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Via U.S. Mail

Mick Thomas, Administrator  
Minerals, Public Trust and Oil & Gas Division  
Idaho Department of Lands  
c/o Kourtney Romine  
300 N. 6th Street, Suite 103  
Boise, ID 83702

Re: **Application of Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC to integrate unleased mineral interest owners, in the spacing unit consisting the SE ¼ of Section 10, the SW ¼ of Section 11, the NW ¼ of Section 14, and the NE ¼ of Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Payette County, Idaho**

**IOGCC Docket No: CC-2021-OGR-01-001**

Dear Administrator Thomas:

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 47-320 and § 47-328, Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC (“Applicant”), hereby applies for an order integrating the mineral interests in the spacing unit consisting of the SE ¼ of Section 10, the SW ¼ of Section 11, the NW ¼ of Section 14, and the NE ¼ of Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Payette County, established in Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-002.

1. Name and address of the applicant (Idaho Code § 47-320(4)(a)):

Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC  
P.O. Box 500  
Magnolia, AR 71754-0500

2. Description of the spacing unit to be integrated (Idaho Code § 47-320(4)(b)):

The SE ¼ of Section 10, the SW ¼ of Section 11, the NW ¼ of Section 14, and the NE ¼ of Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Payette County. A plat of the

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subject spacing unit, with the uncommitted tracts highlighted and numbered, is included in **Exhibit A**, is attached hereto.

3. Geologic statement concerning the likely presence of hydrocarbons (Idaho Code § 47-320(4)(c)):

The likely presence of hydrocarbons in the subject spacing unit is established and set forth in the September 28, 2020 Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Law, and Order entered in Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-002. That Order is based on the Affidavit of David M. Smith, and the Supplemental Affidavit of David M. Smith, both filed in Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-002, and both of which supported the establishment of the spacing unit for which integration of the mineral interest is sought.

4. Statement that the proposed drill site is leased (Idaho Code § 47-320(4)(d)):

The proposed drill site is leased from Fallon Enterprises, Inc. Drilling activities will not occur on lands to be integrated.

5. Statement of proposed operations for the spacing unit, including the name and address for the proposed operator (Idaho Code §47-320(4)(e)):

Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, intends to drill an exploratory well in the SE ¼ of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Payette County. The intended well is being drilled to explore for natural gas and hydrocarbon liquids.

Because of the wildcat nature of the proposed activity, the specific subsequent operations are unknown at this time. A gathering pipeline has been constructed in the vicinity, providing connection to processing facilities to the east of the area and could be utilized to produce the proposed well should the well prove to be productive. Should a productive well be developed, it is anticipated that operations may be similar to the operations found at the previously drilled and completed wells in the Little Willow area, such as the ML #1-3, ML #2-3, Kauffman #1-34, and Kauffman #1-9, or the Barlow #1-14 well which recently commenced production. There may be limited surface equipment at the well location, with the well connected via gathering line to the existing processing facility at Highway 30, or a similar facility to be constructed in the future if production from the area supports such development.

Operations will be conducted in compliance with IDAPA 20.07.02. Once the well is drilled, the operator will submit well logs and a completion report as required by IDAPA 20.07.02.340 and .341. Should the well prove productive, the operator will submit production reporting, meter oil and gas, and submit an oil/gas ratio report, as required by IDAPA 20.07.02.400-.405.

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It is proposed that Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, whose address is listed above, be designated as the operator for the spacing unit.

6. Proposed joint operating agreement and proposed lease form (Idaho Code §47-320(4)(f)):

A form of proposed joint operating agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. A proposed form of lease is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

7. List of all uncommitted owners in the spacing unit to be integrated under the application, including names and addresses (Idaho Code § 47-320(4)(g)):

A spreadsheet listing uncommitted owners to be integrated and their last known addresses, keyed by tract number to the plat attached as Exhibit A, and including the tax parcel identification for each tract, the net mineral acres owned for each owner by tract, and a resume of efforts for each tract, is attached hereto as **Exhibit E**.

8. Affidavit indicating at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the mineral interest interest acres in the spacing unit support the integration application by leasing or participating as working interest owner (Idaho Code § 47-320(4)(h)):

**Exhibit B**, the Affidavit of Wade Moore III, Landman for Applicant, attests to the fact that more than 67% (specifically, approximately 90.0%) of the mineral interest acres in the subject spacing unit have been leased. The percentage leased is also reflected on the spreadsheet listing uncommitted owners attached as **Exhibit E**.

9. An affidavit stating the highest bonus paid to a leased owner in the spacing unit prior to filing the integration application (Idaho Code §47-320(4)(i)):

The landman's affidavit attached as **Exhibit B** sets forth that the highest bonus paid in the subject spacing unit by Applicant prior to filing the application is \$100.00 per acre, with the following exceptions: (a) owners of tracts of less than one acre were paid a flat rate of \$100; and (b) Rita Lockner, the owner of a one-acre tract (Tax Parcel No. 08N05W142451), was paid \$250. This appears to have been an erroneous departure by a landman or broker from the norm across all other one acre or smaller tracts in the spacing unit, and across the basin, where no other owner has been paid a bonus over \$100 per acre or over \$100 for a less than one acre tract.

10. A resume of efforts documenting the applicant's good faith efforts on at least two (2) separate occasions within a period of time no less than sixty (60) days to inform

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uncommitted owners of the applicant's intention to develop the mineral resources in the proposed spacing unit and desire to reach an agreement with uncommitted owners in the proposed spacing unit. Provided however, if any owner requests no further contact from the applicant, the applicant will be relieved of further obligation to attempt contact to reach agreement with that owner. At least one (1) contact must be by certified U.S. mail sent to an owner's last known address. If an owner is unknown or cannot be found, the applicant must publish a legal notice of its intention to develop and request that the owner contact the applicant in a newspaper in the county where the proposed spacing unit is located (Idaho Code §47-320(4)(j)):

A resume of efforts for each uncommitted owner is included in the spreadsheet attached as **Exhibit E**. As set forth in the Affidavit of Wade Moore III attached as **Exhibit B**, owners were sent at least one certified mailing including an offer to lease, and in most cases two such mailings. Certified mailing receipts for all mailings are being supplied to the Department separately. A copy of a sample of the form of letter mailed to all known uncommitted mineral owners is attached to the Application as **Exhibit F**. Tract description and gross acres were inserted in the letter as appropriate for each owner. Economic terms varied depending on the owner and tract size.

11. Proposed terms of integration (Idaho Code § 47-320(3)):

Applicant requests that the Administrator issue his Order that the spacing unit comprised of the SE ¼ of Section 10, the SW ¼ of Section 11, the NW ¼ of Section 14, and the NE ¼ of Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Payette County, be integrated and the currently uncommitted mineral interest owners be provided with the following alternatives:

a) Working interest owner. An owner who elects to participate as a working interest owner shall pay the proportionate share of the actual costs of drilling and operating a well allocated to the owner's interest in the spacing unit. Working interest owners who share in the costs of drilling and operating the well are entitled to their respective shares of the production of the well. The operator of the integrated spacing unit and working interest owners shall enter into a joint operating agreement approved by the department in the integration order.

b) Nonconsenting working interest owner. An owner who refuses to share in the risk and actual costs of drilling and operating the well, but desires to participate as a working interest owner, is a nonconsenting working interest owner. The operator of the integrated spacing unit shall be entitled to recover a risk penalty of three hundred percent (300%) of the

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nonconsenting working interest owner's share of the cost of drilling and operating the well under the terms set forth in the integration order. After all the costs have been recovered by the consenting owners in the spacing unit, the nonconsenting owner is entitled to his respective shares of the production of the well, and shall be liable for his pro rata share of costs as if the nonconsenting owner had originally agreed to pay the costs of drilling and operating the well. The operator of the integrated spacing unit and nonconsenting working interest owners shall enter into a joint operating agreement approved by the department in the integration order.

c) Leased. An owner may enter into a lease with the operator of the integrated spacing unit under the terms and conditions in the integration order. The owner shall receive a one-eighth (1/8) royalty. The operator of an integrated spacing unit shall pay a leasing owner the highest bonus payment per acre that the operator paid to another owner in the spacing unit prior to the filing of the integration application.

d) Deemed leased. If an owner fails to make an election within the election period set forth in the integration order, such owner's interest will be deemed leased under the terms and conditions in the integration order. The owner shall receive a one-eighth (1/8) royalty. The operator of an integrated spacing unit shall pay a leasing owner the highest bonus payment per acre that the operator paid to another owner in the spacing unit prior to the filing of the integration application.

Applicant's request for a 300% risk penalty pursuant to Idaho Code § 47-320(3)(b) is based on the following facts, which are set forth in the Affidavit of Wade Moore III, attached as **Exhibit B**:

a) Applicant is bearing all of the expense necessary to bring organize the spacing unit, drill the well, and bring it to production, including but not limited to title and leasing, acquisition and interpretation of seismic data, the expense of creating and integrating a spacing unit, drilling, testing and completion of the well, and administration of revenues and royalties for the life of the well.

b) The requested 300% risk penalty is consistent with the penalty for nonconsenting working interest status under Applicant's joint operating agreement with its operating partners; thus the requested risk penalty places those owners electing nonconsenting working interest status on equal footing with Applicant's existing operating partners.

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c) The well to be drilled in the unit is a “wildcat” well in an area with limited knowledge of and experience with the geology, entailing a higher degree of risk to Applicant than a well drilled in a fully developed area.

d) Specifically, the well to be drilled will target a conventional sand as defined by interpreted seismic data. The area is not a “resource play” involving the development of a shale resource of consistent depth and thickness over a large area, making targeting more technically complex and higher risk.

e) Because of the frontier nature of the play in which the unit is located, well service contractors are largely unavailable locally, and a drilling rig must be sourced from out of the area, increasing mobilization and operating expense. Because of these factors a well will be significantly more expensive to drill than in a developed and currently producing area. Applicant’s expectation based on prior experience in the area is that drilling cost per well will be at least \$1 million more than for a similar well drilled in a mature producing area.

f) Because of ongoing localized opposition to oil and gas development in general, there is a significant risk that this application will be subject to opposition by an organized opposition group or individuals facilitated by it, and that the Order of the Administrator will be challenged in court by such group or individuals. Both would increase the expense of bringing a well to production, and that expense is borne entirely by the Applicant.

The uncommitted mineral owners identified in this Application should be required to elect within fifteen (15) days after issuance of the Administrator’s Order which method will be pursued in the development of the proposed unit, with respect to their interest, and, in the event no election is made, those unleased mineral owners shall be deemed to have elected to accept a bonus of \$100.00 per net mineral acre as compensation in lieu of the right to participate in the working interest in said unit, and with the royalty to be 1/8<sup>th</sup> (deemed leased option).

The required election should be delivered to:

Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC  
P.O. Box 500  
Magnolia, AR 71754-0500

Applicant requests that the resulting Order of the Administrator be made applicable to any

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unknown spouse, heir, devisee, personal representative, successor or assign of all parties subject to the Order.

Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing terms and conditions of integration are just and reasonable, in compliance with Idaho Code § 47-320(1), for the following reasons:

a) Applicant has obtained the commitment, by voluntary lease, of approximately 90.05% of the mineral acres in the spacing unit. The proposed lease term, royalty and bonus are as favorable as those in leases between Applicant and mineral interest owners for the rest of the acreage in the unit.

b) The proposed form of lease provides that no drilling activities will occur on the surface of the integrated acres.

c) The terms of the JOA are equivalent to or better than those in the JOA entered into between the Applicant and its working interest partners. While the JOA between the working interest partners has a risk penalty of 500%, the proposed JOA for integrated interests is limited to 300%. Thus, any integrated mineral interest owner who wishes to participate in the well will be able to do so on equal footing with other working interest owners.

d) The proposed JOA utilizes the American Association of Professional Landmen (“AAPL”) standard form. The AAPL provides form agreements developed for use nationwide in the oil and gas industry. See <https://www.landman.org>. AAPL Model Form 610 Joint Operating Agreement has been in use in the oil and gas industry in one form or another since 1956, and various versions of this form continue to be widely used. See John R. Reeves and J. Matthew Thompson, *The Development of the Model Form Operating Agreement: An Interpretative Accounting*, 54 Okla. L. Rev. 211, 213 (2001). In fact, descendants of the original form are now the most popular JOA forms in use. See Christopher S. Kulander, *Old Faves and New Raves: How Case Law Has Affected Form Joint Operating Agreements - Problems and Solutions (Part One)*, 1 Oil & Gas, Nat. Resources & Energy J. 1 (2015) (citing to Gary B. Conine, *Property Provisions of the Operating Agreement -- Interpretation, Validity and Enforceability*, 19 Tex. Tech L. Rev. 1263, 1273-74 (1988)). Model form joint operating agreements, including Form 610, simplify negotiations, standardize technical terms and provisions, and obtain consistency in legal interpretations. See Conine, 19 Tex. Tech L. Rev. at

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1273. As a result of the use of model form joint operating agreements, “judicial and academic concepts developed in the context of one JOA or one dispute are increasingly viewed as generally applicable to all JOAs.” Ernest Smith, *The Future of Oil and Gas Jurisprudence, Joint Operating Agreement Jurisprudence*, 33 Washburn L.J. 834, 835 (1994). The Utah Supreme Court, in *J.P. Furlong Company v. Board of Oil, Gas and Mining*, 424 P.3d 858 (Utah 2018), upheld an agreement in form similar to the industry standard joint operating agreement (AAPL Form 610) as just and reasonable.

e) The proposed risk penalty is reasonable in light of the facts discussed above and set forth in the Declaration of Wade Moore III.

Very truly yours,

SMITH+MALEK PLLC



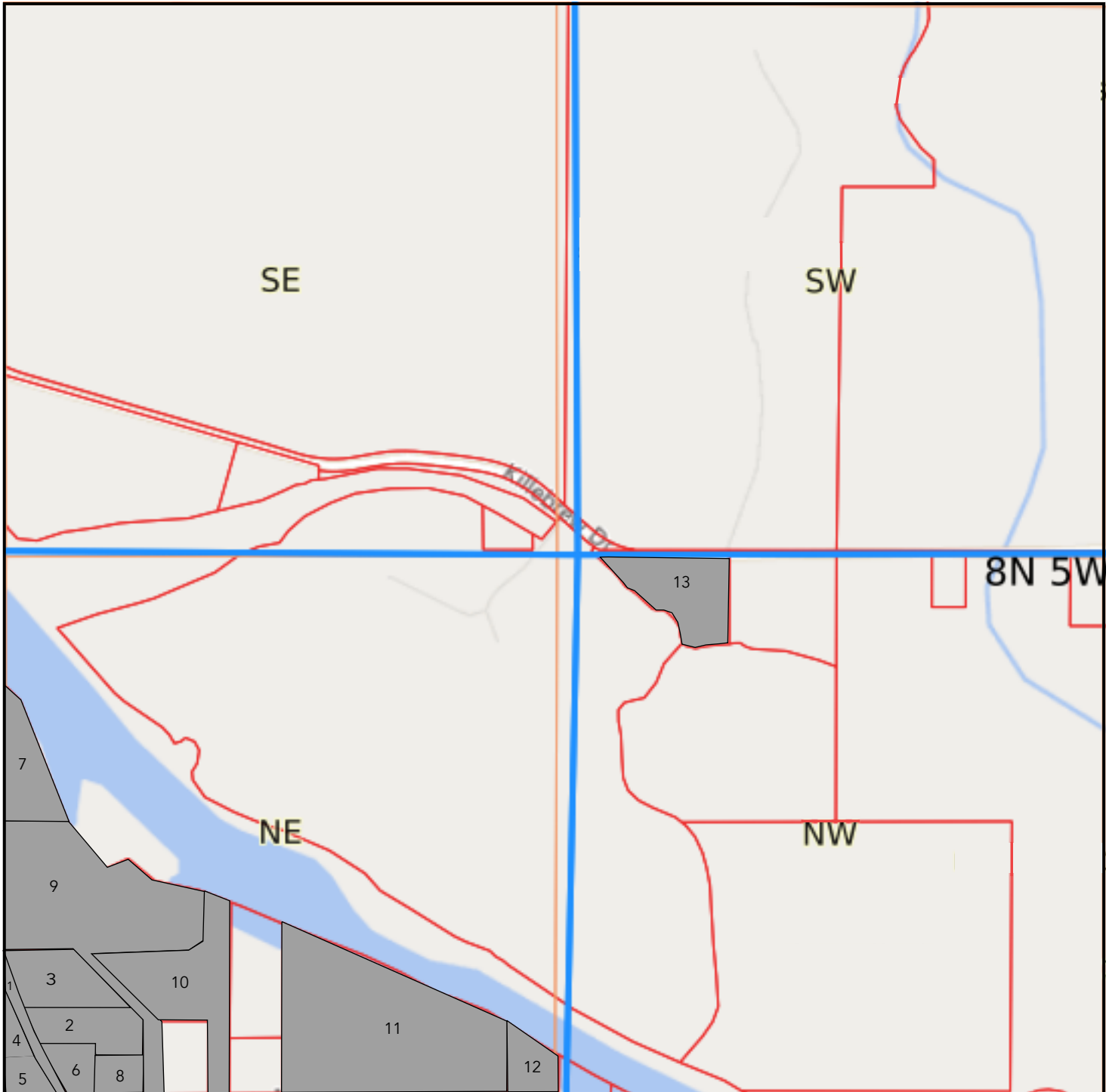
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MC:  
Attachments (Exhibits A-F)  
cc: Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC



# EXHIBIT A

**FALLON 1-11 UNIT**  
SE/4 SECTION 10, SW/4 SECTION 11  
NW/4 SECTION 14, NE/4 SECTION 15  
TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST B.M.  
PAYETTE COUNTY, ID



BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of Application of Snake River Oil )  
and Gas, LLC, for Integration of Unleased )  
Mineral Interest Owners in the Spacing Unit )  
Consisting of the SE ¼ of Section 10, the SW ¼ )  
of Section 11, the NW ¼ of Section 14, and the )  
NE ¼ of Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 5 )  
West, Boise Meridian, Payette County, Idaho )  
)  
SNAKE RIVER OIL AND GAS, LLC, )  
Applicant. )  
)  
)

Docket No. CC-2021-OGR-01-001

DECLARATION OF WADE MOORE III

I, Wade Moore III, declare:

- 1) I am over 18 years of age and competent to testify to the matters set forth in this Declaration, which I make based on my personal knowledge.
- 2) As Landman for Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC (“Snake River”) I am involved in the effort to lease mineral interests in the spacing unit consisting of the SE ¼ of Section 10, the SW ¼ of Section 11, the NW ¼ of Section 14, and the NE ¼ of Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Payette County, Idaho (“the subject spacing unit”).
- 3) Pursuant to Idaho Code § 47-320(4)(h), Snake River has support from more than sixty-seven percent (67%) of the mineral interest acres in the subject spacing unit (specifically, approximately 90%) by leasing. Snake River is an “owner” for purposes of Idaho Code § 47-320(a) and § 47-310(23) by virtue of its status as mineral lessee within the unit.

# EXHIBIT B

- 4) Pursuant to Idaho Code 47-320(4)(i), the highest bonus payment paid to lease mineral interest owners in the subject spacing unit prior to filing this integration application is \$100 per net mineral acre for all tracts over one acre. For all tracts one acre or less, a flat bonus rate was paid, which in the case of small subdivision lots resulted in a rate higher than \$100 per net mineral acre but was used for convenience of administration.
- 5) The Applicant has made good faith efforts to lease the mineral interests in the subject spacing unit. Pursuant to Idaho Code 47-320(4)(j): (a) included in Exhibit E attached to the Application is a Resume of Efforts describing the efforts made with respect to each uncommitted mineral owner in the spacing unit; (b) at least one of the contacts with uncommitted mineral interest owners was by certified mail; all mailing receipts are being supplied to the Department separately; and (c) a copy of a sample of the form of letter mailed to uncommitted mineral owners with a proposed form of lease is attached to the Application as Exhibit F. There were no unknown or unlocatable mineral owners. Unit description and gross acres were inserted in the letter as appropriate for each owner. Economic terms varied depending on the owner and tract size, but included a bonus of \$100 per net mineral acre and a bonus of 1/8.
- 6) Except as described above, no existing lessor in the spacing unit has signed a lease with a bonus exceeding \$100 per acre, or a royalty of more than 1/8. No such lease in the unit has a primary term of less than three (3) years.
- 7) Pursuant to Idaho Code § 47-320(3)(b), Applicant requests that the Order integrating the uncommitted mineral interests in the unit provide for a risk penalty of 300% for those interest owners electing to become nonconsenting working interest owners. This risk penalty is appropriate given the following facts:

# EXHIBIT B

- a) Applicant is bearing all of the expense necessary to bring organize the spacing unit, drill the well, and bring it to production, including but not limited to title and leasing, acquisition and interpretation of seismic data, the expense of creating and integrating a spacing unit, drilling, testing and completion of the well, design and construction of processing and transportation infrastructure, and administration of revenues and royalties for the life of the well.
- b) The requested 300% risk penalty is consistent with or more favorable than the penalty for nonconsenting working interest status under Applicant's joint operating agreement with its operating partners; thus the requested risk penalty places those owners electing nonconsenting working interest status on equal footing with Applicant's existing operating partners.
- c) The well to be drilled in the spacing unit is a "wildcat" well in an area of limited knowledge of and experience with the geology, entailing higher risk to Applicant than a well drilled in a fully developed area. Future wells drilled in the unit will entail similar risk.
- d) The well to be drilled in the spacing unit targets a conventional sand. The area is not a "resource play" involving the development of a shale resource of consistent depth and thickness over a large area, making targeting more technically complex and higher risk.
- f) Because of the frontier nature of the play in which the unit is located, well service contractors are largely unavailable locally, and a drilling rig must be sourced from out of the area, increasing mobilization expense. Because of these factors a well will be more expensive to drill than in a developed and currently producing area.

# EXHIBIT B

- g) Because of ongoing localized opposition to oil and gas development in general, there is a significant risk that this application will be subject to opposition by an organized opposition group or individuals facilitated by it, and that the Order of the Administrator will be challenged in court by such group or individuals. Both would increase the expense of bringing a well to production, and that expense is borne entirely by the Applicant.
- 8) I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Idaho.

Dated this 26 day of March, 2021.

  
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Wade Moore III

A.A.P.L. FORM 610 - 1989

MODEL FORM OPERATING AGREEMENT

OPERATING AGREEMENT

DATED

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, the Effective Date  
year

OPERATOR  SNAKE RIVER OIL AND GAS, LLC

CONTRACT AREA \_\_\_\_\_  
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COUNTY OR PARISH OF  PAYETTE , STATE OF  IDAHO

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS, 76137, APPROVED FORM.

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## OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, hereinafter designated and referred to as "Operator," and the signatory party or parties other than Operator, sometimes hereinafter referred to individually 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 "AFE" shall mean an Authority for Expenditure prepared by a party to this agreement for the purpose of estimating the costs to be incurred in conducting an operation hereunder.

B. The term "Completion" or "Complete" shall mean a single operation intended to complete a well <sup>capable of producing</sup> / ~~as a producer of~~ Oil and Gas in one or more Zones, including, but not limited to, the setting of production casing, perforating, well stimulation and production testing conducted in such operation.

C. The term "Contract Area" shall mean all of the lands, Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests intended to be developed and operated for Oil and Gas purposes under this agreement. Such lands, Oil and Gas Leases and Oil and Gas Interests are described in Exhibit "A."

D. The term "Deepen" shall mean a single operation whereby a well is drilled to an objective Zone below the deepest Zone in which the well was previously drilled, or below the Deepest Zone proposed in the associated AFE, whichever is the lesser

E. 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.

F. 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 unless fixed by express agreement of the Drilling Parties.

G. The term "Drillsite" shall mean the Oil and Gas Lease or Oil and Gas Interest on which a proposed well is to be located.

H. The term "Initial Well" shall mean the well required to be drilled by the parties hereto as provided in Article VI.A.

I. The term "Non-Consent Well" shall mean a well in which less than all parties have conducted an operation as provided in Article VI.B.2.

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

K. The term "Oil and Gas" shall mean oil, gas, casinghead gas, gas condensate, and/or 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.

L. The term "Oil and Gas Interests" or "Interests" shall mean unleased fee and mineral interests in Oil and Gas in tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by parties to this agreement.

M. The terms "Oil and Gas Lease," "Lease" and "Leasehold" shall mean the oil and gas leases, oil and gas lease options, farmouts, seismic options, seismic permits, fee mineral interests or other interests in oil, gas and other minerals; provided however, the term shall not include Oil and Gas Interests as defined above ~~oil and gas leases or interests therein~~ covering tracts of land lying within the Contract Area which are owned by the parties to this agreement.

N. The term "Plug Back" shall mean a single operation whereby a deeper Zone is abandoned in order to attempt a Completion in a shallower Zone.

O. The term "Recompletion" or "Recomplete" shall mean an operation whereby a Completion in one Zone is abandoned in order to attempt a Completion in a different Zone within the existing wellbore.

P. The term "Rework" shall mean an operation conducted in the wellbore of a well after it is Completed to secure, restore, or improve production in a Zone which is currently open to production in the wellbore. Such operations include, but are not limited to, well stimulation operations but exclude any routine repair or maintenance work or drilling, Sidetracking, Deepening, Completing, Recompleting, or Plugging Back of a well.

Q. The term "Sidetrack" shall mean the directional control and intentional deviation of a well from vertical so as to change the bottom hole location unless done to straighten the hole or drill around junk in the hole to overcome other mechanical difficulties.

R. The term "Zone" shall mean a stratum of earth containing or thought to contain a common accumulation of Oil and Gas separately producible from any other common accumulation of Oil and Gas.

Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, words used in the singular include the plural, the word "person" includes natural and artificial persons, the plural includes the singular, and any gender includes the masculine, feminine, and neuter.

## 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) Description of lands subject to this agreement,
  - (2) Restrictions, if any, as to depths, formations, or substances,
  - (3) Parties to agreement with addresses and telephone numbers for notice purposes,
  - (4) Percentages or fractional interests of parties to this agreement,
  - (5) Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests subject to this agreement,
  - (6) Burdens on production.
- B. Exhibit "B," ~~Form of Lease.~~ **Reporting Requirements**
- 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.

# EXHIBIT C

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1 | \_\_\_\_\_ G. Exhibit "G," Tax Partnership Memorandum of Operating Agreement and Financing Statement.

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1 | If any provision of any exhibit, except Exhibits "E," and "F" ~~and "G,"~~ is inconsistent with any provision contained in  
 2 | 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:

6 | If any party owns an Oil and Gas Interest in the Contract Area, that Interest shall be treated for all purposes of this  
 7 | agreement and during the term hereof as if it were covered by / <sup>a mutually acceptable</sup> ~~the form of~~ Oil and Gas Lease attached hereto as Exhibit "B,"  
 8 | and the owner thereof shall be deemed to own both royalty interest in such lease and the interest of the lessee thereunder.

## B. Interests of Parties in Costs and Production:

10 | Unless changed by other provisions, all costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this agreement shall be borne  
 11 | and paid, and all equipment and materials acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned, by the parties as their  
 12 | interests are set forth in Exhibit "A." In the same manner, the parties shall also own all production of Oil and Gas from the  
 13 | Contract Area subject, however, to the payment of royalties and other burdens on production as described hereafter.

14 | Regardless of which party has contributed any Oil and Gas Lease or Oil and Gas Interest on which royalty or other  
 15 | burdens may be payable and except as otherwise expressly provided in this agreement, each party shall pay or deliver, or  
 16 | cause to be paid or delivered, all burdens on its share of the production from the Contract Area up to, but not in excess of,  
 17 | burdens on production as set out in Exhibit "A" and shall indemnify, defend and hold the other parties free from any liability therefor.  
 18 | Except as otherwise expressly provided in this agreement, if any party has contributed hereto any Lease or Interest which is  
 19 | burdened with any royalty, overriding royalty, production payment or other burden on production in excess of the amounts  
 20 | stipulated above, such party so burdened shall assume and alone bear all such excess obligations and shall indemnify, defend  
 21 | and hold the other parties hereto harmless from any and all claims attributable to such excess burden. However, so long as  
 22 | the Drilling Unit for the productive Zone(s) is identical with the Contract Area, each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to  
 23 | be paid or delivered, all burdens on production from the Contract Area due under the terms of the Oil and Gas Lease(s)  
 24 | which such party has contributed to this agreement, and shall indemnify, defend and hold the other parties free from any  
 25 | liability therefor.

26 | No party shall ever be responsible, on a price basis higher than the price received by such party, to any other party's  
 27 | lessor or royalty owner, and if such other party's lessor or royalty owner should demand and receive settlement on a higher  
 28 | price basis, the party contributing the affected Lease shall bear the additional royalty burden attributable to such higher price.

29 | Nothing contained in this Article III.B. shall be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby,  
 30 | and in the event two or more parties contribute to this agreement jointly owned Leases, the parties' undivided interests in  
 31 | said Leaseholds shall be deemed separate leasehold interests for the purposes of this agreement.

## C. Subsequently Created Interests:

33 | If any party has contributed hereto a Lease or Interest that is burdened with an assignment of production given as security  
 34 | for the payment of money, or if, after the date of this agreement, any party creates an overriding royalty, production  
 35 | payment, net profits interest, assignment of production or other burden payable out of production attributable to its working  
 36 | interest hereunder, such burden shall be deemed a "Subsequently Created Interest." Further, if any party has contributed  
 37 | hereto a Lease or Interest burdened with an overriding royalty, production payment, net profits interests, or other burden  
 38 | payable out of production created prior to the date of this agreement, and such burden is not shown on Exhibit "A," such  
 39 | burden also shall be deemed a Subsequently Created Interest to the extent such burden causes the burdens on such party's  
 40 | Lease or Interest to exceed the amount stipulated in Article III.B. above.

41 | The party whose interest is burdened with the Subsequently Created Interest (the "Burdened Party") shall assume and  
 42 | alone bear, pay and discharge the Subsequently Created Interest and shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other  
 43 | parties from and against any liability therefor. Further, if the Burdened Party fails to pay, when due, its share of expenses  
 44 | chargeable hereunder, all provisions of Article VII.B. shall be enforceable against the Subsequently Created Interest in the  
 45 | same manner as they are enforceable against the working interest of the Burdened Party. If the Burdened Party is required  
 46 | under this agreement to assign or relinquish to any other party, or parties, all or a portion of its working interest and/or the  
 47 | production attributable thereto, said other party, or parties, shall receive said assignment and/or production free and clear of  
 48 | said Subsequently Created Interest, and the Burdened Party shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless said other party, or  
 49 | parties, from any and all claims and demands for payment asserted by owners of the Subsequently Created Interest.

## ARTICLE IV.

## TITLES

## A. Title Examination:

53 | Title examination shall be made on the Drillsite of any proposed well prior to commencement of drilling operations and,  
 54 | if a majority in interest of the Drilling Parties so request or Operator so elects, title examination shall be made on the entire  
 55 | Drilling Unit, or maximum anticipated Drilling Unit, of the well. The opinion will include the ownership of the working  
 56 | interest, minerals, royalty, overriding royalty and production payments under the applicable Leases. Each party contributing  
 57 | Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests to be included in the Drillsite or Drilling Unit, if appropriate, shall furnish to Operator  
 58 | all abstracts (including federal lease status reports), title opinions, title papers and curative material in its possession free of  
 59 | charge. All such information not in the possession of or made available to Operator by the parties, but necessary for the  
 60 | examination of the title, shall be obtained by Operator. Operator shall cause title to be examined by attorneys on its staff or  
 61 | by outside attorneys. Copies of all title opinions shall be furnished to each Drilling Party. Costs incurred by Operator in  
 62 | procuring abstracts, fees paid outside attorneys for title examination (including preliminary, supplemental, shut-in royalty  
 63 | opinions and division order title opinions) and other direct charges as provided in Exhibit "C" shall be borne by the Drilling  
 64 | Parties in the proportion that the interest of each Drilling Party bears to the total interest of all Drilling Parties as such  
 65 | interests appear in Exhibit "A." Operator shall make no charge for services rendered by its staff attorneys or other personnel  
 66 | in the performance of the above functions.

67 | ~~Each party~~ <sup>use its best efforts in</sup> Operator shall ~~be responsible for~~ securing curative matter and pooling amendments or agreements required in  
 68 | connection with Leases or Oil and Gas Interests contributed by ~~such~~ <sup>each</sup> party. Operator shall be responsible for the preparation  
 69 | and recording of pooling designations or declarations and communitization agreements as well as the conduct of hearings  
 70 | before governmental agencies for the securing of spacing or pooling orders or any other orders necessary or appropriate to  
 71 | the conduct of operations hereunder. This shall not prevent any party from appearing on its own behalf at such hearings.  
 72 | Costs incurred by Operator, including fees paid to outside attorneys, which are associated with hearings before governmental  
 73 | agencies, and which costs are necessary and proper for the activities contemplated under this agreement, shall be direct  
 74 | charges to the joint account and shall not be covered by the administrative overhead charges as provided in Exhibit "C."

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1 Operator shall make no charge for services rendered by its staff attorneys or other personnel in the performance of the above  
2 functions.

3 No well shall be drilled on the Contract Area until after (1) the title to the Drillsite or Drilling Unit, if appropriate, has  
4 been examined as above provided, and (2) the title has been approved by the examining attorney or title has been **and** accepted by  
5 all of the **Operator** Drilling Parties in such well.

