

Docket 225-89-154

EXH "F"

UNIT OPERATING AGREEMENT
GILLSBURG LOWER TUSCALOOSA TL-5 UNIT
AMITE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into as of the _____ day of _____, 19____, by the parties who have signed the original of this instrument, a counterpart thereof, or other instrument agreeing to become a party hereto,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto as Working interest Owners have executed, as of the date hereof, an agreement entitled "Unit Agreement, Gillsburg Lower Tuscaloosa TL-5 Unit, Amite County, Mississippi", herein referred to as "Unit Agreement", which, among other things, provides for a separate agreement to be entered into by Working Interest Owners to provide for Unit Operations as therein defined,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements herein set forth, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

CONFIRMATION OF UNIT AGREEMENT

1.1 Confirmation of Unit Agreement. The Unit Agreement is hereby confirmed and by reference made a part of this agreement. The definitions in the Unit Agreement are adopted for all purposes of this agreement. If there is any conflict between the Unit Agreement and this agreement, the Unit Agreement shall govern.

ARTICLE 2

EXHIBITS

2.1 Exhibits. The following exhibits are incorporated herein by reference:

2.1.1 Exhibits A and B of the Unit Agreement.

2.1.2 Exhibit C, attached hereto, is a schedule showing the Working Interest of each Working Interest Owner in each Tract, the portion of each Working Interest Owner's Unit Participation attributable to each such interest, and the Unit Participation of each Working Interest Owner. Exhibit C, or a revision thereof, shall not be conclusive as to the information therein, except it may be used as showing the Unit Participations of Working Interest Owners for purposes of this agreement until shown to be in error and revised as herein authorized.

2.1.3 Exhibit D, attached hereto, is the Accounting Procedure applicable to Unit Operations. If there is any conflict between this agreement and Exhibit D, this agreement shall govern.

2.1.4 Exhibit E, attached hereto, contains insurance provisions applicable to Unit Operations.

2.1.5 Exhibit F, attached hereto, is the form of indemnity agreement provided for in Article 9 of the Unit Agreement.

2.2 Revision of Exhibits. Whenever Exhibits A and B are revised, Exhibit C shall be revised accordingly and be effective as of the same date. Unit Operator shall also revise Exhibit C from time to time as required to conform to changes in ownership of which Unit Operator has been notified as provided in the Unit Agreement.

2.3 Reference to Exhibits. When reference is made herein to an exhibit, it is to the exhibit as originally attached or, if revised, to the last revision.

ARTICLE 3

SUPERVISION OF OPERATIONS BY WORKING INTEREST OWNERS

3.1 Overall Supervision. Working Interest Owners shall exercise overall supervision and control of all matters pertaining to Unit Operations pursuant to this agreement and the Unit Agreement. In the exercise of such authority, each Working Interest Owner shall act solely in its own behalf in the capacity of an individual owner and not on behalf of the owners as an entirety.

3.2 Specific Authority and Duties. The matters with respect to which Working Interest Owners shall decide and take action shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

3.2.1 Method of Operation. The method of operation, including the type or types of pressure maintenance, secondary recovery, or other recovery program to be employed.

3.2.2 Drilling of Wells. The drilling of any well whether for production of Unitized Substances, for use as an injection or other purposes.

3.2.4 Expenditures. The making of any single expenditure in excess of _____ Dollars (\$_____); however, approval by Working Interest Owners of the drilling, reworking, deepening, or plugging back of any well shall include approval of all necessary expenditures required therefor, and for completing, testing, and equipping the well, including necessary flow lines,

separators, and lease tankage.

3.2.5 Disposition of Unit Equipment. The selling or otherwise disposing of any major item of surplus Unit Equipment, if the current price of new equipment similar thereto is _____ Dollars (\$ _____) or more.

3.2.6 Appearance Before a Court or Regulatory Agency. The designating of a representative to appear before any court or regulatory agency in matters pertaining to Unit Operations; however, such designation shall not prevent any Working Interest Owner from appearing in person or from designating another representative in its own behalf.

