be drilled thereon without the consent of such majority owner "and at least one other party." The applicant owns a majority in interest in the proposed proration unit and wishes to drill an additional well thereon, but neither Tarlton nor any other interest owner has consented to the drilling of such additional well.

(8) Section 5 of the Operating Agreement also provides that any working interest owner who does not consent to the drilling of an additional well shall have withheld from his share of production from the well an amount equal to twice the amount of the costs and expenses of drilling and completing the additional well, to the extent that such costs and expenses are usual and necessary, and that after such amount has been withheld, "such well shall be and become subject to all of the terms and provisions of this [Operating] agreement with the same force and like effect as though it had been drilled with the consent of all parties hereto."

(9) Section 14 of the Operating Agreement provides that the owners of a majority of the working interest in the oil and gas lease covering the proposed proration unit may terminate the Operating Agreement by giving Operator 60 days notice of their intention to do so, and that if they do so, they will "take over the operation of the said lease on the same terms and conditions as are imposed upon the Operator hereunder." The applicant owns a majority of the working interest in said lease, and contends that he has given such notice. Tarlton contends that it does not matter whether the applicant has given such notice because under Section 14 of the Operating Agreement, he must operate "on the same terms and conditions as are imposed upon the Operator hereunder."

(10) Section II of the Modification of Operating Agreement provides for a monthly overhead charge by Operator of \$25 per well, and Section III of the Modification of Operating Agreement provides for a "flat charge" by Operator of \$75 "per month to the lease." Thus, if there were two wells operating on the proposed proration unit, the monthly charge by the Operator under the Modification of Operating Agreement for the two wells and to the lease would be \$125.

(11) The applicant and Tarlton agree that the provisions, terms and conditions of the Operating Agreement and the Modification of Operating Agreement are inconsistent with those sought by the applicant in this cause. The applicant and Tarlton further agree that if the Operating Agreement and the Modification of Operating Agreement govern their respective rights and obligations, an order entered in this cause would have no effect upon such rights and obligations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) No further order will be entered in this cause unless and until it is determined by a court with jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter or it is agreed by the applicant and Tarlton that the Operating Agreement and the Modification of Operating Agreement do not govern their respective rights and obligations with respect to the proposed proration unit.

(2) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

R. L. STAMETS, Director

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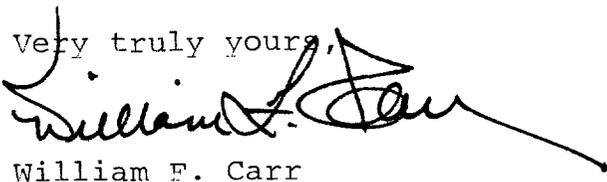
Re: Case 8606: Application of Doyle Hartman for
Simultaneous Dedication and Compulsory Pooling,
Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Quintana:

Enclosed please find the proposed Order of Doyle
Hartman in the above-referenced case.

Also enclosed, pursuant to your request, are two
Operating Agreements which reflect current overhead charges
and costs for similar types of wells in the same area.

If you need anything further from Mr. Hartman,
please let me know.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
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Case No. 8606
Order No. R-

APPLICATION OF DOYLE HARTMAN
FOR SIMULTANEOUS DEDICATION
AND COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8 a.m. on July 2, 1985, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Gilbert P. Quintana.

NOW, on this ____ day of July, 1985, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given, as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) The applicant, Doyle Hartman, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Jalmat formation underlying the NW/4 of Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, within this previously approved non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit.

(3) The applicant proposes to drill its E.E. Jack No. 5 Well at an orthodox location in Unit D of said Section 8 and simultaneously dedicate this well and the E.E. Jack No. 1 Well which is located in Unit E of said Section 8 and is currently producing gas from the Jalmat formation.

(4) There is a dispute between the applicant and other interest owners in the unit concerning whether or not a 1951 Operating Agreement covering the subject acreage remains in effect.

(5) If that 1951 Operating Agreement remains in effect, the risk factor to be applied against any nonconsenting interest owner in the proposed Hartman well would be 100% (paragraph 5 of 1951 Joint Operating Agreement).

(6) Whether or not the 1951 Operating Agreement remains in effect requires an interpretation of the contract itself and is a matter outside the jurisdiction of the Oil Conservation Division.

(7) Applicant presented evidence which established that the drilling of an additional well in the NW/4 of said Section 8 is necessary to produce the reserves under that tract thereby preventing the waste of natural gas and protecting the correlative rights of the interest owners therein.

(8) To assure that all interests in the NW/4 of said Section 8 are pooled or otherwise committed to the additional well proposed by the applicant, to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect the correlative rights, to prevent waste, and afford to the owner of each interest in said spacing or proration unit the opportunity to recover without unnecessary expense its just and fair share of hydrocarbons underlying the subject unit, this application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.

(9) The applicant should be designated operator of the subject spacing unit in the Jalmat formation.

(10) Any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.

(11) Any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the subject well.

(12) Any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

(13) Following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(14) To permit further development of the NW/4 of said Section 8 and, at the same time, to protect the rights of all interest owners in the spacing or proration unit the risk penalty provided for in this order should be applied as follows:

- (A) The operator should retain out of production the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (B) As a charge for the risk involved in drilling the well, 200% of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him; provided operator shall only retain 100% of said risk charges (the penalty amount to which operator would be entitled under this order or under the 1951 Operating Agreement, whichever controls) and operator shall place in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, a sum equal to 100% of said risk charges, said funds to be paid to the true owner thereof upon determination of whether the 1951 Operating Agreement remains in effect by a court of proper jurisdiction.

(15) \$5,500.00 per month while drilling and \$550.00 per month while producing should be fixed as the reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each nonconsenting interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(16) All proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

(17) Upon the failure of the operator of said pool unit to commence reentry operations on the subject well to which said unit is dedicated on or before November 15, 1985, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever unless the operator of said unit obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) All mineral interests whatever they may be from the surface to the base of the Jalmat formation underlying the NW/4 of Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled previously within this approved nonstandard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be simultaneously dedicated to the E.E. Jack No. 5 Well to be drilled at an orthodox location in Unit D of said Section 8 and the E.E. Jack No. 1 Well which is located in Unit E of said Section 8 and is currently producing gas from the Jalmat formation.

PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT, the operator of said unit shall commence drilling operations on said well on or before the 15th day of November, 1985, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence in a manner that sufficient to test the Jalmat formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, in the event said operator does not commence drilling operations on said well on or before the 15th day of November, 1985, Order (1) of this Order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, should said well not be reentered and completed or abandoned within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order

(1) of this Order should not be rescinded.

(2) Doyle Hartman is hereby designated the operator of subject well and unit.

(3) After the effective date of this Order and within ninety (90) days prior to commencing drilling operations on said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.

(4) Within thirty (30) days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any nonconsenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(5) The operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within ninety (90) days following completion of the well; if no

objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to the actual well costs within 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after notice and hearing.

(6) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(7) The operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:

(A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(B) As a charge for the risk involved in drilling the well, 200% of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him; provided operator shall only retain 100% of said risk charges (the penalty amount to which operator would be entitled under this order or under the 1951 Operating Agreement, whichever controls) and operator shall place in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, a sum equal to 100% of said risk charges, said funds to be paid to the true owner thereof upon determination of whether the 1951 Operating Agreement remains in effect by a court of proper jurisdiction.

(8) The operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.

(9) \$5500.00 per month while re-entering and \$550.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby

authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(10) Any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

(11) Any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interest's share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(12) All proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.

(13) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

R. L. STAMETS
Director

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Re: CASE NO. 8606
ORDER NO. R-3013

Applicant:

Doyle Hartman

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced
Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Sincerely,

R. L. STAMETS
Director

RLS/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

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Other Mark Adams

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MODEL FORM OPERATING AGREEMENT

OPERATING AGREEMENT

DATED

October 3 , 19 83 ,

OPERATOR Doyle Hartman

CONTRACT AREA E/2 SE/4 Section 19; E/2 NW/4 and E/2 Section 30,

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OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between Doyle Hartman, hereinafter designated and referred to as "Operator", and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter referred to individually herein as "Non-Operator", and collectively as "Non-Operators".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are owners of oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests in the land identified in Exhibit "A", and the parties hereto have reached an agreement to explore and develop these leases and/or oil and gas interests for the production of oil and gas to the extent and as hereinafter provided,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I.
DEFINITIONS

As used in this agreement, the following words and terms shall have the meanings here ascribed to them:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

H. The terms "Non-Drilling Party" and "Non-Consenting Party" shall mean a party who elects not to participate in a proposed operation.

Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.

ARTICLE II.
EXHIBITS

The following exhibits, as indicated below and attached hereto, are incorporated in and made a part hereof:

- A. Exhibit "A", shall include the following information:
 - (1) Identification of lands subject to this agreement,
 - (2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths, formations, or substances,
 - (3) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement,
 - (4) Oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject to this agreement,
 - (5) Addresses of parties for notice purposes.
- B. Exhibit "B", Form of Lease.
- C. Exhibit "C", Accounting Procedure.
- D. Exhibit "D", Insurance.
- E. Exhibit "E", Gas Balancing Agreement.
- F. Exhibit "F", Non-Discrimination and Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities
- G. Exhibit "G", Tax Partnership.

If any provision of any exhibit, except Exhibits "E" and "G", is inconsistent with any provision contained in the body of this agreement, the provisions in the body of this agreement shall prevail

ARTICLE III.
INTERESTS OF PARTIES

A. Oil and Gas Interests:

If any party owns an oil and gas interest in the Contract Area, that interest shall be treated for all purposes of this agreement and during the term hereof as if it were covered by the form of oil and gas lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B", and the owner thereof shall be deemed to own both the royalty interest reserved in such lease and the interest of the lessee thereunder.

B. Interests of Parties in Costs and Production:

Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and materials acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned, by the parties as their interests are set forth in Exhibit "A". In the same manner, the parties shall also own all production of oil and gas from the Contract Area subject to the payment of royalties to the extent of one-eighth (1/8) which shall be borne as hereinafter set forth.

Regardless of which party has contributed the lease(s) and/or oil and gas interest(s) hereto on which royalty is due and payable, each party entitled to receive a share of production of oil and gas from the Contract Area shall bear and shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, to the extent of its interest in such production, the royalty amount stipulated hereinabove and shall hold the other parties free from any liability therefor. No party shall ever be responsible, however, on a 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 settlement on a higher price basis, the party contributing the affected lease shall bear the additional royalty burden attributable to such higher price.

Nothing contained in this Article III.B. shall be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby.

C. Excess Royalties, Overriding Royalties and Other Payments:

Unless changed by other provisions, if the interest of any party in any lease covered hereby is subject to any royalty, overriding royalty, production payment or other burden on production in excess of the amount stipulated in Article III.B., such party so burdened shall assume and alone bear all such excess obligations and shall indemnify and hold the other parties hereto harmless from any and all claims and demands for payment asserted by owners of such excess burden.

D. Subsequently Created Interests:

If any party should hereafter create an overriding royalty, production payment or other burden payable out of production attributable to its working interest hereunder, or if such a burden existed prior to this agreement and is not set forth in Exhibit "A", or was not disclosed in writing to all other parties prior to the execution of this agreement by all parties, or is not a jointly acknowledged and accepted obligation of all parties (any such interest being hereinafter referred to as "subsequently created interest" irrespective of the timing of its creation and the party out of whose working interest the subsequently created interest is derived being hereinafter referred to as "burdened party"), and:

1. If the burdened party is required under this agreement to assign or relinquish to any other party, or parties, all or a portion of its working interest and/or the production attributable thereto, said other party, or parties, shall receive said assignment and/or production free and clear of said subsequently created interest and the burdened party shall indemnify and save said other party, or parties, harmless from any and all claims and demands for payment asserted by owners of the subsequently created interest; and,
2. If the burdened party fails to pay, when due, its share of expenses chargeable hereunder, all provisions of Article VII.B. shall be enforceable against the subsequently created interest in the same manner as they are enforceable against the working interest of the burdened party.

ARTICLE IV.
TITLES

A. Title Examination: Title is presently being examined and a copy will be furnished on request.

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 the 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:

~~Opinion No. 1 - Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, division fee 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.~~

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1 Option No. 2: Costs incurred by Operator in procuring abstracts and fees paid outside attorneys for title examination
2 (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in gas royalty opinions and division order title opinions) shall be borne by the Drilling Parties
3 in the proportion that the interest of each Drilling Party bears to the total interest of all Drilling Parties as such interests appear in Ex-
4 hibit "A". Operator shall make no charge for services rendered by its staff attorneys or other personnel in the performance of the above
5 functions.
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7 Each party shall be responsible for securing curative matter and pooling amendments or agreements required in connection
8 with leases or oil and gas interests contributed by such party. Operator shall be responsible for the preparation and recording of pooling
9 designations or declarations as well as the conduct of hearings before governmental agencies for the securing of spacing or pooling orders.
10 This shall not prevent any party from appearing on its own behalf at any such hearing.
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12 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
13 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 par-
14 ticipate in the drilling of the well.
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16 **B. Loss of Title:**
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18 ~~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
19 reduction of interest from that shown on Exhibit "A", the party contributing the affected lease or interest shall have ninety (90) days
20 from final determination of title failure to acquire a new lease or other instrument curing the entirety of the title failure, which acquisi-
21 tion will not be subject to Article VIII.B., and failing to do so, this agreement, nevertheless, shall continue in force as to all remaining oil
22 and gas leases and interests: and,~~

23 ~~(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
24 entitled to recover from Operator or the other parties any development or operating costs which it may have theretofore paid or incurred,
25 but there shall be no additional liability on its part to the other parties hereto by reason of such title failure;~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

56 ~~(b) Proceeds, less operating expenses, thereafter accrued attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, of that portion of
57 oil and gas thereafter produced and marketed (excluding production from any wells thereafter drilled) which, in the absence of such lease
58 termination, would be attributable to the lost interest on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, the proceeds of said
59 portion of the oil and gas to be contributed by the other parties in proportion to their respective interests; and,~~

60 ~~(c) Any monies, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, that may be paid by any party who is, or becomes, the owner of the interest
61 lost, for the privilege of participating in the Contract Area or becoming a party to this agreement.~~
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63 3. Other Losses: All losses incurred, ~~either than those set forth in Articles IV.B.1. and IV.B.2. above,~~ shall be joint losses
64 and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of
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ARTICLE V.
OPERATOR

A. Designation and Responsibilities of Operator:

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

B. Resignation or Removal of Operator and Selection of Successor:

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

2. Selection of Successor Operator: Upon the resignation or removal of Operator, a successor Operator shall be selected by the parties. The successor Operator shall be selected from the parties owning an interest in the Contract Area at the time such successor Operator is selected. The successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A"; provided, however, if an Operator which has been removed fails to vote or votes only to succeed itself, the successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A" remaining after excluding the voting interest of the Operator that was removed.