### 6 **B. Loss or Failure of Title:**

7 ~~1. **Failure of Title:** Should any Oil and Gas Interest or Oil and Gas Lease be lost through failure of title, which results in a  
8 reduction of interest from that shown on Exhibit "A," the party credited with contributing the affected Lease or Interest  
9 (including, if applicable, a successor in interest to such party) shall have ninety (90) days from final determination of title  
10 failure to acquire a new lease or other instrument curing the entirety of the title failure, which acquisition will not be subject  
11 to Article VIII.B., and failing to do so, this agreement, nevertheless, shall continue in force as to all remaining Oil and Gas  
12 Leases and Interests; and,~~

13 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a) The party credited with contributing the Oil and Gas Lease or Interest affected by the title failure (including, if  
14 applicable, a successor in interest to such party) shall bear alone the entire loss and it shall not be entitled to recover from  
15 Operator or the other parties any development or operating costs which it may have previously paid or incurred, but there  
16 shall be no additional liability on its part to the other parties hereto by reason of such title failure;~~

17 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) There shall be no retroactive adjustment of expenses incurred or revenues received from the operation of the  
18 Lease or Interest which has failed, but the interests of the parties contained on Exhibit "A" shall be revised on an acreage  
19 basis, as of the time it is determined finally that title failure has occurred, so that the interest of the party whose Lease or  
20 Interest is affected by the title failure will thereafter be reduced in the Contract Area by the amount of the Lease or Interest failed;~~

21 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c) If the proportionate interest of the other parties hereto in any producing well previously drilled on the Contract  
22 Area is increased by reason of the title failure, the party who bore the costs incurred in connection with such well attributable  
23 to the Lease or Interest which has failed shall receive the proceeds attributable to the increase in such interest (less costs and  
24 burdens attributable thereto) until it has been reimbursed for unrecovered costs paid by it in connection with such well  
25 attributable to such failed Lease or Interest;~~

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

29 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (e) Any liability to account to a person not a party to this agreement for prior production of Oil and Gas which arises  
30 by reason of title failure shall be borne severally by each party (including a predecessor to a current party) who received  
31 production for which such accounting is required based on the amount of such production received, and each such party shall  
32 severally indemnify, defend and hold harmless all other parties hereto for any such liability to account;~~

33 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (f) No charge shall be made to the joint account for legal expenses, fees or salaries in connection with the defense of  
34 the Lease or Interest claimed to have failed, but if the party contributing such Lease or Interest hereto elects to defend its title  
35 it shall bear all expenses in connection therewith; and~~

36 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (g) If any party is given credit on Exhibit "A" to a Lease or Interest which is limited solely to ownership of an  
37 interest in the wellbore of any well or wells and the production therefrom, such party's absence of interest in the remainder  
38 of the Contract Area shall be considered a Failure of Title as to such remaining Contract Area unless that absence of interest  
39 is reflected on Exhibit "A."~~

40 ~~2. **Loss by Non Payment or Erroneous Payment of Amount Due:** If, through mistake or oversight, any rental, shut-in well  
41 payment, minimum royalty or royalty payment, or other payment necessary to maintain all or a portion of an Oil and Gas  
42 Lease or interest is not paid or is erroneously paid, and as a result a Lease or Interest terminates, there shall be no monetary  
43 liability against the party who failed to make such payment. Unless the party who failed to make the required payment  
44 secures a new Lease or Interest covering the same interest within ninety (90) days from the discovery of the failure to make  
45 proper payment, which acquisition will not be subject to Article VIII.B., the interests of the parties reflected on Exhibit "A"  
46 shall be revised on an acreage basis, effective as of the date of termination of the Lease or Interest involved, and the party  
47 who failed to make proper payment will no longer be credited with an interest in the Contract Area on account of ownership  
48 of the Lease or Interest which has terminated. If the party who failed to make the required payment shall not have been fully  
49 reimbursed, at the time of the loss, from the proceeds of the sale of Oil and Gas attributable to the lost Lease or Interest,  
50 calculated on an acreage basis, for the development and operating costs previously paid on account of such Lease or Interest,  
51 it shall be reimbursed for unrecovered actual costs previously paid by it (but not for its share of the cost of any dry hole  
52 previously drilled or wells previously abandoned) from so much of the following as is necessary to effect reimbursement:~~

53 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a) Proceeds of Oil and Gas produced prior to termination of the Lease or Interest, less operating expenses and lease  
54 burdens chargeable hereunder to the person who failed to make payment, previously accrued to the credit of the lost Lease or  
55 Interest, on an acreage basis, up to the amount of unrecovered costs;~~

56 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Proceeds of Oil and Gas, less operating expenses and lease burdens chargeable hereunder to the person who failed  
57 to make payment, up to the amount of unrecovered costs attributable to that portion of Oil and Gas thereafter produced and  
58 marketed (excluding production from any wells thereafter drilled) which, in the absence of such Lease or Interest termination,  
59 would be attributable to the lost Lease or Interest on an acreage basis and which as a result of such Lease or Interest  
60 termination is credited to other parties, the proceeds of said portion of the Oil and Gas to be contributed by the other parties  
61 in proportion to their respective interests reflected on Exhibit "A"; and,~~

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

64 ~~3. **Other All Losses:** All losses of Leases or Interests committed to this agreement, other than those set forth in Articles  
65 IV.B.1. and IV.B.2. above, shall be joint losses and shall be borne by all parties in proportion to their interests shown on  
66 Exhibit "A." This shall include but not be limited to the loss of any Lease or Interest through failure to develop or because  
67 express or implied covenants have not been performed (other than performance which requires only the payment of money),  
68 and the loss of any Lease by expiration at the end of its primary term if it is not renewed or extended. There shall be no  
69 readjustment of interests in the remaining portion of the Contract Area on account of any joint loss.~~

70 ~~4. **Curing Title:** In the event of a Failure of Title under Article IV.B.1. or a loss of title under Article IV.B.2. above, any  
71 Lease or Interest acquired by any party hereto (other than the party whose interest has failed or was lost) during the ninety  
72 (90) day period provided by Article IV.B.1. and Article IV.B.2. above covering all or a portion of the interest that has failed  
73 or was lost shall be offered at cost to the party whose interest has failed or was lost, and the provisions of Article VIII.B.  
74 shall not apply to such acquisition.~~

**ARTICLE V.  
OPERATOR**

**A. Designation and Responsibilities of Operator:**

SNAKE RIVER OIL AND GAS, LLC 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. In its performance of services hereunder for the Non-Operators, Operator shall be an independent contractor not subject to the control or direction of the Non-Operators except as to the type of operation to be undertaken in accordance with the election procedures contained in this agreement. Operator shall not be deemed, or hold itself out as, the agent of the Non-Operators with authority to bind them to any obligation or liability assumed or incurred by Operator as to any third party. Operator shall conduct its activities under this agreement as a reasonable prudent operator, in a good and workmanlike manner, with due diligence and dispatch, in accordance with good oilfield practice, and in compliance with applicable law and regulation, but in no event shall it have any 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 only for good cause by the affirmative vote of Non-Operators owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A" remaining after excluding the voting interest of Operator; such vote shall not be deemed effective until a written notice has been delivered to the Operator by a Non-Operator detailing the alleged default and Operator has failed to cure the default within thirty (30) days from its receipt of the notice or, if the default concerns an operation then being conducted, within forty-eight (48) hours ~~exclusive~~ inclusive of Saturdays and Sundays and U.S. Federal holidays of its receipt of the notice. For purposes hereof, "good cause" shall mean not only gross negligence or willful misconduct but also the material breach of or inability to meet the standards of operation contained in Article V.A. or material failure or inability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

Subject to Article VII.D.1., 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 under any provision of this agreement, 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 or is deemed to have resigned fails to vote or votes only to succeed itself, the successor Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of the party or 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 or resigned. The former Operator shall promptly deliver to the successor Operator all records and data relating to the operations conducted by the former Operator to the extent such records and data are not already in the possession of the successor operator. Any cost of obtaining or copying the former Operator's records and data shall be charged to the joint account.

3. Effect of Bankruptcy: If Operator becomes insolvent, bankrupt or is placed in receivership, it shall be deemed to have resigned without any action by Non-Operators, except the selection of a successor. If a petition for relief under the federal bankruptcy laws is filed by or against Operator, and the removal of Operator is prevented by the federal bankruptcy court, all Non-Operators and Operator shall comprise an interim operating committee to serve until Operator has elected to reject or assume this agreement pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, and an election to reject this agreement by Operator as a debtor in possession, or by a trustee in bankruptcy, shall be deemed a resignation as Operator without any action by Non-Operators, except the selection of a successor. During the period of time the operating committee controls operations, all actions shall require the approval of two (2) or more parties owning a majority interest based on ownership as shown on Exhibit "A." In the event there are only two (2) parties to this agreement, during the period of time the operating committee controls operations, a third party acceptable to Operator, Non-Operator and the federal bankruptcy court shall be selected as a member of the operating committee, and all actions shall require the approval of two (2) members of the operating committee without regard for their interest in the Contract Area based on Exhibit "A."

**C. Employees and Contractors:**

The number of employees or contractors 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 or contractors shall be the employees or contractors of Operator.

**D. Rights and Duties of Operator:**

1. Competitive Rates and Use of Affiliates: All wells drilled on the Contract Area shall be drilled on a competitive contract basis at the usual rates for comparable equipment and personnel 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. All work performed or materials supplied by affiliates or related parties of Operator shall be performed or supplied at competitive rates, pursuant to written agreement, and in accordance with customs and standards prevailing in the industry.

2. Discharge of Joint Account Obligations: 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.

3. Protection from Liens: Operator shall pay, or cause to be paid, as and when they become due and payable, all accounts of contractors and suppliers and wages and salaries for services rendered or performed, and for materials supplied on, to or in respect of the Contract Area or any operations for the joint account thereof, and shall keep the Contract Area free from

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1 liens and encumbrances resulting therefrom except for those resulting from a bona fide dispute as to services rendered or  
2 materials supplied.

3       4. Custody of Funds: Operator shall hold for the account of the Non-Operators any funds of the Non-Operators advanced  
4 or paid to the Operator, either for the conduct of operations hereunder or as a result of the sale of production from the  
5 Contract Area, and such funds shall remain the funds of the Non-Operators on whose account they are advanced or paid until  
6 used for their intended purpose or otherwise delivered to the Non-Operators or applied toward the payment of debts as  
7 provided in Article VII.B. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to establish a fiduciary relationship between Operator  
8 and Non-Operators for any purpose other than to account for Non-Operator funds as herein specifically provided. Nothing in  
9 this paragraph shall require the maintenance by Operator of separate accounts for the funds of Non-Operators unless the  
10 parties otherwise specifically agree.

11       5. Access to Contract Area and Records: Operator shall, except as otherwise provided herein, permit each Non-Operator  
12 or its duly authorized representative, at the Non-Operator's sole risk and cost, full and free access at all reasonable times to  
13 all operations of every kind and character being conducted for the joint account on the Contract Area and to the records of  
14 operations conducted thereon or production therefrom, including Operator's books and records relating thereto. Such access  
15 rights shall not be exercised in a manner interfering with Operator's conduct of an operation hereunder and shall not obligate  
16 Operator to furnish any geologic or geophysical data of an interpretive nature unless the cost of preparation of such  
17 interpretive data was charged to the joint account. Operator will furnish to each Non-Operator upon request copies of any  
18 and all reports and information obtained by Operator in connection with production and related items, including, without  
19 limitation, meter and chart reports, production purchaser statements, run tickets and monthly gauge reports, but excluding  
20 purchase contracts and pricing information to the extent not applicable to the production of the Non-Operator seeking the  
21 information. Any audit of Operator's records relating to amounts expended and the appropriateness of such expenditures  
22 shall be conducted in accordance with the audit protocol specified in Exhibit "C."

23       6. Filing and Furnishing Governmental Reports: Operator will file, and upon written request promptly furnish copies to  
24 each requesting Non-Operator not in default of its payment obligations, all operational notices, reports or applications  
25 required to be filed by local, State, Federal or Indian agencies or authorities having jurisdiction over operations hereunder.  
26 Each Non-Operator shall provide to Operator on a timely basis all information necessary to Operator to make such filings.

27       7. Drilling and Testing Operations: The following provisions shall apply to each well drilled hereunder, including but not  
28 limited to the Initial Well:

29       (a) Operator will promptly advise Non-Operators of the date on which the well is spudded, or the date on which  
30 drilling operations are commenced.

31       (b) Operator will send to Non-Operators such reports, test results and notices regarding the progress of operations on the well  
32 as the Non-Operators shall reasonably request, including, but not limited to, daily drilling reports, completion reports, and well logs.

33       (c) Operator shall adequately test all Zones encountered which may reasonably be expected to be capable of producing  
34 Oil and Gas in paying quantities as a result of examination of the electric log or any other logs or cores or tests conducted  
35 hereunder.

36       8. Cost Estimates: Upon request of any Consenting Party, Operator shall furnish estimates of current and cumulative costs  
37 incurred for the joint account at reasonable intervals during the conduct of any operation pursuant to this agreement.  
38 Operator shall not be held liable for errors in such estimates so long as the estimates are made in good faith.

39       9. Insurance: At all times while operations are conducted hereunder, Operator shall comply with the workers  
40 compensation law of the state where the operations are being conducted; provided, however, that Operator may be a self-  
41 insurer for liability under said compensation laws in which event the only charge that shall be made to the joint account shall  
42 be as provided in Exhibit "C." Operator shall also carry or provide insurance for the benefit of the joint account of the parties  
43 as outlined in Exhibit "D" attached hereto and made a part hereof. Operator shall require all contractors engaged in work on  
44 or for the Contract Area to comply with the workers compensation law of the state where the operations are being conducted  
45 and to maintain such other insurance as Operator may require.

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

### ARTICLE VI. DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT

51 **A. Initial Well:**

52       On or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Operator shall commence the drilling of the Initial  
53 Well at the following location.

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

67 The drilling of the Initial Well and the participation therein by all parties is obligatory, subject to Article VI.C.1. as to participation in Completion  
68 operations and Article VI.F. as to termination of operation and Article XI as to occurrence of force majeure.

69 **B. Subsequent Operations:**

70       1. Proposed Operations: If any party hereto should desire to drill any well on the Contract Area other than the Initial Well, or  
71 if any party should desire to Rework, Sidetrack, Deepen, Recomplete or Plug Back a dry hole or a well no longer capable of  
72 producing in paying quantities in which such party has not otherwise relinquished its interest in the proposed objective Zone under  
73 this agreement, the party desiring to drill, Rework, Sidetrack, Deepen, Recomplete or Plug Back such a well shall give written  
74 notice of the proposed operation to the parties who have not otherwise relinquished their interest in such objective Zone

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1 under this agreement and to all other parties in the case of a proposal for Sidetracking or Deepening, specifying the work to be  
 2 performed, the location, proposed depth, objective Zone and the estimated cost of the operation. The parties to whom such a  
 3 notice is delivered shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice within which to notify the party proposing to do the work  
 4 whether they elect to participate in the cost of the proposed operation. If a drilling rig is on location, notice of a proposal to  
 5 Rework, Sidetrack, Recomplete, Plug Back or Deepen may be given by telephone and the response period shall be limited to forty-  
 6 | eight (48) hours, ~~exclusive~~ <sup>U.S. Federal</sup> **inclusive** of Saturday, Sunday and / ~~legal~~ <sup>legal</sup> holidays. Failure of a party to whom such notice is delivered to reply  
 7 within the period above fixed shall constitute an election by that party not to participate in the cost of the proposed operation.  
 8 | ~~Any proposal by a party to conduct an operation conflicting with the operation initially proposed shall be delivered to all parties~~  
 9 | ~~within the time and in the manner provided in Article VI.B.6.~~

10 If all parties to whom such notice is delivered elect to participate in such a proposed operation, the parties shall be  
 11 contractually committed to participate therein provided such operations are commenced within the time period hereafter set  
 12 forth, and Operator shall, no later than ninety (90) days after expiration of the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as  
 13 promptly as practicable after the expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour period when a drilling rig is on location, as the case  
 14 may be), actually commence the proposed operation and thereafter complete it with due diligence at the risk and expense of  
 15 the parties participating therein; provided, however, said commencement date may be extended upon written notice of same  
 16 by Operator to the other parties, for a period of up to thirty (30) additional days if, in the sole opinion of Operator, such  
 17 additional time is reasonably necessary to obtain permits from governmental authorities, surface rights (including rights-of-  
 18 way) or appropriate drilling equipment, or to complete title examination or curative matter required for title approval or  
 19 acceptance. If the actual operation has not been commenced within the time provided (including any extension thereof as  
 20 specifically permitted herein or in the force majeure provisions of Article XI) and if any party hereto still desires to conduct  
 21 said operation, written notice proposing same must be resubmitted to the other parties in accordance herewith as if no prior  
 22 proposal had been made. Those parties that did not participate in the drilling of a well for which a proposal to Deepen or  
 23 Sidetrack is made hereunder shall, if such parties desire to participate in the proposed Deepening or Sidetracking operation,  
 24 reimburse the Drilling Parties in accordance with Article VI.B.4. in the event of a Deepening operation and in accordance  
 25 with Article VI.B.5. in the event of a Sidetracking operation.

## 26 2. Operations by Less Than All Parties:

27 (a) Determination of Participation. If any party to whom such notice is delivered as provided in Article VI.B.1. or  
 28 VIC.1. (Option No. 2) elects not to participate in the proposed operation, then, in order to be entitled to the benefits of this  
 29 Article, the party or parties giving the notice and such other parties as shall elect to participate in the operation shall, no  
 30 later than ninety (90) days after the expiration of the notice period of thirty (30) days (or as promptly as practicable after the  
 31 expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour period when a drilling rig is on location, as the case may be) actually commence the  
 32 proposed operation and complete it with due diligence. Operator shall perform all work for the account of the Consenting  
 33 Parties; provided, however, if no drilling rig or other equipment is on location, and if Operator is a Non-Consenting Party,  
 34 the Consenting Parties shall either: (i) request Operator to perform the work required by such proposed operation for the  
 35 account of the Consenting Parties, or (ii) designate one of the Consenting Parties as Operator to perform such work. The  
 36 rights and duties granted to and imposed upon the Operator under this agreement are granted to and imposed upon the party  
 37 designated as Operator for an operation in which the original Operator is a Non-Consenting Party. Consenting Parties, when  
 38 conducting operations on the Contract Area pursuant to this Article VI.B.2., shall comply with all terms and conditions of this  
 39 agreement.

40 If less than all parties approve any proposed operation, the proposing party, immediately after the expiration of the  
 41 applicable notice period, shall advise all Parties of the total interest of the parties approving such operation and its  
 42 recommendation as to whether the Consenting Parties should proceed with the operation as proposed. Each Consenting Party,  
 43 | within forty-eight (48) hours (~~exclusive~~ <sup>U.S. Federal</sup> **inclusive** of Saturday, Sunday, and / ~~legal~~ <sup>legal</sup> holidays) after delivery of such notice, shall advise the  
 44 proposing party of its desire to (i) limit participation to such party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" or (ii) carry only its  
 45 proportionate part (determined by dividing such party's interest in the Contract Area by the interests of all Consenting Parties in  
 46 the Contract Area) of Non-Consenting Parties' interests, or (iii) carry its proportionate part (determined as provided in (ii)) of  
 47 Non-Consenting Parties' interests together with all or a portion of its proportionate part of any Non-Consenting Parties'  
 48 interests that any Consenting Party did not elect to take. Any interest of Non-Consenting Parties that is not carried by a  
 49 Consenting Party shall be deemed to be carried by the party proposing the operation if such party does not withdraw its  
 50 proposal. Failure to advise the proposing party within the time required shall be deemed an election under (i). In the event a  
 51 drilling rig is on location, notice may be given by telephone, <sup>or email</sup> **mail, facsimile /** and the time permitted for such a response shall not exceed a  
 52 | total of forty-eight (48) hours (~~exclusive~~ <sup>U.S. Federal</sup> **inclusive** of Saturday, Sunday and / ~~legal~~ <sup>legal</sup> holidays). The proposing party, at its election, may  
 53 withdraw such proposal if there is less than 100% participation and shall notify all parties of such decision within ten (10)  
 54 days, or within twenty-four (24) hours if a drilling rig is on location, following expiration of the applicable response period.  
 55 If 100% subscription to the proposed operation is obtained, the proposing party shall promptly notify the Consenting Parties  
 56 of their proportionate interests in the operation and the party serving as Operator shall commence such operation within the  
 57 period provided in Article VI.B.1., subject to the same extension right as provided therein.

58 (b) Relinquishment of Interest for Non-Participation. The entire cost and risk of conducting such operations shall be  
 59 borne by the Consenting Parties in the proportions they have elected to bear same under the terms of the preceding  
 60 paragraph. Consenting Parties shall keep the leasehold estates involved in such operations free and clear of all liens and  
 61 encumbrances of every kind created by or arising from the operations of the Consenting Parties. If such an operation results  
 62 | in a dry hole, then subject to ~~Articles VI.B.6. and VI.E.3.,~~ the Consenting Parties shall plug and abandon the well and restore  
 63 the surface location at their sole cost, risk and expense; provided, however, that those Non-Consenting Parties that  
 64 participated in the drilling, Deepening or Sidetracking of the well shall remain liable for, and shall pay, their proportionate  
 65 shares of the cost of plugging and abandoning the well and restoring the surface location insofar only as those costs were not  
 66 increased by the subsequent operations of the Consenting Parties. If any well drilled, Reworked, Sidetracked, Deepened,  
 67 Recompleted or Plugged Back under the provisions of this Article results in a well capable of producing Oil and/or Gas in  
 68 paying quantities, the Consenting Parties shall Complete and equip the well to produce at their sole cost and risk, and the  
 69 well shall then be turned over to Operator (if the Operator did not conduct the operation) and shall be operated by it at the  
 70 expense and for the account of the Consenting Parties. Upon commencement of operations for the drilling, Reworking,  
 71 Sidetracking, Recompleting, Deepening or Plugging Back of any such well by Consenting Parties in accordance with the  
 72 provisions of this Article, each Non-Consenting Party shall be deemed to have relinquished to Consenting Parties, and the  
 73 Consenting Parties shall own and be entitled to receive, in proportion to their respective interests, all of such Non-  
 74 Consenting Party's interest in the well and share of production therefrom or, in the case of a Reworking, Sidetracking,

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1 Deepening, Recompleting or Plugging Back, or a Completion pursuant to Article VI.C.1. Option No. 2, all of such Non-  
2 Consenting Party's interest in the production obtained from the operation in which the Non-Consenting Party did not elect  
3 to participate. Such relinquishment shall be effective until the proceeds of the sale of such share, calculated at the well, or  
4 market value thereof if such share is not sold (after deducting applicable ad valorem, production, severance, and excise taxes,  
5 royalty, overriding royalty and other interests not excepted by Article III.C. payable out of or measured by the production  
6 from such well accruing with respect to such interest until it reverts), shall equal the total of the following:

7 (i) 200.0 % of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of any newly acquired surface equipment  
8 beyond the wellhead connections (including but not limited to stock tanks, separators, treaters, pumping equipment and  
9 piping), plus 100% of each such Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of operation of the well commencing with first  
10 production and continuing until each such Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest shall revert to it under other  
11 provisions of this Article, it being agreed that each Non-Consenting Party's share of such costs and equipment will be that  
12 interest which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party had it participated in the well from the beginning  
13 of the operations; and

14 (ii) 500.0<sup>300.0</sup> % of (a) that portion of the costs and expenses of drilling, Reworking, Sidetracking, Deepening,  
15 Plugging Back, testing, Completing, and Recompleting, after deducting any cash contributions received under Article VIII.C.,  
16 and of (b) that portion of the cost of newly acquired equipment in the well (to and including the wellhead connections),  
17 which would have been chargeable to such Non-Consenting Party if it had participated therein.

18 ~~Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article VI.B., if the well does not reach the deepest objective Zone~~  
19 ~~described in the notice proposing the well for reasons other than the encountering of granite or practically impenetrable~~  
20 ~~substance or other condition in the hole rendering further operations impracticable, Operator shall give notice thereof to each~~  
21 ~~Non-Consenting Party who submitted or voted for an alternative proposal under Article VI.B.6. to drill the well to a~~  
22 ~~shallower Zone than the deepest objective Zone proposed in the notice under which the well was drilled, and each such Non-~~  
23 ~~Consenting Party shall have the option to participate in the initial proposed Completion of the well by paying its share of the~~  
24 ~~cost of drilling the well to its actual depth, calculated in the manner provided in Article VI.B.4. (a). If any such Non-~~  
25 ~~Consenting Party does not elect to participate in the first Completion proposed for such well, the relinquishment provisions~~  
26 ~~of this Article VI.B.2. (b) shall apply to such party's interest.~~

27 (c) Reworking, Recompleting or Plugging Back. An election not to participate in the drilling, Sidetracking or  
28 Deepening of a well shall be deemed an election not to participate in any Reworking or Plugging Back operation proposed in  
29 such a well, or portion thereof, to which the initial non-consent election applied that is conducted at any time prior to full  
30 recovery by the Consenting Parties of the Non-Consenting Party's recoupment amount. Similarly, an election not to  
31 participate in the Completing or Recompleting of a well shall be deemed an election not to participate in any Reworking  
32 operation proposed in such a well, or portion thereof, to which the initial non-consent election applied that is conducted at  
33 any time prior to full recovery by the Consenting Parties of the Non-Consenting Party's recoupment amount. Any such  
34 Reworking, Recompleting or Plugging Back operation conducted during the recoupment period shall be deemed part of the  
35 cost of operation of said well and there shall be added to the sums to be recouped by the Consenting Parties 300  
500.0 % of  
36 that portion of the costs of the Reworking, Recompleting or Plugging Back operation which would have been chargeable to  
37 such Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein. If such a Reworking, Recompleting or Plugging Back operation is  
38 proposed during such recoupment period, the provisions of this Article VI.B. shall be applicable as between said Consenting  
39 Parties in said well.

40 (d) Recoupment Matters. During the period of time Consenting Parties are entitled to receive Non-Consenting Party's  
41 share of production, or the proceeds therefrom, Consenting Parties shall be responsible for the payment of all ad valorem,  
42 production, severance, excise, gathering and other taxes, and all royalty, overriding royalty and other burdens applicable to  
43 Non-Consenting Party's share of production not excepted by Article III.C.

44 In the case of any Reworking, Sidetracking, Plugging Back, Recompleting or Deepening operation, the Consenting  
45 Parties shall be permitted to use, free of cost, all casing, tubing and other equipment in the well, but the ownership of all  
46 such equipment shall remain unchanged; and upon abandonment of a well after such Reworking, Sidetracking, Plugging Back,  
47 Recompleting or Deepening, the Consenting Parties shall account for all such equipment to the owners thereof, with each  
48 party receiving its proportionate part in kind or in value, less cost of salvage.

49 Within ninety (90) days after the completion of any operation under this Article, the party conducting the operations  
50 for the Consenting Parties shall furnish each Non-Consenting Party with an inventory of the equipment in and connected to  
51 the well, and an itemized statement of the cost of drilling, Sidetracking, Deepening, Plugging Back, testing, Completing,  
52 Recompleting, and equipping the well for production; or, at its option, the operating party, in lieu of an itemized statement  
53 of such costs of operation, may submit a detailed statement of monthly billings. Each month thereafter, during the time the  
54 Consenting Parties are being reimbursed as provided above, the party conducting the operations for the Consenting Parties  
55 shall furnish the Non-Consenting Parties with an itemized statement of all costs and liabilities incurred in the operation of  
56 the well, together with a statement of the quantity of Oil and Gas produced from it and the amount of proceeds realized from  
57 the sale of the well's working interest production during the preceding month. In determining the quantity of Oil and Gas  
58 produced during any month, Consenting Parties shall use industry accepted methods such as but not limited to metering or  
59 periodic well tests. Any amount realized from the sale or other disposition of equipment newly acquired in connection with  
60 any such operation which would have been owned by a Non-Consenting Party had it participated therein shall be credited  
61 against the total unreturned costs of the work done and of the equipment purchased in determining when the interest of such  
62 Non-Consenting Party shall revert to it as above provided; and if there is a credit balance, it shall be paid to such Non-  
63 Consenting Party.

64 If and when the Consenting Parties recover from a Non-Consenting Party's relinquished interest the amounts provided  
65 for above, the relinquished interests of such Non-Consenting Party shall automatically revert to it as of 7:00 a.m. on the day  
66 following the day on which such recoupment occurs, and, from and after such reversion, such Non-Consenting Party shall  
67 own the same interest in such well, the material and equipment in or pertaining thereto, and the production therefrom as  
68 such Non-Consenting Party would have been entitled to had it participated in the drilling, Sidetracking, Reworking,  
69 Deepening, Recompleting or Plugging Back of said well. Thereafter, such Non-Consenting Party shall be charged with and  
70 shall pay its proportionate part of the further costs of the operation of said well in accordance with the terms of this  
71 agreement and Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

72 3. Stand-By Costs: When a well which has been drilled or Deepened has reached its authorized depth and all tests have  
73 been completed and the results thereof furnished to the parties, or when operations on the well have been otherwise  
74 terminated pursuant to Article VI.F., stand-by costs incurred pending response to a party's notice proposing a Reworking,



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1 Sidetracking, Deepening, Recompleting, Plugging Back or Completing operation in such a well (including the period required  
2 under Article VI.B.6. to resolve competing proposals) shall be charged and borne as part of the drilling or Deepening  
3 operation just completed. Stand-by costs subsequent to all parties responding, or expiration of the response time permitted,  
4 whichever first occurs, and prior to agreement as to the participating interests of all Consenting Parties pursuant to the terms  
5 of the second grammatical paragraph of Article VI.B.2. (a), shall be charged to and borne as part of the proposed operation,  
6 but if the proposal is subsequently withdrawn because of insufficient participation, such stand-by costs shall be allocated  
7 between the Consenting Parties in the proportion each Consenting Party's interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total  
8 interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all Consenting Parties.

9 <sup>for Deepening</sup>  
10 In the event that notice for a Sidetracking operation is given while the drilling rig to be utilized is on location, any party  
11 may request and receive up to five (5) additional days after expiration of the forty-eight hour response period specified in  
12 Article VI.B.1. within which to respond by paying for all stand-by costs and other costs incurred during such extended  
13 response period; Operator may require such party to pay the estimated stand-by time in advance as a condition to extending  
14 the response period. If more than one party elects to take such additional time to respond to the notice, standby costs shall be  
15 allocated between the parties taking additional time to respond on a day-to-day basis in the proportion each electing party's  
16 interest as shown on Exhibit "A" bears to the total interest as shown on Exhibit "A" of all the electing parties.

17 4. Deepening: If less than all parties elect to participate in a drilling, Sidetracking, or Deepening operation proposed  
18 pursuant to Article VI.B.1., the interest relinquished by the Non-Consenting Parties to the Consenting Parties under Article  
19 VI.B.2. shall relate only and be limited to the lesser of (i) the total depth actually drilled or (ii) the objective depth or Zone of which the  
20 parties were given notice under Article VI.B.1. ("Initial Objective"). Such well shall not be Deepened beyond the Initial Objective  
21 without first complying with this Article to afford the Non-Consenting Parties the opportunity to participate in the Deepening  
22 operation.

23 In the event any Consenting Party desires to drill or Deepen a Non-Consent Well to a depth below the Initial  
24 Objective, such party shall give notice thereof, complying with the requirements of Article VI.B.1., to all parties  
25 (including Non-Consenting Parties). Thereupon, Articles VI.B.1. and 2. shall apply and all parties receiving such notice shall  
26 have the right to participate or not participate in the Deepening of such well pursuant to said Articles VI.B.1. and 2. If a  
27 Deepening operation is approved pursuant to such provisions, and if any Non-Consenting Party elects to participate in the  
28 Deepening operation, such Non-Consenting party shall pay or make reimbursement (as the case may be) of the following costs and expenses.

29 (a) If the proposal to Deepen is made prior to the Completion of such well as a well capable of producing in  
30 paying quantities, such Non-Consenting Party shall pay (or reimburse Consenting Parties for, as the case may be) that share  
31 of costs and expenses incurred in connection with the drilling of said well from the surface to the Initial Objective  
32 which Non-Consenting Party would have paid had such Non-Consenting Party agreed to participate therein, plus the  
33 Non-Consenting Party's share of the cost of Deepening and of participating in any further operations on the well in  
34 accordance with the other provisions of this Agreement; provided, however, all costs for testing and Completion or  
35 attempted Completion of the well incurred by Consenting Parties prior to the point of actual operations to Deepen beyond  
36 the Initial Objective shall be for the sole account of Consenting Parties.

37 (b) If the proposal is made for a Non-Consent Well that has been previously Completed as a well capable of producing  
38 in paying quantities, but is no longer capable of producing in paying quantities, such Non-Consenting Party shall pay (or  
39 reimburse Consenting Parties for, as the case may be) its proportionate share of all costs of drilling, Completing, and  
40 equipping said well from the surface to the Initial Objective, calculated in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above, less  
41 those costs recouped by the Consenting Parties from the sale of production from the well. The Non-Consenting Party shall  
42 also pay its proportionate share of all costs of re-entering said well. The Non-Consenting Parties' proportionate part (based  
43 on the percentage of such well Non-Consenting Party would have owned had it previously participated in such Non-Consent  
44 Well) of the costs of salvable materials and equipment remaining in the hole and salvable surface equipment used  
45 in connection with such well shall be determined in accordance with Exhibit "C." If the Consenting Parties have recouped  
46 the cost of drilling, Completing, and equipping the well at the time such Deepening operation is conducted, then a  
47 Non-Consenting Party may participate in the Deepening of the well with no payment for costs incurred prior to re-  
48 entering the well for Deepening

49 The foregoing shall not imply a right of any Consenting Party to propose any Deepening for a Non-Consent Well  
50 prior to the drilling of such well to its Initial Objective without the consent of the other Consenting Parties as provided in  
51 Article VI.F.

52 5. Sidetracking: Any party having the right to participate in a proposed Sidetracking operation that does not own  
53 an interest in the affected wellbore at the time of the notice shall, upon electing to participate, tender to the wellbore owners  
54 its proportionate share (equal to its interest in the Sidetracking operation) of the value of that portion of the existing  
55 wellbore to be utilized as follows:

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

58 (b) If the proposal is for Sidetracking a well which has previously produced, reimbursement shall be on the basis  
59 of such party's proportionate share of drilling and equipping costs incurred in the initial drilling of the well down to the  
60 depth at which the Sidetracking operation is conducted, calculated in the manner described in Article VI.B.4(b) above. Such  
61 party's proportionate share of the cost of the well's salvable materials and equipment down to the depth at which the  
62 Sidetracking operation is initiated shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C."