3.2.7 Audits. The auditing of the accounts of Unit Operator pertaining to Unit Operations hereunder; however, the audits shall

(a) not be conducted more than once each year except upon the resignation or removal of Unit Operator, and

(b) be made upon the approval of the owner or owners of a majority of Working Interest other than that of Unit Operator, at the expense of all Working Interest Owners other than Unit Operator, or

(c) be made at the expense of those Working Interest Owners requesting such audit, if owners of less than a majority of Working Interest, other than that of Unit Operator, request such an audit, and

(d) be made upon not less than thirty (30) days' written notice to Unit Operator.

3.2.8 Inventories. The taking of periodic inventories under the terms of Exhibit D.

3.2.9 Technical Services. The authorizing of charges to the joint account for services by consultants or Unit Operator's technical personnel not covered by the overhead charges provided by Exhibit D.

3.2.10 Assignments to Committees. The appointment of committees to study any problems in connection with Unit Operations.

3.2.11 The removal of Unit Operator and the selection of a successor.

3.2.12 The enlargement of the Unit Area.

3.2.13 The adjustment and readjustment of investments.

3.2.14 The termination of the Unit Agreement.

ARTICLE 4

MANNER OF EXERCISING SUPERVISION

4.1 Designation of Representatives. Each Working Interest Owner shall inform Unit Operator in writing of the names and addresses of the representative and alternate who are authorized to represent and bind such Working Interest Owner with respect to Unit Operations. The representative or alternate may be changed from time to time by written notice to Unit Operator.

4.2 Meetings. All meetings of Working Interest Owners shall be called by Unit Operator upon its own motion or at the request of one or more Working Interest Owners having a total Unit Participation of not less than _____ percent (_____%). No meeting shall be called on less than fourteen (14) days' advance written notice, with agenda for the meeting attached. Working Interest Owners who attend the meeting may amend items included in the agenda and may act upon an amended item or other items presented at the meeting. The representative of Unit Operator shall be chairman of each meeting.

4.3 Voting Procedure. Working Interest Owners shall decide all matters coming before them as follows:

4.3.1 Voting Interest. Each Working Interest Owner shall have a voting interest equal to its Unit Participation.

4.3.2 Vote Required. Unless otherwise provided herein or in the Unit Agreement, Working Interest Owners shall determine all matters by the affirmative vote of _____ or more Working Interest Owners having a combined voting interest of at least _____ percent (_____%); however, should any one Working Interest Owner have more than _____ percent (_____%) voting interest, its negative vote or failure to vote shall not defeat a motion, such motion shall pass if approved by Working Interest Owners having a majority voting interest, unless _____ or more Working Interest Owners having a combined voting interest of at least _____ percent (_____%) likewise vote against the motion or fail to vote.

4.3.3 Vote at Meeting by Nonattending Working Interest Owner. Any Working Interest Owner who is not represented at a meeting may vote on any agenda item by letter or telegram addressed to the representative of Unit Operator if its vote is received prior to the vote at the meeting.

4.3.4 Poll Votes. Working Interest Owners may vote on and decide, by letter or telegram, any matter submitted in writing to Working Interest Owners. If a meeting is not requested, as provided in Section 4.2, within seven (7) days after a written proposal is sent to Working Interest Owners, the vote taken by letter or telegram shall become final. Unit Operator will give prompt notice of the results of such voting to all Working Interest Owners.

ARTICLE 5

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF WORKING INTEREST OWNERS

5.1 Reservation of Rights. Working Interest Owners severally reserve to themselves all their rights, except as otherwise provided in this agreement and the Unit Agreement.

5.2 Specific Rights. Each Working Interest Owner shall have, among others, the following specific rights:

5.2.1 Access to Unit Area. Access to the Unit Area at all reasonable times to inspect Unit Operations, all wells, and the records and data pertaining thereto.

5.2.2 Reports. The right to receive from Unit Operator, upon written request, copies of all reports to any governmental agency, reports of crude oil runs and stocks, inventory reports, and all other information pertaining to Unit Operations. The cost of gathering and furnishing information not ordinarily furnished by Unit Operator to all Working Interest Owners shall be charged to the Working Interest Owner that requests the information.