C. Employees:

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

D. Drilling Contracts:

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

ARTICLE VI.
DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Initial Well:

~~On or before the _____ day of _____, 19____, Operator shall commence the drilling of a well for oil and gas at the following location:~~

~~and shall thereafter continue the drilling of the well with due diligence to~~

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

~~Operator shall _____ thoroughly log, but not core or DST all formations encountered during drilling which give indication of containing oil and gas in quantities sufficient to _____ evaluate.~~

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1 ~~If, in Operator's judgment, the well will not produce oil or gas in paying quantities, and it wishes to plug and abandon the~~
 2 ~~well as a dry hole, the provisions of Article VI.E.1. shall thereafter apply.~~

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6 **B. Subsequent Operations:**
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8 1. Proposed Operations: Should any party hereto desire to drill any well on the Contract Area ~~other than the well provided~~
 9 ~~for in Article VI.A.,~~ or to rework, deepen or plug back a dry hole drilled at the joint expense of all parties or a well jointly owned by all
 10 the parties and not then producing in paying quantities, the party desiring to drill, rework, deepen or plug back such a well shall give the
 11 other parties written notice of the proposed operation, specifying the work to be performed, the location, proposed depth, objective forma-
 12 tion and the estimated cost of the operation. The parties receiving such a notice shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice
 13 within which to notify the party wishing to do the work whether they elect to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. If a drill-
 14 ing rig is on location, notice of a proposal to rework, plug back or drill deeper may be given by telephone and the response period shall be
 15 limited to forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays. Failure of a party receiving such notice to reply within
 16 the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. Any notice or
 17 response given by telephone shall be promptly confirmed in writing.
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21 If all parties elect to participate in such a proposed operation, Operator shall, within ninety (90) days after expiration of the notice
 22 period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour period when a drilling rig is on loca-
 23 tion, as the case may be), actually commence the proposed operation and complete it with due diligence at the risk and expense of all par-
 24 ties hereto; provided, however, said commencement date may be extended upon written notice of same by Operator to the other parties,
 25 for a period of up to thirty (30) additional days if, in the sole opinion of Operator, such additional time is reasonably necessary to obtain
 26 permits from governmental authorities, surface rights (including rights-of-way) or appropriate drilling equipment, or to complete title ex-
 27 amination or curative matter required for title approval or acceptance. Notwithstanding the force majeure provisions of Article XI, if the
 28 actual operation has not been commenced within the time provided (including any extension thereof as specifically permitted herein) and
 29 if any party hereto still desires to conduct said operation, written notice proposing same must be resubmitted to the other parties in accor-
 30 dance with the provisions hereof as if no prior proposal had been made.
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34 2. Operations by Less than All Parties: If any party receiving such notice as provided in Article VI.B.1. or VII.D.1. (Option
 35 No. 2) elects not to participate in the proposed operation, then, in order to be entitled to the benefits of this Article, the party or parties
 36 giving the notice and such other parties as shall elect to participate in the operation shall, within ninety (90) days after the expiration of
 37 the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour period when a drilling rig is
 38 on location, as the case may be) actually commence the proposed operation and complete it with due diligence. Operator shall perform all
 39 work for the account of the Consenting Parties; provided, however, if no drilling rig or other equipment is on location, and if Operator is
 40 a Non-Consenting Party, the Consenting Parties shall either: (a) request Operator to perform the work required by such proposed opera-
 41 tion for the account of the Consenting Parties, or (b) designate one (1) of the Consenting Parties as Operator to perform such work. Con-
 42 senting Parties, when conducting operations on the Contract Area pursuant to this Article VI.B.2., shall comply with all terms and con-
 43 ditions of this agreement.
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47 If less than all parties approve any proposed operation, the proposing party, immediately after the expiration of the applicable
 48 notice period, shall advise the Consenting Parties of the total interest of the parties approving such operation and its recommendation as
 49 to whether the Consenting Parties should proceed with the operation as proposed. Each Consenting Party, within forty-eight (48) hours
 50 (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) after receipt of such notice, shall advise the proposing party of its desire to (a) limit par-
 51 ticipation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" or (b) carry its proportionate part of Non-Consenting Parties' interests, and
 52 failure to advise the proposing party shall be deemed an election under (a). In the event a drilling rig is on location, the time permitted for
 53 such a response shall not exceed a total of forty-eight (48) hours (inclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays). The proposing party,
 54 at its election, may withdraw such proposal if there is insufficient participation and shall promptly notify all parties of such decision.
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58 The entire cost and risk of conducting such operations shall be borne by the Consenting Parties in the proportions they have
 59 elected to bear same under the terms of the preceding paragraph. Consenting Parties shall keep the leasehold estates involved in such
 60 operations free and clear of all liens and encumbrances of every kind created by or arising from the operations of the Consenting Parties.
 61 If such an operation results in a dry hole, the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well and restore the surface location at their
 62 sole cost, risk and expense. If any well drilled, reworked, deepened or plugged back under the provisions of this Article results in a pro-
 63 ducer of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, the Consenting Parties shall complete and equip the well to produce at their sole cost and risk.
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and the well shall then be turned over to Operator and shall be operated by it at the expense and for the account of the Consenting Parties. Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of any such well by Consenting Parties in accordance with the provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, and the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-Consenting Party's interest in the well and share of production therefrom until the proceeds of the sale of such share, calculated at the well, or market value thereof if such share is not sold, (after deducting production taxes, excise taxes, royalty, overriding royalty and other interests not excepted by Article III.D. payable out of or measured by the production from such well accruing with respect to such interest until it reverts) shall equal the total of the following:

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

(b) 300% of that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling, reworking, deepening, plugging back, testing and completing, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C., and 300% of that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the wellhead connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had participated therein.

An election not to participate in the drilling or the deepening of a well shall be deemed an election not to participate in any reworking or plugging back operation proposed in such a well, or portion thereof, to which the initial Non-Consent election applied that is conducted at any time prior to full recovery by the Consenting Parties of the Non-Consenting Party's recoupment account. Any such reworking or plugging back operation conducted during the recoupment period shall be deemed part of the cost of operation of said well and there shall be added to the sums to be recouped by the Consenting Parties one hundred percent (100%) of that portion of the costs of the reworking or plugging back operation which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein. If such a reworking or plugging back operation is proposed during such recoupment period, the provisions of this Article VI.B. shall be applicable as between said Consenting Parties in said well.

During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's share of production, or the proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of all production, severance, excise, gathering and other taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's share of production not excepted by Article III.D.

In the case of any reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling operation, the Consenting Parties shall be permitted to use, free of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of all such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon abandonment of a well after such reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equipment to the owners thereof, with each party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of salvage.

Within sixty (60) days after the completion of any operation under this Article, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an inventory of the equipment in and connected to the well, and an itemized statement of the cost of drilling, deepening, plugging back, testing, completing, and equipping the well for production; or, at its option, the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed statement of monthly billings. Each month thereafter, during the time the Consenting Parties are being reimbursed as provided above, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities incurred in the operation of the well, together with a statement of the quantity of oil and gas produced from it and the amount of proceeds realized from the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding month. In determining the quantity of oil and gas produced during any month, Consenting Parties shall use industry accepted methods such as, but not limited to, metering or periodic well tests. Any amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with any such operation which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein shall be credited against the total unreturned costs of the work done and of the equipment purchased in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as above provided; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting Party.

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1 If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest the amounts provided for above,
 2 the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall automatically revert to it, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-
 3 Consenting Party shall own the same interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production
 4 therefrom as such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging
 5 back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be charged with and shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of
 6 the operation of said well in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the Accounting Procedure attached hereto.

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 10 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that without the mutual consent of all parties, no wells shall
 11 be completed in or produced from a source of supply from which a well located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, unless such
 12 well conforms to the then-existing well spacing pattern for such source of supply.

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 16 The provisions of this Article shall have no application whatsoever to the drilling of the initial well described in Article VI.A.
 17 except (a) as to Article VII.D.1. (Option No. 2), if selected, or (b) as to the reworking, deepening and plugging back of such initial well
 18 after it has been drilled to the depth specified in Article VI.A. if it shall thereafter prove to be a dry hole or, if initially completed for pro-
 19 duction, ceases to produce in paying quantities.

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 23 3. Stand-By Time: When a well which has been drilled or deepened has reached its authorized depth and all tests have been
 24 completed, and the results thereof furnished to the parties, stand-by costs incurred pending response to a party's notice proposing a
 25 reworking, deepening, plugging back or completing operation in such a well shall be charged and borne as part of the drilling or deepening
 26 operation just completed. Stand-by costs subsequent to all parties responding, or expiration of the response time permitted, whichever
 27 first occurs, and prior to agreement as to the participating interests of all Consenting Parties pursuant to the terms of the second gram-
 28 matical paragraph of Article VI.B.2, shall be charged to and borne as part of the proposed operation, but if the proposal is subsequently
 29 withdrawn because of insufficient participation, such stand-by costs shall be allocated between the Consenting Parties in the proportion
 30 each Consenting Party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all Consenting Par-
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 35 4. Sidetracking: Except as hereinafter provided, those provisions of this agreement applicable to a "deepening" operation shall
 36 also be applicable to any proposal to directionally control and intentionally deviate a well from vertical so as to change the bottom hole
 37 location (herein called "sidetracking"), unless done to straighten the hole or to drill around junk in the hole or because of other
 38 mechanical difficulties. Any party having the right to participate in a proposed sidetracking operation that does not own an interest in the
 39 affected well bore at the time of the notice shall, upon electing to participate, tender to the well bore owners its proportionate share (equal
 40 to its interest in the sidetracking operation) of the value of that portion of the existing well bore to be utilized as follows:

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 44 (a) If the proposal is for sidetracking an existing dry hole, reimbursement shall be on the basis of the actual costs incurred in
 45 the initial drilling of the well down to the depth at which the sidetracking operation is initiated.

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 49 (b) If the proposal is for sidetracking a well which has previously produced, reimbursement shall be on the basis of the well's
 50 salvable materials and equipment down to the depth at which the sidetracking operation is initiated, determined in accordance with the
 51 provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning.

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 55 In the event that notice for a sidetracking operation is given while the drilling rig to be utilized is on location, the response period
 56 shall be limited to forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays, provided, however, any party may request and
 57 receive up to eight (8) additional days after expiration of the forty-eight (48) hours within which to respond by paying for all stand by time
 58 incurred during such extended response period. If more than one party elects to take such additional time to respond to the notice, stand-
 59 by costs shall be allocated between the parties taking additional time to respond on a day-to-day basis in the proportion each electing par-
 60 ty's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all the electing parties. In all other in-
 61 stances the response period to a proposal for sidetracking shall be limited to thirty (30) days.

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 65 C. TAKING PRODUCTION IN KIND:

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 67 Each party shall take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all oil and gas produced from the Contract Area,
 68 exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in preparing and treating oil and gas for
 69 marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditure incurred in the taking in kind or separate disposition by any
 70 party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any party taking its share of production in kind shall be

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1 required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it uses.

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

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

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17 **D. Access to Contract Area and Information:**

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19 Each party shall have access to the Contract Area at all reasonable times, at its sole cost and risk to inspect or observe operations,
20 and shall have access at reasonable times to information pertaining to the development or operation thereof, including Operator's books
21 and records relating thereto. Operator, upon request, shall furnish each of the other parties with copies of all forms or reports filed with
22 governmental agencies, daily drilling reports, well logs, tank tables, daily gauge and run tickets and reports of stock on hand at the first of
23 each month, and shall make available samples of any cores or cuttings taken from any well drilled on the Contract Area. The cost of
24 gathering and furnishing information to Non-Operator, other than that specified above, shall be charged to the Non-Operator that re-
25 quests the information.

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27 **E. Abandonment of Wells:**

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

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38 2. Abandonment of Wells that have Produced: Except for any well in which a Non-Consent operation has been conducted
39 hereunder for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reimbursed as herein provided, any well which has been completed as a
40 producer shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. If all parties consent to such abandonment, the well shall
41 be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of all the parties hereto. If, within
42 thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the proposed abandonment of any well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of such well,
43 those wishing to continue its operation from the interval(s) of the formation(s) then open to production shall tender to each of the other
44 parties its proportionate share of the value of the well's salvable material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of
45 Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. Each abandoning party shall assign
46 the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, or fitness for use of the equipment and
47 material, all of its interest in the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the leasehold estate as to, but only as to, the in-
48 terval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes an oil and
49 gas interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-abandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the interval or in-
50 tervals of the formation or formations then open to production, for a term of one (1) year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is pro-
51 duced from the interval or intervals of the formation or formations covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached as Exhibit

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"B". The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the "drilling unit" upon which the well is located. The payments by, and the assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the operation of or production from the well in the interval or intervals then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon request, Operator shall continue to operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and charges contemplated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of the separate ownership of the assigned well. Upon proposed abandonment of the producing interval(s) assigned or leased, the assignor or lessor shall then have the option to repurchase its prior interest in the well (using the same valuation formula) and participate in further operations therein subject to the provisions hereof.

3. Abandonment of Non-Consent Operations: The provisions of Article VI.E.1. or VI.E.2. above shall be applicable as between Consenting Parties in the event of the proposed abandonment of any well excepted from said Articles; provided, however, no well shall be permanently plugged and abandoned unless and until all parties having the right to conduct further operations therein have been notified of the proposed abandonment and afforded the opportunity to elect to take over the well in accordance with the provisions of this Article VI.E.

ARTICLE VII.

EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES

A. Liability of Parties:

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

B. Liens and Payment Defaults:

Each Non-Operator grants to Operator a lien upon its oil and gas rights in the Contract Area, and a security interest in its share of oil and/or gas when extracted and its interest in all equipment, to secure payment of its share of expense, together with interest thereon at the rate provided in Exhibit "C". To the extent that Operator has a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the state, Operator shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the obtaining of judgment by Operator for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any Non-Operator in the payment of its share of expense, Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such Non-Operator's share of oil and/or gas until the amount owed by such Non-Operator, plus interest, has been paid. Each purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon Operator's written statement concerning the amount of any default. Operator grants a like lien and security interest to the Non-Operators to secure payment of Operator's proportionate share of expense.

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

C. Payments and Accounting:

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

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

D. Limitation of Expenditures:

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 VI.B.2. of this agreement. Consent to the drilling or deepening shall include:

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~~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.~~

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, and the results thereof furnished to the parties, 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 VI.B.2. hereof (the phrase "reworking, deepening or plugging back" as contained in Article VI.B.2. shall be deemed to include "completing") shall apply to the operations thereafter conducted by less than all parties.

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 VI.B.2. of this agreement. Consent to the reworking or plugging back of a well shall include all necessary expenditures in conducting such operations and completing and equipping of said well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

3. Other Operations: Without the consent of all parties, Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of Fifteen thousand Dollars (\$ 15,000.00) 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 an authority for expenditure (AFE) for its own use, Operator shall furnish any Non-Operator so requesting an information copy thereof for any single project costing in excess of Five thousand Dollars (\$ 5,000.00) but less than the amount first set forth above in this paragraph.

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

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.

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

F. Taxes:

Beginning with the first calendar year after the effective date hereof, Operator shall render for ad valorem taxation all property subject to this agreement which by law should be rendered for such taxes, and it shall pay all such taxes assessed thereon before they become delinquent. Prior to the rendition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator information as to burdens (to include, but not be limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on leases and oil and gas interests contributed by such Non-Operator. If the assessed valuation of any leasehold estate is reduced by reason of its being subject to outstanding excess royalties, overriding royalties or production payments, the reduction in ad valorem taxes resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of such leasehold estate, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such reduction. If the ad valorem taxes are based in whole or in part upon separate valuations of each party's working interest, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, charges to the joint account shall be made and paid by the parties hereto in accordance with the tax value generated by each party's working interest. Operator shall bill the other parties for their proportionate shares of all tax payments in the manner provided in Exhibit "C".

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

Each party shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, excise, gathering and other taxes imposed upon or with respect to the production or handling of such party's share of oil and/or gas produced under the terms of this agreement.

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1 G. Insurance:

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3 At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the workmen's compensation law of
4 the state where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a self-insurer for liability under said com-
5 pensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall be as provided in Exhibit "C". Operator shall
6 also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D", attached to and made a part
7 hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the workmen's compensation
8 law of the state where the operations are being conducted and to maintain such other insurance as Operator may require.

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10 In the event automobile public liability insurance is specified in said Exhibit "D", or subsequently receives the approval of the
11 parties, no direct charge shall be made by Operator for premiums paid for such insurance for Operator's automotive equipment.

12 ARTICLE VIII.

13 ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST

14 A. Surrender of Leases:

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

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19 However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any lease or in any portion thereof, and the other parties do not
20 agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or implied warranty of title, all of its interest in
21 such lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and equipment which may be located thereon and any rights in production
22 thereafter secured, to the parties not consenting to such surrender. If the interest of the assigning party is or includes an oil and gas in-
23 terest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not consenting to such surrender an oil and gas lease covering
24 such oil and gas interest for a term of one (1) year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the land covered thereby, such
25 lease to be on the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Upon such assignment or lease, the assigning party shall be relieved from all
26 obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the interest assigned or leased and the operation of any well
27 attributable thereto, and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the assigned or leased premises and its equipment and pro-
28 duction other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The party assignee or lessee shall pay to the
29 party assignor or lessor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any wells and equipment attributable to the assigned or leas-
30 ed acreage. The value of all material shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of
31 salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. If the assignment or lease is in favor of more than one party, the interest
32 shall be shared by such parties in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all such parties.

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34 Any assignment, lease or surrender made under this provision shall not reduce or change the assignor's, lessor's or surrendering
35 party's interest as it was immediately before the assignment, lease or surrender in the balance of the Contract Area; and the acreage
36 assigned, leased or surrendered, and subsequent operations thereon, shall not thereafter be subject to the terms and provisions of this
37 agreement.