63 6. Order of Preference of Operations. ~~Any reference to Article VI.B.6 in this Agreement is hereby deleted and in lieu thereof inserted Article XVI.A. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this agreement, if any party desires to~~  
64 ~~propose the conduct of an operation that conflicts with a proposal that has been made by a party under this Article VI, such~~  
65 ~~party shall have fifteen (15) days from delivery of the initial proposal, in the case of a proposal to drill a well or to perform~~  
66 ~~an operation on a well where no drilling rig is on location, or twenty four (24) hours, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal~~  
67 ~~holidays, from delivery of the initial proposal, if a drilling rig is on location for the well on which such operation is to be~~  
68 ~~conducted, to deliver to all parties entitled to participate in the proposed operation such party's alternative proposal, such~~  
69 ~~alternate proposal to contain the same information required to be included in the initial proposal. Each party receiving such~~  
70 ~~proposals shall elect by delivery of notice to Operator within five (5) days after expiration of the proposal period, or within~~  
71 ~~twenty four (24) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) if a drilling rig is on location for the well that is the~~  
72 ~~subject of the proposals, to participate in one of the competing proposals. Any party not electing within the time required~~  
73 ~~shall be deemed not to have voted. The proposal receiving the vote of parties owning the largest aggregate percentage~~  
74 ~~interest of the parties voting shall have priority over all other competing proposals; in the case of a tie vote, the~~

~~initial proposal shall prevail. Operator shall deliver notice of such result to all parties entitled to participate in the operation within five (5) days after expiration of the election period (or within twenty four (24) hours, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays, if a drilling rig is on location). Each party shall then have two (2) days (or twenty four (24) hours if a rig is on location) from receipt of such notice to elect by delivery of notice to Operator to participate in such operation or to relinquish interest in the affected well pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2.; failure by a party to deliver notice within such period shall be deemed an election not to participate in the prevailing proposal.~~

7. Conformity to Spacing Pattern. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article VI.B.2., it is agreed that no wells shall be proposed to be drilled to or Completed in or produced from a Zone from which a well located elsewhere on the Contract Area is producing, **or has been approved as an exception to the then-existing spacing pattern for such zone by the appropriate agency**, unless such well conforms to the then-existing well spacing pattern for such Zone / .

8. Paying Wells. No party shall conduct any Reworking, Deepening, Plugging Back, Completion, Recompletion, or Sidetracking operation under this agreement with respect to any well then capable of producing in paying quantities except with the consent of all parties that have not relinquished interests in the well at the time of such operation.

**C. Completion of Wells; Reworking and Plugging Back:**

1. Completion: Without the consent of all parties, no well shall be drilled, Deepened or Sidetracked, except any well drilled, Deepened or Sidetracked pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement. Consent to the drilling, Deepening or Sidetracking sh

Option No. 2: **For all vertical wells and wells not considered Horizontal Wells,** All necessary expenditures for the drilling, Deepening or Sidetracking and testing of the well. When such well has reached its authorized depth, and all logs, cores and other tests have been completed, and the results thereof furnished to the parties, Operator shall give immediate notice to the Non-Operators having the right to participate in a Completion attempt whether or not Operator recommends attempting to Complete the well, together with Operator's AFE for Completion costs if not previously provided. The parties receiving such notice shall have **fifteen (15) days, or, if a rig is on location, U.S. Federal** forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) in which to elect by delivery of notice to Operator to participate in a recommended Completion attempt or to make a Completion proposal with an accompanying AFE. Operator shall deliver any such Completion proposal, or any Completion proposal conflicting with Operator's proposal, to the other parties entitled to participate in such Completion in accordance with the procedures specified in Article VI.B.6. Election to participate in a Completion attempt shall include consent to all necessary expenditures for the Completing and equipping of such well, **including, but not limited to, pipelines, flow lines, meters and meter sites, taps and tap sites,** ~~including / necessary tankage and/or surface facilities /~~ <sup>without limitation</sup> excluding any stimulation operation not contained on the Completion AFE. 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; provided, that Article XVI.AB-6. shall control in the case of conflicting Completion proposals. If one or more, but less than all of the parties, elect to attempt a Completion, the provision of Article VI.B.2. hereof (the phrase "Reworking, Sidetracking, Deepening, Recompleting 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; provided, however, that Article VI.B.2. shall apply separately to each separate Completion or Recompletion attempt undertaken hereunder, and an election to become a Non-Consenting Party as to one Completion or Recompletion attempt shall not prevent a party from becoming a Consenting Party in subsequent Completion or Recompletion attempts regardless whether the Consenting Parties as to earlier Completions or Recompletion have recouped their costs pursuant to Article VI.B.2.; provided further, that any recoupment of costs by a Consenting Party shall be made solely from the production attributable to the Zone in which the Completion attempt is made. Election by a previous Non-Consenting party to participate in a subsequent Completion or Recompletion attempt shall require such party to pay its proportionate share of the cost of salvable materials and equipment installed in the well pursuant to the previous Completion or Recompletion attempt, insofar and only insofar as such materials and equipment benefit the Zone in which such party participates in a Completion attempt. **In addition Operator shall make a reasonable attempt to test those formations identified on the log or logs as potentially capable of producing oil or gas.**

2. Rework, Recomplete or Plug Back: No well shall be Reworked, Recompleted or Plugged Back except a well Reworked, Recompleted, or Plugged Back pursuant to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. of this agreement. Consent to the Reworking, Recompleting 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.

**D. Other Operations:**

Operator shall not undertake any single project reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of \_\_\_\_\_ **Fifty Thousand and no/100** Dollars (\$ **50,000.00** ) except in connection with the drilling, Sidetracking, Reworking, Deepening, Completing, Recompleting or Plugging Back of a well that 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 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 **Fifty Thousand and no/100** Dollars (\$ **50,000.00** ). Any party who has not relinquished its interest in a well shall have the right to propose that Operator perform repair work or undertake the installation of artificial lift equipment or ancillary production facilities such as salt water disposal wells or to conduct additional work with respect to a well drilled hereunder or other similar project ~~(but~~

~~not including the installation of gathering lines or other transportation or marketing facilities, the installation of which shall be governed by separate agreement between the parties)~~ reasonably estimated to require an expenditure in excess of the amount first set forth above in this Article VI.D. (except in connection with an operation required to be proposed under Articles VI.B.1. or VI.C.1. Option No. 2, which shall be governed exclusively by those Articles). Operator shall deliver such proposal to all parties entitled to participate therein. If within thirty (30) days thereof Operator secures the written consent of any party or parties owning at least **60.0** % of the interests of the parties entitled to participate in such operation, each party having the right to participate in such project shall be bound by the terms of such proposal and shall be obligated to pay its proportionate share of the costs of the proposed project as if it had consented to such project pursuant to the terms of the proposal.

**E. Abandonment of Wells:**

1. Abandonment of Dry Holes: Except for any well drilled or Deepened pursuant to Article VI.B.2., any well which has been drilled or Deepened under the terms of this agreement and is proposed to be completed as a dry hole shall not be

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1 plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. Should Operator, after diligent effort, be unable to contact any  
 2 party, or should any party fail to reply within forty-eight (48) hours (~~exclusive~~ <sup>U.S. Federal</sup> ~~inclusive~~ of Saturday, Sunday and / legal holidays) after  
 3 delivery of notice of the proposal to plug and abandon such well, such party shall be deemed to have consented to the  
 4 proposed abandonment. All such wells shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the  
 5 cost, risk and expense of the parties who participated in the cost of drilling or Deepening such well. Any party who objects to  
 6 plugging and abandoning such well by notice delivered to Operator within forty-eight (48) hours (~~exclusive~~ <sup>U.S. Federal</sup> ~~inclusive~~ of Saturday,  
 7 Sunday and / legal holidays) after delivery of notice of the proposed plugging shall take over the well as of the end of such  
 8 forty-eight (48) hour notice period and conduct further operations in search of Oil and/or Gas subject to the provisions of  
 9 Article VI.B.; failure of such party to provide proof reasonably satisfactory to Operator of its financial capability to conduct  
 10 such operations or to take over the well within such period or thereafter to conduct operations on such well or plug and  
 11 abandon such well shall entitle Operator to retain or take possession of the well and plug and abandon the well. The party  
 12 taking over the well shall indemnify Operator (if Operator is an abandoning party) and the other abandoning parties against  
 13 liability for any further operations conducted on such well except for the costs of plugging and abandoning the well and  
 14 restoring the surface, for which the abandoning parties shall remain proportionately liable.

15 **2. Abandonment of Wells That Have Produced:** Except for any well in which a Non-Consent operation has been  
 16 conducted hereunder for which the Consenting Parties have not been fully reimbursed as herein provided, any well which has  
 17 been completed as a producer shall not be plugged and abandoned without the consent of all parties. If all parties consent to  
 18 such abandonment, the well shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations and at the cost, risk  
 19 and expense of all the parties hereto. Failure of a party to reply within ~~sixty (60)~~ **thirty (30)** days of delivery of notice of proposed  
 20 abandonment shall be deemed an election to consent to the proposal. If, within ~~sixty (60)~~ **thirty (30)** days after delivery of notice of the  
 21 proposed abandonment of any well, all parties do not agree to the abandonment of such well, those wishing to continue its  
 22 operation from the Zone then open to production shall be obligated to take over the well as of the expiration of the  
 23 applicable notice period and shall indemnify Operator (if Operator is an abandoning party) and the other abandoning parties  
 24 against liability for any further operations on the well conducted by such parties. Failure of such party or parties to provide  
 25 proof reasonably satisfactory to Operator of their financial capability to conduct such operations or to take over the well  
 26 within the required period or thereafter to conduct operations on such well shall entitle operator to retain or take possession  
 27 of such well and plug and abandon the well.

28 Parties taking over a well as provided herein shall tender to each of the other parties its proportionate share of the value of  
 29 the well's salvable material and equipment, determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C," less the estimated cost  
 30 of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning and restoring the surface.; ~~provided, however, that in the event~~  
 31 ~~the estimated plugging and abandoning and surface restoration costs and the estimated cost of salvaging are higher than the~~  
 32 ~~value of the well's salvable material and equipment, each of the abandoning parties shall tender to the parties continuing~~  
 33 ~~operations their proportionate shares of the estimated excess cost.~~ Each abandoning party shall assign to the non-abandoning  
 34 parties, without warranty, express or implied, as to title or as to quantity, or fitness for use of the equipment and material, all  
 35 of its interest in the wellbore of the well and related equipment, together with its interest in the Leasehold insofar and only  
 36 insofar as such Leasehold covers the right to obtain production from that wellbore in the Zone then open to production. If the  
 37 interest of the abandoning party is or includes and Oil and Gas Interest, such party shall execute and deliver to the non-  
 38 abandoning party or parties an oil and gas lease, limited to the wellbore and the Zone then open to production, for a term of  
 39 one (1) year and so long thereafter as Oil and/or Gas is produced from the Zone covered thereby, such lease to be on ~~the form~~  
 40 ~~attached as Exhibit "B."~~ <sup>a mutually agreeable form</sup> The assignments or leases so limited shall encompass the Drilling Unit upon which the well is located.  
 41 The payments by, and the assignments or leases to, the assignees shall be in a ratio based upon the relationship of their  
 42 respective percentage of participation in the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract  
 43 Area of all assignees. There shall be no readjustment of interests in the remaining portions of the Contract Area.

44 Thereafter, abandoning parties shall have no further responsibility, liability, or interest in the operation of or production  
 45 from the well in the Zone then open other than the royalties retained in any lease made under the terms of this Article.

46 ~~Upon~~ <sup>may, at its sole discretion, elect</sup>  
 47 ~~request, Operator / shall continue to operate the assigned well for the account of the non-abandoning parties at the rates and~~  
 48 charges contemplated by this agreement, plus any additional cost and charges which may arise as the result of the separate  
 49 ownership of the assigned well. Upon proposed abandonment of the producing Zone assigned or leased, the assignor or lessor  
 50 shall then have the option to repurchase its prior interest in the well (using the same valuation formula) and participate in  
 51 further operations therein subject to the provisions hereof.

52 **3. Abandonment of Non-Consent Operations:** The provisions of Article VI.E.1. or VI.E.2. above shall be applicable as  
 53 between Consenting Parties in the event of the proposed abandonment of any well excepted from said Articles; provided,  
 54 however, no well shall be permanently plugged and abandoned unless and until all parties having the right to conduct further  
 55 operations therein have been notified of the proposed abandonment and afforded the opportunity to elect to take over the well  
 56 in accordance with the provisions of this Article VI.E.; and provided further, that Non-Consenting Parties who own an interest  
 57 in a portion of the well shall pay their proportionate shares of abandonment and surface restoration cost for such well as  
 58 provided in Article VI.B.2.(b).

**F. Termination of Operations:**

59 Upon the commencement of an operation for the drilling, Reworking, Sidetracking, Plugging Back, Deepening, testing,  
 60 Completion or plugging of a well, including but not limited to the Initial Well, such operation shall not be terminated without  
 61 consent of parties bearing 60 % of the costs of such operation; provided, however, that in the event granite or other  
 62 practically impenetrable substance or condition in the hole is encountered which renders further operations impractical,  
 63 Operator may discontinue operations and give notice of such condition in the manner provided in Article VI.B.1, and the  
 64 provisions of Article VI.B. or VI.E. shall thereafter apply to such operation, as appropriate.

**G. Taking Production in Kind:** **Option No. 1: Gas Balancing Agreement Attached**

67 ~~Each party shall / take in kind or~~ <sup>have the option to</sup> ~~and~~ separately dispose of its proportionate share of all Oil and Gas produced from the  
 68 Contract Area, exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in preparing and  
 69 treating Oil and Gas for marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditure incurred in the taking  
 70 in kind ~~or~~ ~~and~~ separate disposition by any party of its proportionate share of the production shall be borne by such party. Any  
 71 party taking its share of production in kind shall be required to pay for only its proportionate share of such part of  
 72 ~~Operator's surface facilities / which it uses.~~ <sup>including, without limitation, well location and ingress and egress</sup>

73 Each party shall execute such division orders and contracts as may be necessary for the sale of its interest in  
 74 production from the Contract Area, and, except as provided in Article VII.B., shall be entitled to receive payment

1 directly from the purchaser thereof for its share of all production.

2 If any party fails to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate  
3 share of the Oil produced from the Contract Area, Operator shall have the right, subject to the revocation at will by  
4 the party owning it, but not the obligation, to purchase such Oil or sell it to others at any time and from time to  
5 time, for the account of the non-taking party **at the same price obtained for Operator's share of production under an arms**  
6 **length third party purchase or sales contract.** Any such purchase or sale by Operator may be terminated by  
7 Operator upon at least ~~ten (10)~~ **thirty (30)** days written notice to the owner of said production and shall be subject always to  
8 the right of the owner of the production upon at least ~~ten (10)~~ **thirty (30)** days written notice to Operator to exercise at any  
9 time its right to take in kind, or separately dispose of, its share of all Oil. ~~not previously delivered to a purchaser.~~  
10 Any purchase or sale by Operator of any other party's share of Oil shall be only for such reasonable periods of time  
11 as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the particular circumstances, but in no event for a  
12 period in excess of one (1) year **provided however, that the effective date of any such revocation may be deferred at**  
13 **Operator's election for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days if Operator has committed such production to a purchase**  
14 **contract having a term extending beyond such thirty (30) day period .**

15 Any such sale of Oil and Gas by Operator shall be in a manner commercially reasonable under the circumstances but Operator  
16 shall have no duty to share any existing market or to obtain a price equal to that received under any existing  
17 market. The sale or delivery by Operator of a non-taking party's share of Oil and Gas under the terms of any existing  
18 contract of Operator shall not give the non-taking party any interest in or make the non-taking party a party to said  
19 contract. No purchase shall be made by Operator without first giving the non-taking party at least ten (10) days  
20 written notice of such intended purchase and the price to be paid or the pricing basis to be used.

21 All parties shall give timely written notice to Operator of their Gas marketing arrangements for the following  
22 month, excluding price, and shall notify Operator immediately in the event of a change in such arrangements.  
23 Operator shall maintain records of all marketing arrangements, and of volumes actually sold or transported, which  
24 records shall be made available to Non-Operators upon reasonable request.

25 In the event one or more parties' **fail to take in kind or separately dispose of its/their proportionate share of gas, and if such**  
26 **parties'** separate disposition of its/their share of the Gas causes split-stream deliveries to separate  
27 pipelines and/or deliveries which on a day-to-day basis for any reason are not exactly equal to a party's respective proportion-  
28 ate share of total Gas sales to be allocated to it, the balancing or accounting between the parties shall be in accordance with  
29 **any the Gas Balancing Agreement between the parties hereto, in the form** ~~whether such an agreement is attached as Exhibit "E" or is a~~  
30 ~~separate agreement.~~ Operator shall give notice to all parties of the first sales of Gas from any well under this agreement. **If any**  
31 **party creates the necessity for separate measurement facilities such party shall bear all costs related to purchase,**  
32 **installation and maintenance of such facilities.**

33  **Option No. 2: No Gas Balancing Agreement:**

34 ~~Each party shall take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of all Oil and Gas produced from~~  
35 ~~the Contract Area, exclusive of production which may be used in development and producing operations and in~~  
36 ~~preparing and treating Oil and Gas for marketing purposes and production unavoidably lost. Any extra expenditures~~  
37 ~~incurred in the taking in kind or separate disposition by any party of its proportionate share of the production shall~~  
38 ~~be borne by such party. Any party taking its share of production in kind shall be required to pay for only its~~  
39 ~~proportionate share of such part of Operator's surface facilities which it uses.~~

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

43 ~~If any party fails to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate~~  
44 ~~share of the Oil and/or Gas produced from the Contract Area, Operator shall have the right, subject to the~~  
45 ~~revocation at will by the party owning it, but not the obligation, to purchase such Oil and/or Gas or sell it to others~~  
46 ~~at any time and from time to time, for the account of the non-taking party. Any such purchase or sale by Operator~~  
47 ~~may be terminated by Operator upon at least ten (10) days written notice to the owner of said production and shall~~  
48 ~~be subject always to the right of the owner of the production upon at least ten (10) days written notice to Operator~~  
49 ~~to exercise its right to take in kind, or separately dispose of, its share of all Oil and/or Gas not previously delivered~~  
50 ~~to a purchaser; provided, however, that the effective date of any such revocation may be deferred at Operator's~~  
51 ~~election for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days if Operator has committed such production to a purchase~~  
52 ~~contract having a term extending beyond such ten (10) day period. Any purchase or sale by Operator of any other~~  
53 ~~party's share of Oil and/or Gas shall be only for such reasonable periods of time as are consistent with the~~  
54 ~~minimum needs of the industry under the particular circumstances, but in no event for a period in excess of one (1)~~  
55 ~~year.~~

56 ~~Any such sale by Operator shall be in a manner commercially reasonable under the circumstances, but Operator~~  
57 ~~shall have no duty to share any existing market or transportation arrangement or to obtain a price or transportation~~  
58 ~~fee equal to that received under any existing market or transportation arrangement. The sale or delivery by~~  
59 ~~Operator of a non-taking party's share of production under the terms of any existing contract of Operator shall not~~  
60 ~~give the non-taking party any interest in or make the non-taking party a party to said contract. No purchase of Oil~~  
61 ~~and Gas and no sale of Gas shall be made by Operator without first giving the non-taking party ten days written~~  
62 ~~notice of such intended purchase or sale and the price to be paid or the pricing basis to be used. Operator shall give~~  
63 ~~notice to all parties of the first sale of Gas from any well under this Agreement.~~

64 ~~All parties shall give timely written notice to Operator of their Gas marketing arrangements for the following~~  
65 ~~month, excluding price, and shall notify Operator immediately in the event of a change in such arrangements.~~  
66 ~~Operator shall maintain records of all marketing arrangements, and of volumes actually sold or transported, which~~  
67 ~~records shall be made available to Non-Operators upon reasonable request.~~

68 **ARTICLE VII.**

69 **EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITY OF PARTIES**

70 **A. Liability of Parties:**

71 The liability of the parties shall be several, not joint or collective. Each party shall be responsible only for its obligations,  
72 and shall be liable only for its proportionate share of the costs of developing and operating the Contract Area. Accordingly, the  
73 liens granted among the parties in Article VII.B. are given to secure only the debts of each severally, and no party shall have  
74 any liability to third parties hereunder to satisfy the default of any other party in the payment of any expense or obligation  
hereunder. It is not the intention of the parties to create, nor shall this agreement be construed as creating, a mining or other  
partnership, joint venture, agency relationship or association, or to render the parties liable as partners, co-venturers, or

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1 principals. In their relations with each other under this agreement, the parties shall not be considered fiduciaries or to have  
2 established a confidential relationship but rather shall be free to act on an arm's-length basis in accordance with their own  
3 respective self-interest, subject, however, to the obligation of the parties to act in good faith in their dealings with each other  
4 with respect to activities hereunder.

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**B. Liens and Security Interests:**

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

To perfect the lien and security agreement provided herein, each party hereto shall execute and acknowledge the recording supplement and/or any financing statement prepared and submitted by any party hereto in conjunction herewith or at any time following execution hereof, and Operator is authorized to file this agreement or the recording supplement executed herewith as a lien or mortgage in the applicable real estate records and as a financing statement with the proper officer under the Uniform Commercial Code in the state in which the Contract Area is situated and such other states as Operator shall deem appropriate to perfect the security interest granted hereunder. Any party may file this agreement, the recording supplement executed herewith, or such other documents as it deems necessary as a lien or mortgage in the applicable real estate records and/or a financing statement with the proper officer under the Uniform Commercial Code.

Each party represents and warrants to the other parties hereto that the lien and security interest granted by such party to the other parties shall be a first and prior lien, and each party hereby agrees to maintain the priority of said lien and security interest against all persons acquiring an interest in Oil and Gas Leases and Interests covered by this agreement by, through or under such party. All parties acquiring an interest in Oil and Gas Leases and Oil and Gas Interests covered by this agreement, whether by assignment, merger, mortgage, operation of law, or otherwise, shall be deemed to have taken subject to the lien and security interest granted by this Article VII.B. as to all obligations attributable to such interest hereunder whether or not such obligations arise before or after such interest is acquired.

To the extent that parties have a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the state in which the Contract Area is situated, they shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the obtaining of judgment by a party for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any party in the payment of its share of expenses, interests or fees, or upon the improper use of funds by the Operator, the other parties shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such defaulting party's share of Oil and Gas until the amount owed by such party, plus interest as provided in "Exhibit C," has been received, and shall have the right to offset the amount owed against the proceeds from the sale of such defaulting party's share of Oil and Gas. ~~All purchasers of production may rely on a notification of default from the non-defaulting party or parties stating the amount due as a result of the default, and all parties waive any recourse available against purchasers for releasing production proceeds as provided in this paragraph.~~

If any party fails to pay its share of cost within one hundred twenty (120) days after rendition of a statement therefor by Operator, the non-defaulting parties, including Operator, shall upon request by Operator, pay the unpaid amount in the proportion that the interest of each such party bears to the interest of all such parties. The amount paid by each party so paying its share of the unpaid amount shall be secured by the liens and security rights described in Article VII.B., and each paying party may independently pursue any remedy available hereunder or otherwise.

If any party does not perform all of its obligations hereunder, and the failure to perform subjects such party to foreclosure or execution proceedings pursuant to the provisions of this agreement, to the extent allowed by governing law, the defaulting party waives any available right of redemption from and after the date of judgment, any required valuation or appraisal of the mortgaged or secured property prior to sale, any available right to stay execution or to require a marshaling of assets and any required bond in the event a receiver is appointed. In addition, to the extent permitted by applicable law, each party hereby grants to the other parties a power of sale as to any property that is subject to the lien and security rights granted hereunder, such power to be exercised in the manner provided by applicable law or otherwise in a commercially reasonable manner and upon reasonable notice.

Each party agrees that the other parties shall be entitled to utilize the provisions of Oil and Gas lien law or other lien law of any state in which the Contract Area is situated to enforce the obligations of each party hereunder. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to the extent permitted by applicable law, Non-Operators agree that Operator may invoke or utilize the mechanics' or materialmen's lien law of the state in which the Contract Area is situated in order to secure the payment to Operator of any sum due hereunder for services performed or materials supplied by Operator.

**C. Advances: Advancement of estimated costs shall be in accordance with Article XVI.C**

~~Operator, at its election, shall have the right from time to time to demand and receive from one or more of 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. Defaults and Remedies:**

If any party fails to discharge any financial obligation under this agreement, including without limitation the failure to make any advance under ~~the preceding Article VII.C XVI.C.~~ or any other provision of this agreement, within the period required for such payment hereunder, then in addition to the remedies provided in Article VII.B. or elsewhere in this agreement, the remedies specified below shall be applicable. For purposes of this Article VII.D., all notices and elections shall be delivered

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1 only by Operator, except that Operator shall deliver any such notice and election requested by a non-defaulting Non-Operator,  
 2 and when Operator is the party in default, the applicable notices and elections can be delivered by any Non-Operator.  
 3 Election of any one or more of the following remedies shall not preclude the subsequent use of any other remedy specified  
 4 below or otherwise available to a non-defaulting party.

5 **1. Suspension of Rights:** ~~Any party may~~ <sup>Upon request by any party, Operator shall</sup> deliver to the party in default a Notice of Default, which shall specify the default,  
 6 specify the action to be taken to cure the default, and specify that failure to take such action will result in the exercise of one  
 7 or more of the remedies provided in this Article. If the default is not cured within thirty (30) days of the delivery of such  
 8 Notice of Default, all of the rights of the defaulting party granted by this agreement may upon notice be suspended until the  
 9 default is cured, without prejudice to the right of the non-defaulting party or parties to continue to enforce the obligations of  
 10 the defaulting party previously accrued or thereafter accruing under this agreement. If Operator is the party in default, the  
 11 Non-Operators shall have in addition the right, by vote of Non-Operators owning a majority in interest in the Contract Area  
 12 after excluding the voting interest of Operator, to appoint a new Operator effective immediately. The rights of a defaulting  
 13 party that may be suspended hereunder at the election of the non-defaulting parties shall include, without limitation, the right  
 14 to receive information as to any operation conducted hereunder during the period of such default, the right to elect to  
 15 participate in an operation proposed under Article VI.B. of this agreement, the right to participate in an operation being  
 16 conducted under this agreement even if the party has previously elected to participate in such operation, and the right to  
 17 receive proceeds of production from any well subject to this agreement.

18 **2. Suit for Damages:** Non-defaulting parties or Operator for the benefit of non-defaulting parties may sue (at joint  
 19 account expense) to collect the amounts in default, plus interest accruing on the amounts recovered from the date of default  
 20 until the date of collection at the rate specified in Exhibit "C" attached hereto. Nothing herein shall prevent any party from  
 21 suing any defaulting party to collect consequential damages accruing to such party as a result of the default.

22 **3. Deemed Non-Consent:** The non-defaulting party may deliver a written Notice of Non-Consent Election to the  
 23 defaulting party at any time after the expiration of the thirty-day cure period following delivery of the Notice of Default, in  
 24 which event if the billing is for the drilling a new well or the Plugging Back, Sidetracking, Reworking or Deepening of a  
 25 well which is to be or has been plugged as a dry hole, or for the Completion or Recompletion of any well, the defaulting  
 26 party will be conclusively deemed to have elected not to participate in the operation and to be a Non-Consenting Party with  
 27 respect thereto under Article VI.B. or VI.C., as the case may be, to the extent of the costs unpaid by such party,  
 28 notwithstanding any election to participate theretofore made. ~~If election is made to proceed under this provision, then the~~  
 29 ~~non-defaulting parties may not elect to sue for the unpaid amount pursuant to Article VII.D.2.~~

30 Until the delivery of such Notice of Non-Consent Election to the defaulting party, such party shall have the right to cure  
 31 its default by paying its unpaid share of costs plus interest at the rate set forth in Exhibit "C," provided, however, such  
 32 payment shall not prejudice the rights of the non-defaulting parties to pursue remedies for damages incurred by the non-  
 33 defaulting parties as a result of the default. Any interest relinquished pursuant to this Article VII.D.3. shall be offered to the  
 34 non-defaulting parties in proportion to their interests, and the non-defaulting parties electing to participate in the ownership  
 35 of such interest shall be required to contribute their shares of the defaulted amount upon their election to participate therein.

36 **4. Advance Payment:** If a default is not cured within thirty (30) days of the delivery of a Notice of Default, Operator, or  
 37 Non-Operators if Operator is the defaulting party, may thereafter require advance payment from the defaulting  
 38 party of such defaulting party's anticipated share of any item of expense for which Operator, or Non-Operators, as the case may  
 39 be, would be entitled to reimbursement under any provision of this agreement, whether or not such expense was the subject of  
 40 the previous default. Such right includes, but is not limited to, the right to require advance payment for the estimated costs of  
 41 drilling a well or Completion of a well as to which an election to participate in drilling or Completion has been made. If the  
 42 defaulting party fails to pay the required advance payment, the non-defaulting parties may pursue any of the remedies provided  
 43 in the Article VII.D. or any other default remedy provided elsewhere in this agreement. Any excess of funds advanced remaining  
 44 when the operation is completed and all costs have been paid shall be promptly returned to the advancing party.

45 **5. Costs and Attorneys' Fees:** In the event any party is required to bring legal proceedings to enforce any financial  
 46 obligation of a party hereunder, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recover all court costs, costs of  
 47 collection, and a reasonable attorney's fee, which the lien provided for herein shall also secure.

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

49 Rentals, shut-in well payments and minimum royalties which may be required under the terms of any lease shall be paid  
 50 ~~Operator for the joint account of the parties hereto. Operator shall bill the parties hereto for their proportionate share of~~  
 51 ~~all such payments in accordance with the COPAS attached as Exhibit "C".~~ ~~by the / party or parties who subjected such lease to this agreement at its or their expense. In the event two or more parties~~  
 52 ~~own and have contributed interests in the same lease to this agreement, such parties may designate one of such parties to~~  
 53 ~~make said payments for and on behalf of all such parties.~~ Any party may request, and shall be entitled to receive, proper  
 54 evidence of all such payments. In the event of failure to make proper payment of any rental, shut-in well payment or  
 55 minimum royalty through mistake or oversight where such payment is required to continue the lease in force, any loss which  
 56 results from such non-payment shall be borne in accordance with the provisions of Article IV.B.2.3

57 Operator shall notify Non-Operators of the anticipated completion of a shut-in well, or the shutting in or return to  
 58 production of a producing well, at least five (5) days (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and legal holidays) prior to taking such  
 59 action, or at the earliest opportunity permitted by circumstances, but assumes no liability for failure to do so. In the event of  
 60 failure by Operator to so notify Non-Operators, the loss of any lease contributed hereto by Non-Operators for failure to make  
 61 timely payments of any shut-in well payment shall be borne jointly by the parties hereto under the provisions of Article  
 62 IV.B.3.

#### 63 **F. Taxes:**

64 Beginning with the first calendar year after the effective date hereof, Operator shall render for ad valorem taxation all  
 65 property subject to this agreement which by law should be rendered for such taxes, and it shall pay all such taxes assessed  
 66 thereon before they become delinquent. Prior to the rendition date, each Non-Operator shall furnish Operator information as  
 67 to burdens (to include, but not be limited to, royalties, overriding royalties and production payments) on Leases and Oil and  
 68 Gas Interests contributed by such Non-Operator. If the assessed valuation of any Lease is reduced by reason of its being  
 69 subject to outstanding excess royalties, overriding royalties or production payments, the reduction in ad valorem taxes  
 70 resulting therefrom shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of such Lease, and Operator shall adjust the charge to  
 71 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  
 72 upon separate valuations of each party's working interest, then notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, charges to  
 73 the joint account shall be made and paid by the parties hereto in accordance with the tax value generated by each party's  
 74 working interest. Operator shall bill the other parties for their proportionate shares of all tax payments in the manner  
 provided in Exhibit "C."

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

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

### ARTICLE VIII.

#### ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST

##### A. Surrender of Leases:

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

14 However, should any party desire to surrender its interest in any Lease or in any portion thereof, such party shall give written  
 15 notice of the proposed surrender to all parties, and the parties to whom such notice is delivered shall have thirty (30) days after  
 16 delivery of the notice within which to notify the party proposing the surrender whether they elect to consent thereto. Failure of a  
 17 party to whom such notice is delivered to reply within said 30-day period shall constitute a consent to the surrender of the Leases  
 18 described in the notice. If all parties do not agree or consent thereto, the party desiring to surrender shall assign, without express or  
 19 implied warranty of title, all of its interest in such Lease, or portion thereof, and any well, material and equipment which may be  
 20 located thereon and any rights in production thereafter secured, to the parties not consenting to such surrender. If the interest of the  
 21 assigning party is or includes an Oil and Gas Interest, the assigning party shall execute and deliver to the party or parties not  
 22 consenting to such surrender an oil and gas lease covering such Oil and Gas Interest for a term of one (1) year and so long  
 23 thereafter as Oil and/or Gas is produced from the land covered thereby, such lease to be on ~~the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B."~~ **a mutually agreeable form.**  
 24 Upon such assignment ~~or lease~~, the assigning party shall be relieved from all obligations thereafter accruing, but not theretofore  
 25 accrued, with respect to the interest assigned or leased and the operation of any well attributable thereto, and the assigning party  
 26 shall have no further interest in the assigned or leased premises and its equipment and production, ~~other than the royalties retained~~  
 27 ~~in any lease made under the terms of this Article.~~ The party assignee or lessee shall pay to the party assignor or lessor the  
 28 reasonable salvage value of the latter's interest in any well's salvable materials and equipment attributable to the assigned or leased  
 29 acreage. The value of all salvable materials and equipment shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit "C," less  
 30 the estimated cost of salvaging and the estimated cost of plugging and abandoning and restoring the surface. ~~If such value is less~~  
 31 ~~than such costs, then the party assignor or lessor shall pay to the party assignee or lessee the amount of such deficit.~~ If the  
 32 assignment or lease is in favor of more than one party, the interest shall be shared by such parties in the proportions that the  
 33 interest of each bears to the total interest of all such parties. If the interest of the parties to whom the assignment is to be made  
 34 varies according to depth, then the interest assigned shall similarly reflect such variances.