ARTICLE 6

UNIT OPERATOR

6.1 Unit Operator. _____ is hereby designated as the initial Unit Operator.

6.2 Resignation or Removal. Unit Operator may resign at any time. Unit Operator may be removed at any time by the affirmative vote of Working Interest Owners having _____ percent (____%) or more of the voting interest remaining after excluding the voting interest of Unit Operator. Such resignation or removal shall not become effective for a period of three (3) months after the resignation or removal, unless a successor Unit Operator has taken over Unit Operations prior to the expiration of such period.

6.3 Selection of Successor. Upon the resignation or removal of a Unit Operator, a successor Unit Operator shall be selected by Working Interest Owners. If the Unit Operator that is removed fails to vote or votes only to succeed itself, the successor Unit Operator shall be selected by the affirmative vote of Working Interest Owners having _____ percent (_____ %) or more of the voting interest remaining after excluding the voting interest of the Unit Operator that was removed.

ARTICLE 7

AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF UNIT OPERATOR

7.1 Exclusive Right to Operate Unit. Subject to the provisions of this agreement and to instructions from Working Interest Owners, Unit Operator shall have the exclusive right and be obligated to conduct Unit Operations.

7.2 Workmanlike Conduct. Unit Operator shall conduct Unit Operations in a good and workmanlike manner as would a prudent operator under the same or similar circumstances. Unit Operator shall freely consult with Working Interest Owners and keep them informed of all matters which Unit Operator, in the exercise of its best judgment, considers important. Unit Operator shall not be liable to Working Interest Owners for damages, unless such damages result from its gross negligence or willful misconduct.

7.3 Liens and Encumbrances. Unit Operator shall endeavor to keep the lands and leases in the Unit Area and Unit Equipment free from all liens and encumbrances occasioned by Unit Operations, except the lien and security interest of Unit Operator granted hereunder.

7.4 Employees. The number of employees used by Unit Operator in conducting Unit Operations, their selection, hours of labor, and compensation shall be determined by Unit Operator. Such employees shall be the employees of Unit Operator.

7.5 Records. Unit Operator shall keep correct books, accounts, and records of Unit Operations.

7.6 Reports to Working Interest Owners. Unit Operator shall furnish Working Interest Owners periodic reports of Unit Operations.

7.7 Reports to Governmental Authorities. Unit Operator shall make all reports to governmental authorities that it has the duty to make as Unit Operator.

7.8 Engineering and Geological Information. Unit Operator shall furnish to a Working Interest Owner, upon written request, a copy of all logs and other engineering and geological data pertaining to wells drilled for Unit Operations.

7.9 Expenditures. Unit Operator is authorized to make single expenditures not in excess of _____ Dollars (\$ _____) without prior approval of Working Interest Owners. If an emergency occurs, Unit Operator may immediately make or incur such expenditures as in its opinion are required to deal with the emergency. Unit Operator shall report to Working Interest Owners, as promptly as possible, the nature of the emergency and the action taken.

7.10 Wells Drilled by Unit Operator. All wells drilled by Unit Operator shall be at the usual rates prevailing in the area. Unit Operator may employ its own tools and equipment, but the charge therefor shall not exceed the usual rates prevailing in the area, and the work shall be performed by Unit Operator under the same terms and conditions as are usual in the area in contracts of independent contractors doing work of a similar nature.

7.11 Border Agreements. Unit Operator may, after approval by Working Interest Owners, enter into border agreements with respect to lands adjacent to the Unit Area for the purpose of coordinating operations.

ARTICLE 8

TAXES

8.1 Ad Valorem Taxes. Beginning with the first calendar year after the Effective Date hereof, Unit Operator shall make and file all necessary ad valorem tax renditions and returns with the proper taxing authorities with respect to all property of each Working Interest Owner used or held by Unit Operator for Unit Operations. Unit Operator shall settle assessments arising therefrom. All such ad valorem taxes shall be paid by Unit Operator and charged to the joint account; however, if the interest of a Working Interest Owner is subject to a separately assessed overriding royalty interest, production payment, or other interest in excess of a one-eighth (1/8) royalty, such Working Interest Owner shall notify Unit Operator of such interest prior to the rendition date and shall be given credit for the reduction in taxes paid resulting therefrom.

