

RELEASE OF WELL

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WHEREAS, that certain Oil and Gas Lease was made and entered into on April 1, 1969, by and between the United States of America, Lessor, and A.G. Carver, Lessee, Serial Number NM 8343; and

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WHEREAS, Lone Star Production Company, whose address is 300 Commercial Bank Tower, Midland, Tes. is the present Lessee of record: **O.C.C. ARTESIA, OFFICE**

WHEREAS, said Lease provides that there is reserved by the Lessor all rights pursuant to Section 40 of the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, (41 Stat. 437), as amended) to acquire the well for a water well located on said Lease.

WHEREAS, Tri-Service Drilling Company, as operator has drilled and completed a certain well located 840 feet and 1780 feet from the northeast corner Sec. 6 T. 22 S. R. 19 E. N.M.P.M., a portion of the above lease, which well appears to contain water of such quality and quantity to be valuable and usable at a reasonable cost for agriculture, domestic or other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Lone Star Production Company as Lessee will release, relinquish and quitclaim all right, title, and interest in and to said well to the United States of America in lieu of plugging same to surface; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, acting by and through the Secretary of the Agriculture desires, pursuant to said Lease and said Mineral Leasing Act of February 20, 1920, as amended to take over said well with the express understanding and agreement that the taking over of such well will not restrict operations of said lease.