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

##### B. Renewal, or Extension or Acquisition of Leases:

40 ~~If any party acquires, or secures a renewal or replacement of, an Oil and Gas Lease / on lands or interest within the Contract Area~~  
 41 ~~subject to this agreement, then all other parties~~ **(which shall include renewals and extensions)**  
 42 shall be notified promptly upon such acquisition or, in the case of a replacement Lease taken before expiration of an existing Lease,  
 43 promptly upon expiration of the existing Lease. The parties notified shall have the right for a period of thirty (30) days following  
 44 delivery of such notice in which to elect to participate in the ownership of the ~~renewal or replacement / Lease~~, insofar as such Lease  
 45 affects lands within the Contract Area, by paying to the party who acquired it their proportionate shares of the acquisition cost  
 46 allocated to that part of such Lease within the Contract Area, which shall be in proportion to the interest held at that time by the  
 47 parties in the Contract Area. Each party who participates in the purchase of an ~~renewal or replacement / Lease~~ shall be given an  
 48 assignment of its proportionate interest therein by the acquiring party.

49 If some, but less than all, of the parties elect to participate in the purchase of an ~~renewal or replacement / Lease~~, it shall be owned  
 50 by the parties who elect to participate therein, in a ratio based upon the relationship of their respective percentage of participation in  
 51 the Contract Area to the aggregate of the percentages of participation in the Contract Area of all parties participating in the  
 52 purchase of such renewal or replacement Lease. The acquisition of an ~~renewal or replacement / Lease~~ by any or all of the parties hereto  
 53 shall not cause a readjustment of the interests of the parties stated in Exhibit "A," but any ~~renewal or replacement / Lease~~ in which  
 54 less than all parties elect to participate shall not be subject to this agreement but shall be deemed subject to a separate Operating  
 55 Agreement in the form of this agreement.

56 If the interests of the parties in the Contract Area vary according to depth, then their right to participate proportionately in  
 57 ~~Oil and Gas~~ **acquired, renewal or replacement / Leases** and their right to receive an assignment of interest shall also reflect such depth variances.

58 The provisions of this Article shall apply to ~~renewal or replacement / Leases~~ whether they are for the entire interest covered by  
 59 the expiring Lease or cover ~~only a portion of its area or an interest therein.~~ **Oil and Gas** Any renewal or replacement Lease taken before the  
 60 expiration of its predecessor ~~/ Lease~~, or taken or contracted for or becoming effective within six (6) months after the expiration of the  
 61 existing Lease, shall be subject to this provision so long as this agreement is in effect at the time of such acquisition or at the time  
 62 the renewal or replacement Lease becomes effective; but any ~~/ Lease~~ taken or contracted for more than six (6) months after the  
 63 expiration of an existing Lease shall not be deemed a renewal or replacement Lease and shall not be subject to the provisions of this  
 64 agreement.

65 The provisions in this Article shall also be applicable to extensions of Oil and Gas Leases.

##### C. Acreage or Cash Contributions:

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  
 69 be 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  
 70 the contribution is made shall promptly tender an assignment of the acreage, without warranty of title, to the Drilling Parties in the  
 71 proportions said Drilling Parties shared the cost of drilling the well. Such acreage shall become a separate Contract Area and, to the  
 72 extent possible, be governed by provisions identical to this agreement. Each party shall promptly notify all other parties of any  
 73 acreage or cash contributions it may obtain in support of any well or any other operation on the Contract Area. The above  
 74 provisions shall also be applicable to optional rights to earn acreage outside the Contract Area which are in support of well drilled  
 inside Contract Area.



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

3 **D. Assignment; Maintenance of Uniform Interest:**

4 For the purpose of maintaining uniformity of ownership in the Contract Area in the Oil and Gas Leases, Oil and Gas  
5 Interests, wells, equipment and production covered by this agreement no party shall sell, encumber, transfer or make other  
6 disposition of its interest in the Oil and Gas Leases and Oil and Gas Interests embraced within the Contract Area or in wells,  
7 equipment and production unless such disposition covers either:

8 1. the entire interest of the party in all Oil and Gas Leases, Oil and Gas Interests, wells, equipment and production; or

9 2. an equal undivided percent of the party's present interest in all Oil and Gas Leases, Oil and Gas Interests, wells,  
10 equipment and production in the Contract Area.

11 Every sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party shall be made expressly subject to this agreement  
12 and shall be made without prejudice to the right of the other parties, and any transferee of an ownership interest in any Oil and  
13 Gas Lease or Interest shall be deemed a party to this agreement as to the interest conveyed from and after the effective date of  
14 the transfer of ownership; provided, however, that the other parties shall not be required to recognize any such sale,  
15 encumbrance, transfer or other disposition for any purpose hereunder until thirty (30) days after they have received a copy of the  
16 instrument of transfer or other satisfactory evidence thereof in writing from the transferor or transferee. No assignment or other  
17 disposition of interest by a party shall relieve such party of obligations previously incurred by such party hereunder with respect  
18 to the interest transferred, including without limitation the obligation of a party to pay all costs attributable to an operation  
19 conducted hereunder in which such party has agreed to participate prior to making such assignment, and the lien and security  
20 interest granted by Article VII.B. shall continue to burden the interest transferred to secure payment of any such obligations.

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

28 **E. Waiver of Rights to Partition:**

29 If permitted by the laws of the state or states in which the property covered hereby is located, each party hereto owning an  
30 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  
31 undivided interest therein.

32 **F. Preferential Right to Purchase:**

33  (Optional; Check if applicable.)

34 ~~Should any party desire to sell all or any part of its interests under this agreement, or its rights and interests in the Contract  
35 Area, it shall promptly give written notice to the other parties, with full information concerning its proposed disposition, which  
36 shall include the name and address of the prospective transferee (who must be ready, willing and able to purchase), the purchase  
37 price, a legal description sufficient to identify the property, and all other terms of the offer. The other parties shall then have an  
38 optional prior right, for a period of ten (10) days after the notice is delivered, to purchase for the stated consideration on the  
39 same terms and conditions the interest which the other party proposes to sell; and, if this optional right is exercised, the  
40 purchasing parties shall share the purchased interest in the proportions that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all  
41 purchasing parties. However, there shall be no preferential right to purchase in those cases where any party wishes to mortgage  
42 its interests, or to transfer title to its interests to its mortgagee in lieu of or pursuant to foreclosure of a mortgage of its interests,  
43 or to dispose of its interests by merger, reorganization, consolidation, or by sale of all or substantially all of its Oil and Gas assets  
44 to any party, or by transfer of its interests to a subsidiary or parent company or to a subsidiary of a parent company, or to any  
45 company in which such party owns a majority of the stock.~~

46 **ARTICLE IX.**

47 **INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ELECTION**

48 If, for federal income tax purposes, this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, and if the  
49 parties have not otherwise agreed to form a tax partnership pursuant to Exhibit "G" or other agreement between them, each  
50 party thereby affected elects to be excluded from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter "K," Chapter 1, Subtitle  
51 "A," of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), as permitted and authorized by Section 761 of the Code and  
52 the regulations promulgated thereunder. Operator is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of each party hereby affected  
53 such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States or the Federal Internal  
54 Revenue Service, including specifically, but not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements, and the data required by  
55 Treasury Regulation §1.761. Should there be any requirement that each party hereby affected give further evidence of this  
56 election, each such party shall execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be required by the Federal Internal  
57 Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. No such party shall give any notices or take any other action  
58 inconsistent with the election made hereby. If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Contract  
59 Area is located or any future income tax laws of the United States contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter "K," Chapter  
60 1, Subtitle "A," of the Code, under which an election similar to that provided by Section 761 of the Code is permitted, each party  
61 hereby affected shall make such election as may be permitted or required by such laws. In making the foregoing election, each  
62 such party states that the income derived by such party from operations hereunder can be adequately determined without the  
63 computation of partnership taxable income.

64 **ARTICLE X.**

65 **CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS**

66 Operator may settle any single uninsured third party damage claim or suit arising from operations hereunder if the expenditure  
67 does not exceed Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$ 50,000.00 ) and if the payment is in complete settlement  
68 of such claim or suit. If the amount required for settlement exceeds the above amount, the parties hereto shall assume and take over  
69 the further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is delegated to Operator. All costs and expenses of handling settling,  
70 or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be a the joint expense of the parties participating in the operation from which the  
71 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  
72 hereunder over which such individual has no control because of the rights given Operator by this agreement, such party shall  
73 immediately notify all other parties, and the claim or suit shall be treated as any other claim or suit involving operations hereunder. **All  
74 claims or suits involving title to any interest subject to this Agreement shall be treated as a claim or suit against all parties hereto.**

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**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 indemnify or make money payments or furnish security, 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 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~~<sup>lightning</sup>, fire, storm, flood or other act of nature, 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.

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.

**ARTICLE XII.  
NOTICES**

All notices authorized or required between the parties by any of the provisions of this agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be in writing and delivered in person or by United States mail, courier service, telegram, telex, telecopier <sup>email</sup> / or any other form of facsimile, postage or charges prepaid, and addressed to such parties at the addresses listed on Exhibit "A." All telephone or oral notices permitted by this agreement shall be confirmed immediately thereafter by written Notice (~~oral notice will not be considered valid notice unless written confirmation is received with in forty-eight (48) hours of such oral notice~~). The originating notice given under any provision hereof shall be deemed delivered only when received by the party to whom such notice is directed, and the time for such party to deliver any notice in response thereto shall run from the date the originating notice is received. "Receipt" for purposes of this agreement with respect to written notice delivered hereunder shall be actual delivery of the notice to the address of the party to be notified specified in accordance with this agreement, or to the telecopy, facsimile, ~~or~~<sup>email address</sup> telex machine / of such party. The second or any responsive notice shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States mail or at the office of the courier or telegraph service, or upon transmittal by telex, telecopy, ~~or~~<sup>or email address</sup> facsimile, / or when personally delivered to the party to be notified, provided, that when response is required within 24 or 48 hours, such response shall be given orally or by telephone, telex, telecopy, **email** or other facsimile within such period. 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. If a party is not available to receive notice orally or by telephone when a party attempts to deliver a notice required to be delivered within 24 or 48 hours, the notice may be delivered in writing by any other method specified herein and shall be deemed delivered in the same manner provided above for any responsive notice.

**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 a **period of six (6) months after the last Oil and Gas Lease, or extension or renewal thereof, within the Contract Area expires or is terminated.** ~~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 the Completion of a well as a well capable of production of Oil and/or Gas in paying quantities, this agreement shall continue in force so long as any such well is capable of production, and for an additional period of \_\_\_\_\_ days thereafter; provided, however, if, prior to the expiration of such additional period, one or more of the parties hereto are engaged in drilling, Reworking, Deepening, Sidetracking, Plugging Back, testing or attempting to Complete or Re-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 capable of producing Oil and/or Gas from the Contract Area, this agreement shall terminate unless drilling, Deepening, Sidetracking, Completing, Re-completing, Plugging Back or Reworking operations are commenced within \_\_\_\_\_ days from the date of abandonment of said well. "Abandonment" for such purposes shall mean either (i) a decision by all parties not to conduct any further operations on the well or (ii) the elapse of 180 days from the conduct of any operations on the well, whichever first occurs.~~

The termination of this agreement shall not relieve any party hereto from any expense, liability or other obligation or any remedy therefor which has accrued or attached prior to the date of such termination.

Upon termination of this agreement and the satisfaction of all obligations hereunder, in the event a memorandum of this Operating Agreement has been filed of record, Operator is authorized to file of record in all necessary recording offices a notice of termination, and each party hereto agrees to execute such a notice of termination as to Operator's interest, upon request of Operator, if Operator has satisfied all its financial obligations.

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

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

This agreement shall be subject to the applicable 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 Idaho shall govern.

**C. Regulatory Agencies:**

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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

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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 the 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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or predecessor or successor agencies to the extent such interpretation or application was made in good faith and does not constitute gross negligence. Each Non-Operator further agrees to reimburse Operator for such Non-Operator's share of production or any refund, fine, levy or other governmental sanction that Operator may be required to 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.

**ARTICLE XV.  
MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. Execution:**

This agreement shall be binding upon each Non-Operator when this agreement or a counterpart thereof has been executed by such Non-Operator and Operator notwithstanding that this agreement is not then or thereafter executed by all of the parties to which it is tendered or which are listed on Exhibit "A" as owning an interest in the Contract Area or which own, in fact, an interest in the Contract Area. ~~Operator may, however, by written notice to all Non-Operators who have become bound by this agreement as aforesaid, given at any time prior to the actual spud date of the Initial Well but in no event later than five days prior to the date specified in Article VI.A. for commencement of the Initial Well, terminate this agreement if Operator in its sole discretion determines that there is insufficient participation to justify commencement of drilling operations. In the event of such a termination by Operator, all further obligations of the parties hereunder shall cease as of such termination. In the event any Non-Operator has advanced or prepaid any share of drilling or other costs hereunder, all sums so advanced shall be returned to such Non-Operator without interest. In the event Operator proceeds with drilling operations for the Initial Well without the execution hereof by all persons listed on Exhibit "A" as having a current working interest in such well, Operator shall indemnify Non-Operators with respect to all costs incurred for the Initial Well which would have been charged to such person under this agreement if such person had executed the same and Operator shall receive all revenues which would have been received by such person under this agreement if such person had executed the same.~~

**B. Successors and Assigns:**

This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns, and the terms hereof shall be deemed to run with the Leases or Interests included within the Contract Area.

**C. Counterparts:**

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

**D. Severability:**

For the purposes of assuming or rejecting this agreement as an executory contract pursuant to federal bankruptcy laws, this agreement shall not be severable, but rather must be assumed or rejected in its entirety, and the failure of any party to this agreement to comply with all of its financial obligations provided herein shall be a material default.

**ARTICLE XVI.  
OTHER PROVISIONS**

**Except as to the Initial Well,** Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if any provision of this Article XVI is in conflict with Articles I. through XV of this Operating Agreement or any Exhibit to this Operating Agreement, the provisions of this Article XVI shall govern and control.

**A. PRIORITY OF OPERATIONS**

1. When any well has been drilled to its authorized depth, if the Consenting Parties to the drilling of such well cannot mutually agree upon the conduct of further operations, the operations proposed to be conducted shall be governed by the following sequence of priority:

- (a) a proposal to do additional logging, coring or testing of the open hole; then
- (b) a proposal to attempt to complete the well in the objective formation; then
- (c) a proposal to plug the well back and to attempt a completion in a formation above or below the objective formation; then
- (d) a proposal to deepen the well; then
- (e) a proposal to sidetrack the well; then
- (f) a proposal to plug and abandon the well.

No party may propose any operation with respect to any well under this Article (i) while there is pending a prior proposal for any operation respecting such well until that proposal is withdrawn or terminates, or until the operation contemplated thereby has been completed or (ii) while there is in progress any operation on such well until such operation has been completed.

2. If, at the time the Consenting Parties are considering any of the above proposals, the hole is in such a condition that a prudent Operator would not conduct a proposal(s) for fear of placing the hole in jeopardy or losing the same prior to any attempt to complete the well in the objective formation, then a proposal(s) shall not be given the priority set forth above. If additional logging, coring or testing is conducted, it shall be done at the sole risk, cost and expense of the Parties participating therein, who shall be responsible for any damage to the well bore resulting from such testing, including the re-drilling of the well if necessary. The Non-Consenting Party to such additional evaluation shall not be entitled to logs, information or data resulting from such tests.

**B. SUBSEQUENT WELL PROPOSALS**

1. Other than the Initial Well, any party may submit a proposal to drill a well ("Proposed Well") in the Contract Area. Such proposal shall be made in writing to the other party or parties and shall be accompanied by:

- (a) A definition of the exploration objectives, including horizons and depths;
- (b) The surface and bottom hole locations for the well;
- (c) Land plat showing location of leases;
- (d) Other information in support of an Proposed Well proposal;
- (e) The estimated costs for drilling the Well, in the form of a proposed AFE therefor; and

(f) **Drilling Prognosis.**

The receiving parties shall have a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of such Proposal in which to make their participation election in the Proposed Well by returning to the Operator its election and approved AFE. If a Party elects not to participate in the Proposed Well or fails to timely notify Operator of its election within said thirty (30) days of receipt of such Proposal, that party shall, by such election or inaction, be deemed a Non-Consenting Party and shall have forfeited, without recourse, compensation or reimbursement of costs, all of its rights, title and interests in and to the Proposed Well and all Oil & Gas Interests associated with the Proposed Well as provided in Article XVI. D, below. In the event the initial well is not drilled within the time frames provided under this Operating Agreement, the Well Proposal shall be considered as though it had never been made. Any funds forwarded to the Operator shall be returned within ten (10) business days of the expiration of the ninety (90) day period and any interest forfeited shall be returned or assigned back to the Non-Consenting Party.

2. No more than four (4) well proposals may be outstanding at any one time, unless it is necessary to sooner commence drilling operations on another well to preserve one or more leases, to satisfy an express off-set well obligation, or farmout.

3. For the purposes of this Article XVI.B, a proposal is no longer considered outstanding when a well has been Completed, abandoned, or drilling operations are not commenced within the time period allowed for proposed operations under this Operating Agreement.

**C. ADVANCEMENT OF COSTS****1. DRILLING COSTS**

Operator shall from time to time call for and receive from Non-Operators, payment in advance of Non-Operators' share of the estimated cost to drill any well to its total depth, to conduct open hole tests, therein, prior to a completion attempt, and to plug and abandon same as a dry hole, which right will be exercised by submission to Non-Operators, of an AFE and invoice for Non-Operators' share thereof. Non-Operators shall, within thirty (30) days following receipt of Operator's Invoice and AFE, deliver to Operator, Non-Operators' share of the Invoice and approved AFE. Failure by any Non-Operator to timely deliver its share of cost and approved AFE shall constitute an election to not participate in the drilling of such well; and in the event such well is the Initial Well or Substitute Well, such Non-Operator shall be deemed to have forfeited, without recourse, all of its right, title and interest in and to the Contract Area; or in the event such well is any well other than the Initial Well or Substitute Well ("Subsequent Well") the terms of Article XVI.D shall apply. Proper adjustment shall be made between advances and actual expenses, to the end that Non-Operators will pay only its share of actual costs.

**2. OTHER THAN DRILLING COSTS**

Operator, at its discretion, may from time to time demand and receive from one or more of the other parties payment in advance of their respective shares of the estimated amount of the expense to be incurred in operations proposed under this Agreement Article VI. Operator shall submit to each such party, along with written notice of the proposed operation, an AFE itemizing such estimated expense, together with an invoice for its share thereof. Each party shall pay to Operator its proportionate share of such estimate within the time frame provided for delivery of notification of said Party's election to participate in the proposed operation. Failure by any Party to timely deliver its share of said estimated expense within said time frame shall constitute an election to not participate in such operations, except for in the case of elections under Article VI.E.

**D. NON-CONSENT TO DRILL WELLS**

Notwithstanding anything in this Operating Agreement to the contrary,

1. Article VI.B.2. shall not apply to any Party's election not to join in and pay for the drilling of a well on a Contract Area.

In the event any Party elects not to drill any well, the Non-Consenting Party shall, if such well is completed as an oil and/or gas well, immediately assign to the Consenting Parties, all rights, title and interests in and to the well and wellbore, including, without limitation, all production and revenues related thereto, all equipment and facilities, personal property, rights of ingress and egress, surface access and use, related thereto.

Such assignment shall convey all rights between the surface and the total depth drilled in such well, plus 100.0 feet.

2. In the event any well is not commenced within 90 days of proposing such well and thereafter drilled to its authorized depth, or is timely commenced and thereafter drilled to its authorized depth but is thereafter plugged and abandoned as a dry hole, no assignment by the Non-Consenting Party shall be due.

3. Article VI.B.2. will not apply to any operation which is necessary to perpetuate an expiring Oil and Gas Lease or interest therein or to perpetuate or earn rights in and to a lease pursuant to a farmout or other exploration agreement, including an operation required in the continuous development provision of a lease, farmout or other exploration agreement ("Required Operation"). If any Party elects not to participate in a Required Operation, the Non-Consenting Party will assign to the Consenting Parties that portion of the Contract Area(s) as set forth in Article XVI.N.3, below.

4. Nothing herein shall ever be construed so as to require an assignment of any Non-Consenting Party's interest in a producing well, or any land or lands in the contract area perpetuated thereby.

5. Any assignment shall not relieve the Non-Consenting Party from any obligation, liability or responsibility theretofore incurred.

**E. NON-CONSENT TO COMPLETE, REWORK, RECOMPLETE, DEEPENING, SIDETRACKING OR PLUGGING BACK OPERATION**

1. Article VI.C.1. Option No. 2 shall apply to the completion of all wells.

2. The provisions of Article VI.B.2. shall apply to the Reworking, Recompleting, Deepening, Sidetracking and Plugging Back of any well after it has been drilled to its authorized depth.

3. In the event a Consenting Party to the drilling and Completion of a well elects not to participate in the Reworking, Recompleting or Plugging Back operation for such well, said party shall be deemed to have relinquished to the Consenting Parties to the Reworking, Recompleting or Plugging Back operation in said well, who shall own and be entitled to receive all of such Non-Consenting Party's interest in such well, its leasehold operating rights and share of production therefrom, insofar and only insofar as it pertains to the zone or zones which are being Reworked, Recompleted or to which the well is being Plugged Back.

4. If pursuant to Article VI.B.2. hereto, less than all of the parties elect to participate in a proposed Reworking, Deepening or Plugging Back operation, and if such operation does not result in the production of hydrocarbons in commercial quantities, or result in a completion that ceases to produce in commercial quantities prior to the time at which the consenting parties are fully reimbursed as provided in Article VI.B.2., then, notwithstanding anything in this Operating Agreement to the contrary, the party or parties who elect not to participate in such Reworking, Deepening or Plugging Back operation shall nevertheless be responsible for their proportionate share (as set forth in Exhibit "A") of the cost to plug and abandon such well and salvage the equipment therefrom, except for the additional plugging and abandonment or salvage costs that are caused by the Reworking, Deepening or Plugging Back operation in which the party or parties did not participate and any exceptional expenses attributable to well control incidents resulting therefrom; the consenting parties shall be solely responsible for such additional costs.

**F. DEFAULT**

1. If any Party, including the Operator, fails to pay its share of any cost which it is obligated to pay under any provision of this Agreement ("Defaulting Party"), and if such default continues for a period of fifteen (15) days following delivery by any of the other Parties ("Non-Defaulting Parties") of written notice of such default to the Defaulting Party, then at any time after the expiration of such notice period, the Non-Defaulting Parties shall be entitled to the following remedies:

(a) The Non-Defaulting Parties may suspend by written notice, any or all of the rights of the Defaulting Party under this Agreement, without prejudice to the right of the Non-Defaulting Parties to continue to enforce the obligations of the Defaulting Party under this Agreement. The rights of a Defaulting Party that may be suspended hereunder at the election of the Non-Defaulting Parties shall include, without limitation, the right to elect to participate in any subsequent operation regarding the well to which the default relates, or any subsequent operation proposed under this Agreement; and

(b) The Non-Defaulting Parties may take any action to which it may be entitled or pursue any remedy to collect the amounts in default, together with all damages suffered by the Non-Defaulting Parties as a result of the default, plus interest accruing on the amounts recovered from the date of default until the date of collection at the rate specified in the Accounting Procedure together with reasonable attorney's fees and court costs related thereto; or

(c) The Non-Defaulting Parties may deliver a written notice to the Defaulting Party at any time after the default occurs with the following effect:

(i) If the billing is for the completion or recompletion of a well, the Defaulting Party will be deemed conclusively to have elected not to participate in the subject operation under Paragraph VI.B.2. above from the time of the billing, which led to the default and to be a Non-Consenting party with respect thereto, notwithstanding any election to participate theretofore made.

(ii) Until the delivery of such notice to the Defaulting Party, the Defaulting Party shall have the right to cure its default by paying the unpaid billing(s) plus interest at the rate set forth in the Accounting Procedure. Any interest relinquished pursuant to this Paragraph shall be owned by the Non-Defaulting Parties pursuant to Paragraph VI.B.2. above, and the Non-Defaulting Parties shall be liable to contribute its share of the defaulted amount.

(iii) The Operator on behalf of the Non-Defaulting Parties may reduce any and all revenues, if any, attributed to the Defaulting Party's interest by the amount in default plus any interest charges accruing on such defaulting amount as provided in the Accounting Procedure.

2. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Paragraph, if a Party fails to pay part or all of its share of costs hereunder because of a legitimate disagreement as to the appropriateness of part or all of the billing(s) in question, and if such Party makes such disagreement and the grounds therefore known to the other Party in writing prior to the due date of such billing and timely tenders payment of all undisputed amounts, then such Party shall not be subject to Section 1. (a) or 1. (c) of this Paragraph.

3. Notwithstanding anything in this Operating Agreement to the contrary, in the event a Defaulting Party fails to pay its share of costs which it is obligated to pay under any provision of this Agreement within fifteen (15) days after Defaulting Party's receipt of notice of such failure to pay, the Operator, at its sole discretion, may withhold from a Non-Operator's production revenues related to any well Operator operates pursuant to the Exploration Agreement all accrued unpaid lease operating expenses, past due balances, and accrued unpaid expenses allocated to any well Operator operates on behalf of a Non-Operator pursuant to the Exploration Agreement.

**G. OPERATIONS ON PRODUCING WELLS**

1. No well producing in paying quantities shall be reworked, recompleted or deepened, or plugged and abandoned without the consent of all Parties, except that a well producing in paying quantities may be "fraced" or otherwise stimulated for the purposes of enhancing existing production with the consent of the parties owning or representing at least 60.0% Percentage Interest in the well.

2. The provisions of Article VI.B. will apply to a proposal by any Party desiring that one or more producing zones within a well be "fraced" or otherwise stimulated for purposes of enhancing existing production. Except as set forth in Paragraph 1. above, any such proposed stimulation of a producing well may be performed if so approved by the Parties owning the working interest in such well or zone. The Party electing not to participate in the stimulation effort will be deemed a Non-Consenting Party and, as to such stimulation, will be subject to the penalties otherwise provided in Article VI.B.2. (a) and (b). The Consenting Parties in the stimulation effort will not be liable in damages to the Non-Consenting Party, if, as a consequence of the attempted stimulation, the well or zone is damaged, lost or destroyed.

**H. PIPELINE AND/OR GATHERING LINE CONSTRUCTION**

(a) For each well within the Contract Area, each party shall pay its proportionate share of all pipeline, gathering and related facilities costs constructed within the Contract Area.

(b) If any Party elects, in an operation not covered by Article VI, to construct, operate or purchase, or join in the construction, operation or purchase of a pipeline and/or gathering line to transport production from, but not within, the Contract Area, then such Party shall notify the other Parties furnishing all pertinent costs and information. The Parties receiving such notice shall have the right to participate in the construction, operation and ownership of such pipeline and/or gathering line by assuming their proportionate shares of the obligations and paying the costs attributable thereto.

**I. COST ALLOCATION**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Operating Agreement or the Accounting Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit "C", the following items shall not be considered within the category of administrative overhead:

1. All cost and expenses for outside attorneys and oil lease brokers incurred in the acquisition of Oil and Gas Leases and examination of and curing of titles.

2. All outside fees for legal, geological, geophysical, engineering, drafting and reproductive services and other costs and expenses as incurred in connection with the preparation and presentation of evidence and exhibits and handling of applications to and hearings before any governmental agencies or regulatory bodies.

**J. DELAY RENTALS, OPTION PAYMENTS AND LEASE EXTENTIONS**

Operator shall submit to the parties reports of the monthly delay rental payments that will be due and payable on leases subject hereto at least 60 days in advance of such payments being due, together with the due dates for such payments, Operator's recommendations for the payment or non-payment thereof, and a general description of the lands covered by same. A party may elect to terminate its interest in a lease or leases by providing written notice to Operator and all other parties hereto then owning an interest in said lease or leases, to the effect that the notifying party will not participate in the next ensuing delay rental payment with respect to

1 such lease or leases at least 40 days in advance of such payments being due. Failure to notify Operator and such other parties of a  
 2 party's election at least 40 days in advance of the rental payment due date shall be deemed an election to participate in payment of  
 3 rentals. If at any time a party elects not to participate in payment of a delay rental, then the parties electing to participate in the  
 4 payment shall have the right to assume their respective proportionate shares of the interest in the affected lease of the party electing  
 5 not to participate by providing written notice to the other participating parties and Operator within 10 days after receipt of the notice  
 6 of a party's election not to participate. Failure to provide such notice shall be deemed an election not to assume an interest. In the  
 7 event that after such elections an interest in the affected lease remains that has not been assumed, Operator within 48 hours shall  
 8 notify the participating parties, who may elect to assume their respective proportionate shares of such remaining interest by providing  
 9 written notice within 48 hours after receipt of notice of the interest that is available; failure to provide such notice shall be deemed an  
 10 election not to assume an additional interest. If, after all such elections, an interest remains that has not been assumed by a party,  
 11 then, at Operator's sole discretion, the Operator may elect either to assume the remaining interest and make the delay rental payment  
 12 or elect not to make the rental payment and allow the affected lease or leases to lapse and shall notify all of the parties.

13 A party electing to terminate its interest in a lease or leases shall assign its interest therein to the participating parties free of  
 14 any overriding royalty interests, net profits interests or other burdens or encumbrances other than the lessor's royalties and any  
 15 burdens listed on Exhibit "A" hereof. Any such lease or leases shall be removed from the terms of this Operating Agreement but shall  
 16 be subject to the terms of an identical operating agreement between the participating parties with only the interests of the parties  
 17 changed on Exhibit "A".

#### 18 K. GAS MARKETIGN BY OPERATOR AND OPERATOR AS DISBURSING AGENT FOR NON-OPERATOR

##### 19 1. Gas Marketing by Operator

20 If any party fails to make the arrangements necessary to take in kind or separately dispose of its proportionate share of Gas  
 21 produced from the Contract Area, Operator shall have the right, but not the obligation, to purchase such Gas or sell it to others at any  
 22 time and from time to time, for the account of the non-taking party at the same price obtained for Operator's share of Gas production  
 23 under an arms length, third party, purchase or sales contract. Any such purchase or sale by Operator may be terminated by Operator  
 24 with a thirty (30) day prior written notice to the owner of such Gas production. The owner of such Gas production shall, with a thirty  
 25 (30) day prior written notice to Operator, have the right at any time to exercise its right to take in kind, or separately dispose of, its  
 26 share of Gas production, provided, however, that such Gas production is not committed under a gas sales, transportation or  
 27 marketing contract. Any purchase or sale by Operator of any party's share of Gas under a gas sales, transportation or marketing  
 28 contract shall be only for such reasonable periods of time as are consistent with gas sales, transportation or marketing contracts for  
 29 similar gas produced in the vicinity of the Contract Area.

##### 30 2. Operator as Disbursing Agent

31 Subject to the right of Non-Operator to take in kind its share of production from the Contract Area(s), Non-Operator  
 32 designates Operator as the agent of Non-Operator to receive and disburse the proceeds derived from the sale of oil and gas produced  
 33 from the Contract Area(s), including, but not limited to, disbursements to Non-Operators, royalty owners, and payment of severance  
 34 and production taxes. Subject to provisions of the lien, security and default provisions of this Operating Agreement, Operator shall  
 35 remit to Non-Operators their proportionate share of such proceeds within thirty (30) days after the receipt by Operator of such  
 36 proceeds, less such Non-Operators share of all severance and production taxes.

#### 37 L. AFE/COST OVERRUNS

38 Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Operator shall not expend for any drilling, Completion, Reworking,  
 39 Sidetracking, Deepening, Plugging Back or Recompleting operation an amount in excess of 115% of the amount authorized for the  
 40 total operation by virtue of the original or initial AFE without first submitting a Supplemental AFE(s) to the Non-Operator(s) for  
 41 approval. Any Non-Operator receiving such a Supplemental AFE(s) shall have a period of three (3) days which to either approve or  
 42 reject the additional expenditure (however, if a rig is on location, every such Non-Operator shall make its best efforts to respond  
 43 within 24 hours). Failure to respond shall constitute approval. In the event of non-approval, all subsequent operations conducted  
 44 pursuant to such Supplemental AFE(s) shall be subject to the provisions of Article VI.B.2. Operations By Less Than All Parties,  
 45 provided, however, that if a Non-Operator rejects the additional expenditure and the operation being conducted is a Required  
 46 Operation, said Non-Operator shall assign and forfeit to the parties continuing with the operation all of its interest in the leases or  
 47 portions thereof and to the formations and depths covered thereby which would be lost or not earned if such operation is not  
 48 continued. This paragraph shall not apply to expenditures by the Operator which are required to deal with explosion, fire, flood or  
 49 other sudden emergency, whether of the same or different nature, or operations required to maintain the hole in a stable condition.

#### 50 M. INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST/GEOLOGICAL WELL REQUIREMENTS

51 Attached hereto as Exhibit "G", entitled "Information Distribution List/Geological Well Requirements," is a summary of  
 52 the notice and data requirements which Operator hereby agrees to observe and perform with respect to each Non-Operator.