38 B. Renewal or Extension of Leases:

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

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

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51 Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal lease shall be given an assignment of its proportionate interest therein
52 by the acquiring party.

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54 The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal leases whether they are for the entire interest covered by the expiring lease
55 or cover only a portion of its area or an interest therein. Any renewal lease taken before the expiration of its predecessor lease, or taken or
56 contracted for within six (6) months after the expiration of the existing lease shall be subject to this provision; but any lease taken or con-
57 tracted for more than six (6) months after the expiration of an existing lease shall not be deemed a renewal lease and shall not be subject to
58 the provisions of this agreement.

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60 The provisions in this Article shall also be applicable to extensions of oil and gas leases

61 C. Acreage or Cash Contributions:

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63 While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash towards the drilling of a well or any other
64 operation on the Contract Area, such contribution shall be paid to the party who conducted the drilling or other operation and shall be
65 applied by it against the cost of such drilling or other operation. If the contribution be in the form of acreage, the party to whom the con-
66 tribution is made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling Parties in the proportions

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1 and the well shall then be turned over to Operator and shall be operated by it at the expense and for the account of the Consenting Parties. Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of any such well by Consenting Parties in accordance with the provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, and the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-Consenting Party's interest in the well and share of production therefrom until the proceeds of the sale of such share, calculated at the well, or market value thereof if such share is not sold, (after deducting production taxes, excise taxes, royalty, overriding royalty and other interests not excepted by Article III.D. payable out of or measured by the production from such well accruing with respect to such interest until it reverts) shall equal the total of the following:

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

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21 (b) 300 % of that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling, reworking, deepening, plugging back, testing and completing, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C., and 300 % of that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the wellhead connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had participated therein.

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28 An election not to participate in the drilling or the deepening of a well shall be deemed an election not to participate in any reworking or plugging back operation proposed in such a well, or portion thereof, to which the initial Non-Consent election applied that is conducted at any time prior to full recovery by the Consenting Parties of the Non-Consenting Party's recoupment account. Any such reworking or plugging back operation conducted during the recoupment period shall be deemed part of the cost of operation of said well and there shall be added to the sums to be recouped by the Consenting Parties one hundred percent (100%) of that portion of the costs of the reworking or plugging back operation which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein. If such a reworking or plugging back operation is proposed during such recoupment period, the provisions of this Article VI.B. shall be applicable as between said Consenting Parties in said well.

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39 During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's share of production, or the proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of all production, severance, excise, gathering and other taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's share of production not excepted by Article III.D.

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46 In the case of any reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling operation, the Consenting Parties shall be permitted to use, free of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of all such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon abandonment of a well after such reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equipment to the owners thereof, with each party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of salvage.

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53 Within sixty (60) days after the completion of any operation under this Article, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an inventory of the equipment in and connected to the well, and an itemized statement of the cost of drilling, deepening, plugging back, testing, completing, and equipping the well for production; or, at its option, the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed statement of monthly billings. Each month thereafter, during the time the Consenting Parties are being reimbursed as provided above, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities incurred in the operation of the well, together with a statement of the quantity of oil and gas produced from it and the amount of proceeds realized from the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding month. In determining the quantity of oil and gas produced during any month, Consenting Parties shall use industry accepted methods such as, but not limited to, metering or periodic well tests. Any amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with any such operation which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein shall be credited against the total unreturned costs of the work done and of the equipment purchased in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as above provided; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting Party.

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1 If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest the amounts provided for above,
 2 the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall automatically revert to it, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-
 3 Consenting Party shall own the same interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production
 4 therefrom as such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging
 5 back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be charged with and shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of
 6 the operation of said well in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the Accounting Procedure attached hereto.

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 10 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that without the mutual consent of all parties, no wells shall
 11 be completed in or produced from a source of supply from which a well located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, unless such
 12 well conforms to the then-existing well spacing pattern for such source of supply.

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 16 The provisions of this Article shall have no application whatsoever to the drilling of the initial well described in Article VI.A.
 17 except (a) as to Article VII.D.1. (Option No. 2), if selected, or (b) as to the reworking, deepening and plugging back of such initial well
 18 after it has been drilled to the depth specified in Article VI.A. if it shall thereafter prove to be a dry hole or, if initially completed for pro-
 19 duction, ceases to produce in paying quantities.

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 23 3. Stand-By Time: When a well which has been drilled or deepened has reached its authorized depth and all tests have been
 24 completed, and the results thereof furnished to the parties, stand-by costs incurred pending response to a party's notice proposing a
 25 reworking, deepening, plugging back or completing operation in such a well shall be charged and borne as part of the drilling or deepening
 26 operation just completed. Stand-by costs subsequent to all parties responding, or expiration of the response time permitted, whichever
 27 first occurs, and prior to agreement as to the participating interests of all Consenting Parties pursuant to the terms of the second gram-
 28 matical paragraph of Article VI.B.2, shall be charged to and borne as part of the proposed operation, but if the proposal is subsequently
 29 withdrawn because of insufficient participation, such stand-by costs shall be allocated between the Consenting Parties in the proportion
 30 each Consenting Party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all Consenting Par-
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 35 4. Sidetracking: Except as hereinafter provided, those provisions of this agreement applicable to a "deepening" operation shall
 36 also be applicable to any proposal to directionally control and intentionally deviate a well from vertical so as to change the bottom hole
 37 location (herein called "sidetracking"), unless done to straighten the hole or to drill around junk in the hole or because of other
 38 mechanical difficulties. Any party having the right to participate in a proposed sidetracking operation that does not own an interest in the
 39 affected well bore at the time of the notice shall, upon electing to participate, tender to the well bore owners its proportionate share (equal
 40 to its interest in the sidetracking operation) of the value of that portion of the existing well bore to be utilized as follows:

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 44 (a) If the proposal is for sidetracking an existing dry hole, reimbursement shall be on the basis of the actual costs incurred in
 45 the initial drilling of the well down to the depth at which the sidetracking operation is initiated.

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 49 (b) If the proposal is for sidetracking a well which has previously produced, reimbursement shall be on the basis of the well's
 50 salvable materials and equipment down to the depth at which the sidetracking operation is initiated, determined in accordance with the
 51 provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning.

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 55 In the event that notice for a sidetracking operation is given while the drilling rig to be utilized is on location, the response period
 56 shall be limited to forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays; provided, however, any party may request and
 57 receive up to eight (8) additional days after expiration of the forty-eight (48) hours within which to respond by paying for all stand-by time
 58 incurred during such extended response period. If more than one party elects to take such additional time to respond to the notice, stand-
 59 by costs shall be allocated between the parties taking additional time to respond on a day-to-day basis in the proportion each electing par-
 60 ty's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all the electing parties. In all other in-
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 65 **C. TAKING PRODUCTION IN KIND:**

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 67 Each party shall take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all oil and gas produced from the Contract Area,
 68 exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in preparing and treating oil and gas for
 69 marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditure incurred in the taking in kind or separate disposition by any
 70 party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any party taking its share of production in kind shall be

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1 required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it uses.

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

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

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17 **D. Access to Contract Area and Information:**

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19 Each party shall have access to the Contract Area at all reasonable times, at its sole cost and risk to inspect or observe operations,
20 and shall have access at reasonable times to information pertaining to the development or operation thereof, including Operator's books
21 and records relating thereto. Operator, upon request, shall furnish each of the other parties with copies of all forms or reports filed with
22 governmental agencies, daily drilling reports, well logs, tank tables, daily gauge and run tickets and reports of stock on hand at the first of
23 each month, and shall make available samples of any cores or cuttings taken from any well drilled on the Contract Area. The cost of
24 gathering and furnishing information to Non-Operator, other than that specified above, shall be charged to the Non-Operator that re-
25 quests the information.

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27 **E. Abandonment of Wells:**

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

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38 2. **Abandonment of Wells that have Produced:** Except for any well in which a Non-Consent operation has been conducted
39 hereunder for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reimbursed as herein provided, any well which has been completed as a
40 producer shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. If all parties consent to such abandonment, the well shall
41 be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of all the parties hereto. If, within
42 thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the proposed abandonment of any well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of such well,
43 those wishing to continue its operation from the interval(s) of the formation(s) then open to production shall tender to each of the other
44 parties its proportionate share of the value of the well's salvable material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of
45 Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. Each abandoning party shall assign
46 the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, or fitness for use of the equipment and
47 material, all of its interest in the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the leasehold estate as to, but only as to, the in-
48 terval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes an oil and
49 gas interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-abandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the interval or in-
50 tervals of the formation or formations then open to production, for a term of one (1) year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is pro-
51 duced from the interval or intervals of the formation or formations covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached as Exhibit
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ARTICLE VI
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1 "B". The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the "drilling unit" upon which the well is located. The payments by, and the
2 assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the
3 Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment of
4 interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

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6 Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the operation of or production from
7 the well in the interval or intervals then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon re-
8 quest, Operator shall continue to operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and charges con-
9 templated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of the separate ownership of the assigned
10 well. Upon proposed abandonment of the producing interval(s) assigned or leased, the assignor or lessor shall then have the option to
11 repurchase its prior interest in the well (using the same valuation formula) and participate in further operations therein subject to the pro-
12 visions hereof.

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14 3. Abandonment of Non-Consent Operations: The provisions of Article VI.E.1. or VI.E.2. above shall be applicable as between
15 Consenting Parties in the event of the proposed abandonment of any well excepted from said Articles; provided, however, no well shall be
16 permanently plugged and abandoned unless and until all parties having the right to conduct further operations therein have been notified
17 of the proposed abandonment and afforded the opportunity to elect to take over the well in accordance with the provisions of this Article
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20 ARTICLE VII.
21 EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES
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23 A. Liability of Parties:

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

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30 B. Liens and Payment Defaults:

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

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

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48 C. Payments and Accounting:

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

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

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64 D. Limitation of Expenditures:

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66 1. Drill or Deepen: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled or deepened, except any well drilled or deepened
67 pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement. Consent to the drilling or deepening shall include:

ARTICLE VII

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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.

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, and the results thereof furnished to the parties, 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 VI.B.2. hereof (the phrase "reworking, deepening or plugging back" as contained in Article VI.B.2. shall be deemed to include "completing") shall apply to the operations thereafter conducted by less than all parties.

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 VI.B.2. of this agreement. Consent to the reworking or plugging back of a well shall include all necessary expenditures in conducting such operations and completing and equipping of said well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

3. Other Operations: Without the consent of all parties, Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of Fifteen thousand Dollars (\$ 15,000.00) 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 an authority for expenditure (AFE) for its own use, Operator shall furnish any Non-Operator so requesting an information copy thereof for any single project costing in excess of Five thousand Dollars (\$ 5,000.00) but less than the amount first set forth above in this paragraph.

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

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.

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

F. Taxes:

Beginning with the first calendar year after the effective date hereof, Operator shall render for ad valorem taxation all property subject to this agreement which by law should be rendered for such taxes, and it shall pay all such taxes assessed thereon before they become delinquent. Prior to the rendition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator information as to burdens (to include, but not be limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on leases and oil and gas interests contributed by such Non-Operator. If the assessed valuation of any leasehold estate is reduced by reason of its being subject to outstanding excess royalties, overriding royalties or production payments, the reduction in ad valorem taxes resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of such leasehold estate, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such reduction. If the ad valorem taxes are based in whole or in part upon separate valuations of each party's working interest, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, charges to the joint account shall be made and paid by the parties hereto in accordance with the tax value generated by each party's working interest. Operator shall bill the other parties for their proportionate shares of all tax payments in the manner provided in Exhibit "C".

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

Each party shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, excise, gathering and other taxes imposed upon or with respect to the production or handling of such party's share of oil and/or gas produced under the terms of this agreement.

ARTICLE VII
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1 **G. Insurance:**

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3 At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the workmen's compensation law of
4 the state where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a self-insurer for liability under said com-
5 pensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall be as provided in Exhibit "C". Operator shall
6 also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D", attached to and made a part
7 hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the workmen's compensation
8 law of the state where the operations are being conducted and to maintain such other insurance as Operator may require.

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10 In the event automobile public liability insurance is specified in said Exhibit "D", or subsequently receives the approval of the
11 parties, no direct charge shall be made by Operator for premiums paid for such insurance for Operator's automotive equipment.

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13 **ARTICLE VIII.**
14 **ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST**

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16 **A. Surrender of Leases:**

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

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21 However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any lease or in any portion thereof, and the other parties do not
22 agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or implied warranty of title, all of its interest in
23 such lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and equipment which may be located thereon and any rights in production
24 thereafter secured, to the parties not consenting to such surrender. If the interest of the assigning party is or includes an oil and gas in-
25 terest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not consenting to such surrender an oil and gas lease covering
26 such oil and gas interest for a term of one (1) year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the land covered thereby, such
27 lease to be on the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Upon such assignment or lease, the assigning party shall be relieved from all
28 obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the interest assigned or leased and the operation of any well
29 attributable thereto, and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the assigned or leased premises and its equipment and pro-
30 duction other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The party assignee or lessee shall pay to the
31 party assignor or lessor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any wells and equipment attributable to the assigned or leas-
32 ed acreage. The value of all material shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of
33 salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. If the assignment or lease is in favor of more than one party, the interest
34 shall be shared by such parties in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all such parties.

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36 Any assignment, lease or surrender made under this provision shall not reduce or change the assignor's, lessor's or surrendering
37 party's interest as it was immediately before the assignment, lease or surrender in the balance of the Contract Area; and the acreage
38 assigned, leased or surrendered, and subsequent operations thereon, shall not thereafter be subject to the terms and provisions of this
39 agreement.

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

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

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

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54 Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal lease shall be given an assignment of its proportionate interest therein
55 by the acquiring party.

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57 The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal leases whether they are for the entire interest covered by the expiring lease
58 or cover only a portion of its area or an interest therein. Any renewal lease taken before the expiration of its predecessor lease, or taken or
59 contracted for within six (6) months after the expiration of the existing lease shall be subject to this provision; but any lease taken or con-
60 tracted for more than six (6) months after the expiration of an existing lease shall not be deemed a renewal lease and shall not be subject to
61 the provisions of this agreement.

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63 The provisions in this Article shall also be applicable to extensions of oil and gas leases

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

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67 While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash towards the drilling of a well or any other
68 operation on the Contract Area, such contribution shall be paid to the party who conducted the drilling or other operation and shall be
69 applied by it against the cost of such drilling or other operation. If the contribution be in the form of acreage, the party to whom the con-
70 tribution is made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling Parties in the proportions

ARTICLE VIII

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1 said Drilling Parties shared the cost of drilling the well. Such acreage shall become a separate Contract Area and, to the extent possible, be
2 governed by provisions identical to this agreement. Each party shall promptly notify all other parties of any acreage or cash contributions
3 it may obtain in support of any well or any other operation on the Contract Area. The above provisions shall also be applicable to op-
4 tional rights to earn acreage outside the Contract Area which are in support of a well drilled inside the Contract Area.

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6 If any party contracts for any consideration relating to disposition of such party's share of substances produced hereunder, such
7 consideration shall not be deemed a contribution as contemplated in this Article VIII.C.

D. Maintenance of Uniform Interest:

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10 For the purpose of maintaining uniformity of ownership in the oil and gas leasehold interests covered by this agreement, no
11 party shall sell, encumber, transfer or make other disposition of its interest in the leases embraced within the Contract Area and in wells,
12 equipment and production unless such disposition covers either:

- 13 1. the entire interest of the party in all leases and equipment and production; or
- 14 15 2. an equal undivided interest in all leases and equipment and production in the Contract Area.

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17 Every such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party shall be made expressly subject to this agreement
18 and shall be made without prejudice to the right of the other parties.

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

E. Waiver of Rights to Partition:

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

~~Preferential Right to Purchase:~~

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32 Should any party desire to sell all or any part of its interests under this agreement, or its rights and interests in the Contract
33 Area, it shall promptly give written notice to the other parties, with full information concerning its proposed sale, which shall include the
34 name and address of the prospective purchaser (who must be ready, willing and able to purchase), the purchase price, and all other terms
35 of the offer. The other parties shall then have an optional prior right, for a period of ten (10) days after receipt of the notice, to purchase
36 on the same terms and conditions the interest which the other party proposes to sell; and, if this optional right is exercised, the purchas-
37 ing parties shall share the purchased interest in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all purchasing par-
38 ties. However, there shall be no preferential right to purchase in those cases where any party wishes to mortgage its interests, or to
39 dispose of its interests by merger, reorganization, consolidation, or sale of all or substantially all of its assets to a subsidiary or parent com-
40 pany or to a subsidiary of a parent company, or to any company in which any one party owns a majority of the stock.