8.2 Other Taxes. Each Working Interest Owner shall pay or cause to be paid all production, severance, gathering, and other taxes imposed upon or with respect to the production or handling of its share of Unitized Substances.

ARTICLE 9

INSURANCE

9.1 Insurance. Unit Operator, with respect to Unit Operations, shall:

- (a) comply with the Workmen's Compensation Laws of the State,
- (b) carry Employer's Liability and other insurance required by the laws of the State, and
- (c) provide other insurance as set forth in Exhibit E.

ARTICLE 10

ADJUSTMENT OF INVESTMENTS

10.1 Personal Property Taken Over. Upon the Effective Date, Working Interest Owners shall deliver to Unit Operator the following:

10.1.1 Wells. All wells completed in the Unitized Formation.

10.1.2 Well and Lease Equipment. The casing and tubing in each such well, the wellhead connections thereon, and all other lease and operation equipment that is used in the operation of such wells which Working Interest Owners determine is necessary or desirable for conducting Unit Operations.

10.1.3 Records. A copy of all production and well records for such wells.

10.2 Inventory and Evaluation of Personal Property. Working Interest Owners shall at Unit Expense inventory and evaluate, as determined by Working Interest Owners, the personal property taken over. Such inventory shall include and be limited to those items of equipment considered controllable under Exhibit D except, upon determination of Working Interest Owners, items considered noncontrollable may be included in the inventory in order to insure a more equitable adjustment of investment. Casing shall be included in the inventory for record purposes, but shall be excluded from evaluation and investment adjustment.

10.3 Investment Adjustment. Upon approval by Working Interest Owners of the inventory and evaluation, each Working Interest Owner shall be credited with the value of its interest in all personal property taken over under Section 10.1.2, and shall be charged with an amount equal to

that obtained by multiplying the total value of all personal property taken over under Section 10.1.2 by such Working Interest Owner's Unit Participation. If the charge against any Working Interest Owner is greater than the amount credited to such Working Interest Owner, the resulting net charge shall be an item of Unit Expense chargeable against such Working Interest Owner. If the credit to any Working Interest Owner is greater than the amount charged against such Working Interest Owner, the resulting net credit shall be paid to such Working Interest Owner by Unit Operator out of funds received by it in settlement of the net charges described above.

10.4 General Facilities. The acquisition of warehouses, warehouse stocks, lease houses, camps, facility systems, and office buildings necessary for Unit Operations shall be by negotiation by the owners thereof and Unit Operator, subject to the approval of Working Interest Owners.

10.5 Ownership of Personal Property and Facilities. Each Working Interest Owner, individually, shall by virtue hereof own an undivided interest, equal to its Unit Participation, in all personal property and facilities taken over or otherwise acquired by Unit Operator pursuant to this agreement.

ARTICLE 11

UNIT EXPENSE

11.1 Basis of Charge to Working Interest Owners. Unit Operator initially shall pay all Unit Expense. Each Working Interest Owner shall reimburse Unit Operator for its share of Unit Expense. Each Working Interest Owner's share shall be the same as its Unit Participation. All charges, credits, and accounting for Unit Expense shall be in accordance with Exhibit D.

11.2 Budgets. Before or as soon as practical after the Effective Date, Unit Operator shall prepare a budget of estimated Unit Expense for the remainder of the calendar year, and, on or before the first day of each August thereafter, shall prepare a budget for the ensuing calendar year. A budget shall set forth the estimated Unit Expense by quarterly periods. Budgets shall be estimates only, and shall be adjusted or corrected by Working Interest Owners and Unit Operator whenever an adjustment or correction is proper. A copy of each budget and adjusted budget shall be furnished promptly to each Working Interest Owner.

11.3 Advance Billings. Unit Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to require Working Interest Owners to advance their respective shares of estimated Unit Expense by submitting to Working Interest Owners, on or before the 15th day of any month, an itemized estimate thereof for the succeeding month, with a request for payment in advance. Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the estimate, each Working Interest Owner shall pay to Unit Operator its share of such estimate. Adjustments between estimated and actual Unit Expense shall be made by Unit Operator at the close of each calendar month, and the accounts of Working Interest Owners shall be adjusted accordingly.