#### 53 N. REQUIRED OPERATIONS

54 1. If a proposal is made for the drilling, Deepening, Reworking, Plugging Back, Sidetracking or Recompleting of a  
 55 well or wells or for any other operation proposed or required within six months of the expiration of any right and/or interest subject to  
 56 this Operating Agreement in order to (1) continue a lease or leases in force and effect, or (2) maintain a unitized area or any portion  
 57 thereof in force and effect, or (3) earn an interest in and to oil and/or gas and other minerals which may be owned by any third party  
 58 or preserve any rights to such interest which, failing such operation, would revert to a third party, or (4) comply with an order issued  
 59 by a regulatory body having jurisdiction over the premises, failing which certain rights would terminate within such period, any such  
 60 operation shall be a "Required Operation".

61 2. Should fewer than all the parties hereto elect to participate and pay their proportionate part of the costs to be  
 62 incurred in a Required Operation, any party or parties desiring to participate shall have the right to do so in the manner provided  
 63 elsewhere herein, at their sole cost, risk and expense.

64 3. Promptly following the conclusion of a Required Operation, each party not participating in said Required  
 65 Operation shall deliver to the party or parties participating in said Required Operation an assignment of all of the right, title and  
 66 interest of said non-participating party in that portion of the leases and/or other rights and interest which are maintained, perpetuated  
 67 or earned as a result of said Required Operation. The right, title and interest assigned and conveyed shall be shared by the  
 68 participating parties in the proportion that the interest of each bears to the total interest of all the participating parties. Such  
 69 assignment shall be executed and delivered within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of such Required Operation by each party not  
 70 electing to participate and shall be in a form acceptable to the participating party or parties, free and clear of any overriding royalty  
 71 interest, production payments, mortgages, liens or other encumbrances placed thereupon or arising out of the assigning party's  
 72 ownership and operations subsequent to the date of this Operating Agreement, but otherwise without warranty of title, either express  
 73 or implied. The leases, rights and interests in which an interest is assigned pursuant to the terms hereof shall no longer be subject to  
 74 this Operating Agreement, but said leases, rights and interests shall be solely subject to a separate operating agreement which  
 accurately reflects the interests of the party or parties in the Required Operation, and which is otherwise identical to this Operating  
 Agreement. The written notice and/or AFEs covering Required Operations to be sent to the parties for their election to participate  
 therein as provided in Article VI.B.1. will be clearly marked or identified as a proposal for a Required Operation.

**O. ASSIGNMENTS**

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3 1. Any Assignments made as a result of forfeiture of interest, or as a result of Article VI. and/or Article XVI.D, E  
4 and F shall be free of any overriding royalty interests, net profit interests, burdens on production or any other burdens or  
5 encumbrances.

6 2. Subject to the provisions of Article VIII D., any party may sell or assign all or any portion of its interest in the Oil  
7 and Gas Leases, Oil and Gas Interests, wells, equipment and production within the Contract Area covered by this agreement to one or  
8 more third parties without the consent of any other party hereto, provided that such sale or assignment shall be made subject to the  
9 provisions of this Operating Agreement and the Participation Agreement and the third party assignee or assignees agree to assume  
10 all future obligations hereunder. Such sale or assignment shall not be binding upon the other parties to this agreement until Operator  
11 is furnished with a copy of the legal instrument evidencing such conveyance. Once a party assigns an interest in the Contract Area to  
12 one or more third parties and the Operator has been furnished with notice of such assignment as provided for herein, the assigning  
13 party shall have no further liability or obligations under this agreement with respect to the interest so assigned except for those  
14 outstanding liabilities or obligations due and owing to another party to this agreement for time periods prior to the effective date of  
15 the assignment.

16 3. In addition, the following language shall be added to any assignment or conveyance from any parties:

17 "This assignment is made subject to, and Assignee agrees to assume its proportionate share of all obligations  
18 and liabilities arising under the terms of that certain Operating Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, naming  
19 \_\_\_\_\_ as Operator. Assignee expressly assumes responsibility for, and agrees to pay, perform, fulfill and  
20 discharge its proportionate share of all claims, costs, expenses, liabilities and obligations accruing or relating  
21 to, the ownership, operation, maintenance, exploration, production, or development of the Leases, wells and  
22 equipment assigned herein, as to all periods on or after the effective date of this assignment, including, without  
23 limitation, all environmental claims. Without limiting the generality of any of the foregoing, Assignee accepts  
24 responsibility for and agrees to pay its proportionate share of all costs and expenses associated with plugging  
25 and abandonment of the wells assigned herein, together with surface restoration required under applicable  
26 law, the Leases or any other contracts assigned hereunder (the obligations and liabilities described herein are  
27 referred to as the Assumed Obligations.

28 ASSIGNEE SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS ASSIGNOR, ITS  
29 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS ("ASSIGNOR INDEMNIFIED PARTIES")  
30 AGAINST ALL LOSSES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, SUITS, COSTS, EXPENSES, LIABILITIES  
31 AND SANCTIONS OF EVERY KIND AND CHARACTER, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION  
32 REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, COURT COSTS AND COSTS OF INVESTIGATION, WHICH  
33 ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE ASSUMED OBLIGATIONS DESCRIBED  
34 HEREIN."

**P. RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR PLUGGING OPERATIONS**

35 In order to have sufficient funds on hand to meet plugging obligations, the Operator may charge the joint account, over the  
36 life of any well(s) on the Contract Area, for estimated costs to plug and abandon said wells (including the costs to cleanup the location  
37 and restore the surface are of lease used in oil and gas operations) (referred to herein as "Amortized P&A Charges"). These  
38 Amortized P&A Charges may not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) per well. The intent of this covenant is to allow  
39 Operator, in the latter stages of the economic life of a well and/or lease, to have available funds on account to conduct P&A operations  
40 in accordance with actual Railroad Commission (or environmental agency) regulations and lease requirements. Each party shall pay  
41 its proportionate share of the costs of plugging and abandonment above the Amortized P&A Charges.

**Q. ADDITIONAL SECURITY PROVISIONS****1. SECURITY INTEREST**

42 The lien and security interest granted by each Non-Operators and by Operator to the Non-Operator under Article VII.B  
43 shall extend not only to such Party's rights, title and interests in the Contract Area(s) (which for greater certainty shall include all of  
44 each Party's leasehold interest and leasehold estate in the Contract Area(s)), the oil and/or gas when extracted and equipment (as  
45 mentioned in said Article) but also to all accounts, contract rights, extracted oil and gas and said equipment or which are otherwise  
46 owned or held by any such party in the Contract Area(s). Further, the lien and security interest of said Party shall extend to all  
47 proceeds and products of all of the property and collateral described in this paragraph and in Article VII.B as being subject to said  
48 lien and security interest.

**2. LIEN ON UNEXTRACTED HYDROCARBONS**

49 In addition to the liens and security interests as provided in Article VII.B., each party to this Agreement, to secure payment  
50 of its share of expenses incurred under this Operating Agreement, grants to the other party a lien on all of its right, title and interest  
51 now owned or hereafter acquired in the Contract Area including, but not limited to, the oil and gas leases, mineral estates and other  
52 mineral interests subject to this Operator Agreement and any properties now or hereafter pooled or unitized with any of the  
53 properties affected by such mineral interests; and all unsevered and unextracted oil, gas and other hydrocarbons that may be  
54 produced, obtained or secured from the lands covered and affected by such mineral interests such lien shall be perfected by rewording  
55 in the Real Property Records of the county in which the acreage within the Contract Area exists, Memorandum in the same form as  
56 the Exhibit "H" attached hereto.

**3. CONTRACTUAL RIGHT OF OFFSET**

57 a. In addition to the rights and remedies afforded to Operator pursuant to the terms of Article VII.D., or at law or  
58 in equity, it is understood and agreed that each defaulting party grants to the Operator a contractual right of offset in and to all  
59 money, production, proceeds from the sale of production and property of every kind or character of such defaulting party, now or at  
60 any time hereunder coming within Operator's custody or control, wheresoever located whether or not subject to the terms of this  
61 Agreement or any other agreement between Operator and defaulting party. Operator, may, at its election, at any time and from time  
62 to time, reduce (or eliminate, as the case may be) any debt owing to it by any defaulting party by applying such defaulting party's  
63 money, proceeds or property in the custody or control of Operator to the balance owned on such debt and giving such defaulting party  
64 appropriate credit therefore. Any such amounts so applied shall first be applied to any past due interest, if any, then to any costs,  
65 including attorney's fees, incurred by Operator in the collection of the proceeds or property, and then to the underlying debt. It is  
66 agreed and understood that Operator's contractual right of offset shall extend to and include all proceeds of production attributable  
67 to the defaulting party from any wells in which the defaulting party owns an interest.

68 b. The lien and security interest granted by each Non-Operators and by Operator to the Non-Operator under  
69 Article VII.B shall extend not only to such party's rights, title and interests in the Contract Area(s) (which for greater certainty shall  
70 include all of each Party's leasehold interest and leasehold estate in the Contract Area(s)), the oil and/or gas when extracted and  
71 equipment (as mentioned in said Article) but also to all accounts, contract rights, extracted oil and gas and said equipment or which  
72 are otherwise owned or held by any such party in the Contract Area(s). Further, the lien and security interest of said Party shall  
73 extend to all proceeds and products of all of the property and collateral described in this paragraph and in Article VII.B as being  
74 subject to said lien and security interest.



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**4. RIGHT OF EXECUTORY FORECLOSURE**

In addition to all rights and remedies afforded Operator under Article VII.B., in the event any debt owing by the defaulting party to Operator shall exceed any money, proceeds of sale of production, or property of such defaulting party as provided in the contractual right of offset as provided in Paragraph Q.3 above, the Operator may elect to proceed and foreclose the lien of Operator against the interest of any defaulting party in accordance with the laws of the State of Idaho. Non-Operator hereby delegates Operator as its agent and attorney in fact to execute any and all documents reasonably necessary to carry out an executory foreclosure pursuant the laws of the State of Idaho.

**R. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

All of the Parties are Equal Opportunity Employers. To the extent that this Agreement may be subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, the equal opportunity provision (41 CFR 60-1) is incorporated herein by reference. To the extent required by applicable Laws and regulations, this Agreement also includes and is subject to the affirmative actions clause concerning disabled veterans of the Vietnam era (41 CFR 60-250) and the affirmative action clauses concerning employment of the handicapped (41 CFR 60-741), which clauses are incorporated herein by reference.

**S. AUDIT**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Accounting Procedure, upon receipt of any audit report conducted on the Joint Account by Non-Operator, Operator shall respond in writing to such audit report as soon as reasonably possible, but not greater than have-sixty (60) days of such receipt.

**T. WELL CONTROL INSURANCE**

The interest of each party hereto shall be included in Operator's Control of Well Insurance policy and a proportionate part of the cost of such insurance shall be borne by the respective parties unless Operator is notified otherwise in writing and provided a Certificate of Insurance in compliance with Exhibit "D", which is attached hereto, prior to commencement of operations or prior to any operation to be performed on a well in accordance with attached Exhibit "D".

**U. TRANSITION OF OPERATOR**

Upon the selection of the successor operator, the Operator who has been removed or has resigned shall promptly deliver to the successor operator all original records relating to operations on the contract area, including current accounting information with regard to the status of the joint account, information concerning all invoices not yet paid by the Operator who has resigned or been removed, all logs, maps and all other information concerning operations. Duplicating expenses required by virtue of the change of operator shall be charged to the joint account.

**V. HEADINGS**

The Article and Paragraph headings used in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall be disregarded in interpreting or construing this Agreement.

**W. ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS**

"Horizontal Well" shall mean a well drilled at an angle to the vertical wellbore, so the well runs parallel to the target formation or zone.

**X. BINDING**

This Agreement will be binding and will inure to the benefit of the Parties, their respective heirs, representatives, successors and assigns.

**Y. COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. A facsimile, telegraphic or any other form of authenticated electronic signature shall be effective in all respects as an original signature. Failure of any party to execute this Operating Agreement shall not render this Operating Agreement ineffective as to and between the other parties executing that executing this Operating Agreement.

**OPERATOR**

SNAKE RIVER OIL AND GAS, LLC

\_\_\_\_\_

**NON-OPERATORS**

\_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

# EXHIBIT C

## EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement by and between Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, as Operator, and \_\_\_\_\_, et al, as Non-Operator, dated effective the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, covering the \_\_\_\_\_ Prospect, Payette County Idaho;

**EXHIBIT "A" TO BE COMPLETED AT A LATER DATE**

EXHIBIT "B"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement by and between Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, as Operator, and \_\_\_\_\_, et al, as Non-Operator, dated effective the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, covering the \_\_\_\_\_ Prospect, Payette County Idaho;

Reporting Requirements

On any well drilled within the Contract Area, Operator shall deliver to Non-Operators the following geological information:

WELL REQUIREMENTS

PROSPECT:
COUNTY & STATE:

WELL DATA REQUIRMENTS

DAILY REPORTS

Daily drilling and completion reports by e-mail:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
2) \_\_\_\_\_

Or if necessary by fax: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTIFICATION OF LOGGING, DRILL STEM TEST, DRILLING COMPLETION AND ABANDONMENT (24 HOUR NOTICE)

Table with 3 columns: PERSON TO CONTACT, OFFICE PHONE, CELL PHONE. Each column has two blank lines for input.

DATA DISTRIBUTION

SEND TO: \_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL PROCEDURES

\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Copy/Copies of Each of the Following:

- 1. Complete Drilling Program
2. Cement Program
3. Typed Copy of Well History
4. Directional Surveys

OPEN HOLE EVALUATION DATA

\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Field Prints, \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Final Prints and \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Digital Print of Each of the Following:

- 1. All Open Hole Logs
2. Mud Logs
3. Core Analysis
4. Formation Test

**OPEN HOLE EVALUATION DATA (CONT.)**

- 5. Directional Surveys
- 6. Case Hole Logs
- 7. Drill Stem or Wire Line Tests
- 8. Cement Bond Logs

**CASED HOLE AND COMPLETION DATA**

\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) **Field Prints**, \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) **Final Prints** and \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) **Digital Print of Each of the Following:**

- 1. Detailed Copy of Completion and/or Workover Procedures
- 2. Perforating, Wellbore and/or Reservoir Evaluation Logs
- 3. BHP Data

**CONTRACT, ELECTION, REGULATORY AND TITLE DATA**

**SEND TO:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) **Copy/Copies of Each of the Following:**

- 1. Drilling Contract
- 2. AFE
- 3. Elections
- 4. Location Plat
- 5. All Regulatory Permits, Applications and Forms
- 6. Monthly Production Reports (P-1's, P-2's etc.)
- 7. Copy of Weekly or Monthly Gauge Reports

**End of Exhibit "B"**



## EXHIBIT " C " ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE JOINT OPERATIONS

1 Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement by and between Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, as Operator, and  
2 \_\_\_\_\_, et al, as Non-Operator, dated effective the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, covering the  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ Prospect, Payette County Idaho;

### I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

9 **IF THE PARTIES FAIL TO SELECT EITHER ONE OF COMPETING "ALTERNATIVE" PROVISIONS, OR SELECT ALL THE**  
10 **COMPETING "ALTERNATIVE" PROVISIONS, ALTERNATIVE 1 IN EACH SUCH INSTANCE SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE**  
11 **BEEN ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES AS A RESULT OF ANY SUCH OMISSION OR DUPLICATE NOTATION.**

13 **IN THE EVENT THAT ANY "OPTIONAL" PROVISION OF THIS ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE IS NOT ADOPTED BY THE**  
14 **PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT BY A TYPED, PRINTED OR HANDWRITTEN INDICATION, SUCH PROVISION SHALL NOT**  
15 **FORM A PART OF THIS ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE, AND NO INFERENCE SHALL BE MADE CONCERNING THE INTENT**  
16 **OF THE PARTIES IN SUCH EVENT.**

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

18 All terms used in this Accounting Procedure shall have the following meaning, unless otherwise expressly defined in the Agreement:

19  
20  
21  
22 **"Affiliate"** means for a person, another person that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that person. In this  
23 definition, (a) control means the ownership by one person, directly or indirectly, of more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting securities  
24 of a corporation or, for other persons, the equivalent ownership interest (such as partnership interests), and (b) "person" means an  
25 individual, corporation, partnership, trust, estate, unincorporated organization, association, or other legal entity.

26  
27 **"Agreement"** means the operating agreement, farmout agreement, or other contract between the Parties to which this Accounting  
28 Procedure is attached.

29  
30 **"Controllable Material"** means Material that, at the time of acquisition or disposition by the Joint Account, as applicable, is so classified  
31 in the Material Classification Manual most recently recommended by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies (COPAS).

32  
33 **"Equalized Freight"** means the procedure of charging transportation cost to the Joint Account based upon the distance from the nearest  
34 Railway Receiving Point to the property.

35  
36 **"Excluded Amount"** means a specified excluded trucking amount most recently recommended by COPAS.

37  
38 **"Field Office"** means a structure, or portion of a structure, whether a temporary or permanent installation, the primary function of which is  
39 to directly serve daily operation and maintenance activities of the Joint Property and which serves as a staging area for directly chargeable  
40 field personnel.

41  
42 **"First Level Supervision"** means those employees whose primary function in Joint Operations is the direct oversight of the Operator's  
43 field employees and/or contract labor directly employed On-site in a field operating capacity. First Level Supervision functions may  
44 include, but are not limited to:

- 45  
46 • Responsibility for field employees and contract labor engaged in activities that can include field operations, maintenance,  
47 construction, well remedial work, equipment movement and drilling
- 48 • Responsibility for day-to-day direct oversight of rig operations
- 49 • Responsibility for day-to-day direct oversight of construction operations
- 50 • Coordination of job priorities and approval of work procedures
- 51 • Responsibility for optimal resource utilization (equipment, Materials, personnel)
- 52 • Responsibility for meeting production and field operating expense targets
- 53 • Representation of the Parties in local matters involving community, vendors, regulatory agents and landowners, as an incidental  
54 part of the supervisor's operating responsibilities
- 55 • Responsibility for all emergency responses with field staff
- 56 • Responsibility for implementing safety and environmental practices
- 57 • Responsibility for field adherence to company policy
- 58 • Responsibility for employment decisions and performance appraisals for field personnel
- 59 • Oversight of sub-groups for field functions such as electrical, safety, environmental, telecommunications, which may have group  
60 or team leaders.

61  
62 **"Joint Account"** means the account showing the charges paid and credits received in the conduct of the Joint Operations that are to be  
63 shared by the Parties, but does not include proceeds attributable to hydrocarbons and by-products produced under the Agreement.

64  
65 **"Joint Operations"** means all operations necessary or proper for the exploration, appraisal, development, production, protection,  
66 maintenance, repair, abandonment, and restoration of the Joint Property.

1        **“Joint Property”** means the real and personal property subject to the Agreement.

2  
3        **“Laws”** means any laws, rules, regulations, decrees, and orders of the United States of America or any state thereof and all other  
4 governmental bodies, agencies, and other authorities having jurisdiction over or affecting the provisions contained in or the transactions  
5 contemplated by the Agreement or the Parties and their operations, whether such laws now exist or are hereafter amended, enacted,  
6 promulgated or issued.

7  
8        **“Material”** means personal property, equipment, supplies, or consumables acquired or held for use by the Joint Property.

9  
10       **“Non-Operators”** means the Parties to the Agreement other than the Operator.

11  
12       **“Offshore Facilities”** means platforms, surface and subsea development and production systems, and other support systems such as oil and  
13 gas handling facilities, living quarters, offices, shops, cranes, electrical supply equipment and systems, fuel and water storage and piping,  
14 heliport, marine docking installations, communication facilities, navigation aids, and other similar facilities necessary in the conduct of  
15 offshore operations, all of which are located offshore.

16  
17       **“Off-site”** means any location that is not considered On-site as defined in this Accounting Procedure.

18  
19       **“On-site”** means on the Joint Property when in direct conduct of Joint Operations. The term “On-site” shall also include that portion of  
20 Offshore Facilities, Shore Base Facilities, fabrication yards, and staging areas from which Joint Operations are conducted, or other  
21 facilities that directly control equipment on the Joint Property, regardless of whether such facilities are owned by the Joint Account.

22  
23       **“Operator”** means the Party designated pursuant to the Agreement to conduct the Joint Operations.

24  
25       **“Parties”** means legal entities signatory to the Agreement or their successors and assigns. Parties shall be referred to individually as  
26 “Party.”

27  
28       **“Participating Interest”** means the percentage of the costs and risks of conducting an operation under the Agreement that a Party agrees,  
29 or is otherwise obligated, to pay and bear.

30  
31       **“Participating Party”** means a Party that approves a proposed operation or otherwise agrees, or becomes liable, to pay and bear a share of  
32 the costs and risks of conducting an operation under the Agreement.

33  
34       **“Personal Expenses”** means reimbursed costs for travel and temporary living expenses.

35  
36       **“Railway Receiving Point”** means the railhead nearest the Joint Property for which freight rates are published, even though an actual  
37 railhead may not exist.

38  
39       **“Shore Base Facilities”** means onshore support facilities that during Joint Operations provide such services to the Joint Property as a  
40 receiving and transshipment point for Materials; debarkation point for drilling and production personnel and services; communication,  
41 scheduling and dispatching center; and other associated functions serving the Joint Property.

42  
43       **“Supply Store”** means a recognized source or common stock point for a given Material item.

44  
45       **“Technical Services”** means services providing specific engineering, geoscience, or other professional skills, such as those performed by  
46 engineers, geologists, geophysicists, and technicians, required to handle specific operating conditions and problems for the benefit of Joint  
47 Operations; provided, however, Technical Services shall not include those functions specifically identified as overhead under the second  
48 paragraph of the introduction of Section III (*Overhead*). Technical Services may be provided by the Operator, Operator’s Affiliate, Non-  
49 Operator, Non-Operator Affiliates, and/or third parties.

50  
51 **2. STATEMENTS AND BILLINGS**

52  
53        The Operator shall bill Non-Operators on or before the last day of the month for their proportionate share of the Joint Account for the  
54 preceding month. Such bills shall be accompanied by statements that identify the AFE (authority for expenditure), lease or facility, and all  
55 charges and credits summarized by appropriate categories of investment and expense. Controllable Material shall be separately identified  
56 and fully described in detail, or at the Operator’s option, Controllable Material may be summarized by major Material classifications.  
57 Intangible drilling costs, audit adjustments, and unusual charges and credits shall be separately and clearly identified.

58  
59        The Operator may make available to Non-Operators any statements and bills required under Section I.2 and/or Section I.3.A (*Advances*  
60 *and Payments by the Parties*) via email, electronic data interchange, internet websites or other equivalent electronic media in lieu of paper  
61 copies. The Operator shall provide the Non-Operators instructions and any necessary information to access and receive the statements and  
62 bills within the timeframes specified herein. A statement or billing shall be deemed as delivered twenty-four (24) hours (exclusive of  
63 weekends and holidays) after the Operator notifies the Non-Operator that the statement or billing is available on the website and/or sent via  
64 email or electronic data interchange transmission. Each Non-Operator individually shall elect to receive statements and billings  
65 electronically, if available from the Operator, or request paper copies. Such election may be changed upon thirty (30) days prior written  
66 notice to the Operator.

1 **3. ADVANCES AND PAYMENTS BY THE PARTIES**

2  
3 A. Unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement, the Operator may require the Non-Operators to advance their share of the estimated  
4 cash outlay for the succeeding month's operations within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the advance request or by the first day of  
5 the month for which the advance is required, whichever is later. The Operator shall adjust each monthly billing to reflect advances  
6 received from the Non-Operators for such month. If a refund is due, the Operator shall apply the amount to be refunded to the  
7 subsequent month's billing or advance, unless the Non-Operator sends the Operator a written request for a cash refund. The Operator  
8 shall remit the refund to the Non-Operator within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such written request.

9  
10 B. Except ~~as provided below~~ **as otherwise expressly provided in the Agreement or this COPAS**, each Party shall pay its proportionate  
11 share of all bills in full within ~~fifteen (15)~~ **thirty (30)** days of receipt date. If  
12 payment is not made within such time, the unpaid balance shall bear interest compounded monthly at the prime rate published by the  
13 *Wall Street Journal* on the first day of each month the payment is delinquent, plus three percent (3%), per annum, or the maximum  
14 contract rate permitted by the applicable usury Laws governing the Joint Property, whichever is the lesser, plus attorney's fees, court  
15 costs, and other costs in connection with the collection of unpaid amounts. If the *Wall Street Journal* ceases to be published or  
16 discontinues publishing a prime rate, the unpaid balance shall bear interest compounded monthly at the prime rate published by the  
17 Federal Reserve plus three percent (3%), per annum. Interest shall begin accruing on the first day of the month in which the payment  
18 was due. Payment shall not be reduced or delayed as a result of inquiries or anticipated credits unless the Operator has agreed.  
19 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Non-Operator may reduce payment, provided it furnishes documentation and explanation to the  
20 Operator at the time payment is made, to the extent such reduction is caused by:

- 21  
22 (1) being billed at an incorrect working interest or Participating Interest that is higher than such Non-Operator's actual working  
23 interest or Participating Interest, as applicable; or  
24 (2) being billed for a project or AFE requiring approval of the Parties under the Agreement that the Non-Operator has not approved  
25 or is not otherwise obligated to pay under the Agreement; or  
26 (3) being billed for a property in which the Non-Operator no longer owns a working interest, provided the Non-Operator has  
27 furnished the Operator a copy of the recorded assignment or letter in-lieu. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Non-Operator  
28 shall remain responsible for paying bills attributable to the interest it sold or transferred for any bills rendered during the thirty  
29 (30) day period following the Operator's receipt of such written notice; or  
30 (4) charges outside the adjustment period, as provided in Section I.4 (*Adjustments*).

31 **4. ADJUSTMENTS**

32  
33 A. Payment of any such bills shall not prejudice the right of any Party to protest or question the correctness thereof; however, all bills  
34 and statements, including payout statements, rendered during any calendar year shall conclusively be presumed to be true and correct,  
35 with respect only to expenditures, after twenty-four (24) months following the end of any such calendar year, unless within said  
36 period a Party takes specific detailed written exception thereto making a claim for adjustment. The Operator shall provide a response  
37 to all written exceptions, whether or not contained in an audit report, within the time periods prescribed in Section I.5 (*Expenditure*  
38 *Audits*).

39  
40 B. All adjustments initiated by the Operator, except those described in items (1) through (4) of this Section I.4.B, are limited to the  
41 twenty-four (24) month period following the end of the calendar year in which the original charge appeared or should have appeared  
42 on the Operator's Joint Account statement or payout statement. Adjustments that may be made beyond the twenty-four (24) month  
43 period are limited to adjustments resulting from the following:

- 44  
45 (1) a physical inventory of Controllable Material as provided for in Section V (*Inventories of Controllable Material*), or  
46 (2) an offsetting entry (whether in whole or in part) that is the direct result of a specific joint interest audit exception granted by the  
47 Operator relating to another property, or  
48 (3) a government/regulatory audit, or  
49 (4) a working interest ownership or Participating Interest adjustment.

50  
51 **5. EXPENDITURE AUDITS**

52  
53 A. A Non-Operator, upon written notice to the Operator and all other Non-Operators, shall have the right to audit the Operator's  
54 accounts and records relating to the Joint Account within the twenty-four (24) month period following the end of such calendar year in  
55 which such bill was rendered; however, conducting an audit shall not extend the time for the taking of written exception to and the  
56 adjustment of accounts as provided for in Section I.4 (*Adjustments*). Any Party that is subject to payout accounting under the  
57 Agreement shall have the right to audit the accounts and records of the Party responsible for preparing the payout statements, or of  
58 the Party furnishing information to the Party responsible for preparing payout statements. Audits of payout accounts may include the  
59 volumes of hydrocarbons produced and saved and proceeds received for such hydrocarbons as they pertain to payout accounting  
60 required under the Agreement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, audits of a payout account shall be conducted within the  
61 twenty-four (24) month period following the end of the calendar year in which the payout statement was rendered.

62  
63 Where there are two or more Non-Operators, the Non-Operators shall make every reasonable effort to conduct a joint audit in a  
64 manner that will result in a minimum of inconvenience to the Operator. The Operator shall bear no portion of the Non-Operators'  
65 audit cost incurred under this paragraph unless agreed to by the Operator. The audits shall not be conducted more than once each year  
66 without prior approval of the Operator, except upon the resignation or removal of the Operator, and shall be made at the expense of

1 those Non-Operators approving such audit.

2  
3 The Non-Operator leading the audit (hereinafter “lead audit company”) shall issue the audit report within ninety (90) days after  
4 completion of the audit testing and analysis; however, the ninety (90) day time period shall not extend the twenty-four (24) month  
5 requirement for taking specific detailed written exception as required in Section I.4.A (*Adjustments*) above. All claims shall be  
6 supported with sufficient documentation.

7  
8 A timely filed written exception or audit report containing written exceptions (hereinafter “written exceptions”) shall, with respect to  
9 the claims made therein, preclude the Operator from asserting a statute of limitations defense against such claims, and the Operator  
10 hereby waives its right to assert any statute of limitations defense against such claims for so long as any Non-Operator continues to  
11 comply with the deadlines for resolving exceptions provided in this Accounting Procedure. If the Non-Operators fail to comply with  
12 the additional deadlines in Section I.5.B or I.5.C, the Operator’s waiver of its rights to assert a statute of limitations defense against  
13 the claims brought by the Non-Operators shall lapse, and such claims shall then be subject to the applicable statute of limitations,  
14 provided that such waiver shall not lapse in the event that the Operator has failed to comply with the deadlines in Section I.5.B or  
15 I.5.C.

16  
17 B. The Operator shall provide a written response to all exceptions in an audit report within one hundred eighty (180) days after Operator  
18 receives such report. Denied exceptions should be accompanied by a substantive response. If the Operator fails to provide substantive  
19 response to an exception within this one hundred eighty (180) day period, the Operator will owe interest on that exception or portion  
20 thereof, if ultimately granted, from the date it received the audit report. Interest shall be calculated using the rate set forth in Section  
21 I.3.B (*Advances and Payments by the Parties*).

22  
23 C. The lead audit company shall reply to the Operator’s response to an audit report within ninety (90) days of receipt, and the Operator  
24 shall reply to the lead audit company’s follow-up response within ninety (90) days of receipt; provided, however, each Non-Operator  
25 shall have the right to represent itself if it disagrees with the lead audit company’s position or believes the lead audit company is not  
26 adequately fulfilling its duties. Unless otherwise provided for in Section I.5.E, if the Operator fails to provide substantive response  
27 to an exception within this ninety (90) day period, the Operator will owe interest on that exception or portion thereof, if ultimately  
28 granted, from the date it received the audit report. Interest shall be calculated using the rate set forth in Section I.3.B (*Advances and  
29 Payments by the Parties*).

30  
31 D. If any Party fails to meet the deadlines in Sections I.5.B or I.5.C or if any audit issues are outstanding fifteen (15) months after  
32 Operator receives the audit report, the Operator or any Non-Operator participating in the audit has the right to call a resolution  
33 meeting, as set forth in this Section I.5.D or it may invoke the dispute resolution procedures included in the Agreement, if applicable.  
34 The meeting will require one month’s written notice to the Operator and all Non-Operators participating in the audit. The meeting  
35 shall be held at the Operator’s office or mutually agreed location, and shall be attended by representatives of the Parties with  
36 authority to resolve such outstanding issues. Any Party who fails to attend the resolution meeting shall be bound by any resolution  
37 reached at the meeting. The lead audit company will make good faith efforts to coordinate the response and positions of the  
38 Non-Operator participants throughout the resolution process; however, each Non-Operator shall have the right to represent itself.  
39 Attendees will make good faith efforts to resolve outstanding issues, and each Party will be required to present substantive information  
40 supporting its position. A resolution meeting may be held as often as agreed to by the Parties. Issues unresolved at one meeting may  
41 be discussed at subsequent meetings until each such issue is resolved.

42  
43 If the Agreement contains no dispute resolution procedures and the audit issues cannot be resolved by negotiation, the dispute shall  
44 be submitted to mediation. In such event, promptly following one Party’s written request for mediation, the Parties to the dispute  
45 shall choose a mutually acceptable mediator and share the costs of mediation services equally. The Parties shall each have present  
46 at the mediation at least one individual who has the authority to settle the dispute. The Parties shall make reasonable efforts to  
47 ensure that the mediation commences within sixty (60) days of the date of the mediation request. Notwithstanding the above, any  
48 Party may file a lawsuit or complaint (1) if the Parties are unable after reasonable efforts, to commence mediation within sixty (60)  
49 days of the date of the mediation request, (2) for statute of limitations reasons, or (3) to seek a preliminary injunction or other  
50 provisional judicial relief, if in its sole judgment an injunction or other provisional relief is necessary to avoid irreparable damage or  
51 to preserve the status quo. Despite such action, the Parties shall continue to try to resolve the dispute by mediation.

52  
53 ~~E.  (Optional Provision – Forfeiture Penalties)~~

54 ~~If the Non-Operators fail to meet the deadline in Section I.5.C, any unresolved exceptions that were not addressed by the Non-~~  
55 ~~Operators within one (1) year following receipt of the last substantive response of the Operator shall be deemed to have been~~  
56 ~~withdrawn by the Non-Operators. If the Operator fails to meet the deadlines in Section I.5.B or I.5.C, any unresolved exceptions that~~  
57 ~~were not addressed by the Operator within one (1) year following receipt of the audit report or receipt of the last substantive response~~  
58 ~~of the Non-Operators, whichever is later, shall be deemed to have been granted by the Operator and adjustments shall be made,~~  
59 ~~without interest, to the Joint Account.~~

60  
61 **6. APPROVAL BY PARTIES**

62  
63 A. GENERAL MATTERS

64  
65 Where an approval or other agreement of the Parties or Non-Operators is expressly required under other Sections of this Accounting  
66 Procedure and if the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached contains no contrary provisions in regard thereto, the



1 Operator shall notify all Non-Operators of the Operator's proposal and the agreement or approval of a majority in interest of the  
2 Non-Operators shall be controlling on all Non-Operators.