ARTICLE IX.

INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION

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42 This agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, a relationship of partnership or an association
43 for profit between or among the parties hereto. Notwithstanding any provision herein that the rights and liabilities hereunder are several
44 and not joint or collective, or that this agreement and operations hereunder shall not constitute a partnership, if, for federal income tax
45 purposes, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, each party hereby affected elects to be excluded
46 from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as per-
47 mitted and authorized by Section 761 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Operator is authorized and directed to ex-
48 ecute on behalf of each party hereby affected such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the
49 United States or the Federal Internal Revenue Service, including specifically, but not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements,
50 and the data required by Federal Regulations 1.761. Should there be any requirement that each party hereby affected give further
51 evidence of this election, each such party shall execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be required by the
52 Federal Internal Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. No such party shall give any notices or take any other
53 action inconsistent with the election made hereby. If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Contract
54 Area is located or any future income tax laws of the United States contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter "K", Chapter 1,
55 Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, under which an election similar to that provided by Section 761 of the Code is per-
56 mitted, each party hereby affected shall make such election as may be permitted or required by such laws. In making the foregoing elec-
57 tion, each such party states that the income derived by such party from operations hereunder can be adequately determined without the
58 computation of partnership taxable income.

ARTICLE X.
CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS

Operator may settle any single uninsured third party damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the expenditure does not exceed Ten thousand Dollars (\$ 10,000.00) and if the payment is in complete settlement of such claim or suit. If the amount required for settlement exceeds the above amount, the parties hereto shall assume and take over the further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is delegated to Operator. All costs and expenses of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be at the joint expense of the parties participating in the operation from which the claim or suit arises. If a claim is made against any party or if any party is sued on account of any matter arising from operations hereunder over which such individual has no control because of the rights given Operator by this agreement, such party shall immediately notify all other parties, and the claim or suit shall be treated as any other claim or suit involving operations hereunder.

ARTICLE XI.
FORCE MAJEURE

If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by force majeure to carry out its obligations under this agreement, other than the obligation to make money payments, that party shall give to all other parties prompt written notice of the force majeure with reasonably full particulars concerning it; thereupon, the obligations of the party giving the notice, so far as they are affected by the force majeure, shall be suspended during, but no longer than, the continuance of the force majeure. The affected party shall use all reasonable diligence to remove the force majeure situation as quickly as practicable.

The requirement that any force majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes, lockouts, or other labor difficulty by the party involved, contrary to its wishes; how all such difficulties shall be handled shall be entirely within the discretion of the party concerned.

The term "force majeure", as here employed, shall mean an act of God, strike, lockout, or other industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightning, fire, storm, flood, explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint or inaction, unavailability of equipment, and any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension.

ARTICLE XII.
NOTICES

All notices authorized or required between the parties and required by any of the provisions of this agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be given in writing by mail or telegram, postage or charges prepaid, or by telex or telecopier and addressed to the parties to whom the notice is given at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A". The originating notice given under any provision hereof shall be deemed given only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed, and the time for such party to give any notice in response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the mail or with the telegraph company, with postage or charges prepaid, or sent by telex or telecopier. Each party shall have the right to change its address at any time, and from time to time, by giving written notice thereof to all other parties.

ARTICLE XIII.
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject hereto for the period of time selected below; provided, however, no party hereto shall ever be construed as having any right, title or interest in or to any lease or oil and gas interest contributed by any other party beyond the term of this agreement.

~~Option No. 1: So long as any of the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement remain or are continued in force as to any part of the Contract Area, whether by production, extension, renewal or otherwise.~~

Option No. 2: In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled under any provision of this agreement, results in production of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, this agreement shall continue in force so long as any such well or wells produce, or are capable of production, and for an additional period of 90 days from cessation of all production; provided, however, if, prior to the expiration of such additional period, one or more of the parties hereto are engaged in drilling, reworking, deepening, plugging back, testing or attempting to complete a well or wells hereunder, this agreement shall continue in force until such operations have been completed and if production results therefrom, this agreement shall continue in force as provided herein. In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled hereunder, results in a dry hole, and no other well is producing, or capable of producing oil and/or gas from the Contract Area, this agreement shall terminate unless drilling, deepening, plugging back or reworking operations are commenced within 90 days from the date of abandonment of said well.

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

ARTICLE XIV.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. Laws, Regulations and Orders:

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

B. Governing Law:

This agreement and all matters pertaining hereto, including, but not limited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the law of the state in which the Contract Area is located. If the Contract Area is in two or more states, the law of the state of New Mexico shall govern.

C. Regulatory Agencies:

Nothing herein contained shall grant, or be construed to grant, Operator the right or authority to waive or release any rights, privileges, or obligations which Non-Operators may have under federal or state laws or under rules, regulations or orders promulgated under such laws in reference to oil, gas and mineral operations, including the location, operation, or production of wells, on tracts offsetting or adjacent to the Contract Area.

With respect to operations hereunder, Non-Operators agree to release Operator from any and all losses, damages, injuries, claims and causes of action arising out of, incident to or resulting directly or indirectly from Operator's interpretation or application of rules, rulings, regulations or orders of the Department of Energy or predecessor or successor agencies to the extent such interpretation or application was made in good faith. Each Non-Operator further agrees to reimburse Operator for any amounts applicable to such Non-Operator's share of production that Operator may be required to refund, rebate or pay as a result of such an incorrect interpretation or application, together with interest and penalties thereon owing by Operator as a result of such incorrect interpretation or application.

Non-Operators authorize Operator to prepare and submit such documents as may be required to be submitted to the purchaser of any crude oil sold hereunder or to any other person or entity pursuant to the requirements of the "Crude Oil Windfall Profit Tax Act of 1980", as same may be amended from time to time ("Act"), and any valid regulations or rules which may be issued by the Treasury Department from time to time pursuant to said Act. Each party hereto agrees to furnish any and all certifications or other information which is required to be furnished by said Act in a timely manner and in sufficient detail to permit compliance with said Act.

ARTICLE XV.

OTHER PROVISIONS

A. Creation of Subsequent Interest

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII. D. hereof, the parties hereto agree that if any party shall hereafter create any Overriding Royalty, Production Payment, or other burden against its working interest production and if any party or parties shall conduct non-consent operations pursuant to any provision of this agreement, and, as a result, become entitled to receive the working interest production otherwise belonging to the non-participating party, the party or parties entitled to receive the working interest production of the non-participating party shall receive such production free and clear of burdens against such production which may have been created subsequent to this agreement. In this regard, any such interest which may have been created subsequent to this agreement shall ipso facto terminate and vest in the consenting parties.

B. Hearings Before Regulatory Agencies

All costs and expenses incurred in connection with the employment of counsel and/or technical experts for the purpose of preparing for and conducting any hearing before any State Regulatory Agency are hereby authorized and shall be charged to the joint account as an item of operating expense. In the case of a Forced Pooling action, such costs and expenses shall be born and paid by the party or parties who have previously agreed to share same or whose interest is increased as a result of such action. Such costs and expenses shall be born on the basis of the relative participation of such parties as set forth on Exhibit "A". The costs and expenses of services performed by Operator or its regularly employed personnel shall not be charged to the joint account but shall be covered by Operator's overhead charge.

C. Natural Gas Price Rules

1. Operator shall file all Applications for Determination of Price Category required by the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA). Operator shall give notice of the filing of such Applications to all Non-Operators. If for any reason the Application for Determination of Price Category filed by the Operator is unsatisfactory to a Non-Operator, then such Non-Operator shall

notify Operator of his dissatisfaction and the reasons therefore. If Operator and the dissatisfied Non-Operator are unable to reach an agreement as to the disputed Application for Determination of Price Category, then, if allowed by the appropriate jurisdictional agency such Non-Operator may file a separate application for Determination of Price Category. The Non-Operator shall mail a copy of this application to Operator and to all Non-Operators in the Contract Area.

2. Operator is hereby authorized to make any and all filings under the NGPA which can be made on behalf of the Non-Operators under the NGPA and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Said filings shall include, but not be limited to, "interim collection" filings under Part 273 of the regulations implementing the NGPA.
3. Operator is authorized to employ counsel and technical experts which, in the Operator's discretion, are reasonably necessary for the preparation of any and all NGPA filings. All costs incurred in the employment of such counsel and technical experts shall be deemed a cost and expense incurred in the operation of the Contract Area and shall be charged to the joint account as an item of operating expense. Costs of services performed in connection with such filings by Operator's regularly employed personnel shall not be charged to the joint account but shall be covered by Operator's overhead charge.

Signature page to Operating Agreement dated October 3, 1983, covering the
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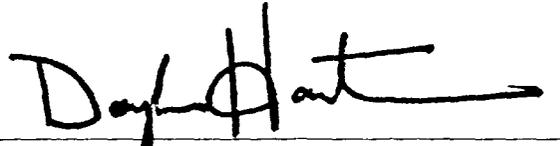
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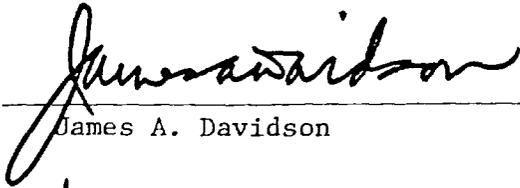
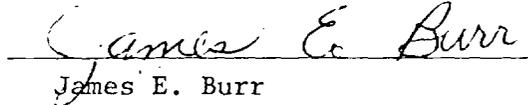
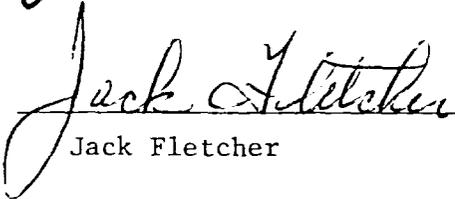
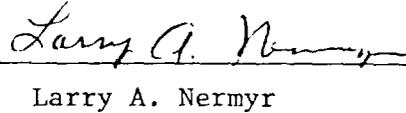


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By Charles Niernberger

Charles Niernberger, Attorney-in-Fact

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF TEXAS |
 | SS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND|

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1st day of
November, 1983, by CHARLES NIERNBERGER, as Attorney-in-Fact, on behalf
of CITIES SERVICE OIL AND GAS CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation.

My Commission Expires:

12-5-84

Patricia A. Adcock
Notary Public

EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of the Operating Agreement dated October 3, 1983 and covering E/2 SE/4 Section 19; N/2 NW/4 and E/2 Section 30-25S-37E, Lea County, New Mexico between DOYLE HARTMAN as Operator and Cities Service Oil and Gas Corporation as Non-Operators.

I. a) Land Subject to Agreement

E/2 SE/4 Section 19;
E/2 NW/4 and E/2 Section 30,
T-25-S, R-37-E, Lea County,
New Mexico

b) Depth Limitations

From the surface ~~to the base of the~~ down to a depth of 3,500 feet.
~~formation.~~

~~e) Drilling (Proration) Unit for Initial Test~~

II. Percentages of Interests and Addresses of Parties

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OIL & GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, 19____, between _____

of _____
(Post Office Address)

herein called lessor (whether one or more) and _____, lessee:

1. Lessor, in consideration of TEN AND OTHER DOLLARS in hand paid, receipt of which is here acknowledged, and of the royalties herein provided and of the agreements of the lessee herein contained, hereby grants, leases and lets exclusively unto lessee for the purpose of investigating, exploring, prospecting, drilling, and operating for and producing oil and gas, injecting gas, waters, other fluids, and air into subsurface strata, laying pipe lines, storing oil, building tanks, roadways, telephone lines, and other structures and things thereon to produce, save, take care of, treat, process, store and transport said minerals, the

following described land in _____ County, New Mexico, to-wit:

For the purpose of calculating the rental payments hereinafter provided for, said land is estimated to comprise _____ acres, whether it actually comprises more or less.

2. Subject to the other provisions herein contained, this lease shall remain in force for a term of _____ years from this date (called "primary term"), and as long thereafter as oil or gas, is produced from said land or land with which said land is pooled.

3. The royalties to be paid by lessee are: (a) on oil, and on other liquid hydrocarbons saved at the well, _____ of that produced and saved from said land, same to be delivered at the wells or to the credit of lessor in the pipe line to which the wells may be connected; (b) on gas, including casinghead gas and all gaseous substances, produced from said land and sold or used off the premises or in the manufacture of gasoline or other product therefrom, the market value at the mouth of the well of _____ of the gas so sold or used, provided that on gas sold at the wells the royalty shall be _____ of the amount realized from such sale; (c) and at any time when this lease is not validated by other provisions hereof and there is a gas and/or condensate well on said land, or land pooled therewith, but gas and/or condensate is not being so sold or used and such well is shut in, either before or after production therefrom, then on or before 90 days after said well is shut in, and thereafter at annual intervals, lessee may pay or tender an advance annual shut-in royalty equal to the amount of delay rentals provided for in this lease for the acreage then held under this lease by the party making such payment or tender, and so long as said shut-in royalty is paid or tendered this lease shall not terminate and it will be considered under all clauses hereof that gas is being produced from the leased premises in paying quantities. Each such payment shall be paid or tendered to the party or parties who at the time of such payment would be entitled to receive the royalties which would be paid under this lease if the well were in fact producing, or be paid or tendered to the credit of such party or parties in the depository bank and in the manner hereinafter provided for the payment of rentals.

4. If operations for drilling are not commenced on said land or on land pooled therewith on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate

as to both parties, unless on or before one (1) year from this date lessee shall pay or tender to the lessor a rental of \$ _____ which shall cover the privilege of deferring commencement of such operations for a period of twelve (12) months. In like manner and upon like payments or tenders, annually, the commencement of said operations may be further deferred for successive periods of twelve (12) months each during the primary term. Payment

or tender may be made to the lessor or to the credit of the lessor in the _____ Bank

at _____, which bank, or any successor thereof, shall continue to be the agent for the lessor and lessor's heirs and assigns. If such bank (or any successor bank) shall fail, liquidate, or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason shall fail or refuse to accept rental, lessee shall not be held in default until thirty (30) days after lessor shall deliver to lessee a recordable instrument making provision for another acceptable method of payment or tender, and any depository charge is a liability of the lessor. The payment or tender of rental may be made by check or draft of lessee, mailed or delivered to said bank or lessor, or any lessor if more than one, on or before the rental paying date. Any timely payment or tender of rental or shut-in royalty which is made in a bona fide attempt to make proper payment, but which is erroneous in whole or in part as to parties, amounts, or depositories shall nevertheless be sufficient to prevent termination of this lease in the same manner as though a proper payment had been made; provided, however, lessee shall correct such error within thirty (30) days after lessee has received written notice thereof by certified mail from lessor together with such instruments as are necessary to enable lessee to make proper payment.

5. Lessee is hereby granted the right and power, from time to time, to pool or combine this lease, the land covered by it or any part or horizon thereof with any other land, lease, leases, mineral estates or parts thereof for the production of oil or gas. Units pooled hereunder shall not exceed the standard proration unit fixed by law or by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission or by other lawful authority for the pool or area in which said land is situated, plus a tolerance of 10%. Lessee shall file written unit designations in the county in which the premises are located and such units may be designated from time to time and either before or after the completion of wells. Drilling operations on or production from any part of any such unit shall be considered for all purposes, except the payment of royalty, as operations conducted upon or production from the land described in this lease. There shall be allocated to the land covered by this lease included in any such unit that portion of the total production of pooled minerals from wells in the unit, after deducting any used in lease or unit operations, which the number of surface acres in the land covered by this lease included in the unit bears to the total number of surface acres in the unit. The production so allocated shall be considered for all purposes, including the payment or delivery of royalty, to be the entire production of pooled minerals from the portion of said land covered hereby and included in said unit in the same manner as though produced from said land under the terms of this lease. Any pooled unit designated by lessee, as provided herein, may be dissolved by lessee by recording an appropriate instrument in the County where the land is situated at any time after the completion of a dry hole or the cessation of production on said unit. Lessee is further granted the right and power to commit this lease as to all or any portion of the above described lands or horizons thereof to any unit agreement for the purpose of conserving the natural resources of any oil or gas pool, field or area covered thereby; provided, such unit agreement contains usual and customary provisions for the allocation of oil and gas produced from the unit area and such unit agreement embraces lands of either the United States or State of New Mexico or both, and the form of unit agreement has been approved by either the United States Geological Survey or Commissioner of Public Lands or both and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, and upon such commitment the provisions of this lease shall be conformed to the unit agreement.

