in said leases shall be determined and paid in the manner and on the basis prescribed in each of said leases. Except as provided for under the terms and provisions of the leases described in Exhibit "A" hereto or as herein provided to the contrary, the payment of rentals under the terms of said leases shall not be affected by this agreement; and except as herein modified and changed or heretofore amended, the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement shall remain in full force and effect as originally issued and amended.

- 4. The State of New Mexico hereafter is entitled to the right to take in kind its share for the communitized substances allocated to such tract, and Operator shall make deliveries of such royalty share taken in kind in conformity with applicable contracts, laws, and regulations.
- 5. There shall be no obligation upon the parties hereto to offset any well or wells situated on the tracts of land comprising the communitized area, nor shall the Operator be required to measure separately the communitized substances by reason of the diverse ownership of the separate tracts of land comprising the said communitized area; provided, however, that the parties hereto shall not be released from their obligation to protect the communitized area from drainage of communitized substances by wells which may be drilled within offset distance (as that term is defined) of the communitized area.
- 6. The commencement, completion, and continued operation or production of a well or wells for communitized substances on the communitized area shall be considered as the commencement, completion, continued operation or production as to each of the leases described in Exhibit "A" hereto.
- 7. The production of communitized substances and disposal thereof shall be in conformity with the allocations, allotments, and quotas made or fixed by any duly authorized person or regulatory body under applicable Federal or State laws. This agreement shall be subject to all applicable Federal and State laws, executive orders, rules and regulations affecting the performance of the provisions hereof, and no party hereto shall suffer a forfeiture or be liable in damages for failure to comply with any of the provisions of this agreement if compliance is prevented by or if such failure results from compliance with any such laws, orders, rules and regulations.
- 8. <u>ELK OIL COMPANY</u> shall be the Operator of said communitized area and all matters of operation shall be determined and performed by <u>ELK OIL COMPANY</u>.