3  
4 This Section I.6.A applies to specific situations of limited duration where a Party proposes to change the accounting for charges from  
5 that prescribed in this Accounting Procedure. This provision does not apply to amendments to this Accounting Procedure, which are  
6 covered by Section I.6.B.

7  
8 **B. AMENDMENTS**

9  
10 If the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached contains no contrary provisions in regard thereto, this Accounting  
11 Procedure can be amended by an affirmative vote of Two (2) or more Parties, one of which is the Operator,  
12 having a combined working interest of at least Sixty percent (60.0%), which approval shall be binding on all Parties,  
13 provided, however, approval of at least one (1) Non-Operator shall be required.

14  
15 **C. AFFILIATES**

16  
17 For the purpose of administering the voting procedures of Sections I.6.A and I.6.B, if Parties to this Agreement are Affiliates of each  
18 other, then such Affiliates shall be combined and treated as a single Party having the combined working interest or Participating  
19 Interest of such Affiliates.

20  
21 For the purposes of administering the voting procedures in Section I.6.A, if a Non-Operator is an Affiliate of the Operator, votes  
22 under Section I.6.A shall require the majority in interest of the Non-Operator(s) after excluding the interest of the Operator's  
23 Affiliate.

24  
25 **II. DIRECT CHARGES**

26  
27 The Operator shall charge the Joint Account with the following items:

28  
29 **1. RENTALS AND ROYALTIES**

30  
31 Lease rentals and royalties paid by the Operator, on behalf of all Parties, for the Joint Operations.

32  
33 **2. LABOR**

34  
35 **A. Salaries and wages**  
36 ~~, including incentive compensation programs as set forth in COPAS MFI-37 ("Chargeability of Incentive~~  
37 ~~Compensation Programs"), for:~~

- 38  
39 (1) Operator's field employees directly employed On-site in the conduct of Joint Operations,  
40  
41 (2) Operator's employees directly employed on Shore Base Facilities, Offshore Facilities, or other facilities serving the Joint  
42 Property if such costs are not charged under Section II.6 (*Equipment and Facilities Furnished by Operator*) or are not a  
43 function covered under Section III (*Overhead*),  
44  
45 (3) Operator's employees providing First Level Supervision,  
46  
47 (4) Operator's employees providing On-site Technical Services for the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the  
48 overhead rates in Section III (*Overhead*),  
49  
50 (5) Operator's employees providing Off-site Technical Services for the Joint Property if such charges are excluded from the  
51 overhead rates in Section III (*Overhead*).

52  
53 Charges for the Operator's employees identified in Section II.2.A may be made based on the employee's actual salaries and wages,  
54 or in lieu thereof, a day rate representing the Operator's average salaries and wages of the employee's specific job category.

55  
56 Charges for personnel chargeable under this Section II.2.A who are foreign nationals shall not exceed comparable compensation paid  
57 to an equivalent U.S. employee pursuant to this Section II.2, unless otherwise approved by the Parties pursuant to Section  
58 I.6.A (*General Matters*).

59  
60 **B. Operator's cost of holiday, vacation, sickness, and disability benefits, and other customary allowances paid to employees whose**  
61 **salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Section II.2.A, excluding severance payments or other termination**  
62 **allowances. Such costs under this Section II.2.B may be charged on a "when and as-paid basis" or by "percentage assessment" on the**  
63 **amount of salaries and wages chargeable to the Joint Account under Section II.2.A. If percentage assessment is used, the rate shall**  
64 **be based on the Operator's cost experience.**

65  
66 **C. Expenditures or contributions made pursuant to assessments imposed by governmental authority that are applicable to costs**  
**chargeable to the Joint Account under Sections II.2.A and B.**

- 1 D. Personal Expenses of personnel whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the Joint Account under Section II.2.A when the  
2 expenses are incurred in connection with directly chargeable activities.  
3
- 4 E. Reasonable relocation costs incurred in transferring to the Joint Property personnel whose salaries and wages are chargeable to the  
5 Joint Account under Section II.2.A. Notwithstanding the foregoing, relocation costs that result from reorganization or merger of a  
6 Party, or that are for the primary benefit of the Operator, shall not be chargeable to the Joint Account. Extraordinary relocation  
7 costs, such as those incurred as a result of transfers from remote locations, such as Alaska or overseas, shall not be charged to the  
8 Joint Account unless approved by the Parties pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*).  
9
- 10 F. Training costs ~~as specified in COPAS MFI-35 ("Charging of Training Costs to the Joint Account")~~ for personnel whose salaries and  
11 wages are chargeable under Section II.2.A. This training charge shall include the wages, salaries, training course cost, and Personal  
12 Expenses incurred during the training session. The training cost shall be charged or allocated to the property or properties directly  
13 benefiting from the training. The cost of the training course shall not exceed prevailing commercial rates, where such rates are  
14 available.  
15
- 16 G. Operator's current cost of established plans for employee benefits  
17 ~~, as described in COPAS MFI-27 ("Employee Benefits Chargeable~~  
18 ~~to Joint Operations and Subject to Percentage Limitation"),~~ applicable to the Operator's labor costs chargeable to the Joint Account  
19 under Sections II.2.A and B based on the Operator's actual cost not to exceed the employee benefits limitation percentage most  
20 recently recommended by COPAS.  
21
- 22 H. Award payments to employees, ~~in accordance with COPAS MFI-49 ("Awards to Employees and Contractors")~~ for personnel whose  
23 salaries and wages are chargeable under Section II.2.A.  
24

### 25 3. MATERIAL

26 Material purchased or furnished by the Operator for use on the Joint Property in the conduct of Joint Operations as provided under Section  
27 IV (*Material Purchases, Transfers, and Dispositions*). Only such Material shall be purchased for or transferred to the Joint Property as  
28 may be required for immediate use or is reasonably practical and consistent with efficient and economical operations. The accumulation  
29 of surplus stocks shall be avoided.  
30

### 31 4. TRANSPORTATION

- 32 A. Transportation of the Operator's, Operator's Affiliate's, or contractor's personnel necessary for Joint Operations.  
33
- 34 B. Transportation of Material between the Joint Property and another property, or from the Operator's warehouse or other storage point  
35 to the Joint Property, shall be charged to the receiving property using one of the methods listed below. Transportation of Material  
36 from the Joint Property to the Operator's warehouse or other storage point shall be paid for by the Joint Property using one of the  
37 methods listed below:  
38
- 39 (1) If the actual trucking charge is less than or equal to the Excluded Amount the Operator may charge actual trucking cost or a  
40 theoretical charge from the Railway Receiving Point to the Joint Property. The basis for the theoretical charge is the per  
41 hundred weight charge plus fuel surcharges from the Railway Receiving Point to the Joint Property. The Operator shall  
42 consistently apply the selected alternative.  
43
- 44 (2) If the actual trucking charge is greater than the Excluded Amount, the Operator shall charge Equalized Freight. Accessorial  
45 charges such as loading and unloading costs, split pick-up costs, detention, call out charges, and permit fees shall be charged  
46 directly to the Joint Property and shall not be included when calculating the Equalized Freight.  
47  
48

### 49 5. SERVICES

50 The cost of contract services, equipment, and utilities used in the conduct of Joint Operations, except for contract services, equipment, and  
51 utilities covered by Section III (*Overhead*), or Section II.7 (*Affiliates*), or excluded under Section II.9 (*Legal Expense*). Awards paid to  
52 contractors shall be chargeable ~~pursuant to COPAS MFI-49 ("Awards to Employees and Contractors")~~.  
53

54 The costs of third party Technical Services are chargeable to the extent excluded from the overhead rates under Section III (*Overhead*).  
55

### 56 6. EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FURNISHED BY OPERATOR

57 In the absence of a separately negotiated agreement, equipment and facilities furnished by the Operator will be charged as follows:  
58

- 59 A. The Operator shall charge the Joint Account for use of Operator-owned equipment and facilities, including but not limited to  
60 production facilities, Shore Base Facilities, Offshore Facilities, and Field Offices, at rates commensurate with the costs of ownership  
61 and operation. The cost of Field Offices shall be chargeable to the extent the Field Offices provide direct service to personnel who  
62 are chargeable pursuant to Section II.2.A (*Labor*). Such rates may include labor, maintenance, repairs, other operating expense,  
63 insurance, taxes, depreciation using straight line depreciation method, and interest on gross investment less accumulated depreciation  
64 not to exceed Ten percent (10%) per annum; provided, however, depreciation shall not be charged when the  
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66

1 equipment and facilities investment have been fully depreciated. The rate may include an element of the estimated cost for  
2 abandonment, reclamation, and dismantlement. Such rates shall not exceed the average commercial rates currently prevailing in the  
3 immediate area of the Joint Property.  
4

- 5 B. In lieu of charges in Section II.6.A above, the Operator may elect to use average commercial rates prevailing in the immediate area  
6 of the Joint Property, ~~less twenty percent (20%)~~. If equipment and facilities are charged under this Section II.6.B, the Operator shall  
7 adequately document and support commercial rates and shall periodically review and update the rate and the supporting  
8 documentation. For automotive equipment, the Operator may elect to use rates published by the Petroleum Motor Transport  
9 Association (PMTA) or such other organization recognized by COPAS as the official source of rates.  
10

## 11 7. AFFILIATES

- 12  
13 A. Charges for an Affiliate's goods and/or services used in operations requiring an AFE or other authorization from the Non-Operators  
14 may be made without the approval of the Parties provided (i) the Affiliate is identified and the Affiliate goods and services are  
15 specifically detailed in the approved AFE or other authorization, and (ii) the total costs for such Affiliate's goods and services billed  
16 to such individual project do not exceed \$ 10,000.00. If the total costs for an Affiliate's goods and services charged to such  
17 individual project are not specifically detailed in the approved AFE or authorization or exceed such amount, charges for such  
18 Affiliate shall require approval of the Parties, pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*).  
19

- 20 B. For an Affiliate's goods and/or services used in operations not requiring an AFE or other authorization from the Non-Operators,  
21 charges for such Affiliate's goods and services shall require approval of the Parties, pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*), if the  
22 charges exceed \$ 25,000.00 in a given calendar year.  
23

- 24 C. The cost of the Affiliate's goods or services shall not exceed average commercial rates prevailing in the area of the Joint Property,  
25 unless the Operator obtains the Non-Operators' approval of such rates. The Operator shall adequately document and support  
26 commercial rates and shall periodically review and update the rate and the supporting documentation; provided, however,  
27 documentation of commercial rates shall not be required if the Operator obtains Non-Operator approval of its Affiliate's rates or  
28 charges prior to billing Non-Operators for such Affiliate's goods and services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, direct charges for  
29 Affiliate-owned communication facilities or systems shall be made pursuant to Section II.12 (*Communications*).  
30

31 If the Parties fail to designate an amount in Sections II.7.A or II.7.B, in each instance the amount deemed adopted by the Parties as a  
32 result of such omission shall be the amount established as the Operator's expenditure limitation in the Agreement. If the Agreement  
33 does not contain an Operator's expenditure limitation, the amount deemed adopted by the Parties as a result of such omission shall be  
34 zero dollars (\$ 0.00).  
35

## 36 8. DAMAGES AND LOSSES TO JOINT PROPERTY

37  
38 All costs or expenses necessary for the repair or replacement of Joint Property resulting from damages or losses incurred, except to the  
39 extent such damages or losses result from a Party's or Parties' gross negligence or willful misconduct, in which case such Party or Parties  
40 shall be solely liable.  
41

42 The Operator shall furnish the Non-Operator written notice of damages or losses incurred as soon as practicable after a report has been  
43 received by the Operator.  
44

## 45 9. LEGAL EXPENSE

46  
47 Recording fees and costs of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging litigation, claims, and liens incurred in or resulting from  
48 operations under the Agreement, or necessary to protect or recover the Joint Property, to the extent permitted under the Agreement. Costs  
49 of the Operator's or Affiliate's legal staff or outside attorneys, including fees and expenses, are not chargeable unless approved by the  
50 Parties pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*) or otherwise provided for in the Agreement.  
51

52 Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, costs for procuring abstracts, fees paid to outside attorneys for title examinations (including  
53 preliminary, supplemental, shut-in royalty opinions, division order title opinions), and curative work shall be chargeable to the extent  
54 permitted as a direct charge in the Agreement.  
55  
56

## 57 10. TAXES AND PERMITS

58  
59 All taxes and permitting fees of every kind and nature, assessed or levied upon or in connection with the Joint Property, or the production  
60 therefrom, and which have been paid by the Operator for the benefit of the Parties, including penalties and interest, except to the extent the  
61 penalties and interest result from the Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct.  
62

63 If ad valorem taxes paid by the Operator are based in whole or in part upon separate valuations of each Party's working interest, then  
64 notwithstanding any contrary provisions, the charges to the Parties will be made in accordance with the tax value generated by each Party's  
65 working interest.  
66

1 Costs of tax consultants or advisors, the Operator's employees, or Operator's Affiliate employees in matters regarding ad valorem or other  
2 tax matters, are not permitted as direct charges unless approved by the Parties pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*).

3  
4 Charges to the Joint Account resulting from sales/use tax audits, including extrapolated amounts and penalties and interest, are permitted,  
5 provided the Non-Operator shall be allowed to review the invoices and other underlying source documents which served as the basis for  
6 tax charges and to determine that the correct amount of taxes were charged to the Joint Account. If the Non-Operator is not permitted to  
7 review such documentation, the sales/use tax amount shall not be directly charged unless the Operator can conclusively document the  
8 amount owed by the Joint Account.

9  
10 **11. INSURANCE**

11  
12 Net premiums paid for insurance required to be carried for Joint Operations for the protection of the Parties. If Joint Operations are  
13 conducted at locations where the Operator acts as self-insurer in regard to its worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance  
14 obligation, the Operator shall charge the Joint Account manual rates for the risk assumed in its self-insurance program as regulated by the  
15 jurisdiction governing the Joint Property. In the case of offshore operations in federal waters, the manual rates of the adjacent state shall be  
16 used for personnel performing work On-site, and such rates shall be adjusted for offshore operations by the U.S. Longshoreman and  
17 Harbor Workers (USL&H) or Jones Act surcharge, as appropriate.

18  
19 **12. COMMUNICATIONS**

20  
21 Costs of acquiring, leasing, installing, operating, repairing, and maintaining communication facilities or systems, including satellite, radio  
22 and microwave facilities, between the Joint Property and the Operator's office(s) directly responsible for field operations ~~in~~ accordance  
23 ~~with the provisions of COPAS MFI-44 ("Field Computer and Communication Systems").~~ If the communications facilities or systems  
24 serving the Joint Property are Operator-owned, charges to the Joint Account shall be made as provided in Section II.6 (*Equipment and*  
25 *Facilities Furnished by Operator*). If the communication facilities or systems serving the Joint Property are owned by the Operator's  
26 Affiliate, charges to the Joint Account shall not exceed average commercial rates prevailing in the area of the Joint Property. The Operator  
27 shall adequately document and support commercial rates and shall periodically review and update the rate and the supporting  
28 documentation.

29  
30 **13. ECOLOGICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND SAFETY**

31  
32 Costs incurred for Technical Services and drafting to comply with ecological, environmental and safety Laws or standards recommended by  
33 Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) or other regulatory authorities. All other labor and functions incurred for  
34 ecological, environmental and safety matters, including management, administration, and permitting, shall be covered by Sections II.2  
35 (*Labor*), II.5 (*Services*), or Section III (*Overhead*), as applicable.

36  
37 Costs to provide or have available pollution containment and removal equipment plus actual costs of control and cleanup and resulting  
38 responsibilities of oil and other spills as well as discharges from permitted outfalls as required by applicable Laws, or other pollution  
39 containment and removal equipment deemed appropriate by the Operator for prudent operations, are directly chargeable.

40  
41 **14. ABANDONMENT AND RECLAMATION**

42  
43 Costs incurred for abandonment and reclamation of the Joint Property, including costs required by lease agreements or by Laws.

44  
45 **15. OTHER EXPENDITURES**

46  
47 Any other expenditure not covered or dealt with in the foregoing provisions of this Section II (*Direct Charges*), or in Section III  
48 (*Overhead*) and which is of direct benefit to the Joint Property and is incurred by the Operator in the necessary and proper conduct of the  
49 Joint Operations. Charges made under this Section II.15 shall require approval of the Parties, pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*).

50  
51  
52 **III. OVERHEAD**

53  
54 As compensation for costs not specifically identified as chargeable to the Joint Account pursuant to Section II (*Direct Charges*), the Operator  
55 shall charge the Joint Account in accordance with this Section III.

56  
57 Functions included in the overhead rates regardless of whether performed by the Operator, Operator's Affiliates or third parties and regardless  
58 of location, shall include, but not be limited to, costs and expenses of:

- 59  
60
- 61 • warehousing, other than for warehouses that are jointly owned under this Agreement
  - 62 • design and drafting (except when allowed as a direct charge under Sections II.13, III.1.A(ii), and III.2, Option B)
  - 63 • inventory costs not chargeable under Section V (*Inventories of Controllable Material*)
  - 64 • procurement
  - 65 • administration
  - 66 • accounting and auditing
  - gas dispatching and gas chart integration

- 1 • human resources
- 2 • management
- 3 • supervision not directly charged under Section II.2 (*Labor*)
- 4 • legal services not directly chargeable under Section II.9 (*Legal Expense*)
- 5 • taxation, other than those costs identified as directly chargeable under Section II.10 (*Taxes and Permits*)
- 6 • preparation and monitoring of permits and certifications; preparing regulatory reports; appearances before or meetings with
- 7 governmental agencies or other authorities having jurisdiction over the Joint Property, other than On-site inspections; reviewing,
- 8 interpreting, or submitting comments on or lobbying with respect to Laws or proposed Laws.

9  
10 Overhead charges shall include the salaries or wages plus applicable payroll burdens, benefits, and Personal Expenses of personnel performing  
11 overhead functions, as well as office and other related expenses of overhead functions.

## 13 1. OVERHEAD—DRILLING AND PRODUCING OPERATIONS

14  
15 As compensation for costs incurred but not chargeable under Section II (*Direct Charges*) and not covered by other provisions of this  
16 Section III, the Operator shall charge on either:

- 17  (Alternative 1) Fixed Rate Basis, Section III.1.B.
- 18  ~~(Alternative 2) Percentage Basis, Section III.1.C.~~

### 21 A. TECHNICAL SERVICES

- 22
- 23 (i) Except as otherwise provided in Section II.13 (*Ecological Environmental, and Safety*) and Section III.2 (*Overhead – Major*
- 24 *Construction and Catastrophe*), or by approval of the Parties pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*), the salaries, wages,
- 25 related payroll burdens and benefits, and Personal Expenses for **On-site** Technical Services, including third party Technical
- 26 Services:

- 27
- 28  (Alternative 1 – Direct) shall be charged direct to the Joint Account.

29  
30  ~~(Alternative 2 – Overhead) shall be covered by the overhead rates.~~

- 31
- 32 (ii) Except as otherwise provided in Section II.13 (*Ecological, Environmental, and Safety*) and Section III.2 (*Overhead – Major*
- 33 *Construction and Catastrophe*), or by approval of the Parties pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*), the salaries, wages,
- 34 related payroll burdens and benefits, and Personal Expenses for **Off-site** Technical Services, including third party Technical
- 35 Services:

36  
37  ~~(Alternative 1 – All Overhead) shall be covered by the overhead rates.~~

38  
39  ~~(Alternative 2 – All Direct) shall be charged direct to the Joint Account.~~

- 40
- 41  (Alternative 3 – Drilling Direct) shall be charged direct to the Joint Account, only to the extent such Technical Services
- 42 are directly attributable to drilling, re-drilling, deepening, or sidetracking operations, through completion, temporary
- 43 abandonment, or abandonment if a dry hole. Off-site Technical Services for all other operations, including workover,
- 44 recompletion, abandonment of producing wells, and the construction or expansion of fixed assets not covered by Section
- 45 III.2 (*Overhead - Major Construction and Catastrophe*) shall be covered by the overhead rates.

46  
47 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section III, Technical Services provided by Operator's Affiliates are subject to limitations  
48 set forth in Section II.7 (*Affiliates*). Charges for Technical personnel performing non-technical work shall not be governed by this Section  
49 III.1.A, but instead governed by other provisions of this Accounting Procedure relating to the type of work being performed.

### 51 B. OVERHEAD—FIXED RATE BASIS

- 52
- 53 (1) The Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates ~~per well~~ per month:

54  
55 Drilling Well Rate per month \$ ~~\*\*7,000.00~~ (prorated for less than a full month ~~of drilling activity~~) ~~per unit of forty (40) acres or~~  
56 ~~less.~~

57  
58 Producing Well Rate per month \$ ~~\*\*700.00~~ ~~per unit of forty (40) acres or less.~~

- 59
- 60 (2) Application of Overhead—Drilling Well Rate shall be as follows:

- 61
- 62 (a) Charges for onshore drilling wells shall begin on the spud date and terminate on the date the drilling and/or completion
- 63 equipment used on the well is released, whichever occurs later. Charges for offshore and inland waters drilling wells shall
- 64 begin on the date the drilling or completion equipment arrives on location and terminate on the date the drilling or completion
- 65 equipment moves off location, or is released, whichever occurs first. No charge shall be made during suspension of drilling
- 66 and/or completion operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive calendar days.

- 1 (b) Charges for any well undergoing any type of workover, recompletion, and/or abandonment for a period of five (5) or more  
2 consecutive work-days shall be made at the Drilling Well Rate. Such charges shall be applied for the period from date  
3 operations, with rig or other units used in operations, commence through date of rig or other unit release, except that no charges  
4 shall be made during suspension of operations for fifteen (15) or more consecutive calendar days.  
5
- 6 (3) Application of Overhead—Producing Well Rate shall be as follows:  
7
- 8 (a) An active well that is produced, injected into for recovery or disposal, or used to obtain water supply to support operations for  
9 any portion of the month shall be considered as a one-well charge for the entire month.  
10
- 11 (b) Each active completion in a multi-completed well shall be considered as a one-well charge provided each completion is  
12 considered a separate well by the governing regulatory authority.  
13
- 14 (c) A one-well charge shall be made for the month in which plugging and abandonment operations are completed on any well,  
15 unless the Drilling Well Rate applies, as provided in Sections III.1.B.(2)(a) or (b). This one-well charge shall be made whether  
16 or not the well has produced.  
17
- 18 (d) An active gas well shut in because of overproduction or failure of a purchaser, processor, or transporter to take production shall  
19 be considered as a one-well charge provided the gas well is directly connected to a permanent sales outlet.  
20
- 21 (e) Any well not meeting the criteria set forth in Sections III.1.B.(3) (a), (b), (c), or (d) shall not qualify for a producing overhead  
22 charge.  
23
- 24 (4) The well rates shall be adjusted on the first day of April each year following the effective date of the Agreement; provided,  
25 however, if this Accounting Procedure is attached to or otherwise governing the payout accounting under a farmout agreement, the  
26 rates shall be adjusted on the first day of April each year following the effective date of such farmout agreement. The adjustment  
27 shall be computed by applying the adjustment factor most recently published by COPAS. The adjusted rates shall be the initial or  
28 amended rates agreed to by the Parties increased or decreased by the adjustment factor described herein, for each year from the  
29 effective date of such rates, in accordance with COPAS MFI-47 (“Adjustment of Overhead Rates”).  
30

31 **C.—OVERHEAD—PERCENTAGE BASIS**  
32

33 (1)—Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the following rates:  
34

35 (a)—Development Rate \_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_\_%) of the cost of development of the Joint Property, exclusive of costs  
36 provided under Section II.9 (*Legal Expense*) and all Material salvage credits.  
37

38 (b)—Operating Rate \_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_\_%) of the cost of operating the Joint Property, exclusive of costs  
39 provided under Sections II.1 (*Rentals and Royalties*) and II.9 (*Legal Expense*); all Material salvage credits; the value  
40 of substances purchased for enhanced recovery; all property and ad valorem taxes, and any other taxes and assessments that  
41 are levied, assessed, and paid upon the mineral interest in and to the Joint Property.  
42

43 (2)—Application of Overhead—Percentage Basis shall be as follows:  
44

45 (a)—The Development Rate shall be applied to all costs in connection with:  
46

47 [i]—drilling, redrilling, sidetracking, or deepening of a well

48 [ii]—a well undergoing plugback or workover operations for a period of five (5) or more consecutive work-days

49 [iii]—preliminary expenditures necessary in preparation for drilling

50 [iv]—expenditures incurred in abandoning when the well is not completed as a producer

51 [v]—construction or installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets and any other project clearly discernible as a  
52 fixed asset, other than Major Construction or Catastrophe as defined in Section III.2 (*Overhead-Major Construction  
53 and Catastrophe*);  
54

55 (b)—The Operating Rate shall be applied to all other costs in connection with Joint Operations, except those subject to Section III.2  
56 (*Overhead-Major Construction and Catastrophe*);  
57

58 **2. OVERHEAD—MAJOR CONSTRUCTION AND CATASTROPHE**  
59

60 To compensate the Operator for overhead costs incurred in connection with a Major Construction project or Catastrophe, the Operator  
61 shall either negotiate a rate prior to the beginning of the project, or shall charge the Joint Account for overhead based on the following  
62 rates for any Major Construction project in excess of the Operator’s expenditure limit under the Agreement, or for any Catastrophe  
63 regardless of the amount. If the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached does not contain an expenditure limit, Major  
64 Construction Overhead shall be assessed for any single Major Construction project costing in excess of \$100,000 gross.  
65  
66

1 Major Construction shall mean the construction and installation of fixed assets, the expansion of fixed assets, and any other project clearly  
2 discernible as a fixed asset required for the development and operation of the Joint Property, or in the dismantlement, abandonment,  
3 removal, and restoration of platforms, production equipment, and other operating facilities.  
4

5 Catastrophe is defined as a sudden calamitous event bringing damage, loss, or destruction to property or the environment, such as an oil  
6 spill, blowout, explosion, fire, storm, hurricane, or other disaster. The overhead rate shall be applied to those costs necessary to restore the  
7 Joint Property to the equivalent condition that existed prior to the event.  
8

9 A. If the Operator absorbs the engineering, design and drafting costs related to the project:  
10

11 | (1) \*\*5.0 % of total costs if such costs are less than \$100,000; plus  
12

13 | (2) \*\*3.0 % of total costs in excess of \$100,000 but less than \$1,000,000; plus  
14

15 | (3) \*\*2.0 % of total costs in excess of \$1,000,000.  
16

17 B. If the Operator charges engineering, design and drafting costs related to the project directly to the Joint Account:  
18

19 | (1) \*\*5.0 % of total costs if such costs are less than \$100,000; plus  
20

21 | (2) \*\*3.0 % of total costs in excess of \$100,000 but less than \$1,000,000; plus  
22

23 | (3) \*\*2.0 % of total costs in excess of \$1,000,000.  
24

25 Total cost shall mean the gross cost of any one project. For the purpose of this paragraph, the component parts of a single Major  
26 Construction project shall not be treated separately, and the cost of drilling and workover wells and purchasing and installing pumping  
27 units and downhole artificial lift equipment shall be excluded. For Catastrophes, the rates shall be applied to all costs associated with each  
28 single occurrence or event.  
29

30 On each project, the Operator shall advise the Non-Operator(s) in advance which of the above options shall apply.  
31

32 For the purposes of calculating Catastrophe Overhead, the cost of drilling relief wells, substitute wells, or conducting other well operations  
33 directly resulting from the catastrophic event shall be included. Expenditures to which these rates apply shall not be reduced by salvage or  
34 insurance recoveries. Expenditures that qualify for Major Construction or Catastrophe Overhead shall not qualify for overhead under any  
35 other overhead provisions.  
36

37 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Section III.2 and the provisions of Sections II.2 (*Labor*), II.5 (*Services*), or II.7  
38 (*Affiliates*), the provisions of this Section III.2 shall govern.  
39

### 40 3. AMENDMENT OF OVERHEAD RATES 41

42 The overhead rates provided for in this Section III may be amended from time to time if, in practice, the rates are found to be insufficient  
43 or excessive, in accordance with the provisions of Section I.6.B (*Amendments*).  
44

## 45 IV. MATERIAL PURCHASES, TRANSFERS, AND DISPOSITIONS 46

47 The Operator is responsible for Joint Account Material and shall make proper and timely charges and credits for direct purchases, transfers, and  
48 dispositions. The Operator shall provide all Material for use in the conduct of Joint Operations; however, Material may be supplied by the Non-  
49 Operators, at the Operator's option. Material furnished by any Party shall be furnished without any express or implied warranties as to quality,  
50 fitness for use, or any other matter.  
51

### 52 1. DIRECT PURCHASES 53

54 Direct purchases shall be charged to the Joint Account at the price paid by the Operator after deduction of all discounts received. The  
55 Operator shall make good faith efforts to take discounts offered by suppliers, but shall not be liable for failure to take discounts except to  
56 the extent such failure was the result of the Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct. A direct purchase shall be deemed to occur  
57 when an agreement is made between an Operator and a third party for the acquisition of Material for a specific well site or location.  
58 Material provided by the Operator under "vendor stocking programs," where the initial use is for a Joint Property and title of the Material  
59 does not pass from the manufacturer, distributor, or agent until usage, is considered a direct purchase. If Material is found to be defective  
60 or is returned to the manufacturer, distributor, or agent for any other reason, credit shall be passed to the Joint Account within sixty (60)  
61 days after the Operator has received adjustment from the manufacturer, distributor, or agent.  
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**2. TRANSFERS**

A transfer is determined to occur when the Operator (i) furnishes Material from a storage facility or from another operated property, (ii) has assumed liability for the storage costs and changes in value, and (iii) has previously secured and held title to the transferred Material. Similarly, the removal of Material from the Joint Property to a storage facility or to another operated property is also considered a transfer; provided, however, Material that is moved from the Joint Property to a storage location for safe-keeping pending disposition may remain charged to the Joint Account and is not considered a transfer. Material shall be disposed of in accordance with Section IV.3 (*Disposition of Surplus*) and the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached.

**A. PRICING**

The value of Material transferred to/from the Joint Property should generally reflect the market value on the date of physical transfer. Regardless of the pricing method used, the Operator shall make available to the Non-Operators sufficient documentation to verify the Material valuation. When higher than specification grade or size tubulars are used in the conduct of Joint Operations, the Operator shall charge the Joint Account at the equivalent price for well design specification tubulars, unless such higher specification grade or sized tubulars are approved by the Parties pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*). Transfers of new Material will be priced using one of the following pricing methods; provided, however, the Operator shall use consistent pricing methods, and not alternate between methods for the purpose of choosing the method most favorable to the Operator for a specific transfer:

- (1) Using published prices in effect on date of movement as adjusted by the appropriate COPAS Historical Price Multiplier (HPM) or prices provided by the COPAS Computerized Equipment Pricing System (CEPS).
  - (a) For oil country tubulars and line pipe, the published price shall be based upon eastern mill carload base prices (Houston, Texas, for special end) adjusted as of date of movement, plus transportation cost as defined in Section IV.2.B (*Freight*).
  - (b) For other Material, the published price shall be the published list price in effect at date of movement, as listed by a Supply Store nearest the Joint Property where like Material is normally available, or point of manufacture plus transportation costs as defined in Section IV.2.B (*Freight*).
- (2) Based on a price quotation from a vendor that reflects a current realistic acquisition cost.
- (3) Based on the amount paid by the Operator for like Material in the vicinity of the Joint Property within the previous twelve (12) months from the date of physical transfer.
- (4) As agreed to by the Participating Parties for Material being transferred to the Joint Property, and by the Parties owning the Material for Material being transferred from the Joint Property.

**B. FREIGHT**

Transportation costs shall be added to the Material transfer price using the method prescribed by the COPAS Computerized Equipment Pricing System (CEPS). If not using CEPS, transportation costs shall be calculated as follows:

- (1) Transportation costs for oil country tubulars and line pipe shall be calculated using the distance from eastern mill to the Railway Receiving Point based on the carload weight basis as recommended by the COPAS MFI-38 ("Material Pricing Manual") and other COPAS MFIs in effect at the time of the transfer.
- (2) Transportation costs for special mill items shall be calculated from that mill's shipping point to the Railway Receiving Point. For transportation costs from other than eastern mills, the 30,000-pound interstate truck rate shall be used. Transportation costs for macaroni tubing shall be calculated based on the interstate truck rate per weight of tubing transferred to the Railway Receiving Point.
- (3) Transportation costs for special end tubular goods shall be calculated using the interstate truck rate from Houston, Texas, to the Railway Receiving Point.
- (4) Transportation costs for Material other than that described in Sections IV.2.B.(1) through (3), shall be calculated from the Supply Store or point of manufacture, whichever is appropriate, to the Railway Receiving Point

Regardless of whether using CEPS or manually calculating transportation costs, transportation costs from the Railway Receiving Point to the Joint Property are in addition to the foregoing, and may be charged to the Joint Account based on actual costs incurred. All transportation costs are subject to Equalized Freight as provided in Section II.4 (*Transportation*) of this Accounting Procedure.

**C. TAXES**

Sales and use taxes shall be added to the Material transfer price using either the method contained in the COPAS Computerized Equipment Pricing System (CEPS) or the applicable tax rate in effect for the Joint Property at the time and place of transfer. In either case, the Joint Account shall be charged or credited at the rate that would have governed had the Material been a direct purchase.