6. If prior to the discovery of oil or gas hereunder, lessee should drill and abandon a dry hole or holes hereunder, or if after discovery of oil or gas the production thereof should cease for any cause, this lease shall not terminate if lessee commences reworking or additional drilling operations within 60 days thereafter and diligently prosecutes the same, or (if it be within the primary term) commences or resumes the payment or tender of rentals or commences operations for drilling or reworking on or before the rental paying date next ensuing after the expiration of three months from date of abandonment of said dry hole or holes or the cessation of production. If at the expiration of the primary term oil or gas is not being produced but lessee is then engaged in operations for drilling or reworking of any well, this lease shall remain in force so long as such operations are diligently prosecuted with no cessation of more than 60 consecutive days. If during the drilling or reworking of any well under this paragraph, lessee loses or junka the hole or well and after diligent efforts in good faith is unable to complete said operations then within 30 days after the abandonment of said operations lessee may commence another well and drill the same with due diligence. If any drilling, additional drilling, or reworking operations hereunder result in production, then this lease shall remain in full force so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced hereunder.

7. Lessee shall have free use of oil, gas and water from said land, except water from lessor's wells and tanks, for all operations hereunder, and the royalty shall be computed after deducting any so used. Lessee shall have the right at any time during or after the expiration of this lease to remove all property and fixtures placed by lessee on said land, including the right to draw and remove all casing. When required by lessor, lessee will bury all pipe lines on cultivated lands below ordinary plow depth, and no well shall be drilled within two hundred feet (200 ft.) of any residence or barn now on said land without lessor's consent. Lessor shall have the privilege, at his risk and expense, of using gas from any gas well on said land for stoves and inside lights in the principal dwelling thereon, out of any surplus gas not needed for operations hereunder.

8. The rights of either party hereunder may be assigned in whole or in part and the provisions hereof shall extend to the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns; but no change or division in the ownership of the land, or in the ownership of or right to receive rentals, royalties or payments, however accomplished shall operate to enlarge the obligations or diminish the rights of lessee; and no such change or division shall be binding upon lessee for any purpose until 30 days after lessee has been furnished by certified mail at lessee's principal place of business with acceptable instruments or certified copies thereof constituting the chain of title from the original lessor. If any such change in ownership occurs through the death of the owner, lessee may pay or tender any rentals, royalties or payments to the credit of the deceased or his estate in the depository bank until such time as lessee has been furnished with evidence satisfactory to lessee as to the persons entitled to such sums. In the event of an assignment of this lease as to a segregated portion of said land, the rentals payable hereunder shall be apportioned as between the several leasehold owners ratably according to the surface area of each, and default in rental payment by one shall not affect the rights of other leasehold owners hereunder. An assignment of this lease, in whole or in part, shall, to the extent of such assignment, relieve and discharge lessee of any obligations hereunder, and, if lessee or assignee of part or parts hereof shall fail or make default in the payment of the proportionate part of the rentals due from such lessee or assignee or fail to comply with any other provision of the lease, such default shall not affect this lease in so far as it covers a part of said lands upon which lessee or any assignee thereof shall so comply or make such payments. Rentals as used in this paragraph shall also include shut-in royalty.

9. Should lessee be prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, or from conducting drilling or reworking operations hereunder, or from producing oil or gas hereunder by reason of scarcity or inability to obtain or use equipment or material, or by operation of force majeure, or by any Federal or state law or any order, rule or regulation of governmental authority, then while so prevented, lessee's duty shall be suspended, and lessee shall not be liable for failure to comply therewith; and this lease shall be extended while and so long as lessee is prevented by any such cause from conducting drilling or reworking operations on or from producing oil or gas hereunder; and the time while lessee is so prevented shall not be counted against lessee, anything in this lease to the contrary notwithstanding.

10. Lessor hereby warrants and agrees to defend the title to said land, and agrees that lessee, at its option, may discharge any tax, mortgage, or other lien upon said land, and in the event lessee does so, it shall be subrogated to such lien with the right to enforce same and apply rentals and royalties accruing hereunder toward satisfying same. Without impairment of lessor's rights under the warranty, if this lease covers a less interest in the oil or gas in all or any part of said land than the entire and undivided fee simple estate (whether lessor's interest is herein specified or not) then the royalties, shut-in royalty, rental, and other payments, if any, accruing from any part as to which this lease covers less than such full interest, shall be paid only in the proportion which the interest therein, if any, covered by this lease, bears to the whole and undivided fee simple estate therein. Should any one or more of the parties named above as lessors fail to execute this lease, it shall nevertheless be binding upon the party or parties executing the same.

11. Lessee, its/his successors, heirs and assigns, shall have the right at any time to surrender this lease, in whole or in part, to lessor or his heirs, successors, and assigns by delivering or mailing a release thereof to the lessor, or by placing a release thereof of record in the county in which said land is situated; thereupon lessee shall be relieved from all obligations, expressed or implied, of this agreement as to acreage so surrendered, and thereafter the rentals and shut-in royalty payable hereunder shall be reduced in the proportion that the acreage covered hereby is reduced by said release or releases.

Executed the day and year first above written.

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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. prime rate plus 1.25%

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%)~~ ^{prime rate plus 1.25%} 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%)~~ twenty-six percent (26%) or percent most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountant Society of North America.

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, ~~except as specifically authorized by Article XV A.1. of the Operating Agreement to which this Exhibit is attached.~~
- 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.

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:

- (X) 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 \$ 4750

Producing Well Rate \$ 475

(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.

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 \$ _____:~~

~~A. _____ % of total costs if such costs are more than \$ _____ but less than \$ _____; plus~~

~~B. _____ % of total costs in excess of \$ _____ but less than \$1,000,000; plus~~

~~C. _____ % 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

(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 5 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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MODEL FORM OPERATING AGREEMENT

OPERATING AGREEMENT

DATED

April 15, , 19 85 ,

OPERATOR Doyle Hartman

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OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between Doyle Hartman, hereinafter designated and referred to as "Operator", and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter referred to individually herein as "Non-Operator", and collectively as "Non-Operators".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are owners of oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests in the land identified in Exhibit "A", and the parties hereto have reached an agreement to explore and develop these leases and/or oil and gas interests for the production of oil and gas to the extent and as hereinafter provided,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS

As used in this agreement, the following words and terms shall have the meanings here ascribed to them:

- A. The term "oil and gas" shall mean oil, gas, casinghead gas, gas condensate, and all other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons and other marketable substances produced therewith, unless an intent to limit the inclusiveness of this term is specifically stated.
B. The terms "oil and gas lease", "lease" and "leasehold" shall mean the oil and gas leases covering tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by the parties to this agreement.
C. The term "oil and gas interests" shall mean unleased fee and mineral interests in tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by parties to this agreement.
D. The term "Contract Area" shall mean all of the lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests intended to be developed and operated for oil and gas purposes under this agreement. Such lands, oil and gas leasehold interests and oil and gas interests are described in Exhibit "A".
E. The term "drilling unit" shall mean the area fixed for the drilling of one well by order or rule of any state or federal body having authority. If a drilling unit is not fixed by any such rule or order, a drilling unit shall be the drilling unit as established by the pattern of drilling in the Contract Area or as fixed by express agreement of the Drilling Parties.
F. The term "drillsite" shall mean the oil and gas lease or interest on which a proposed well is to be located.
G. The terms "Drilling Party" and "Consenting Party" shall mean a party who agrees to join in and pay its share of the cost of any operation conducted under the provisions of this agreement.
H. The terms "Non-Drilling Party" and "Non-Consenting Party" shall mean a party who elects not to participate in a proposed operation.

Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.

ARTICLE II. EXHIBITS

The following exhibits, as indicated below and attached hereto, are incorporated in and made a part hereof:

- [X] A. Exhibit "A", shall include the following information:
(1) Identification of lands subject to this agreement,
(2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths, formations, or substances,
(3) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement,
(4) Oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject to this agreement,
(5) Addresses of parties for notice purposes.
[X] B. Exhibit "B", Form of Lease.
[X] C. Exhibit "C", Accounting Procedure.
[X] D. Exhibit "D", Insurance.
[] E. Exhibit "E", Gas Balancing Agreement.
[] F. Exhibit "F", Non-Discrimination and Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities.
[] G. Exhibit "G", Tax Partnership.

If any provision of any exhibit, except Exhibits "E" and "G", is inconsistent with any provision contained in the body of this agreement, the provisions in the body of this agreement shall prevail.

ARTICLE III.
INTERESTS OF PARTIES

A. Oil and Gas Interests:

If any party owns an oil and gas interest in the Contract Area, that interest shall be treated for all purposes of this agreement and during the term hereof as if it were covered by the form of oil and gas lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B", and the owner thereof shall be deemed to own both the royalty interest reserved in such lease and the interest of the lessee thereunder.

B. Interests of Parties in Costs and Production:

Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and materials acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned, by the parties as their interests are set forth in Exhibit "A". In the same manner, the parties shall also own all production of oil and gas from the Contract Area subject to the payment of royalties to the extent of one-eighth which shall be borne as hereinafter set forth.

Regardless of which party has contributed the lease(s) and/or oil and gas interest(s) hereto on which royalty is due and payable, each party entitled to receive a share of production of oil and gas from the Contract Area shall bear and shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, to the extent of its interest in such production, the royalty amount stipulated hereinabove and shall hold the other parties free from any liability therefor. No party shall ever be responsible, however, on a 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 settlement on a higher price basis, the party contributing the affected lease shall bear the additional royalty burden attributable to such higher price.

Nothing contained in this Article III.B. shall be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby.

C. Excess Royalties, Overriding Royalties and Other Payments:

Unless changed by other provisions, if the interest of any party in any lease covered hereby is subject to any royalty, overriding royalty, production payment or other burden on production in excess of the amount stipulated in Article III.B., such party so burdened shall assume and alone bear all such excess obligations and shall indemnify and hold the other parties hereto harmless from any and all claims and demands for payment asserted by owners of such excess burden.

D. Subsequently Created Interests:

If any party should hereafter create an overriding royalty, production payment or other burden payable out of production attributable to its working interest hereunder, or if such a burden existed prior to this agreement and is not set forth in Exhibit "A", or was not disclosed in writing to all other parties prior to the execution of this agreement by all parties, or is not a jointly acknowledged and accepted obligation of all parties (any such interest being hereinafter referred to as "subsequently created interest" irrespective of the timing of its creation and the party out of whose working interest the subsequently created interest is derived being hereinafter referred to as "burdened party"), and:

1. If the burdened party is required under this agreement to assign or relinquish to any other party, or parties, all or a portion of its working interest and/or the production attributable thereto, said other party, or parties, shall receive said assignment and/or production free and clear of said subsequently created interest and the burdened party shall indemnify and save said other party, or parties, harmless from any and all claims and demands for payment asserted by owners of the subsequently created interest; and,
2. If the burdened party fails to pay, when due, its share of expenses chargeable hereunder, all provisions of Article VII.B. shall be enforceable against the subsequently created interest in the same manner as they are enforceable against the working interest of the burdened party.

ARTICLE IV.
TITLES

A. Title Examination: Title is presently being examined and a copy will be furnished on request.

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 the 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.~~

ARTICLE IV
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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. 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", the party contributing the affected lease or interest shall have ninety (90) days from final determination of title failure to acquire a new lease or other instrument curing the entirety of the title failure, which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., and failing to do so, 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 or operating costs which it may have theretofore paid or incurred, but there shall be no additional liability on its part to the other parties hereto by reason of such title failure;~~

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

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

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

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

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

~~2. Loss by Non-Payment or Erroneous Payment of Amount Due: If, through mistake or oversight, any rental, shut-in well payment, minimum royalty or royalty payment, is not paid or is erroneously paid, and as a result a lease or interest therein terminates, there shall be no monetary liability against the party who failed to make such payment. Unless the party who failed to make the required payment secures a new lease covering the same interest within ninety (90) days from the discovery of the failure to make proper payment, which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., the interests of the parties shall be revised on an acreage basis, effective as of the date of termination of the lease involved, and the party who failed to make proper payment will no longer be credited with an interest in the Contract Area on account of ownership of the lease or interest which has terminated. In the event the party who failed to make the required payment shall not have been fully reimbursed, at the time of the loss, from the proceeds of the sale of oil and gas attributable to the lost interest, calculated on an acreage basis, for the development and operating costs theretofore paid on account of such interest, it shall be reimbursed for unrecovered actual costs theretofore paid by it (but not for its share of the cost of any dry hole previously drilled or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following as is necessary to effect reimbursement:~~

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

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

~~(c) Any monies, up to the amount of unrecovered costs, that may be paid by any party who is, or becomes, the owner of the interest lost, for the privilege of participating in the Contract Area or becoming a party to this agreement.~~

3. Other Losses: All losses incurred, other than those set forth in Articles IV.B.1. and IV.B.2. above, shall be joint losses and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

ARTICLE VI

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1 If, in Operator's judgment, the well will not produce oil or gas in paying quantities, and it wishes to plug and abandon the
2 well as a dry hole, the provisions of Article VI.E.1. shall thereafter apply.

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6 B. Subsequent Operations:

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

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21 If all parties elect to participate in such a proposed operation, Operator shall, within ninety (90) days after expiration of the notice
22 period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour period when a drilling rig is on loca-
23 tion, as the case may be), actually commence the proposed operation and complete it with due diligence at the risk and expense of all par-
24 ties hereto; provided, however, said commencement date may be extended upon written notice of same by Operator to the other parties,
25 for a period of up to thirty (30) additional days if, in the sole opinion of Operator, such additional time is reasonably necessary to obtain
26 permits from governmental authorities, surface rights (including rights-of-way) or appropriate drilling equipment, or to complete title ex-
27 amination or curative matter required for title approval or acceptance. Notwithstanding the force majeure provisions of Article XI, if the
28 actual operation has not been commenced within the time provided (including any extension thereof as specifically permitted herein) and
29 if any party hereto still desires to conduct said operation, written notice proposing same must be resubmitted to the other parties in ac-
30 cordance with the provisions hereof as if no prior proposal had been made.

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34 2. Operations by Less than All Parties: If any party receiving such notice as provided in Article VI.B.1. or VII.D.1. (Option
35 No. 2) elects not to participate in the proposed operation, then, in order to be entitled to the benefits of this Article, the party or parties
36 giving the notice and such other parties as shall elect to participate in the operation shall, within ninety (90) days after the expiration of
37 the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as possible after the expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour period when a drilling rig is
38 on location, as the case may be) actually commence the proposed operation and complete it with due diligence. Operator shall perform all
39 work for the account of the Consenting Parties; provided, however, if no drilling rig or other equipment is on location, and if Operator is
40 a Non-Consenting Party, the Consenting Parties shall either: (a) request Operator to perform the work required by such proposed opera-
41 tion for the account of the Consenting Parties, or (b) designate one (1) of the Consenting Parties as Operator to perform such work. Con-
42 senting Parties, when conducting operations on the Contract Area pursuant to this Article VI.B.2., shall comply with all terms and con-
43 ditions of this agreement.

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47 If less than all parties approve any proposed operation, the proposing party, immediately after the expiration of the applicable
48 notice period, shall advise the Consenting Parties of the total interest of the parties approving such operation and its recommendation as
49 to whether the Consenting Parties should proceed with the operation as proposed. Each Consenting Party, within forty-eight (48) hours
50 (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) after receipt of such notice, shall advise the proposing party of its desire to (a) limit par-
51 ticipation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" or (b) carry its proportionate part of Non-Consenting Parties' interests, and
52 failure to advise the proposing party shall be deemed an election under (a). In the event a drilling rig is on location, the time permitted for
53 such a response shall not exceed a total of forty-eight (48) hours (inclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays). The proposing party,
54 at its election, may withdraw such proposal if there is insufficient participation and shall promptly notify all parties of such decision.