11.4 Commingling of Funds. Funds received by Unit Operator under this agreement need not be segregated or maintained by it as a separate fund, but may be commingled with its own funds.

11.5 Lien and Security Interest of Unit Operator. Each Working Interest Owner grants to Unit Operator a lien upon its Oil and Gas Rights in each Tract, and a security interest in its share of Unitized Substances when extracted and its interest in all Unit Equipment, to secure payment of its share of Unit Expense, together with interest thereon at the rate of _____ percent (___%) per annum. To the extent that Unit Operator has a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State, Unit Operator shall be entitled to exercise the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Code. The bringing of a suit and the obtaining of judgment by Unit Operator for the secured indebtedness shall not be deemed an election of remedies or otherwise affect the lien rights or security interest as security for the payment thereof. In addition, upon default by any Working Interest Owner in the payment of its share of Unit Expense, Unit Operator shall have the right, without prejudice to other rights or remedies, to collect from the purchaser the proceeds from the sale of such Working Interest Owner's share of Unitized Substances until the amount owed by such Working Interest Owner, plus interest, has been paid. Each purchaser shall be entitled to rely upon Unit Operator's written statement concerning the amount of any default.

11.6 Unpaid Unit Expense. If any Working Interest Owner fails to pay its share of Unit Expense within sixty (60) days after rendition of a statement therefor by Unit Operator, each Working Interest Owner agrees, upon request by Unit Operator, to pay its proportionate part of the unpaid share of Unit Expense of the defaulting Working Interest Owner.

Working Interest Owners that pay the share of Unit Expense of a defaulting Working Interest Owner shall be reimbursed by Unit Operator for the amount so paid, plus any interest collected thereon, upon receipt by Unit Operator of any past due amount collected from the defaulting Working Interest Owner. Any Working Interest Owner so paying a defaulting Working Interest Owner's share of Unit Expense shall, to obtain reimbursement thereof, be subrogated to the lien and other rights herein granted Unit Operator.

11.7 Carved-out Interest. If any Working Interest Owner shall, after executing this agreement, create an overriding royalty, production payment, net proceeds interest, carried interest, or any other interest out of its Working Interest, such carved-out interest shall be subject to the terms and provisions of this agreement, specifically including, but without limitation, Section 11.5 hereof entitled "Lien and Security Interest of Unit Operator". If the Working Interest Owner creating such carved-out interest (a) fails to pay any Unit Expense chargeable to such Working Interest Owner under this agreement, and the production of Unitized Substances accruing to the credit of such Working Interest Owner is insufficient for that purpose, or (b) withdraws from this agreement under the terms and provisions of Article 17 hereof, the carved-out interest shall be chargeable with a pro rata portion of all Unit Expense incurred hereunder, the same as though such carved-out interest were a Working Interest, and Unit Operator shall have the right to enforce against such carved-out interest the lien and all other rights granted in Section 11.5 for the purpose of collecting the Unit Expense chargeable to the carved-out interest.

11.8 Uncommitted Royalty. Should an owner of a Royalty Interest in any Tract fail to become a party to the Unit Agreement, and, as a result thereof, the actual Royalty Interest payments with respect to such Tract are more or less than the Royalty Interest payments computed on the basis of the Unitized Substances that are allocated to such Tract under the Unit Agreement, the difference shall be borne by or inure to the benefit of Working Interest Owners, in proportion to their respective Unit Participations at the time the Unitized Substances were produced; however, the difference to be borne by or inure to the benefit of Working Interest Owners shall not exceed an amount computed on the basis of one-eighth (1/8) of the difference between the Unitized Substances allocated

to the Tract and the Unitized Substances produced from the Tract. Such adjustments shall be made by charges and credits to the joint account.

ARTICLE 12

NONUNITIZED FORMATIONS

12.1 Right to Operate. Any Working Interest Owner that now has or hereafter acquires the right to drill for and produce oil, gas, or other minerals, from a formation underlying the Unit Area other than the Unitized Formation, shall have the right to do so notwithstanding this agreement or the Unit Agreement. In exercising the right, however, such Working Interest Owner shall exercise care to prevent unreasonable interference with Unit Operations. No Working Interest Owner shall produce Unitized Substances through any well drilled or operated by it. If any Working Interest Owner drills any well into or through the Unitized Formation, the Unitized Formation shall be protected in a manner satisfactory to Working Interest Owners so that the production of Unitized Substances will not be affected adversely.