D. CONDITION

(1) Condition "A" – New and unused Material in sound and serviceable condition shall be charged at one hundred percent (100%) of the price as determined in Sections IV.2.A (*Pricing*), IV.2.B (*Freight*), and IV.2.C (*Taxes*). Material transferred from the Joint Property that was not placed in service shall be credited as charged without gain or loss; provided, however, any unused Material that was charged to the Joint Account through a direct purchase will be credited to the Joint Account at the original cost paid less restocking fees charged by the vendor. New and unused Material transferred from the Joint Property may be credited at a price other than the price originally charged to the Joint Account provided such price is approved by the Parties owning such Material, pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*). All refurbishing costs required or necessary to return the Material to original condition or to correct handling, transportation, or other damages will be borne by the divesting property. The Joint Account is responsible for Material preparation, handling, and transportation costs for new and unused Material charged to the Joint Property either through a direct purchase or transfer. Any preparation costs incurred, including any internal or external coating and wrapping, will be credited on new Material provided these services were not repeated for such Material for the receiving property.

(2) Condition "B" – Used Material in sound and serviceable condition and suitable for reuse without reconditioning shall be priced by multiplying the price determined in Sections IV.2.A (*Pricing*), IV.2.B (*Freight*), and IV.2.C (*Taxes*) by seventy-five percent (75%).

Except as provided in Section IV.2.D(3), all reconditioning costs required to return the Material to Condition "B" or to correct handling, transportation or other damages will be borne by the divesting property.

If the Material was originally charged to the Joint Account as used Material and placed in service for the Joint Property, the Material will be credited at the price determined in Sections IV.2.A (*Pricing*), IV.2.B (*Freight*), and IV.2.C (*Taxes*) multiplied by sixty-five percent (65%).

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties that paid for such Material, used Material transferred from the Joint Property that was not placed in service on the property shall be credited as charged without gain or loss.

(3) Condition "C" – Material that is not in sound and serviceable condition and not suitable for its original function until after reconditioning shall be priced by multiplying the price determined in Sections IV.2.A (*Pricing*), IV.2.B (*Freight*), and IV.2.C (*Taxes*) by fifty percent (50%).

The cost of reconditioning may be charged to the receiving property to the extent Condition "C" value, plus cost of reconditioning, does not exceed Condition "B" value.

(4) Condition "D" – Material that (i) is no longer suitable for its original purpose but useable for some other purpose, (ii) is obsolete, or (iii) does not meet original specifications but still has value and can be used in other applications as a substitute for items with different specifications, is considered Condition "D" Material. Casing, tubing, or drill pipe used as line pipe shall be priced as Grade A and B seamless line pipe of comparable size and weight. Used casing, tubing, or drill pipe utilized as line pipe shall be priced at used line pipe prices. Casing, tubing, or drill pipe used as higher pressure service lines than standard line pipe, e.g., power oil lines, shall be priced under normal pricing procedures for casing, tubing, or drill pipe. Upset tubular goods shall be priced on a non-upset basis. For other items, the price used should result in the Joint Account being charged or credited with the value of the service rendered or use of the Material, or as agreed to by the Parties pursuant to Section 1.6.A (*General Matters*).

(5) Condition "E" – Junk shall be priced at prevailing scrap value prices.

E. OTHER PRICING PROVISIONS

(1) Preparation Costs

Subject to Section II (*Direct Charges*) and Section III (*Overhead*) of this Accounting Procedure, costs incurred by the Operator in making Material serviceable including inspection, third party surveillance services, and other similar services will be charged to the Joint Account at prices which reflect the Operator's actual costs of the services. Documentation must be provided to the Non-Operators upon request to support the cost of service. New coating and/or wrapping shall be considered a component of the Materials and priced in accordance with Sections IV.1 (*Direct Purchases*) or IV.2.A (*Pricing*), as applicable. No charges or credits shall be made for used coating or wrapping.  
~~Charges and credits for inspections shall be made in accordance with COPAS MFI-38 ("Material Pricing Manual").~~

(2) Loading and Unloading Costs

~~Loading and unloading costs related to the movement of the Material to the Joint Property shall be charged in accordance with the methods specified in COPAS MFI-38 ("Material Pricing Manual").~~

1   **3. DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS**

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3   Surplus Material is that Material, whether new or used, that is no longer required for Joint Operations. The Operator may purchase, but  
4   shall be under no obligation to purchase, the interest of the Non-Operators in surplus Material.

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6   Dispositions for the purpose of this procedure are considered to be the relinquishment of title of the Material from the Joint Property to  
7   either a third party, a Non-Operator, or to the Operator. To avoid the accumulation of surplus Material, the Operator should make good  
8   faith efforts to dispose of surplus within twelve (12) months through buy/sale agreements, trade, sale to a third party, division in kind, or  
9   other dispositions as agreed to by the Parties.

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11   Disposal of surplus Materials shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is  
12   attached. If the Agreement contains no provisions governing disposal of surplus Material, the following terms shall apply:

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14       •   The Operator may, through a sale to an unrelated third party or entity, dispose of surplus Material having a gross sale value that  
15       is less than or equal to the Operator's expenditure limit as set forth in the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is  
16       attached without the prior approval of the Parties owning such Material.
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18       •   If the gross sale value exceeds the Agreement expenditure limit, the disposal must be agreed to by the Parties owning such  
19       Material.
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21       •   Operator may purchase surplus Condition "A" or "B" Material without approval of the Parties owning such Material, based on  
22       the pricing methods set forth in Section IV.2 (*Transfers*).
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24       •   Operator may purchase Condition "C" Material without prior approval of the Parties owning such Material if the value of the  
25       Materials, based on the pricing methods set forth in Section IV.2 (*Transfers*), is less than or equal to the Operator's expenditure  
26       limitation set forth in the Agreement. The Operator shall provide documentation supporting the classification of the Material as  
27       Condition C.
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29       •   Operator may dispose of Condition "D" or "E" Material under procedures normally utilized by Operator without prior approval  
30       of the Parties owning such Material.

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32   **4. SPECIAL PRICING PROVISIONS**

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34   **A. PREMIUM PRICING**

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36   Whenever Material is available only at inflated prices due to national emergencies, strikes, government imposed foreign trade  
37   restrictions, or other unusual causes over which the Operator has no control, for direct purchase the Operator may charge the Joint  
38   Account for the required Material at the Operator's actual cost incurred in providing such Material, making it suitable for use, and  
39   moving it to the Joint Property. Material transferred or disposed of during premium pricing situations shall be valued in accordance  
40   with Section IV.2 (*Transfers*) or Section IV.3 (*Disposition of Surplus*), as applicable.

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42   **B. SHOP-MADE ITEMS**

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44   Items fabricated by the Operator's employees, or by contract laborers under the direction of the Operator, shall be priced using the  
45   value of the Material used to construct the item plus the cost of labor to fabricate the item. If the Material is from the Operator's  
46   scrap or junk account, the Material shall be priced at either twenty-five percent (25%) of the current price as determined in Section  
47   IV.2.A (*Pricing*) or scrap value, whichever is higher. In no event shall the amount charged exceed the value of the item  
48   commensurate with its use.

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50   **C. MILL REJECTS**

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52   Mill rejects purchased as "limited service" casing or tubing shall be priced at eighty percent (80%) of K-55/J-55 price as determined in  
53   Section IV.2 (*Transfers*). Line pipe converted to casing or tubing with casing or tubing couplings attached shall be priced as K-55/J-  
54   55 casing or tubing at the nearest size and weight.

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57                                   **V. INVENTORIES OF CONTROLLABLE MATERIAL**

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60   The Operator shall maintain records of Controllable Material charged to the Joint Account, with sufficient detail to perform physical inventories.

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62   Adjustments to the Joint Account by the Operator resulting from a physical inventory of Controllable Material shall be made within twelve (12)  
63   months following the taking of the inventory or receipt of Non-Operator inventory report. Charges and credits for overages or shortages will be  
64   valued for the Joint Account in accordance with Section IV.2 (*Transfers*) and shall be based on the Condition "B" prices in effect on the date of  
65   physical inventory unless the inventorying Parties can provide sufficient evidence another Material condition applies.

**1. DIRECTED INVENTORIES**

Physical inventories shall be performed by the Operator upon written request of a majority in working interests of the Non-Operators (hereinafter, "directed inventory"); provided, however, the Operator shall not be required to perform directed inventories more frequently than once every five (5) years. Directed inventories shall be commenced within one hundred eighty (180) days after the Operator receives written notice that a majority in interest of the Non-Operators has requested the inventory. All Parties shall be governed by the results of any directed inventory.

Expenses of directed inventories will be borne by the Joint Account; provided, however, costs associated with any post-report follow-up work in settling the inventory will be absorbed by the Party incurring such costs. The Operator is expected to exercise judgment in keeping expenses within reasonable limits. Any anticipated disproportionate or extraordinary costs should be discussed and agreed upon prior to commencement of the inventory. Expenses of directed inventories may include the following:

- A. A per diem rate for each inventory person, representative of actual salaries, wages, and payroll burdens and benefits of the personnel performing the inventory or a rate agreed to by the Parties pursuant to Section I.6.A (*General Matters*). The per diem rate shall also be applied to a reasonable number of days for pre-inventory work and report preparation.
- B. Actual transportation costs and Personal Expenses for the inventory team.
- C. Reasonable charges for report preparation and distribution to the Non-Operators.

**2. NON-DIRECTED INVENTORIES****A. OPERATOR INVENTORIES**

Physical inventories that are not requested by the Non-Operators may be performed by the Operator, at the Operator's discretion. The expenses of conducting such Operator-initiated inventories shall not be charged to the Joint Account.

**B. NON-OPERATOR INVENTORIES**

Subject to the terms of the Agreement to which this Accounting Procedure is attached, the Non-Operators may conduct a physical inventory at reasonable times at their sole cost and risk after giving the Operator at least ninety (90) days prior written notice. The Non-Operator inventory report shall be furnished to the Operator in writing within ninety (90) days of completing the inventory fieldwork.

**C. SPECIAL INVENTORIES**

The expense of conducting inventories other than those described in Sections V.1 (*Directed Inventories*), V.2.A (*Operator Inventories*), or V.2.B (*Non-Operator Inventories*), shall be charged to the Party requesting such inventory; provided, however, inventories required due to a change of Operator shall be charged to the Joint Account in the same manner as described in Section V.1 (*Directed Inventories*).

**VI. OTHER PROVISIONS**

**Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Operator shall charge direct to the Joint Account all costs for third party or consulting services, materials for land, legal, and accounting services, including, without limitation, title research, lease acquisitions and title opinions.**

## EXHIBIT "D"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement by and between Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, as Operator, and \_\_\_\_\_, et al, as Non-Operator, dated effective the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, covering the \_\_\_\_\_ Prospect, Payette County Idaho;

### INSURANCE EXHIBIT

The Operator, during the term of this Agreement, shall carry insurance for the benefit and at the expense of the parties hereto as follows unless notified in writing by Non-Operator(s):

- (A) Worker's Compensation Insurance as contemplated and required by the Laws of the state in which operations will be conducted.
- (B) Employer's Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000.00.
- (C) Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance with a combined single limit of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.
- (D) Commercial General Liability Insurance with an occurrence limit of \$1,000,000.00.
- (E) Excess Liability Coverage with an each occurrence and general aggregate limit of not less than \$5,000,000.00.
- (F) Control of Well Insurance with the following limits for wells to be drilled;  
\$10MM for wells with completed well cost AFE's < \$4MM  
\$20MM for wells with completed well cost AFE's \$4MM to \$7.5MM  
\$30MM for wells with completed well cost AFE's \$7.5MM to \$10MM  
\$40MM for wells with completed well cost AFE's > \$10MM  
Operator's control of well insurance shall cover the cost of controlling a well out of control, the expenses involved in re-drilling or restoring the well, and certain other related costs, including liability for seepage and pollution and liability for items in Operator's care, custody, and control. (\$5,000,000 CCC Limit)
- (G) Oil Lease Property coverage as determined by Operator.

The Operator shall charge the joint account for insurance premiums, and in event of a claim, the proportionate share of the deductible/retention. Losses not covered by such insurance *shall* be charged to the joint account proportionately. The Operator is solely responsible for selection of coverages but is not responsible for solvency of any Insurer(s).

All policies mentioned above, with the exception of workers compensation, shall be endorsed to provide that the underwriters and insurance companies waive their right of subrogation against the Non-Operator, its affiliates, subsidiaries and employees. In addition, the Non-Operating party shall be named as an additional insured under the policies listed.

In the event a Non-Operating party elects not to be covered for well control insurance, the Non-Operator shall notify operator prior to the spud date of a well and provide certificate of insurance with equal or higher limits of coverage. By such refusal of coverage the Non-Operating party agrees to be responsible for his proportionate share of such loss and shall be deemed to have indemnified the Operator of any such loss that would have been covered under the Operator's coverage, regardless of the degree or type of negligence, either sole, joint, concurrent, or gross, anything in this agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

**End of Exhibit "D"**

## Exhibit "E"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement by and between Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, as Operator, and \_\_\_\_\_, et al, as Non-Operator, dated effective the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, covering the \_\_\_\_\_ Prospect, Payette County Idaho;

### Gas Balancing Agreement

#### NOTICE - Monthly Cash Balancing Form

#### **I. DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions shall apply to this Agreement:

- 1.01 "Arm's Length Agreement" shall mean any gas sales agreement with an unaffiliated purchaser of any gas sales agreement with an affiliated purchaser where the sales price and delivery conditions under such agreement are representative of prices and delivery conditions existing under other similar agreements in the area between unaffiliated parties at the same time for natural gas of comparable quality and quantity.
- 1.02 "Balancing Area" shall mean each well subject to the Joint Operating Agreement that produces Gas or is allocated a share of Gas production. If a single well is completed in two or more producing intervals, each producing interval from which the Gas production is not commingled in the wellbore shall be considered a separate well.
- 1.03 "Full Share of Current Production" shall mean the Percentage Interest of each Party in the Gas actually produced from the Balancing Area during each month.
- 1.04 "Gas" shall mean all hydrocarbons produced or producible from the Balancing Area, whether from a well classified as an oil well or gas well by the regulatory agency having jurisdiction in such matters, which are or may be made available for sale or separate disposition by the Parties, excluding oil, condensate and other liquids recovered by field equipment operated for the joint account. "Gas" does not include gas used in joint operations, such as for fuel, recycling or reinjection, or which is vented or lost prior to its sale of delivery from the Balancing Area.
- 1.05 "Makeup Gas" shall mean any Gas taken by an Underproduced Party from the Balancing Area in excess of its Full Share of Current Production pursuant to Section 3.3.
- 1.06 "MCF" shall mean one thousand cubic feet. A cubic foot of Gas shall mean the volume of gas contained in one cubic foot of space at a standard pressure base and at a standard temperature base.
- 1.07 "MMBTU" shall mean one million British Thermal Units. A British Thermal Unit shall mean the quantity of heat required to raise one pound avoirdupois of pure water from 58.5 degrees Fahrenheit to 59.5 degrees Fahrenheit at a constant pressure of 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute.
- 1.08 "Operator" shall mean the individual or entity designated under the terms of the Joint Operating Agreement, or, in the event this Agreement is not employed in connection with a Joint Operating Agreement, the individual or entity designated as the operator of the well(s) located in the Balancing Area.
- 1.09 "Overproduced Party" shall mean any Party having taken a greater quantity of Gas from the Balancing Area than the Percentage Interest of such Party in the cumulative quantity of all Gas produced from the Balancing Area.
- 1.10 "Overproduction" shall mean the cumulative quantity of Gas taken by a Party in excess of its Percentage Interest in the cumulative quantity of all Gas produced from the Balancing Area.
- 1.11 "Party" shall mean those individuals or entities subject to this Agreement, and their representative heirs, successors, transferees and assigns.
- 1.12 "Percentage Interest" shall mean the percentage or decimal interest of each Party in the Gas produced from the Balancing Area pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement covering the Balancing Area.
- 1.13 "Royalty" shall mean payments on production of Gas from the Balancing Area to all owners of royalties, overriding royalties, production payments or similar interests.
- 1.14 "Underproduced Party" shall mean any Party having taken a lesser quantity of Gas from the Balancing Area than the Percentage Interest of such Party in the cumulative quantity of all Gas produced from the Balancing Area.  
  
"Underproduction" shall mean the deficiency between the cumulative quantity of Gas taken by a Party and its Percentage Interest in the cumulative quantity of all Gas Produced from the Balancing Area.  
  
"Winter Period" shall mean the month(s) of October - December in one calendar year and the month(s) of January - March in the succeeding calendar year.

#### **II. BALANCING AREA**

If this Agreement covers more than one Balancing Area, it shall be applied as if each Balancing Area were covered by separate but identical agreements. All balancing hereunder shall be on the basis of Gas taken from the Balancing Area measured in MMBTU's.

#### **III. RIGHT OF PARTIES TO TAKE GAS**

- 3.1 Each Party shall notify the Operator, or cause the Operator to be notified of the volumes nominated, the name of the transporting pipeline and the pipeline contract number (if available) and meter station relating to such delivery, sufficiently in advance for the Operator, acting with reasonable diligence, to meet all nomination and other requirements. Operator is authorized to deliver the volumes so nominated and confirmed (if confirmation is required) to the transporting pipeline in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 3.2 Each Party shall make a reasonable, good faith effort to take its Full Share of Current Production at all times.
- 3.3 When a Party fails for any reason to take its Full Share of Current Production (as such Share may be reduced by the right of the other Parties to make up for Underproduction as provided herein), the other Parties shall be entitled to take any gas which such Party fails to take. To the extent practicable, such Gas shall be made available initially to each Underproduced Party in the proportion that its Percentage Interest in the Balancing Area bears to the total Percentage Interests of all Underproduced Parties desiring to take such Gas. If all such Gas is not taken by the Underproduced Parties, the portion not taken shall then be made available to the other Parties in the proportion that their respective Percentage Interests in the Balancing Area bear to the total Percentage Interests of such Parties.

- 3.4 All Gas taken by a Party in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, regardless of whether such Party is underproduced or overproduced, shall be regarded as Gas taken for its own account with title thereto being in such taking Party.
- 3.5 In the event that a Party fails to make arrangements to take its Full Share of Current Production, the Operator may sell any part of such Party's Full Share of Current Production that such Party fails to take for the account of such Party and render to such Party, on a current basis, the full proceeds of the sale, less any reasonable marketing, compression, treating, gathering or transportation costs incurred directly in connection with the sale of such Full Share of Current Production. In making the sale contemplated herein, the Operator shall market such Party's proportionate share of gas produced from the contract Area on terms no less advantageous than those on which Operator markets to any non-affiliate its own proportionate share of gas produced from the Contract Area. Any such sale by Operator under the terms hereof shall be only for such reasonable periods of time as are consistent with the minimum needs of the industry under the particular circumstances, but in no event for a period in excess of one (1) year. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3.4 hereof, Gas sold by Operator for a Party under the provisions hereof shall be deemed to be Gas taken for the account of such Party. Notwithstanding any provision herein, Operator will not make any sales under this Section 3.5 unless it has first notified a Party with seven (7) days written notice that a sale hereunder is contemplated.

#### **IV. CASH BALANCING**

Effective the first day of any calendar month, following the receipt of the Statement of Gas Balances as provided in Article V below, each Overproduced Party shall make payment to the Operator so as to eliminate its overproduction as provided in Article VII below.

#### **V. STATEMENT OF GAS BALANCES**

- 5.1 The Operator will maintain appropriate accounting on a monthly and cumulative basis of the volumes of Gas that each Party is entitled to receive and the volumes of Gas actually taken or sold for each Party's account. Within sixty (60) days after the month of production, the Operator will furnish a statement for such month showing (1) each Party's Full Share of Current Production, (2) the total volume of Gas actually taken or sold for each Party's account, (3) the difference between the volume taken by each Party and that Party's Full Share of Current Production, (4) the Overproduction or Underproduction of each Party, and (5) other data as recommended by the provisions of the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies Bulletin No. 24, as amended or supplemented hereafter. Each Party taking Gas will promptly provide to the Operator any data required by the Operator for preparation of the statements required hereunder.
- 5.2 If any Party fails to provide the data required herein timely, the Operator, or where the Operator has failed to provide data, another Party, may audit the production and Gas sales and transportation volumes of the non-reporting Party to provide the required data. Such audit shall be conducted only after reasonable notice and during normal business hours in the office of the Party whose records are being audited. All costs associated with such audit will be charged to the account of the Party failing to provide the required data.

#### **VI. PAYMENTS ON PRODUCTION**

- 6.1 Each Party taking Gas shall pay or cause to be paid all production and severance taxes due on all volumes of Gas actually taken by such Party.
- 6.2 The Operator shall pay or cause to be paid all Royalty due with respect to Royalty Owners to whom it is accountable based on the volume of Gas actually taken for the respective Parties' account.
- 6.3 In the event that any governmental authority requires that Royalty payments be made on any other basis than that provided for in this Section VI, each Party agrees to make such Royalty payments accordingly, commencing on the effective date required by such governmental authority, and the method provided for herein shall be thereby superseded.

#### **VII. CASH SETTLEMENTS**

- 7.1 Effective the first day of any calendar month following the receipt of the Statement of Gas Balances as provided in Article V below, any Overproduced Party shall forward, via wire transfer, the cash amount of the value of its overproduction to the Operator. The Operator shall, within fifteen (15) days thereafter, pay to the respective Underproduced Party(ies) its (their) proportionate share of the value of the overproduction.
- 7.2 The amount of the cash settlement will be based on the proceeds received by the Overproduced Party under an Arm's Length Agreement for the Gas taken from time to time by the Overproduced Party in excess of the Overproduced Party's full share of Current Production. Any Makeup Gas taken by the Underproduced Party prior to monetary settlement hereunder will be applied to offset Overproduction chronologically in the order of accrual.
- 7.3 The values used for calculating the cash settlement under Section 7.2 will include all proceeds received for the sale of the Gas by the Overproduced Party calculated at the Balancing Area, after deducting any production or severance taxes paid and any Royalty actually paid by the Overproduced Party to an Underproduced Party's Royalty owner(s), to the extent said payments amounted to a discharge of said Underproduced Party's Royalty obligation, as well as any reasonable marketing, compression, treating, gathering or transportation costs incurred directly in connection with the sale of the Overproduction.
- 7.4 To the extent the Overproduced Party did not sell all Overproduction under an Arm's Length Agreement, the cash settlement will be based on the weighted average price received by the Overproduced Party for any gas sold from the Balancing Area under Arm's Length Agreements during the months to which such Overproduction is attributed. In the event that no sales under Arm's Length Agreements were made during any such month, the cash settlement for such month will be based on the first of the month weighted average spot sales prices published for the applicable pipelines in the applicable geographic area during such month, first, using Inside FERC's Gas Market Report and, then, using Natural Gas Intelligence if Inside FERC is no longer published. Should these publications cease to exist, a mutually acceptable pricing bulletin will be used.
- 7.5 Interest compounded at the prime rate in effect at Citibank N.A. of New York plus 4% per annum or the maximum lawful rate of interest applicable to the Balancing Area, whichever is less, will accrue for all amounts due under Section 7.1, beginning the first day following the date payment is due. Such interest shall be borne by the Operator or any Overproduced Party in the proportion that their respective delays beyond the deadlines set out in this Section, contributed to the accrual of the interest.
- 7.6 That portion of any monies collected by an Overproduced Party for Overproduction which is subject to refund by orders of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or other governmental authority may be withheld by the Overproduced Party until such prices are fully approved by such governmental authority, unless the

Underproduced Party furnishes a corporate undertaking, acceptable to the Overproduced Party, agreeing to hold the Overproduced Party harmless from financial loss due to refund orders by such governmental authority.

#### **VIII. TESTING**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, any Party who is selling its gas production independently of Operator shall have the right, from time to time, to produce and take up to one hundred percent (100%) of a well's entire Gas stream to meet the reasonable deliverability test(s) required by such Party's Gas purchaser, and the right to take any Makeup Gas shall be subordinate to the right of any Party to conduct such tests; provided, however, that such tests shall be conducted in accordance with prudent operating practices only after ten (10) days' prior written notice to the Operator and shall last no longer than seventy-two (72) hours.

#### **IX. OPERATING COSTS**

Nothing in this Agreement shall change or affect any Party's obligation to pay its proportionate share of all costs and liabilities incurred in operations on or in connection with the Balancing Area, as its share thereof is set forth in the Joint Operating Agreement, irrespective of whether any Party is at any time selling and using Gas or whether such sales or use are in proportion to its Percentage Interest in the Balancing Area.

#### **X. LIQUIDS**

The Parties shall share proportionately in and own all liquid hydrocarbons recovered with Gas by field equipment operated for the joint account in accordance with their Percentage Interests in the Balancing Area.

#### **XI. AUDIT RIGHTS**

Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties hereto, and further notwithstanding any termination or cancellation of this Agreement, for a period of two (2) years from the end of the calendar year in which any information to be furnished under Section V or VII hereof is supplied, any Party shall have the right to audit the records of any other Party regarding quantity, including but not limited to information regarding BTU-content. Any Underproduced Party shall have the right for a period of two (2) years from the end of the calendar year in which any cash settlement is received pursuant to Section VII to audit the records of any Overproduced Party as to all matters concerning values, including but not limited to information regarding prices and disposition of Gas from the Balancing Area. Any such audit shall be conducted at the expense of the Party or Parties desiring such audit, and shall be conducted, after reasonable notice, during normal business hours in the office of the Party whose records are being audited. Each Party hereto agrees to maintain records as to the volumes and prices of Gas sold each month and the Volumes of Gas used in its own operations, along with the Royalty paid on any such Gas used by a Party in its own operations. The audit rights provided for in this Section XI shall be in addition to those provided for in Section 5.2 of this Agreement.

#### **XII. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 12.1 As between the Parties, in the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of any gas sales contract, or in the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall govern.
- 12.2 Each Party agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless all other Parties from and against any and all liability for any claims, which may be asserted by any third Party which now or hereafter stands in a contractual relationship with such indemnifying Party and which arise out of the operation of this Agreement or any activities of such indemnifying Party under the provisions of this Agreement, and does further agree to save the other Parties harmless from all judgments or damages sustained and costs incurred in connection therewith.
- 12.3 Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, Operator is authorized to administer the provisions of this Agreement, but shall have no liability to the other Parties for losses sustained or liability incurred which arise out of or in connection with the performance of Operator's duties hereunder, except such as may result from Operator's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Operator shall not be liable to any Underproduced Party for the failure of any Overproduced Party (other than Operator) to pay any amounts owed pursuant to the terms hereof.
- 12.4 This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for as long as the Joint Operating Agreement shall remain in force and effect as to the Balancing Area, and thereafter until the Gas accounts between the Parties are settled in full, and shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties hereto, and their respective heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns, if any. The Parties hereto agree to give notice of the existence of this Agreement to any successor in interest of any such Party and to provide that any such successor shall be bound by this Agreement, and shall further make any transfer of any interest subject to the Joint Operating Agreement, or any part thereof, also subject to the terms of this Agreement.
- 12.5 Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, words used in the singular include the plural, the plural includes the singular, and the neuter gender includes the masculine and the feminine.
- 12.6 This Agreement shall bind the Parties in accordance with the provisions hereof, and nothing herein shall be construed or interpreted as creating any rights in any person or entity not a signatory hereto, or as being a stipulation in favor of any such person or entity.
- 12.7 If contemporaneously with this Agreement becoming effective, or thereafter, any Party requests that any other Party execute an appropriate memorandum or notice of this Agreement in order to give third parties notice of record of same and submits same for execution in recordable form, such memorandum or notice shall be duly executed by the Party to which such request is made and delivered promptly thereafter to the Party making the request. Upon receipt, the Party making the request shall cause the memorandum or notice to be duly recorded in the appropriate real property or other records affecting the Balancing Area.
- 12.8 In the event federal tax regulations require a uniform method of computing taxable income by all Parties, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith to agree upon such a uniform method that is in accordance with the requirements of said tax regulations.

#### **XIII. ASSIGNMENT AND RIGHTS UPON ASSIGNMENT**

- 13.1 Subject to the provisions of Sections 13.2 and 13.3 hereof, and notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or in the Joint Operating Agreement to the contrary, if any Party assigns (including any sale, exchange or other transfer) any of its working interest in the Balancing Area when such Party is an Underproduced or Overproduced Party, the assignment or other act of transfer shall, insofar as the parties hereto are concerned, include all interest of the assigning or transferring Party in the Gas, all rights to receive or obligations to make any monetary payment which may ultimately be due hereunder, as applicable. Operator and each of the other Parties hereto shall thereafter treat the assignment accordingly, and the assigning or transferring Party shall look solely to its assignee or other

transferee for any interest in the Gas or monetary payment that such Party may have or to which it may be entitled, and shall cause its assignee or other transferee to assume its obligations hereunder.

- 13.2 Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement (including but not limited to the provisions of Section 13.1 hereof) or in the Joint Operating Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the provisions of Section 13.3 hereof, in the event an Overproduced Party intends to sell, assign, exchange or otherwise transfer any of its interest in a Balancing Area, such Overproduced Party shall notify in writing the other working interest owners who are Parties hereto in such Balancing Area of such fact at least thirty (30) days prior to closing the transaction. Thereafter, any Underproduced Party may demand from such Overproduced Party in writing, within twenty (20) days after receipt of the Overproduced Party's notice, a cash settlement of its Underproduction from the Balancing Area. The Operator shall be notified of any such demand and of any cash settlement pursuant to this Section XIII, and the Overproduction and Underproduction of each Party shall be adjusted accordingly. Any cash settlement pursuant to this Section XIII shall be paid by the Overproduced Party (i) in accordance with Article VII or (ii) at the closing of the transaction in which the Overproduced Party sells, assigns, exchanges or otherwise transfers its interest in a Balancing Area, whichever is the earlier, and shall bear interest at the rate set forth in Section 7.5 hereof, beginning sixty (60) days after the Overproduced Party's sale, assignment, exchange or transfer of its interest in the Balancing Area for any amounts not paid. Provided, however, if any Underproduced Party does not so demand such cash settlement of its Underproduction from the Balancing Area, such Underproduced Party shall look exclusively to the assignee or other successor in interest of the Overproduced Party giving notice hereunder for the satisfaction of such Underproduced Party's Underproduction in accordance with the provisions of Section 13.1 hereof.
- 13.3 The provisions of this Section XIII shall not be applicable in the event any Party mortgages its interest or disposes of its interest by merger, reorganization, consolidation or sale of substantially all of its assets to a subsidiary or parent company, or to any company in which any parent or subsidiary of such Party owns a majority of the stock of such company.

**End of Exhibit "E"**



EXHIBIT "F"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement by and between Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, as Operator, and \_\_\_\_\_, et al, as Non-Operator, dated effective the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, covering the \_\_\_\_\_ Prospect, Payette County Idaho;

MEMORANDUM OF OPERATING AGREEMENT AND FINANCING STATEMENT

THE STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ §
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ §

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between Snake Rive Oil and Gas, LLC, (hereinafter referred to as "OPERATOR"), and the undersigned parties (hereinafter referred to as "NON-OPERATORS").

WHEREAS, the parties to this Memorandum of Operating Agreement and Financing Statement (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") are owners of certain Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests covering the \_\_\_\_\_ Prospect Area described in Exhibit "A" which is attached to and made a part the Operating Agreement (said Land(s), Lease(s) and Interest(s) are hereinafter referred to as the "Contract Area"), and in any instance in which the Lease(s) or Interest(s) of a party are not of record, the record owner and the party hereto that owns the interest or rights therein are reflected on said Exhibit "A"; AND,

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have subjected their interests in the Contract Area to an Operating Agreement dated effective the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 governing operations on and in the Contract Area, by and between OPERATOR and NON-OPERATORS, (such Operating Agreement hereinafter referred to as the "Operating Agreement"), covering the Contract Area for the purpose of exploring and developing such lands, Leases and Interests for oil and gas; AND,

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

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

- 1. This Agreement is a supplemental to the Operating Agreement, which, for all purposes reference is hereby made and the terms and provisions contained therein are incorporated herewith in their entirety, and all terms used herein shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in said Operating Agreement.
2. The parties hereby agree that:
A. The Oil and Gas Lease(s) and/or Oil and Gas Interest(s) of the parties comprised by the Contract Area shall be subject to and burdened with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and the Operating Agreement, and the parties do hereby commit such Lease(s) and Interest(s) to the performance thereof.
B. The exploration and development of the Contract Area for oil and gas shall be governed by the terms and provisions of the Operating Agreement, as supplemented by this Agreement.
C. All costs and liabilities incurred in operations under this Agreement and the Operating Agreement shall be borne and paid, and all equipment and materials acquired in operations on the Contract Area shall be owned, by the parties hereto, as provided in the Operating Agreement.
D. Regardless of the record title ownership to the Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests identified on Exhibit "A", all production of oil and gas from the Contract Area shall be owned by the parties as provided in the Operating Agreement; provided nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed an assignment or cross-assignment of interests covered hereby.
E. Each party shall pay or deliver, or cause to be paid or delivered, all burdens on its share of the production from the Contract Area as provided in the Operating Agreement.
F. Any overriding royalty, production payment, net profits interest or other burden payable out of production hereafter created, assignments of production given as security for the payment of money and those overriding royalties, production payments and other burdens payable out of production heretofore created and defined as Subsequently Created Interests in the Operating Agreement shall be (i) borne solely by the party whose interest is burdened therewith, (ii) subject to suspension if a party is required to assign or relinquish to another party an interest which is subject to such burden, and (iii) subject to the lien and security interest hereinafter provided if the

party subject to such burden fails to pay its share of expenses chargeable hereunder and under the Operating Agreement, all upon the terms and provisions and in the times and manner provided by the Operating Agreement.