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58 The entire cost and risk of conducting such operations shall be borne by the Consenting Parties in the proportions they have
59 elected to bear same under the terms of the preceding paragraph. Consenting Parties shall keep the leasehold estates involved in such
60 operations free and clear of all liens and encumbrances of every kind created by or arising from the operations of the Consenting Parties.
61 If such an operation results in a dry hole, the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well and restore the surface location at their
62 sole cost, risk and expense. If any well drilled, reworked, deepened or plugged back under the provisions of this Article results in a pro-
63 ducer of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, the Consenting Parties shall complete and equip the well to produce at their sole cost and risk,

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1 and the well shall then be turned over to Operator and shall be operated by it at the expense and for the account of the Consenting Parties. Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back of any such well by Consenting Parties in accordance with the provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, and the Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-Consenting Party's interest in the well and share of production therefrom until the proceeds of the sale of such share, calculated at the well, or market value thereof if such share is not sold, (after deducting production taxes, excise taxes, royalty, overriding royalty and other interests not excepted by Article III.D. payable out of or measured by the production from such well accruing with respect to such interest until it reverts) shall equal the total of the following:

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

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21 (b) 300 % of that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling, reworking, deepening, plugging back, testing and completing, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C., and 300 % of that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the wellhead connections), which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had participated therein.

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28 An election not to participate in the drilling or the deepening of a well shall be deemed an election not to participate in any reworking or plugging back operation proposed in such a well, or portion thereof, to which the initial Non-Consent election applied that is conducted at any time prior to full recovery by the Consenting Parties of the Non-Consenting Party's recoupment account. Any such reworking or plugging back operation conducted during the recoupment period shall be deemed part of the cost of operation of said well and there shall be added to the sums to be recouped by the Consenting Parties one hundred percent (100%) of that portion of the costs of the reworking or plugging back operation which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein. If such a reworking or plugging back operation is proposed during such recoupment period, the provisions of this Article VII.B. shall be applicable as between said Consenting Parties in said well.

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39 During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's share of production, or the proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of all production, severance, excise, gathering and other taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to Non-Consenting Party's share of production not excepted by Article III.D.

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46 In the case of any reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling operation, the Consenting Parties shall be permitted to use, free of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of all such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon abandonment of a well after such reworking, plugging back or deeper drilling, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equipment to the owners thereof, with each party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of salvage.

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53 Within sixty (60) days after the completion of any operation under this Article, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an inventory of the equipment in and connected to the well, and an itemized statement of the cost of drilling, deepening, plugging back, testing, completing, and equipping the well for production; or, at its option, the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed statement of monthly billings. Each month thereafter, during the time the Consenting Parties are being reimbursed as provided above, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties shall furnish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities incurred in the operation of the well, together with a statement of the quantity of oil and gas produced from it and the amount of proceeds realized from the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding month. In determining the quantity of oil and gas produced during any month, Consenting Parties shall use industry accepted methods such as, but not limited to, metering or periodic well tests. Any amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with any such operation which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein shall be credited against the total unreturned costs of the work done and of the equipment purchased in determining when the interest of such Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as above provided; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-Consenting Party.

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1 If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest the amounts provided for above,
2 the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall automatically revert to it, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-
3 Consenting Party shall own the same interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production
4 therefrom as such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging
5 back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be charged with and shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of
6 the operation of said well in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the Accounting Procedure attached hereto.
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10 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that without the mutual consent of all parties, no wells shall
11 be completed in or produced from a source of supply from which a well located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, unless such
12 well conforms to the then-existing well spacing pattern for such source of supply.
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16 The provisions of this Article shall have no application whatsoever to the drilling of the initial well described in Article VI.A.
17 except (a) as to Article VII.D.1. (Option No. 2), if selected, or (b) as to the reworking, deepening and plugging back of such initial well
18 after it has been drilled to the depth specified in Article VI.A. if it shall thereafter prove to be a dry hole or, if initially completed for pro-
19 duction, ceases to produce in paying quantities.
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23 3. Stand-By Time: When a well which has been drilled or deepened has reached its authorized depth and all tests have been
24 completed, and the results thereof furnished to the parties, stand-by costs incurred pending response to a party's notice proposing a
25 reworking, deepening, plugging back or completing operation in such a well shall be charged and borne as part of the drilling or deepening
26 operation just completed. Stand-by costs subsequent to all parties responding, or expiration of the response time permitted, whichever
27 first occurs, and prior to agreement as to the participating interests of all Consenting Parties pursuant to the terms of the second gram-
28 matical paragraph of Article VI.B.2, shall be charged to and borne as part of the proposed operation, but if the proposal is subsequently
29 withdrawn because of insufficient participation, such stand-by costs shall be allocated between the Consenting Parties in the proportion
30 each Consenting Party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all Consenting Par-
31 ties.
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35 4. Sidetracking: Except as hereinafter provided, those provisions of this agreement applicable to a "deepening" operation shall
36 also be applicable to any proposal to directionally control and intentionally deviate a well from vertical so as to change the bottom hole
37 location (herein called "sidetracking"), unless done to straighten the hole or to drill around junk in the hole or because of other
38 mechanical difficulties. Any party having the right to participate in a proposed sidetracking operation that does not own an interest in the
39 affected well bore at the time of the notice shall, upon electing to participate, tender to the well bore owners its proportionate share (equal
40 to its interest in the sidetracking operation) of the value of that portion of the existing well bore to be utilized as follows:
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44 (a) If the proposal is for sidetracking an existing dry hole, reimbursement shall be on the basis of the actual costs incurred in
45 the initial drilling of the well down to the depth at which the sidetracking operation is initiated.
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49 (b) If the proposal is for sidetracking a well which has previously produced, reimbursement shall be on the basis of the well's
50 salvable materials and equipment down to the depth at which the sidetracking operation is initiated, determined in accordance with the
51 provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning.
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55 In the event that notice for a sidetracking operation is given while the drilling rig to be utilized is on location, the response period
56 shall be limited to forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays; provided, however, any party may request and
57 receive up to eight (8) additional days after expiration of the forty-eight (48) hours within which to respond by paying for all stand-by time
58 incurred during such extended response period. If more than one party elects to take such additional time to respond to the notice, stand-
59 by costs shall be allocated between the parties taking additional time to respond on a day-to-day basis in the proportion each electing par-
60 ty's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all the electing parties. In all other in-
61 stances the response period to a proposal for sidetracking shall be limited to thirty (30) days.
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65 **C. TAKING PRODUCTION IN KIND:**
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67 Each party shall take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all oil and gas produced from the Contract Area,
68 exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in preparing and treating oil and gas for
69 marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditure incurred in the taking in kind or separate disposition by any
70 party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any party taking its share of production in kind shall be

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1 required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it uses.

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

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

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17 **D. Access to Contract Area and Information:**

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19 Each party shall have access to the Contract Area at all reasonable times, at its sole cost and risk to inspect or observe operations,
20 and shall have access at reasonable times to information pertaining to the development or operation thereof, including Operator's books
21 and records relating thereto. Operator, upon request, shall furnish each of the other parties with copies of all forms or reports filed with
22 governmental agencies, daily drilling reports, well logs, tank tables, daily gauge and run tickets and reports of stock on hand at the first of
23 each month, and shall make available samples of any cores or cuttings taken from any well drilled on the Contract Area. The cost of
24 gathering and furnishing information to Non-Operator, other than that specified above, shall be charged to the Non-Operator that re-
25 quests the information.

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27 **E. Abandonment of Wells:**

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

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38 2. Abandonment of Wells that have Produced: Except for any well in which a Non-Consent operation has been conducted
39 hereunder for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reimbursed as herein provided, any well which has been completed as a
40 producer shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. If all parties consent to such abandonment, the well shall
41 be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk and expense of all the parties hereto. If, within
42 thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the proposed abandonment of any well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of such well,
43 those wishing to continue its operation from the interval(s) of the formation(s) then open to production shall tender to each of the other
44 parties its proportionate share of the value of the well's salvable material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of
45 Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. Each abandoning party shall assign
46 the non-abandoning parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, or fitness for use of the equipment and
47 material, all of its interest in the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the leasehold estate as to, but only as to, the in-
48 terval or intervals of the formation or formations then open to production. If the interest of the abandoning party is or includes an oil and
49 gas interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-abandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the interval or in-
50 tervals of the formation or formations then open to production, for a term of one (1) year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is pro-
51 duced from the interval or intervals of the formation or formations covered thereby, such lease to be on the form attached as Exhibit



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1 "B". The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the "drilling unit" upon which the well is located. The payments by, and the
 2 assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the
 3 Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment of
 4 interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area.

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 6 Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the operation of or production from
 7 the well in the interval or intervals then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. Upon re-
 8 quest, Operator shall continue to operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and charges con-
 9 templated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of the separate ownership of the assigned
 10 well. Upon proposed abandonment of the producing interval(s) assigned or leased, the assignor or lessor shall then have the option to
 11 repurchase its prior interest in the well (using the same valuation formula) and participate in further operations therein subject to the pro-
 12 visions hereof.

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 14 3. Abandonment of Non-Consent Operations: The provisions of Article VI.E.1. or VI.E.2. above shall be applicable as between
 15 Consenting Parties in the event of the proposed abandonment of any well excepted from said Articles; provided, however, no well shall be
 16 permanently plugged and abandoned unless and until all parties having the right to conduct further operations therein have been notified
 17 of the proposed abandonment and afforded the opportunity to elect to take over the well in accordance with the provisions of this Article
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ARTICLE VII.

EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES

A. Liability of Parties:

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 25 The liability of the parties shall be several, not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible only for its obligations, and
 26 shall be liable only for its proportionate share of the costs of developing and operating the Contract Area. Accordingly, the liens granted
 27 among the parties in Article VII.B. are given to secure only the debts of each severally. It is not the intention of the parties to create, nor
 28 shall this agreement be construed as creating, a mining or other partnership or association, or to render the parties liable as partners.
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B. Liens and Payment Defaults:

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 32 Each Non-Operator grants to Operator a lien upon its oil and gas rights in the Contract Area, and a security interest in its share
 33 of oil and/or gas when extracted and its interest in all equipment, to secure payment of its share of expense, together with interest thereon
 34 at the rate provided in Exhibit "C". To the extent that Operator has a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the
 35 state, Operator shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the ob-
 36 taining of judgment by Operator for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien
 37 rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any Non-Operator in the payment of its share
 38 of expense, Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from
 39 the sale of such Non-Operator's share of oil and/or gas until the amount owed by such Non-Operator, plus interest, has been paid. Each
 40 purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon Operator's written statement concerning the amount of any default. Operator grants a like lien
 41 and security interest to the Non-Operators to secure payment of Operator's proportionate share of expense.
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43 If any party fails or is unable to pay its share of expense within sixty (60) days after rendition of a statement therefor by
 44 Operator, the non-defaulting parties, including Operator, shall, upon request by Operator, pay the unpaid amount in the proportion that
 45 the interest of each such party bears to the interest of all such parties. Each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall, to obtain
 46 reimbursement thereof, be subrogated to the security rights described in the foregoing paragraph.
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C. Payments and Accounting:

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 50 Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, Operator shall promptly pay and discharge expenses incurred in the development
 51 and operation of the Contract Area pursuant to this agreement and shall charge each of the parties hereto with their respective propor-
 52 tionate shares upon the expense basis provided in Exhibit "C". Operator shall keep an accurate record of the joint account hereunder,
 53 showing expenses incurred and charges and credits made and received.
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55 Operator, at its election, shall have the right from time to time to demand and receive from the other parties payment in advance
 56 of their respective shares of the estimated amount of the expense to be incurred in operations hereunder during the next succeeding
 57 month, which right may be exercised only by submission to each such party of an itemized statement of such estimated expense, together
 58 with an invoice for its share thereof. Each such statement and invoice for the payment in advance of estimated expense shall be submitted
 59 on or before the 20th day of the next preceding month. Each party shall pay to Operator its proportionate share of such estimate within
 60 fifteen (15) days after such estimate and invoice is received. If any party fails to pay its share of said estimate within said time, the amount
 61 due shall bear interest as provided in Exhibit "C" until paid. Proper adjustment shall be made monthly between advances and actual ex-
 62 penses to the end that each party shall bear and pay its proportionate share of actual expenses incurred, and no more.
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D. Limitation of Expenditures:

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 66 1. Drill or Deepen: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled or deepened, except any well drilled or deepened
 67 pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement. Consent to the drilling or deepening shall include:
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~~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.~~

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, and the results thereof furnished to the parties, 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 VI.B.2. hereof (the phrase "reworking, deepening or plugging back" as contained in Article VI.B.2. shall be deemed to include "completing") shall apply to the operations thereafter conducted by less than all parties.

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 VI.B.2. of this agreement. Consent to the reworking or plugging back of a well shall include all necessary expenditures in conducting such operations and completing and equipping of said well, including necessary tankage and/or surface facilities.

3. Other Operations: Without the consent of all parties, Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of Fifteen thousand Dollars (\$ 15,000.00) 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 an authority for expenditure (AFE) for its own use, Operator shall furnish any Non-Operator so requesting an information copy thereof for any single project costing in excess of Five thousand Dollars (\$ 5,000.00) but less than the amount first set forth above in this paragraph.

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

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.

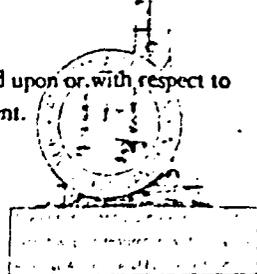
Operator shall notify Non-Operator of the anticipated completion of a shut-in gas well, or the shutting in or return to production of a producing gas well, at least five (5) days (excluding Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays), or at the earliest opportunity permitted by circumstances, prior to taking 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 of any shut-in well payment shall be borne jointly by the parties hereto under the provisions of Article IV.B.3.

F. Taxes:

Beginning with the first calendar year after the effective date hereof, Operator shall render for ad valorem taxation all property subject to this agreement which by law should be rendered for such taxes, and it shall pay all such taxes assessed thereon before they become delinquent. Prior to the rendition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator information as to burdens (to include, but not be limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on leases and oil and gas interests contributed by such Non-Operator. If the assessed valuation of any leasehold estate is reduced by reason of its being subject to outstanding excess royalties, overriding royalties or production payments, the reduction in ad valorem taxes resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of such leasehold estate, and Operator shall adjust the charge to such owner or owners so as to reflect the benefit of such reduction. If the ad valorem taxes are based in whole or in part upon separate valuations of each party's working interest, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, charges to the joint account shall be made and paid by the parties hereto in accordance with the tax value generated by each party's working interest. Operator shall bill the other parties for their proportionate shares of all tax payments in the manner provided in Exhibit "C".

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

Each party shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, excise, gathering and other taxes imposed upon or with respect to the production or handling of such party's share of oil and/or gas produced under the terms of this agreement.



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1 G. Insurance:

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3 At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the workmen's compensation law of
4 the state where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a self-insurer for liability under said com-
5 pensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall be as provided in Exhibit "C". Operator shall
6 also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties as outlined in Exhibit "D", attached to and made a part
7 hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on or for the Contract Area to comply with the workmen's compensation
8 law of the state where the operations are being conducted and to maintain such other insurance as Operator may require.

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10 In the event automobile public liability insurance is specified in said Exhibit "D", or subsequently receives the approval of the
11 parties, no direct charge shall be made by Operator for premiums paid for such insurance for Operator's automotive equipment.

12 ARTICLE VIII.

13 ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST

14 A. Surrender of Leases:

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

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19 However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any lease or in any portion thereof, and the other parties do not
20 agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or implied warranty of title, all of its interest in
21 such lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and equipment which may be located thereon and any rights in production
22 thereafter secured, to the parties not consenting to such surrender. If the interest of the assigning party is or includes an oil and gas in-
23 terest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not consenting to such surrender an oil and gas lease covering
24 such oil and gas interest for a term of one (1) year and so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced from the land covered thereby, such
25 lease to be on the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Upon such assignment or lease, the assigning party shall be relieved from all
26 obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore accrued, with respect to the interest assigned or leased and the operation of any well
27 attributable thereto, and the assigning party shall have no further interest in the assigned or leased premises and its equipment and pro-
28 duction other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article. The party assignee or lessee shall pay to the
29 party assignor or lessor the reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any wells and equipment attributable to the assigned or leas-
30 ed acreage. The value of all material shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C", less the estimated cost of
31 salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning. If the assignment or lease is in favor of more than one party, the interest
32 shall be shared by such parties in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all such parties.

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34 Any assignment, lease or surrender made under this provision shall not reduce or change the assignor's, lessor's or surrendering
35 party's interest as it was immediately before the assignment, lease or surrender in the balance of the Contract Area; and the acreage
36 assigned, leased or surrendered, and subsequent operations thereon, shall not thereafter be subject to the terms and provisions of this
37 agreement.

38 B. Renewal or Extension of Leases:

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

45
46 If some, but less than all, of the parties elect to participate in the purchase of a renewal lease, it shall be owned by the parties
47 who elect to participate therein, in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in the Contract Area
48 to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all parties participating in the purchase of such renewal lease.
49 Any renewal lease in which less than all parties elect to participate shall not be subject to this agreement.

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51 Each party who participates in the purchase of a renewal lease shall be given an assignment of its proportionate interest therein
52 by the acquiring party.

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54 The provisions of this Article shall apply to renewal leases whether they are for the entire interest covered by the expiring lease
55 or cover only a portion of its area or an interest therein. Any renewal lease taken before the expiration of its predecessor lease, or taken or
56 contracted for within six (6) months after the expiration of the existing lease shall be subject to this provision; but any lease taken or con-
57 tracted for more than six (6) months after the expiration of an existing lease shall not be deemed a renewal lease and shall not be subject to
58 the provisions of this agreement.

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60 The provisions in this Article shall also be applicable to extensions of oil and gas leases.

61 C. Acreage or Cash Contributions:

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63 While this agreement is in force, if any party contracts for a contribution of cash towards the drilling of a well or any other
64 operation on the Contract Area, such contribution shall be paid to the party who conducted the drilling or other operation and shall be
65 applied by it against the cost of such drilling or other operation. If the contribution be in the form of acreage, the party to whom the con-
66 tribution is made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling Parties in the proportions

ARTICLE VIII
continued

1 said Drilling Parties shared the cost of drilling the well. Such acreage shall become a separate Contract Area and, to the extent possible, be
2 governed by provisions identical to this agreement. Each party shall promptly notify all other parties of any acreage or cash contributions
3 it may obtain in support of any well or any other operation on the Contract Area. The above provisions shall also be applicable to op-
4 tional rights to earn acreage outside the Contract Area which are in support of a well drilled inside the Contract Area.

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6 If any party contracts for any consideration relating to disposition of such party's share of substances produced hereunder, such
7 consideration shall not be deemed a contribution as contemplated in this Article VIII.C.

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9 D. Maintenance of Uniform Interest:

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

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- 15 1. the entire interest of the party in all leases and equipment and production; or
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- 17 2. an equal undivided interest in all leases and equipment and production in the Contract Area.
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19 Every such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party shall be made expressly subject to this agreement
20 and shall be made without prejudice to the right of the other parties.

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

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29 E. Waiver of Rights to Partition:

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

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35 ~~F. Preferential Right to Purchase:~~

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

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47 ARTICLE IX.
48 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION

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50 This agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, a relationship of partnership or an association
51 for profit between or among the parties hereto. Notwithstanding any provision herein that the rights and liabilities hereunder are several
52 and not joint or collective, or that this agreement and operations hereunder shall not constitute a partnership, if, for federal income tax
53 purposes, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, each party hereby affected elects to be excluded
54 from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter "K", Chapter 1, Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as per-
55 mitted and authorized by Section 761 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Operator is authorized and directed to ex-
56 ecute on behalf of each party hereby affected such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the
57 United States or the Federal Internal Revenue Service, including specifically, but not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements,
58 and the data required by Federal Regulations 1.761. Should there be any requirement that each party hereby affected give further
59 evidence of this election, each such party shall execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be required by the
60 Federal Internal Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. No such party shall give any notices or take any other
61 action inconsistent with the election made hereby. If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Contract
62 Area is located or any future income tax laws of the United States contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter "K", Chapter 1,
63 Subtitle "A", of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, under which an election similar to that provided by Section 761 of the Code is per-
64 mitted, each party hereby affected shall make such election as may be permitted or required by such laws. In making the foregoing elec-
65 tion, each such party states that the income derived by such party from operations hereunder can be adequately determined without the
66 computation of partnership taxable income.



ARTICLE X.
CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS

Operator may settle any single uninsured third party damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the expenditure does not exceed Ten thousand Dollars (\$ 10,000.00) and if the payment is in complete settlement of such claim or suit. If the amount required for settlement exceeds the above amount, the parties hereto shall assume and take over the further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is delegated to Operator. All costs and expenses of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be at the joint expense of the parties participating in the operation from which the claim or suit arises. If a claim is made against any party or if any party is sued on account of any matter arising from operations hereunder over which such individual has no control because of the rights given Operator by this agreement, such party shall immediately notify all other parties, and the claim or suit shall be treated as any other claim or suit involving operations hereunder.

ARTICLE XI.
FORCE MAJEURE

If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by force majeure to carry out its obligations under this agreement, other than the obligation to make money payments, that party shall give to all other parties prompt written notice of the force majeure with reasonably full particulars concerning it; thereupon, the obligations of the party giving the notice, so far as they are affected by the force majeure, shall be suspended during, but no longer than, the continuance of the force majeure. The affected party shall use all reasonable diligence to remove the force majeure situation as quickly as practicable.

The requirement that any force majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes, lockouts, or other labor difficulty by the party involved, contrary to its wishes; how all such difficulties shall be handled shall be entirely within the discretion of the party concerned.

The term "force majeure", as here employed, shall mean an act of God, strike, lockout, or other industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightning, fire, storm, flood, explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint or inaction, unavailability of equipment, and any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension.

ARTICLE XII.
NOTICES

All notices authorized or required between the parties and required by any of the provisions of this agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be given in writing by mail or telegram, postage or charges prepaid, or by telex or telecopier and addressed to the parties to whom the notice is given at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A". The originating notice given under any provision hereof shall be deemed given only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed, and the time for such party to give any notice in response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the mail or with the telegraph company, with postage or charges prepaid, or sent by telex or telecopier. Each party shall have the right to change its address at any time, and from time to time, by giving written notice thereof to all other parties.

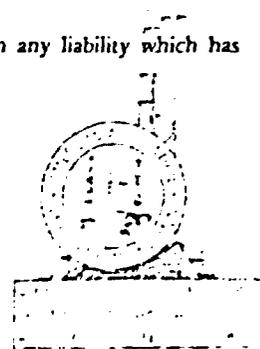
ARTICLE XIII.
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the oil and gas leases and/or oil and gas interests subject hereto for the period of time selected below; provided, however, no party hereto shall ever be construed as having any right, title or interest in or to any lease or oil and gas interest contributed by any other party beyond the term of this agreement.

~~Option No. 1: So long as any of the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement remain or are continued in force as to any part of the Contract Area, whether by production, extension, renewal or otherwise.~~

Option No. 2: In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled under any provision of this agreement, results in production of oil and/or gas in paying quantities, this agreement shall continue in force so long as any such well or wells produce, or are capable of production, and for an additional period of 90 days from cessation of all production; provided, however, if, prior to the expiration of such additional period, one or more of the parties hereto are engaged in drilling, reworking, deepening, plugging back, testing or attempting to complete a well or wells hereunder, this agreement shall continue in force until such operations have been completed and if production results therefrom, this agreement shall continue in force as provided herein. In the event the well described in Article VI.A., or any subsequent well drilled hereunder, results in a dry hole, and no other well is producing, or capable of producing oil and/or gas from the Contract Area, this agreement shall terminate unless drilling, deepening, plugging back or reworking operations are commenced within 90 days from the date of abandonment of said well.

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



ARTICLE XIV.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. Laws, Regulations and Orders:

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

B. Governing Law:

This agreement and all matters pertaining hereto, including, but not limited to, matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the law of the state in which the Contract Area is located. If the Contract Area is in two or more states, the law of the state of New Mexico shall govern.

C. Regulatory Agencies:

Nothing herein contained shall grant, or be construed to grant, Operator the right or authority to waive or release any rights, privileges, or obligations which Non-Operators may have under federal or state laws or under rules, regulations or orders promulgated under such laws in reference to oil, gas and mineral operations, including the location, operation, or production of wells, on tracts offsetting or adjacent to the Contract Area.

With respect to operations hereunder, Non-Operators agree to release Operator from any and all losses, damages, injuries, claims and causes of action arising out of, incident to or resulting directly or indirectly from Operator's interpretation or application of rules, rulings, regulations or orders of the Department of Energy or predecessor or successor agencies to the extent such interpretation or application was made in good faith. Each Non-Operator further agrees to reimburse Operator for any amounts applicable to such Non-Operator's share of production that Operator may be required to refund, rebate or pay as a result of such an incorrect interpretation or application, together with interest and penalties thereon owing by Operator as a result of such incorrect interpretation or application.

Non-Operators authorize Operator to prepare and submit such documents as may be required to be submitted to the purchaser of any crude oil sold hereunder or to any other person or entity pursuant to the requirements of the "Crude Oil Windfall Profit Tax Act of 1980", as same may be amended from time to time ("Act"), and any valid regulations or rules which may be issued by the Treasury Department from time to time pursuant to said Act. Each party hereto agrees to furnish any and all certifications or other information which is required to be furnished by said Act in a timely manner and in sufficient detail to permit compliance with said Act.

ARTICLE XV.

OTHER PROVISIONS

A. Creation of Subsequent Interest

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII. D. hereof, the parties hereto agree that if any party shall hereafter create any Overriding Royalty, Production Payment, or other burden against its working interest production and if any party or parties shall conduct non-consent operations pursuant to any provision of this agreement, and, as a result, become entitled to receive the working interest production otherwise belonging to the non-participating party, the party or parties entitled to receive the working interest production of the non-participating party shall receive such production free and clear of burdens against such production which may have been created subsequent to this agreement. In this regard, any such interest which may have been created subsequent to this agreement shall ipso facto terminate and vest in the consenting parties.

B. Hearings Before Regulatory Agencies

All costs and expenses incurred in connection with the employment of counsel and/or technical experts for the purpose of preparing for and conducting any hearing before any State Regulatory Agency are hereby authorized and shall be charged to the joint account as an item of operating expense. In the case of a Forced Pooling action, such costs and expenses shall be born and paid by the party or parties who have previously agreed to share same or whose interest is increased as a result of such action. Such costs and expenses shall be born on the basis of the relative participation of such parties as set forth on Exhibit "A".

C. Natural Gas Price Rules

1. Operator shall file all Applications for Determination of Price Category required by the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA). Operator shall give notice of the filing of such Applications to all Non-Operators. If for any reason the Application for Determination of Price Category filed by the Operator is unsatisfactory to a Non-Operator, then such Non-Operator shall

notify Operator of his dissatisfaction and the reasons therefore. If Operator and the dissatisfied Non-Operator are unable to reach an agreement as to the disputed Application for Determination of Price Category, then, if allowed by the appropriate jurisdictional agency such Non-Operator may file a separate application for Determination of Price Category. The Non-Operator shall mail a copy of this application to Operator and to all Non-Operators in the Contract Area.

2. Operator is hereby authorized to make any and all filings under the NGPA which can be made on behalf of the Non-Operators under the NGPA and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Said filings shall include, but not be limited to, "interim collection" filings under Part 273 of the regulations implementing the NGPA.
3. Operator is authorized to employ counsel and technical experts which, in the Operator's discretion, are reasonably necessary for the preparation of any and all NGPA filings. All costs incurred in the employment of such counsel and technical experts shall be deemed a cost and expense incurred in the operation of the Contract Area and shall be charged to the joint account as an item of operating expense.

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 15th day of July, 19 85.

OPERATOR

Doyle Hartman

NON-OPERATORS

Ashland Exploration, Inc.

HCW Income Properties, Inc.

By: _____

By: _____

Rufus Gordon "Pete" Clay Trust
dated 9-1-79

Barton Brothers Land & Royalty Company

By: _____

By: _____

Co-Trustee

ARCO Oil & Gas Company

By: _____

By: _____

Co-Trustee

Margaret Clay Couch Trust
dated 9-1-79

Cities Service Oil & Gas Corporation

By: _____

By: _____

Co-Trustee

By: _____

Lewis Burleson

Co-Trustee

Evelyn Clay O'Hara Trust
dated 9-1-79

By: _____

Co-Trustee

By: _____

Co-Trustee

EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of the Operating
Agreement dated April 15, 1985
and covering SE/4 Section 27, T-23-S, R-36-E
County, New Mexico between DOYLE HARTMAN as
Operator and Ashland Exploration, Inc. et al
as Non-Operators.

1. a) Land Subject to Agreement

SE/4 Section 27, T-23-S, R-36-E

b) Depth Limitations

From the surface to the base of the Jalmat (Gas)
formation.

c) Drilling (Proration) Unit for Initial Test

SE/4 Section 27, T-23-S, R-36-E

II. Percentages of Interests and Addresses of Parties*

Doyle Hartman	8.854375
Ashland Exploration, Inc. P.O. Box 218330 Houston, Texas 77218 Attn: Mr. Frank Hayes	1.562500
Barton Brothers Land & Royalty P.O. Box 968 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240 Attn: Mr. Roy G. Barton, Jr.	3.906250
Cities Service Oil and Gas Corporation P.O. Box 1919 Midland, Texas 79702 Attn: Mr. E. F. Motter	37.500000
ARCO Oil & Gas Company P.O. Box 1610 Midland, Texas 79702	7.551875
HCW Income Properties P.O. Box 10585 Midland, Texas 79702 Attn: Mr. James C. Brown	6.431875
Mr. James C. Brown P.O. Box 10585 Midland, Texas 79702	0.338750

EXHIBIT "A" (Cont'd)

Rufus Gordon "Pete" Clay Trust c/o MBank P.O. 910 Fort Worth, Texas 76101	9.930625
Margaret Clay Couch Trust c/o MBank P.O. 910 Fort Worth, Texas 76101	9.930625
Evelyn Clay O'Hara Trust c/o MBank P.O. 910 Fort Worth, Texas 76101	9.930625
Management Trust Company P.O. Box 10621 Midland, Texas 79702	4.062500
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* These interests may be revised as soon as our attorney submits his title opinion.

OIL & GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, 19____, between _____

of _____
(Post Office Address)

herein called lessor (whether one or more) and _____, lessee:

1. Lessor, in consideration of TEN AND OTHER DOLLARS in hand paid, receipt of which is here acknowledged, and of the royalties herein provided and of the agreements of the lessee herein contained, hereby grants, leases and lets exclusively unto lessee for the purpose of investigating, exploring, prospecting, drilling, and operating for and producing oil and gas, injecting gas, waters, other fluids, and air into subsurface strata, laying pipe lines, storing oil, building tanks, roadways, telephone lines, and other structures and things thereon to produce, save, take care of, treat, process, store and transport said minerals, the following described land in _____ County, New Mexico, to-wit:

Said land is estimated to comprise _____ acres, whether it actually comprises more or less.

2. Subject to the other provisions herein contained, this lease shall remain in force for a term of _____ years from this date (called "primary term") and as long thereafter as oil or gas is produced from said land or from land with which said land is pooled.

3. The royalties to be paid by lessee are: (a) on oil, and other liquid hydrocarbons saved at the well, _____ of that produced and saved from said land, same to be delivered at the wells or to the credit of lessor in the pipeline to which the wells may be connected; (b) on gas, including casinghead gas or other gaseous substance produced from said land and used off the premises or used in the manufacture of gasoline or other products, the market value at the well of _____ of the gas used,

provided that on gas sold on or off the premises, the royalties shall be _____ of the amount realized from such sale; (c) and at any time when this lease is not validated by other provisions hereof and there is a gas and/or condensate well on said land, or land pooled therewith, but gas or condensate is not being so sold or used and such well is shut in, either before or after production therefrom, then on or before 90 days after said well is shut in, and thereafter at annual intervals, lessee may pay or tender an advance shut-in royalty equal to \$1.00 per net acre of lessor's gas acreage then held under this lease by the party making such payment or tender, and so long as said shut-in royalty is paid or tendered, this lease shall not terminate and it shall be considered under all clauses hereof that gas is being produced from the leased premises in paying quantities. Each such payment shall be paid or tendered to the party or parties who at the time of such payment would be entitled to receive the royalties which would be paid under this lease if the well were in fact producing. The payment or tender of royalties and shut-in royalties may be made by check or draft. Any timely payment or tender of shut-in royalty which is made in a bona fide attempt to make proper payment, but which is erroneous in whole or in part as to parties or amounts, shall nevertheless be sufficient to prevent termination of this lease in the same manner as though a proper payment had been made if lessee shall correct such error within 30 days after lessee has received written notice thereof by certified mail from the party or parties entitled to receive payment together with such written instruments (or certified copies thereof) as are necessary to enable lessee to make proper payment. The amount realized from the sale of gas on or off the premises shall be the price established by the gas sales contract entered into in good faith by lessee and gas purchaser for such term and under such conditions as are customary in the industry. "Price" shall mean the net amount received by lessee after giving effect to applicable regulatory orders and after application of any applicable price adjustments specified in such contract or regulatory orders. In the event lessee compresses, treats, purifies, or dehydrates such gas (whether on or off the leased premises) or transports gas off the leased premises, lessee in computing royalty hereunder may deduct from such price a reasonable charge for each of such functions performed.

4. This is a paid-up lease and lessee shall not be obligated during the primary term hereof to commence or continue any operations of whatsoever character or to make any payments hereunder in order to maintain this lease in force during the primary term; however, this provision is not intended to relieve lessee of the obligation to pay royalties on actual production pursuant to the provisions or Paragraph 3 hereof.

5. Lessee is hereby granted the right and power, from time to time, to pool or combine this lease, the land covered by it or any part or horizon thereof with any other land, leases, mineral estates or parts thereof for the production of oil or gas. Units pooled hereunder shall not exceed the standard proration unit fixed by law or by the Oil Conservation Division of the Energy and Minerals Department of the State of New Mexico or by any other lawful authority for the pool or area in which said land is situated, plus a tolerance of ten percent. Lessee shall file written unit designations in the county in which the premises are located and such units may be designated from time to time and either before or after the completion of wells. Drilling operations on or production from any part of any such unit shall be considered for all purposes, except the payment of royalty, as operations conducted upon or production from the land described in this lease. There shall be allocated to the land covered by this lease included in any such unit that portion of the total production of pooled minerals from wells in the unit, after deducting any used in lease or unit operations, which the net oil or gas acreage in the land covered by this lease included in the unit bears to the total number of surface acres in the unit. The production so allocated shall be considered for all purposes, including the payment or delivery of royalty, to be the entire production of pooled minerals from the portion of said land covered hereby and included in said unit in the same manner as though produced from said land under the terms of this lease. Any pooled unit designated by lessee, as provided herein, may be dissolved by lessee by recording an appropriate instrument in the County where the land is situated at any time after the completion of a dry hole or the cessation of production on said unit.

6. If at the expiration of the primary term there is no well upon said land capable of producing oil or gas, but lessee has commenced operations for drilling or reworking thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations are prosecuted with no cessation of more than 60 consecutive days, whether such operations be on the same well or on a different or additional well or wells, and if they result in the production of oil or gas, so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced from said land. If, after the expiration of the primary term, all wells upon said land should become incapable of producing for any cause, this lease shall not terminate if lessee commences operations for additional drilling or for reworking within 60 days thereafter. If any drilling, additional drilling, or reworking operations hereunder result in production, then this lease shall remain in full force so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced hereunder.

7. Lessee shall have free use of oil, gas and water from said land, except water from lessor's wells and tanks, for all operations hereunder, and the royalty shall be computed after deducting any so used. Lessee shall have the right at any time during or after the expiration of this lease to remove all property and fixtures placed by lessee on said land, including the right to draw and remove all casing. When required by lessor, lessee will bury all pipe lines on cultivated lands below ordinary plow depth, and no well shall be drilled within two hundred feet (200 ft.) of any residence or barn now on said land without lessor's consent. Lessor shall have the privilege, at his risk and expense, of using gas from any gas well on said land for stoves and inside lights in the principal dwelling thereon, out of any surplus gas not needed for operations hereunder.

8. The rights of either party hereunder may be assigned in whole or in part and the provisions hereof shall extend to their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns; but no change in the ownership of the land or in the ownership of, or rights to receive, royalties or shut-in royalties, however accomplished shall operate to enlarge the obligations or diminish the rights of lessee; and no such change or division shall be binding upon lessee for any purpose until 30 days after lessee has been furnished by certified mail at lessee's principal place of business with acceptable instruments or certified copies thereof constituting the chain of title from the original lessor. If any such change in ownership occurs through the death of the owner, lessee may, at its option, pay or tender any royalties or shut-in royalties in the name of the deceased or to his estate or to his heirs, executor or administrator until such time as lessee has been furnished with evidence satisfactory to lessee as to the persons entitled to such sums. An assignment of this lease in whole or in part shall, to the extent of such assignment, relieve and discharge lessee of any obligations hereunder and, if lessee or assignee of part or parts hereof shall fail or make default in the payment of the proportionate part of royalty or shut-in royalty due from such lessee or assignee or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this lease, such default shall not affect this lease insofar as it covers a part of said lands upon which lessee or any assignee thereof shall properly comply or make such payments.

9. Should lessee be prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, or from conducting drilling or reworking operations hereunder, or from producing oil or gas hereunder by reason of scarcity or inability to obtain or use equipment or material, or by operation of force majeure, or by any Federal or state law or any order, rule or regulation of governmental authority, then while so prevented, lessee's duty shall be suspended, and lessee shall not be liable for failure to comply therewith; and this lease shall be extended while and so long as lessee is prevented by any such cause from conducting drilling or reworking operations or from producing oil or gas hereunder; and the time while lessee is so prevented shall not be counted against lessee, anything in this lease to the contrary notwithstanding.

10. Lessor hereby warrants and agrees to defend the title to said land and agrees that lessee at its option may discharge any tax, mortgage or other lien upon said land, and in the event lessee does so it shall be subrogated to such lien with the right to enforce same and to apply royalties and shut-in royalties payable hereunder toward satisfying same. Without impairment of lessee's rights under the warranty, if this lease covers a less interest in the oil or gas in all or any part of said land than the entire and undivided fee simple estate (whether lessor's interest is herein specified or not) then the royalties, shut-in royalty, and other payments, if any, accruing from any part as to which this lease covers less than such full interest, shall be paid only in the proportion which the interest therein, if any, covered by this lease, bears to the whole and undivided fee simple estate therein. Should any one or more of the parties named above as lessors fail to execute this lease, it shall nevertheless be binding upon the party or parties executing the same.

11. Lessee, its or his successors, heirs and assigns, shall have the right at any time to surrender this lease, in whole or in part, to lessor or his heirs, successors, and assigns by delivering or mailing a release thereof to the lessor, or by placing a release thereof of record in the county in which said land is situated; thereupon lessee shall be relieved from all obligations, expressed or implied, of this agreement as to acreage so surrendered, and thereafter the shut-in royalty payable hereunder shall be reduced in the proportion that the acreage covered hereby is reduced by said release or releases.

Executed the day and year first above written.

STATE OF _____
County of _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 19____

My Commission expires _____, 19____
Notary Public _____

STATE OF _____
County of _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 19____

My Commission expires _____, 19____
Notary Public _____

STATE OF _____
County of _____

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My Commission expires _____, 19____
Notary Public _____

STATE OF _____
County of _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 19____

My Commission expires _____, 19____
Notary Public _____

No. _____
OIL AND GAS LEASE
NEW MEXICO
FROM
TO
Date _____, 19____
Section _____, Township _____, Range _____
No. of Acres _____
County, New Mexico
Term _____
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF _____
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed for
record on the _____ day of _____,
A. D., 19____, at _____ o'clock _____ m., and
was duly recorded in Book _____ at Page _____
of the Records of said County.
By _____
County Clerk.
Deputy.

STATE OF _____
County of _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 19____

My Commission Expires: _____
Notary Public _____

STATE OF _____
County of _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 19____

by _____
President _____
of _____ a _____
corporation _____
My Commission Expires: _____
Notary Public _____

STATE OF _____
County of _____

EXHIBIT " C "

Attached to and made a part of the Operating Agreement dated
April 15, 1985 and covering the SE/4 Section 27,
T-23-S, R-36-E, Lea County, New Mexico between DOYLE HARTMAN
as Operator and ASHLAND EXPLORATION, INC. ET AL as Non-Operators.

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. prime rate plus 1.25%

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%)~~ twenty-six percent (26%) or percent most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountant Society of North America.

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, except as specifically authorized by Article XV A.1. of the Operating Agreement to which this Exhibit is attached.
- 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.

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:

- (X) 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 \$ 5,500
 Producing Well Rate \$ 550

(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.

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, redrilling, 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 \$ _____:~~

~~A. _____ % of total costs if such costs are more than \$ _____ but less than \$ _____; plus~~

~~B. _____ % of total costs in excess of \$ _____ but less than \$1,000,000; plus~~

~~C. _____ % 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

- (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 5 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.

EXHIBIT "E"

GAS BALANCING AGREEMENT

ATTACHED to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement dated April 15, _____, 19 85, by and between DOYLE HARTMAN, Operator, and Ashland Exploration, Inc. et al

_____, Non-Operators.

1. During the period or periods when any party hereto has no market for, or its purchaser is unable to take, or if any party fails to take its share of the gas, the other parties shall be entitled to produce each month one hundred percent (100%) of the allowable gas production assigned to the Contract Area by the appropriate governmental entity having jurisdiction. All parties hereto shall share proportionately in and own liquid hydrocarbons recovered with the gas by lease equipment and shall pay their share of current operating expenses in accordance with the provisions of the Operating Agreement to which this Exhibit is attached. Each party taking gas shall own all of the gas delivered to its purchaser. Each non-taking party shall be credited with gas in storage equal to its share of the gas produced, less its share of gas used in lease operations, vented or lost.

2. Each party taking gas shall furnish Operator a monthly statement of gas volumes taken. Operator shall maintain a current account of the gas balance between the parties and shall furnish all parties hereto monthly statements showing the total quantity of gas produced, used in operations, vented or lost, and the total quantity of liquid hydrocarbons recovered.

3. After notice to Operator, any party with gas in storage may begin taking or delivering its share of the gas produced. In addition to its share, each party, until it has recovered its gas in storage and balanced its gas account, shall be entitled to take or deliver a volume of gas equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of each over-produced party's share of gas produced. If more than one party is entitled to the additional gas produced, they shall divide such additional gas in accordance with their relative percentages of participation as set forth on Exhibit "A".

4. In the event production of gas shall permanently cease prior to the time the accounts of the parties have been balanced, a complete balancing shall be accomplished by a money settlement. Such settlement shall be based upon the actual price or prices received by each over-produced party for its share of gas produced or sold and shall be applied to reduce prior deficits in the order of accrual of such deficits.

5. At all times while gas is produced from the Contract Area each party shall make appropriate settlement of all royalties, overriding royalties, and other payments out of or in lieu of production for which it is responsible, in accordance with the provisions of Article VII. E. of the Operating Agreement to which this Exhibit is attached, as if each party were taking or delivering to a purchaser its share, and its share only, of such gas production.

6. The Operator, at the request of any party, may produce the entire well stream, if necessary, for a deliverability test not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours duration under such requesting party's gas sales contract.

7. Each party producing and/or delivering gas to its purchaser shall pay or cause to be paid any and all production taxes due on such gas.

8. The provisions of this Agreement shall be separately applicable and shall constitute a separate Agreement as to each well (or proration unit) and each reservoir to the end that production from one reservoir may not be utilized for the purpose of balancing underproduction from any other reservoirs.

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 15th day of July 19 85.

OPERATOR

Doyle Hartman

NON-OPERATORS

Ashland Exploration, Inc.

HCW Income Properties, Inc.

* By:

Igor Effimoff-Vice President-Exploration
Rufus Gordon "Pete" Clay Trust
dated 9-1-79

By:

Barton Brothers Land & Royalty Company

By:

Co-Trustee

By:

ARCO Oil & Gas Company

By:

Co-Trustee

By:

Cities Service Oil & Gas Corporation

Margaret Clay Couch Trust
dated 9-1-79

By:

Co-Trustee

By:

Lewis Burleson

By:

Co-Trustee

Evelyn Clay O'Hara Trust
dated 9-1-79

By:

Co-Trustee

By:

Co-Trustee

*Executed subject to that certain Conditional Letter of Acceptance dated April 25, 1985.

MODIFICATION OF OPERATING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Howard Hogan and the undersigned Charles T. Scott, Harold S. Russell, Herbert J. Schmitz and F. D. Lortscher are each the owner of an undivided one-fifth (1/5) interest in the presently valid and subsisting oil and gas leasehold covering the

Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section
8, Township 24 South, Range 37 East,
Lea County, New Mexico;

And,

WHEREAS, such parties have heretofore entered into an operating agreement for the development and operation of said leasehold, which operating agreement is dated the 16th day of January, 1951, reference to which operating agreement is hereby made as if set forth in full herein; And,

WHEREAS, Howard Hogan, who in said agreement is named as Operator, has this day entered into an agreement with R. Olsen for the sale of his interest in said leasehold to R. Olsen; And,

WHEREAS, the parties desire in the event such sale is consummated to constitute and appoint R. Olsen as the Operator of said leasehold under the terms of said operating agreement, except as modified herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED between R. Olsen, as Operator, and the undersigned, as Non-Operators, as follows:

I.

R. Olsen is hereby substituted for Howard Hogan as the Operator in said Operating Agreement.

II.

The provision in the accounting procedure relating to overhead charges is hereby modified to the sum of \$25.00 per month per well, which shall include wells being drilled from the date of the spudding thereof and shall exclude any well abandoned or completed as a dry hole from the date of such abandonment or such dry hole completion.

III.

The sum of \$75.00 per month is agreed upon as a fair charge for the allocation of district expense and the nominal cost of pumping, but all other direct labor charges to the leasehold shall be billed as provided in said accounting procedure, and such \$75.00 per month to the lease as a flat charge shall exclude any charges under Paragraph 11 of the accounting procedure.

IV.

The Operator shall conduct a continuous drilling program of one well to each 40 acres until the lease has been fully developed; unless, however, any one of such wells so drilled is completed as a dry hole or a non-commercial well, in which event no further drilling shall be conducted on said leasehold without the consent of parties as provided in said operating agreement.

The wells shall be drilled under the terms of a drilling contract which each of the parties shall enter into with the R & H Olsen Drilling Company, each contracting for his interest.

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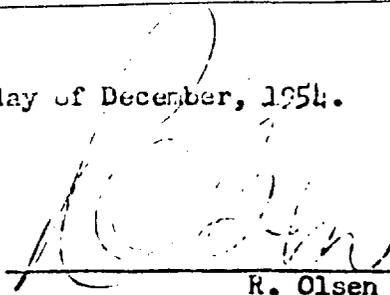
Paragraph 14 of the operating agreement is modified in that hereafter non-operators may give operator sixty (60) days notice of any irregular or irregular operations and, if operator within the following sixty (60) days has not corrected such operating practices to the satisfaction of non-operators, the leasehold owners may by majority vote select a new operator for said leasehold, and R. Olsen shall surrender the operations of said leasehold to the party so designated as the new operator and such party shall become operator under the terms of the operating agreement as herein modified.

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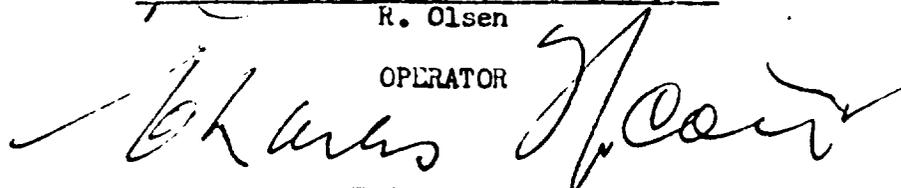
R. Olsen, as Operator, shall not have the right to represent the leasehold and the owners of the leasehold in matters before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission relating to the rights of offset operators.

EXECUTED this the 15th day of December, 1954.



R. Olsen

OPERATOR



Charles T. Scott

Harold S. Russell

Herbert J. Schmitz

F. D. Lortscher

NON-OPERATORS