ARTICLE 13

TITLES

13.1 Warranty and Indemnity. Each Working Interest Owner represents and warrants that it is the owner of the respective Working Interests set forth opposite its name in Exhibit C, and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other Working Interest Owners from any loss due to failure, in whole or in part, of its title to any such interest, except failure of title arising because of Unit Operations: however, such indemnity and any liability for breach of warranty shall be limited to an amount equal to the net value that has been received from the sale or receipt of Unitized Substances attributed to the interest as to which title failed. Each failure of title will be deemed to be effective, insofar as this agreement is concerned, as of 7:00 a.m. on the first day of the calendar month in which such failure is finally determined, and there shall be no retroactive adjustment of Unit Expense, or retroactive allocation of Unitized Substances of the proceeds therefrom, as a result of a title failure.

13.2 Failure Because of Unit Operations. The failure of title to any Working Interest in any Tract because of Unit Operations, including nonproduction from such Tract, shall not change the Unit Participation of the Working Interest Owner whose title failed in relation to the Unit Participations of the other Working Interest Owners at the time of the title failure.

ARTICLE 14

LIABILITY, CLAIMS, AND SUITS

14.1 The duties, obligations, and liabilities of Working Interest Owners shall be several and not joint or collective; and nothing herein shall ever be construed as creating a partnership of any kind, joint venture, association, or trust among Working Interest Owners.

14.2 Settlements. Unit Operator may settle any single damage claim or suit involving Unit Operations if the expenditure does not exceed _____ dollars (\$ _____) and if the payment is in complete settlement of such claim or suit. If the amount required for settlement exceeds the above amount, Working Interest Owners shall assume and take over the further handling of the claim or suit, unless such authority is delegated to Unit Operator. All costs and expense of handling, settling, or otherwise discharging such claim or suit shall be an item of Unit Expense. If a claim is made against any Working Interest Owner or if any Working Interest Owner is sued on account of any matter arising from Unit Operations over which such Working Interest Owner individually has no control because of the rights given Working Interest Owners and Unit Operator by this agreement and the Unit Agreement, the Working Interest Owner shall immediately notify Unit Operator, and the claim or suit shall be treated as any other claim or suit involving Unit Operation.

ARTICLE 15

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

15.1 Internal Revenue Provision. Notwithstanding any provisions herein that the rights and liabilities of the parties hereunder are several and not joint or collective, or that this agreement and operations hereunder shall not constitute a partnership, if for Federal income tax purposes this agreement and the operations hereunder are regarded as a partnership, then each of the parties hereto elects to be excluded from the application of all of the provisions of Subchapter K, Chapter 1, Subtitle A, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as permitted

and authorized by Section 761 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Unit Operator is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of each of the parties hereto such evidence of this election as may be required by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States or the Federal Internal Revenue Service, including specifically, but not by way of limitation, all of the returns, statements, and the data required by Federal Regulations 1.761-1(a). Should there be any requirement that each party hereto further evidence this election, each party hereto agrees to execute such documents and furnish such other evidence as may be required by the Federal Internal Revenue Service or as may be necessary to evidence this election. Each party hereto further agrees not to give any notices or take any other action inconsistent with the election made hereby. If any present or future income tax laws of the state or states in which the Unit Area is located, or any future income tax laws of the United States, contain provisions similar to those in Subchapter K, Chapter 1, Subtitle A, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, under which an election similar to that provided by Section 761 of the Code is permitted, each of the parties agrees to make such election as may be permitted or required by such laws. In making this election, each of the parties states that the income derived by such party from the operations under this agreement can be adequately determined without the computation of partnership taxable income.

ARTICLE 16

NOTICES

16.1 Notices. All notices required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been properly served when sent by mail or telegram to the address of the representative of each Working Interest Owner as furnished to Unit Operator in accordance with Article 4.

ARTICLE 17

WITHDRAWAL OF WORKING INTEREST OWNER

17.1 Withdrawal. A Working Interest Owner may withdraw from this agreement by transferring, without warranty of title, either express or implied, to the other Working Interest Owners, all its Oil and Gas Rights, exclusive of Royalty Interests, together with its interest in all Unit Equipment and in all wells used in Unit Operations. The instrument of transfer may be delivered to Unit Operator for the transferees. Such transfer shall not relieve the Working Interest Owner from any obligation or liability incurred prior to the date of the delivery of the instrument

of transfer. The interest transferred shall be owned by the transferees in proportion to their respective Unit Participations. The transferees, in proportion to the respective interests so acquired, shall pay transferor, for its interest in Unit Equipment, the net salvage value thereof as determined by Working Interest Owners. After the date of delivery of the instrument of transfer, the withdrawing Working Interest Owner shall be relieved from all further obligations and liability hereunder and under the Unit Agreement, and the rights of such Working Interest Owner hereunder and under the Unit Agreement shall cease insofar as they existed by virtue of the interest transferred.

ARTICLE 18

ABANDONMENT OF WELLS

18.1 Rights of Former Owners. If Working Interest Owners decide to permanently abandon any well within the Unit Area prior to termination of the Unit Agreement, Unit Operator shall give written notice thereof to the Working Interest Owners of the Tract on which the well is located, and they shall have the option for a period of ninety (90) days after the sending of such notice to notify Unit Operator in writing of their election to take over and own the well. Within ten (10) days after the Working Interest Owners of the Tract have notified Unit Operator of their election to take over the well, they shall pay Unit Operator, for credit to the joint account, the amount determined by Working Interest Owners to be the net salvage value of the casing and equipment in and on the well. The Working Interest Owners of the Tract, by taking over the well, agree to seal off the Unitized Formation, and upon abandonment to plug the well in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

18.2 Plugging. If the Working Interest Owners of a Tract do not elect to take over a well located within the Unit Area that is proposed for abandonment, Unit Operator shall plug and abandon the well in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

ARTICLE 19

EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

19.1 Effective Date. This agreement shall become effective when the Unit Agreement becomes effective.

19.2 Term. This agreement shall continue in effect so long as the Unit Agreement remains in effect, and thereafter until (a) all Unit wells have been plugged and abandoned or turned over to Working Interest Owners in accordance with Article 20; (b) all Unit Equipment and real property

acquired for the joint account have been disposed of by Unit Operator in accordance with instructions of Working Interest Owners; and (c) there has been a final accounting.

ARTICLE 20

ABANDONMENT OF OPERATIONS

20.1 Termination. Upon termination of the Unit Agreement, the following will occur;

20.1.1 Oil and Gas Rights. Oil and Gas Rights in and to each separate Tract shall no longer be affected by this agreement, and thereafter the parties shall be governed by the terms and provisions of the leases, contracts, and other instruments affecting the separate Tracts.

20.1.2 Right to Operate. Working Interest Owners of any Tract that desire to take over and continue to operate wells located thereon may do so by paying Unit Operator, for credit to the joint account, the net salvage value, as determined by Working Interest Owners, of the casing and equipment in and on the wells taken over and by agreeing upon abandonment to plug each well in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

20.1.3 Salvaging Wells. Unit Operator shall salvage as much of the casing and equipment in or on wells not taken over by Working Interest Owners of separate Tracts as can economically and reasonably be salvaged, and shall cause the wells to be plugged and abandoned in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

20.1.4 Cost of Abandonment. The cost of abandonment of Unit Operations shall be Unit Expense.

20.1.5 Distribution of Assets. Working Interest Owners shall share in the distribution of Unit Equipment, or the proceeds thereof, in proportion to their Unit Participations.

ARTICLE 21

EXECUTION

21.1 Original, Counterpart, or Other Instrument. An owner of a Working Interest may become a party to this agreement by signing the original of this instrument, a counterpart thereof, or other instrument agreeing to become a party hereto. The signing of any such instrument shall have the same effect as if all parties had signed the same instrument.

ARTICLE 22

SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

22.1 Successors and Assigns. This agreement shall extend to, be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, and shall constitute a covenant running with the lands, leases, and interests covered hereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement on the dates opposite their respective signatures.