- G. The Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests which are subject hereto may not be assigned or transferred except in accordance with those terms, provisions and restrictions in the Operating Agreement regulating such transfers. This Agreement and the Operating Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, and assigns.
  - H. The parties shall have the right to acquire an interest in any renewal, extension or replacement leases, leases proposed to be surrendered, wells proposed to be abandoned, and interests to be relinquished as a result of non-participation in subsequent operations, all in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Operating Agreement.
  - I. The rights and obligations of the parties and the adjustment of interests among them in the event of a failure or loss of title, failure to participate in acquisitions under the Area of Mutual Interest or the participation in a greater interest in such acquisitions, each party's right to propose operations, obligations with respect to participation in operations on the Contract Area and the consequences of a failure to participate in operations, the rights and obligations of the parties regarding the marketing of production, and the rights and remedies of the parties for failure to comply with financial obligations shall be as provided in the Operating Agreement.
  - J. Each party's interest under this Agreement and under the Operating Agreement shall be subject to relinquishment for its failure to participate in subsequent operations and each party's share of production and costs shall be reallocated on the basis of such relinquishment, all upon the terms and provisions provided in the Operating Agreement.
3. All other matters with respect to exploration and development of the Contract Area and the ownership and transfer of the Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interest therein shall be governed by the terms and provisions of the Operating Agreement.
4. The parties hereby grant reciprocal liens and security interests to each other as follows:
- A. Each party grants to the other parties hereto a lien upon any interest it now owns or hereafter acquires in Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests in the Contract Area, and a security interest and for purchase money security interest in any interest it now owns or hereafter acquires in the personal property and fixtures on or used or obtained for use in connection therewith, to secure performance of all of its obligations under this Agreement and the Operating Agreement including but not limited to payment of expenses, interest and fees, the proper disbursement of all monies paid under this Agreement and the Operating Agreement, the assignment or relinquishment of interest in Oil and Gas Leases as required under this Agreement and the Operating Agreement, and the proper performance of operations under this Agreement and the Operating Agreement. Such lien and security interest granted by each party hereto shall include such party's leasehold interests, working interests, operating rights, and royalty and overriding royalty interests in the Contract Area now owned or hereafter acquired and in lands pooled or unitized therewith or otherwise becoming subject to this Agreement and the Operating Agreement, the oil and gas when extracted therefrom and equipment situated thereon or used or obtained for use in connection therewith (including, without limitation, all wells, tools, and tubular goods), and accounts (including, without limitation, accounts arising from gas imbalances or from the sale of oil and/or gas at the wellhead), contract rights, inventory and general intangibles relating thereto or arising therefrom, and all proceeds and products of the foregoing.
  - B. Each party represents and warrants to the other parties hereto that the lien and security interest granted by such party to the other parties shall be a first and prior lien, and each party hereby agrees to maintain the priority of said lien and security interest against all persons acquiring an interest in the Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests covered by this Agreement and the Operating Agreement by, through or under such party. All parties acquiring an interest in any Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests covered by this Agreement and the Operating Agreement, whether by assignment, merger, mortgage, operation of law, or otherwise, shall be deemed to have been taken subject to the lien and security interest granted by the Operating Agreement and this instrument as to all obligations attributable to such interest under this Agreement and the Operating Agreement whether or not such obligations arise before or after such interest is acquired.
  - C. To the extent that the parties have a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the state in which the Contract Area is situated, they shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the obtaining of judgment by a party for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any party in the payment of Its share of expenses, interest or fees, or upon the improper use of funds by the OPERATOR, the other parties shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such defaulting party's share of oil and gas until the amount owed by such party, plus interest, has been received, and shall have the right to offset the amount owed against the proceeds from the sale of such

defaulting party's share of oil and gas. All purchasers of production may rely on a notification of default from the non-defaulting party or parties stating the amount due as a result of the default, and all parties waive any recourse available against purchasers for releasing production proceeds as provided in this paragraph.

- D. If any party fails to pay its share of expenses within one hundred twenty (120) days after rendition of a statement therefor by OPERATOR, OPERATOR shall pay the unpaid amount. The amount paid by OPERATOR shall be secured by the liens and security rights described in this paragraph 3. and in Article VII.B. of the Operating Agreement, and OPERATOR may pursue any remedy available under the Operating Agreement or otherwise.
  - E. If any party does not perform all of its obligations under this Agreement or the Operating Agreement, and the failure to perform subjects such party to foreclosure or execution proceedings pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement or the Operating Agreement, to the extent allowed by governing law, the defaulting party waives any available right of redemption from and after the date of judgment, any required valuation or appraisal of the mortgaged or secured property prior to sale, any available right to stay execution or to require a marshaling of assets and any required bond in the event a receiver is appointed. In addition, to the extent permitted by applicable law, each party hereby grants to the other parties a power of sale as to any property that is subject to the lien and security rights granted hereunder or under the Operating Agreement, such power to be exercised in the manner provided by applicable law or otherwise in a commercially reasonable manner and upon reasonable notice.
  - F. The lien and security interest granted by this paragraph 3. supplements identical rights granted under the Operating Agreement.
  - G. To the extent permitted by applicable law, NON-OPERATORS agree that OPERATOR may invoke or utilize the mechanics' or materialman's lien law of the state in which the Contract Area is situated in order to secure the payment to OPERATOR of any sum due under this Agreement and the Operating Agreement for services performed or materials supplied by OPERATOR.
  - H. The above described security will be financed at the wellhead of the well or wells located on the Contract Area and this Memorandum of Operating Agreement and Financing Statement may be filed in the land records in the County or Parish in which the Contract Area is located, and as a financing statement in all recording offices required under the Uniform Commercial Code or other applicable state statutes to perfect the above described security interest, and any party hereto may file a continuation statement as necessary under the Uniform Commercial Code, or other state laws.
5. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of the Operating Agreement as above recited. Upon termination of this Agreement and the Operating Agreement and the satisfaction of all obligations thereunder, OPERATOR is authorized to file of record in all necessary recording offices a notice of termination, and upon the request of OPERATOR, each party hereto agrees to execute such a notice of termination as to OPERATOR'S interest, if OPERATOR has complied with all of its financial obligations.
6. This Agreement and the Operating Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. Every sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition made by any party of any interest in the Oil and Gas Leases and/or Oil and Gas Interests subject hereto shall be made expressly subject to this Agreement and the Operating Agreement and without prejudice to the rights of the other parties. The assignee of an ownership interest in any Oil and Gas Lease and/or Oil and Gas Interests shall be deemed a party to this Agreement and the Operating Agreement as to the interest assigned from and after the effective date of the transfer of ownership; provided, however, that the other parties shall not be required to recognize any such sale, encumbrance, transfer or other disposition for any purpose hereunder until thirty (30) days after they have received a copy of the instrument of transfer or other satisfactory evidence thereof in writing from the transferor or transferee. No assignment or other disposition of interest by a party shall relieve such party of obligations previously incurred by such party under this Agreement or the Operating Agreement with respect to the interest transferred, including without limitation the obligation of a party to pay all costs attributable to an operation conducted under this Agreement and the Operating Agreement in which such party has agreed to participate prior to making such assignment, and the lien and security interest granted by Article VII.B. of the Operating Agreement and hereby shall continue to burden the interest transferred to secure payment of any such obligations.
7. In the event of a conflict between the terms and provisions of this Agreement and the terms and provisions of the Operating Agreement, then, as between the parties, the terms and provisions of the Operating Agreement shall control.
8. This agreement shall be binding upon each NON-OPERATOR when this agreement or a counterpart thereof has been executed by NON-OPERATOR and OPERATOR notwithstanding that this agreement is not then or thereafter executed by all of the parties to which it is tendered or which are listed on Exhibit "A" as owning an interest in the Contract Area or which own, in fact, an interest in the Contract Area. In the event that any provision herein is illegal or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall not be affected, and shall be enforced as if the illegal or unenforceable provision did not appear herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement shall be effective as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**OPERATOR**

*Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC*

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**NON-OPERATORS:**

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STATE OF TEXAS                    §  
  §  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the  
State of Texas

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ §  
  §  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of said company.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the  
State of \_\_\_\_\_

**End of Exhibit "F"**

# EXHIBIT D

## OIL AND GAS LEASE

This Oil and Gas Lease ("Lease") is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by and between \_\_\_\_\_, whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, ("Lessor", whether one or more) and Snake River Oil & Gas, LLC, 4415 Jefferson, Suite A, Texarkana, Arkansas 71854, ("Lessee").

WITNESSETH, For and in consideration of TEN DOLLARS, the covenants and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Lessor does hereby grant, demise, lease and let exclusively unto said Lessee, with the exclusive rights for the purposes of mining, exploring by geophysical and other methods and operating for and producing therefrom oil and all gas or other hydrocarbon products of whatsoever nature or kind (including coalbed gas) (collectively "oil or gas"), with easement for laying pipe lines and telecommunications lines, and construction of roadways and structures thereon to produce, save and take care of said products (including dewatering of coalbed gas wells), and the exclusive surface and subsurface rights and privileges related in any manner to any and all such operations, and any and all other rights and privileges necessary, incident to, or convenient for the operation alone or conjointly with neighboring land for such purposes, all that certain tract or tracts of land situated in Payette County, Idaho, described as follows, to-wit:

### SEE EXHIBIT "A" FOR DESCRIPTION OF SAID LANDS SEE EXHIBIT "B" ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS TO SAID LEASE.

And containing \_\_\_\_\_ acres, more or less, (the "Premises").

1. It is agreed that this lease shall remain in force for a term of three (3) years from this date ("Primary Term") and as long thereafter as oil or gas of whatsoever nature or kind is produced from the Premises or on acreage pooled or unitized therewith, or operations are continued as hereinafter provided. If, at the expiration of the Primary Term, oil or gas is not being produced from the Premises or on acreage pooled or unitized therewith but Lessee is then engaged in drilling, re-working or dewatering operations thereon, then this Lease shall continue in force so long as such operation are being continuously prosecuted. Operations shall be considered to be continuously prosecuted if not more than ninety (90) days shall elapse between the completion or abandonment of one well and the beginning of operation for the drilling of a subsequent well. If after discovery of oil or gas on the Premises or on acreage pooled or unitized therewith, the production thereof should cease from any cause after the primary term, this Lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or re-working operations within ninety (90) days from the date of cessation of production or from date of completion of dry hole. If oil or gas shall be discovered and produced as a result of such operation at or after the expiration of the Primary Term, this Lease shall continue in force so long as oil or gas is produced from the Premises or on acreage pooled or unitized therewith.

2. This is a **PAID-UP LEASE**. In consideration of the payment made herewith, Lessor agrees that Lessee shall not be obligated, except as otherwise provided herein, to commence or continue any operations during the primary term. Lessee may at any time or times during or after the Primary Term surrender this lease as to all or any portion of the Premises, and as to any strata or stratum, by delivering to Lessor or by filing for record a release or releases, and be relieved of all obligations thereafter accruing as to the acreage surrendered, and Lessor shall have no obligation to return consideration received for such released acreage.

3. Lessee covenants and agrees to pay royalty to the Lessor as follows:

- a. On crude oil ("Oil") sold or used off the premises, one-eighth (1/8<sup>th</sup>) of the amount realized from the Oil so sold or used. Lessor's interest in oil shall bear its proportionate share of the cost of all transporting, gathering, treating, storage or marketing the Oil so sold or used.
- b. On gas of whatsoever nature or kind, including coalbed gas, natural gas liquids and other plant products, and other gases, condensate or other liquid hydrocarbons and their respective constituent elements, casinghead gas or other gaseous substances, produced from the Premises ("Gas") Lessee shall pay at its election as royalty: (i) for Gas sold or used off the Premises, one-eighth (1/8<sup>th</sup>) of the amount realized from Gas so sold or used, with Lessor's interest in such Gas bearing its proportionate part of the cost of all compressing, processing, treating, dehydrating, fractionating, gathering, transporting or marketing incurred in processing, selling or delivering the Gas or sold or used); (ii) for Gas sold at the well, one-eighth (1/8<sup>th</sup>) of the amount realized from such sale.

4. Where Gas from a well capable of producing Gas, or from a well in which dewatering operations have commenced, is not sold or used after the expiration of the primary term, Lessee shall pay or tender as royalty to Lessor at the address set forth above One Dollar (\$1.00) per year per net mineral acre, such payment or tender to be made on or before the anniversary date of this Lease next ensuing after the expiration of ninety (90) days from the date such well is shut in or dewatering operations are commenced and thereafter on or before the anniversary date of this Lease during the period such well is shut in or dewatering operations are being conducted. If such payment or tender is made, it will be considered that Gas is being produced within the meaning of this lease. Failure to properly or timely pay or tender such shut in royalty shall render Lessee liable for the amount due, but shall not operate to terminate this lease.

5. If Lessor owns a lesser interest in the Premises than the entire and undivided fee simple estate therein, then the royalties (including any shut-in gas royalty) herein provided for shall be paid Lessor only in the proportion which Lessor's interest bears to the whole and undivided fee.

6. Lessee shall have the right to use, free of cost, gas, oil and water produced on the Premises for Lessee's operation thereon, except water from wells of Lessor.

7. When requested by Lessor, Lessee shall bury Lessee's pipeline below plow depth.

8. No well shall be drilled nearer than 200 feet to the house or barn now on the Premises without written consent of Lessor.

9. Lessee shall pay for damages caused by Lessee's operations to growing crops on the Premises.

10. Lessee shall have the right at any time to remove all machinery and fixtures (including casing) Lessee has placed on the Premises.

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11. The rights of Lessor and Lessee hereunder may be assigned in whole or in part and liability for breach of any obligation hereunder shall rest exclusively upon the owner hereof who commits such breach. No change in ownership of Lessor's interest (by assignment or otherwise) shall be binding on Lessee until Lessee has been furnished with notice, consisting of certified copies of all recorded instruments or documents and other information necessary to establish a complete chain of record title from Lessor, and then only with respect to payments thereafter made. No other kind of notice, whether actual or constructive, shall be binding on Lessee. No present or future division of Lessor's ownership as to different portions or parcels of the Premises shall operate to enlarge the obligations or diminish the rights of Lessee, and all Lessee's operations may be conducted without regard to any such division. If all or any part of this Lease is assigned, no leasehold owner shall be liable for any act or omission of any other leasehold owner.

12. Lessee, at its option, is hereby given the right and power at any time and from time to time as a recurring right, either before or after production, as to all or any part of the Premises and as to any one or more of the formations thereunder, to pool or unitize the leasehold estate and the mineral estate covered by this Lease with other land, lease or leases in the immediate vicinity for the production of oil and gas, or separately for the production of either, when in Lessee's judgment it is necessary or advisable to do so, and irrespective of whether authority similar to this exists with respect to such other land, lease or leases. Likewise, units previously formed to include formation and not producing oil or gas, may be reformed to exclude such non-producing formations. The forming or reforming of any unit shall be accomplished by Lessee executing and filing of record a declaration of such unitization or reformation, which declaration shall describe the unit. Any unit may include land upon which a well has therefor been completed or upon which operations for drilling have therefore been commenced. Production, drilling or reworking operations or a well shut in for want of a market anywhere on a unit which includes all or part of this lease shall be treated as if it were production, drilling or reworking operations or a well shut in for want of a market under this lease. In lieu of the royalties elsewhere herein specified, including shut in gas royalties, Lessor shall receive royalties on production from such unit only on the portion of such production allocated to this lease. In addition to the foregoing, Lessee shall have the right to unitize, pool, or combine all or any part of the premises as to one or more of the formations thereunder with other lands in the same general area by entering into a cooperative or unit plan of development or operation approved by any governmental authority and, from time to time, with like approval, to modify, change or terminate any such plan or agreement and, in such event, the terms, conditions and provisions of this lease shall be deemed modified to conform to the terms, conditions, and provisions of such approved

cooperative or unit plan of development or operation and, particularly, all drilling and development requirements of this Lease express or implied, shall be satisfied by compliance with the drilling and development requirements of such plan or agreement, and this Lease shall not terminate or expire during the life of such plan or agreement. In the event that the Premises, or any part thereof, shall hereafter be operated under any such cooperative or unit plan of development or operation whereby the production therefrom is allocated to different portions of the land covered by said plan, then the production allocated to any particular tract of land shall, for the purpose of computing the royalties to be paid hereunder to Lessor, be regarded as having been produced from the particular tract of land to which it is allocated and not to any other tract of land; and the royalty payments to be made hereunder to Lessor shall be based upon production only as so allocated. Lessor shall formally express Lessor's consent to any cooperative or unit plan development or operation adopted by Lessee and approved by any governmental agency by executing the same upon request of Lessee.

13. All express or implied covenants of this lease shall be subject to all Federal and State Laws, Executive Orders, Rules or Regulations, and this lease shall not be terminated, in whole or in part, nor Lessee held liable in damages, for failure to comply therewith, if compliance is prevented by, or if such failure is the result of, any such Law, Order, Rule or Regulation. Any delay or interruption caused by storm, flood, act of God or other event of force majeure shall not be counted against Lessee. If, due to the above causes or any cause whatsoever beyond the control of Lessee, Lessee is prevented from conducting operations hereunder, such time shall not be counted against Lessee, and this Lease shall be extended for a period of time equal to the time Lessee was so prevented, anything in this Lease to the contrary notwithstanding.

14. Lessor hereby agrees that Lessee shall have the right at any time to redeem for Lessor, by payment, any mortgages, taxes or other liens on the Premises, in the event of default of payment by Lessor, and be subrogated to the rights of the holder thereof to the extent of the amount of the payment made by Lessee hereunder, and the undersigned Lessors, for themselves and their heirs, successors and assigns, hereby surrender and release all right of dower and homestead in the Premises, insofar as said right of dower and homestead may in any way affect the purposes for which this Lease is made, as recited herein.

15. Should any one or more the parties named as Lessor herein fail to execute this Lease, it shall nevertheless be binding upon all such parties who do execute it as Lessor. The word "Lessor," as used in this Lease, shall mean any one or more or all of the parties who execute this Lease as Lessor. All the provisions of this Lease shall be binding on the heirs, successors and assigns of Lessor and Lessee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed as of the date first above written.

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### UNIFORM ACKNOWLEDGMENT – INDIVIDUAL

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ }

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 by \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Notary Printed \_\_\_\_\_

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### UNIFORM ACKNOWLEDGMENT – CORPORATE

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }  
  }  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ }

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 by \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_ corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Notary Printed \_\_\_\_\_

### UNIFORM ACKNOWLEDGMENT – OTHER

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }  
  }  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ }

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 by \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of the corporation.

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Notary Printed \_\_\_\_\_

# EXHIBIT D

## EXHIBIT A

[Insert legal description of leased premises]

## EXHIBIT B

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING CONTAINED IN THE FOREGOING OIL AND GAS LEASE TO THE CONTRARY, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL APPLY AS AN EXHIBIT TO THE FOREGOING OIL AND GAS LEASE, AND SHALL BE IN FORCE AND EFFECT AS A PART OF SAID LEASE.

1. **SURFACE USE:** Lessee shall have the right to use only so much of the surface of the Leased Premises as is reasonable necessary for the full exercise of the purpose of this Lease; provided, that if the Leased Premises are 5.0 acres or smaller in size, Lessee shall not engage in drilling operations on the surface of the Leased Premises. Lessee shall take reasonable precautions to minimize adverse impact to Lessor's farming, dairy and ranching operations on the Leased Premises. Lessee shall advise the owner of the surface of the Leased Premises prior to commencing construction regarding the location of any well sites, roads, fences, pipelines or utilities, or installation of any production equipment, tank batteries or produced water disposal equipment. Lessee shall pay the surface owner for reasonable damages to growing crops, grass, buildings, livestock, feed, fences and other improvements and personal property caused by Lessee's operations.
2. **PROTECTION AND USE OF WATER:** Lessee shall follow generally accepted industry practices designed to protect fresh water strata from contamination and protect the surface from exposure to produced water and other contaminants. Lessee shall not use water from Lessor's irrigation and domestic wells or from the aquifers supplying said wells without Lessor's written consent. Produced water may be used for any purpose allowed by applicable laws and regulations.
3. **LIABILITY INSURANCE:** If Lessee or its agents conduct any operations on the Leased Premises then Lessee shall maintain, at Lessee's expense, for the duration of Lessee's operations on the Leased Premises, public liability insurance with adequate coverage for personal injury and damage to real property with respect to Lessee's operations. If requested by Lessor, Lessee shall deliver appropriate evidence to Lessor, prior to entrance on the Leased Premises that such insurance is in force.
4. **NOTIFICATION OF BREACH:** In the event Lessor considers that Lessee has failed to comply with any obligation hereunder, express or implied, Lessor shall notify Lessee in writing specifying in what respect Lessor claims Lessee has breached this Lease. Lessee shall then have **sixty (60) days** after receipt of said notice within which to meet or commence to meet all or any part of the breach(es) alleged by Lessor, or attempt to prove that the alleged breach(es) do(es) not exist. The service of said notice shall be precedent to the bringing of any action by Lessor on said Lease for any cause, and no such action shall be brought until the lapse of **sixty (60) days** after service of such notice on Lessee. Neither the service of said notice nor the doing of any acts by Lessee aimed to meet all or any of the alleged breach(es) shall be deemed an admission or presumption that Lessee has failed to perform all its obligations hereunder. This Lease shall not be forfeited or cancelled for a failure to perform in whole or in part any of its implied covenants, conditions, or stipulations until a judicial determination is made that such failure exists.
5. **REGULATIONS:** All operations conducted under this Lease, including permitting, drilling, production, pooling and unitization, plugging and abandonment of wells, and surface reclamation, shall be done pursuant to and in accordance with applicable federal, state and local rules and regulations.
6. Lessee is hereby given the option to extend the Primary Term of this Lease for an additional **three (3)** years from the expiration date of the Primary Term hereof. This option may be exercised by Lessee for all or part of the acreage covered by this Lease that Lessee elects to extend and this option exercised at any time during the original Primary Term by paying the sum of **Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$ 50.00 )** per acre to Lessor. This payment shall be based upon the number of net mineral acres that Lessee elects to extend then covered by this Lease and not at such time being maintained by other provisions hereof. This payment may be made by check or draft of Lessee mailed or delivered to Lessor at any time during the original Primary Term hereof. If, at the time this payment is made, various parties are entitled to specific amounts according to Lessee's records; this payment may be divided between said parties and paid in the same proportion. Should this option be exercised as herein provided, it shall be considered for all purposes as though this Lease originally provided for a Primary Term of **Six (6)** years.
7. Lessor does hereby fully waive, release, acquit, dismiss, surrender, cancel and forever discharge any and all claims heretofore or hereafter arising against Lessee from, or in any manner connected to, (i) prior oil and gas operations of any nature on the Leased Premises, (ii) any preexisting conditions and/or (iii) any Lessor, invitee and/or tenant on the Leased Premises taking or using gas from any well(s) not drilled by Lessee.
8. **Royalty Payments:** Lessee shall submit to Lessor royalty payments in full by the last day of the calendar month following Lessee's receipt of payment for a month of production for the oil or gas. The check stub for each payment shall identify the amount of oil and/or gas produced and saved during that month, the price received therefore, and Lessor's royalty interest and applicable severance charges. If Lessee fails to timely pay any royalty when due, Lessee shall pay to Lessor in addition to the royalty one percent (1.0%) times the unpaid royalty for each calendar month or fraction thereof. Lessee shall allow reasonable access to Lessor to Lessee's records, as provided by applicable law, relevant to a determination of the amount of any royalty to be paid pursuant to this Lease.
9. **Liability:** Lessee shall indemnify, defend and hold Lessor harmless from any and all liability, charge, expense, fine, claim, suit or loss, including but not limited to losses related to crop, livestock and dairy production, and including attorney's fees and costs on appeal, caused by or resulting from any negligent or otherwise wrongful act or omission of Lessee, its assigns, sublessees, agents, operators, employees, or contractors. Lessee shall pay when due, all taxes lawfully assessed and levied under Idaho law upon Lessee's interest in the Leased Premises, including the leased deposits and oil or gas production.
11. **Sale or Lease:** Any sale or sublease of all or any part of the Leased Premises during the term of this Lease shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Lease.
12. **Lessee Practices:** Lessee shall at all times conduct all operations and other actions relative to this Lease as a reasonable prudent operator, and shall conform to the best practices and engineering principles currently in use in the oil and gas industry for the area in which the Leased Premises are located and as contemporaneously as they are improved from time to time. Lessee shall at all times use all reasonable precautions necessary to prevent waste of oil and gas.



# EXHIBIT E

## SE 1/4 Section 10, SW 1/4 Section 11, NW 1/4 Section 14, NE 1/4 Section 15 8N 5W B.M.

Acres in Unit	640.0000
Percentage Leased	90.0535%

Number	Tax Parcel Number	Owner	Address	Acres Open	Remarks
				63.6573	
1	03780021000A	Anadarko Land Corp.	Attn: Dale Tingen 1201 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77380	0.7350	<p><b>8-24-16.</b> Sent intro email to Matthew Kozisek who works in the Land Department at Union Pacific. He called me back after several attempts to reach him and explained that UP conveyed to UP Land Resources Corp everything West of the Mississippi. It is now owned by Anadarko Land Corp. MWC</p> <p><b>10-10-16.</b> LM for Jane Ann Byroad 10-10-16. MWC</p> <p><b>10-11-16.</b> Mailed lease packet to Jane Ann Byroad, Director of Land and Surface at Anadarko main office address.</p> <p><b>10-20-16.</b> Jane Ann requested that Dale Tingen from Anadarko Land Department call me. We discussed offer letter and he requested I send him an email with info so he could forward to their Colorado office to move things along. I made a note that Dale thought that either Mike Nixon and/or Enrique Nelson handled the railroads in our area from the Denver office. I mentioned that we were in the process of getting things ready for Integration in November and that we were trying to wrap things up as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>10-21-16.</b> I emailed Dale Tingen at Dale.Tingen@Anadarko.com. MWC</p> <p><b>11-1-16.</b> Emailed Dale asking which Colorado address we should send information to. MWC</p> <p><b>11-1-16.</b> Dale responded and said that we should send all future communication to him at main office in Texas (The Woodlands). His number is 832-636-7253. MWC</p> <p><b>4-4-19.</b> Lease offer package sent Certified Mail Receipt</p> <p><b>4-8-19.</b> Received e-mail from Mark W. Heathcote stating "We unfortunately can not accept this proposal. Thank you for your interest." JC</p> <p><b>12/28/2020</b> - Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt</p> <p><b>2/10/2021</b> - Patrick called about lease offer. Currently negotiating</p> <p>3/8/2021 - Still in contact with representatives</p>

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2	03540008000E	Benjamin Musser and Shandra L. Musser	PO Box 802, Fruitland, ID 83619	2.5900	<p>12/28/2020. Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.  1/5/2021. Received the certified mail signature card back signed by Sandra Musser.  1/19/2021. Attempted contact - no response 208-249-5850</p> <p>2/22/2021. 2nd Lease offer package sent Certified Mail Receipt  2/26/2021 - Received the certified mail receipt card back signed by Shandra Musser  3/24/2021 - attempted contact and no response left voice mail</p>
3	03540008000D	BK Construction, Inc	PO Box 802 Fruitland, Idaho 83619	2.6040	<p>2-28-2019 - 8:58 AM - appears to be Ben's cell number - left voicemail 8:59 AM - number disconnected 9:19 am- lessor called me back - seems very interested in the process. When he receives the package in the mail he will review and get back in touch with me.208-249-5850  2-28-2019 - 9:19 am- lessor called me back - seems very interested in the process. When he receives the package in the mail he will review and get back in touch with me.  2-27-2019 Lease Package mailed - Certified Mail Receipt  3-20-2019 We received the Certified Mail signature card back signed by Tanna Peterson on 3-12-2019.  12/28/2020 - Lease offer package sent Certified Mail Receipt  1/5/2021. Received the certified mail signature card back signed by Sandra Musser.  1/22/2021. Attempted contact no response 208-249-5850  2/22/2021. 2nd Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.  2/26/2021 - Received the certified mail receipt signature card back signed by Shandra Musser  3/19/2021 - attempted contact no response</p>
4	F3540009000J	Brian Buffington Living Trust	2410 N Alder Dr., Fruitland, ID 83619	0.4300	<p>12/28/2020. Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.  1/5/2021. Received the certified mail signature card back signed "COVID19"  1/20/2021. Attempted contact no response</p> <p>2/22/2021. 2nd Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.  2/26/2021 - Received the certified mail signature card back signed "COVID19"  3/18/2021 - phone number of record has been disconnected</p>
5	F3540009000I	Fruitland Capital Trust	PO Box 981, Payette, ID 83661	0.6523	<p>12/28/2020. Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.  1/5/2021. Received the certified mail signature card back signed by Christi Garman  1/21/2021. Attempted contact no response</p> <p>2/22/2021. 2nd Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.  3/8/2021 - Received the certified mail signature card back signed  3/24/2021 - no response to offer</p>

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6	03540008000B	Steven R Cockerum and Michelle R. Cockerum	1219 NW 16th Street, Fruitland, ID 83619	1.0560	<p>12/28/2020. Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.</p> <p>1/5/2021. Received the certified mail signature card back signed "COVID19"</p> <p>1/20/2021. Attempted contact no response</p> <p>2/22/2021. 2nd Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.</p> <p>2/26/2021 - Received the certified mail signature card back signed "COVID19"</p> <p>3/24/2021 - no response to offer</p>
7	F3420004000A	River Ridge Estates, LLC	Po Box 2176, Tualatin, OR 97062	11.8100	<p>3-6-2019 - Mailed Lease Package -Certified Receipt # 7018-2290-0001-1697-4427</p> <p>3-8-2019 - 4:12 PM left message 503-638-5132</p> <p>3-8-2019 - 4:13 PM left message 503-209-6732</p> <p>3-8-2019 - 4:15 left message - voicemail stated that it was Dean - possibly could be his cell(503-209-1373)</p> <p>3-8-2019 - spoke with Dean and he seems very interested in the idea, wants to look it over and get back in touch with me next week.</p> <p>3-15-2019 11:46 AM - left voicemail following up on oil and gas lease.</p> <p>3-21-2019 11:57 AM-TX Time-left message to call me concerning the OGL. CRB</p> <p>4-04-2019 12:28 pm TX Time Left message on cell for Dean to please clal me back 503-209-1373. JC</p> <p><b>12/28/2021</b> - Lease offer sent Certified Mail Receipt</p> <p>1/5/2021. Received the certified mail signature card back signed by Gina Hannigan as Agent</p> <p>1/22/2021. Attempted contact no response</p> <p>2/22/2021. Another Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt</p> <p>2/26/2021 - Received the certified mail signature card back signed by Gina Hannigan as Agent</p>
8	03540008000C	Lynn Larsen and Kristina Larsen	1770 NW 24th Street, Fruitland, ID 83619	1.0100	<p>12/28/2020. Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.</p> <p>1/5/2021. Received the certified mail signature card back signed "COVID19"</p> <p>1/19/2021. Attempted contact no response</p> <p>2/22/2021. 2nd Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.</p> <p>2/26/2021 - Received the certified signature card back signed 'CV19"</p> <p>3/24/2021 - no response to offer</p>

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9	03540007000G	Harvey R Stepp and Sandra Baker	1840 NW 24th Street, Fruitland, ID 83619	13.2900	<p>12/28/2020. Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.</p> <p>1/5/2021. Received the certified mail signature card back signed "COVID19"</p> <p>1/14/2021. Attempted contact no response</p> <p>2/22/2021. 2nd Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt. 2/26/2021 - Received the certified signature card back signed "CV19" 3/24/2021 - no response to offer</p>
10	03540007000H	Troy Odell and Teresa Odell	PO Box 1051, Fruitland, ID 83619	10.2500	<p>12/28/2020. Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.</p> <p>1/13/2021. Received the certified mail signature card back signed by Kelsey Hawley as Agent.</p> <p>1/20/2021. Attempted contact no response</p> <p>2/22/2021. 2nd Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt. 2/26/2021 - Received the certified mail receipt signature card back signed by Kelsy Hawley as Agent 3/24/2021 - no response to offer</p>
11	08N05W152100	Douglas Dorsing and Connie Dorsing	PO Box 1005, Fruitland, ID 83619	13.4000	<p>12/28/2020. Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.</p> <p>1/9/2021. Received the certified mail signature card back signed by Connie Dorsing</p> <p>1/19/2021. Received written notice that they were not interested in leasing their property. No further contact needed</p>
12	08N05W152390	Kevin Clevenger and Margery Clevenger	1970 NW 24th Street, Fruitland, ID 83619	1.4000	<p>12/28/2020. Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.</p> <p>1/5/2021. Received the certified mail signature card back signed "COVID19"</p> <p>1/26/2021. Attempted contact no response</p> <p>2/22/2021. 2nd Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt. 3/24/2021 - still haven't received signed certified mail signature card and no response to phone calls</p>
13	08N05W143040	Fradonson Family Trust	2075 Killebrew Dr., Payette, ID 83661	4.4300	<p>12/28/2020. Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt.</p> <p>1/12/2021. Received the certified mail signature card back signed by Frazer Peterson.</p> <p>1/20/2021. Attempted contact no response 208-440-7948. Owner has been previously been contacted to lease property regarding another unit. Not showing interest in leasing. "Conflict of interest"</p> <p>2/22/2021. Another Lease offer packet sent Certified Mail Receipt. 2/26/2021 - Received the certified mail signature card back signed 3/24/2021 - not interested, due to conflict of interest regarding P&amp;Z</p>

# EXHIBIT F

Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC  
4415 Jefferson, Suite A  
Texarkana, Arkansas 71854

[DATE]

[OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS]

Re: PAID-UP OIL AND GAS LEASE PROPOSAL  
Parcel of land consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ acres, located in Payette County, Idaho

Current Mineral Owner:

Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, desires to reach an agreement with you pertaining to mineral rights owned by you with the intention to develop them within a gas or oil unit.

The offer provides for the following terms:

- **5 year primary term**
- **\$100.00 per net mineral acre** (one-time signing bonus payment)
- **1/8 royalty on marketable gas and oil for the life of the well**
- **Option to extend the primary term for 3 years at \$100.00 per net mineral acre**

**Note: This offer is contingent upon the approval of title and a lease form by both parties.**

Also, I will be working in the area on a regular basis and would welcome the opportunity to visit with you in person to discuss any details of this offer. Should you have any questions and/or would care to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (979) 676-1593 or wade7m3@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wade Moore, III  
Independent Petroleum Landman

On behalf of Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC