UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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LEASE FOR OIL AND GAS

(Sec. 17 Noncompetitive Public Domain Lease) Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437), as amended (30 U.S.C. 181-263)

Street City State Zip Cod Ernest L. Mulford 4500 Birchwood

Seal Beach, CA 90740

21730 (Serial Number)

This oil and gas lease is issued for a period of ten (10) years to the above-named lessee pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act and subject to all rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior now or hereafter in force, when not inconsistent with any express and specific provisions herein, which are made a part hereof.

Lands included in the lease:

State:

Nevada

County:

Eureka

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sec. 24. NHENEW.

Containing a total of

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acres

Annual Rental .

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This lease is issued to the successful drawee pursuant to his "Simultaneous Oil and Gas Entry Card" application filed under 43 CFR 3112, and is subject to the provisions of that application and those specified on the reverse side hereof.

Effective date of lease:

MAR 01 1979

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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USGS REPORT

Roger A. Jarrell

(Signature of Signing Officer)

SUBJECT TO ATTACHED STIPULATIONS

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SURFACE DISTURBANCE STIPULATIONS

Area Oil and Gas Supervisor or District Engineer (Address, include zip code)

District Geologist U.S. Geological Survey 7744 Federal Building 300 N. Los Angeles Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Management Agency (name)

Elko District Manager Bureau of Land Management 2002 Idaho Street Elko, Nevada 89801 Address (include zip code)

- 1. Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, any drilling, construction, or other operation on the leased lands that will disturb the surface thereof or otherwise affect the environment, hereinafter called "surface disturbing operation," conducted by lessee shall be subject, as set forth in this stipulation, to prior approval of such operation by the Area Oil and Gas Supervisor in consultation with appropriate surface management agency and to such reasonable conditions, not inconsistent with the purposes for which this lease is issued, as the Supervisor may require to protect the surface of the leased lands and the environment.
- 2. Prior to entry upon the land or the disturbance of the surface thereof for drilling or other purposes, lessee shall submit for approval two (2) copies of a map and explanation of the nature of the anticipated activity and surface disturbance to the District Engineer or Area Oil and Gas Supervisor, as appropriate, and will also furnish the appropriate surface management agency named above, with a copy of such map and explanation.

An environmental analysis will be made by the Geological Survey in consultation with the appropriate surface management agency for the purpose of assuring proper protection of the surface, the natural resources, the environment, existing improvements, and for assuring timely reclamation of disturbed lands.

3. Upon completion of said environmental analysis, the District Engineer or Area Oil and Gas Supervisor, as appropriate, shall notify lessee of the conditions, if any, to which the proposed surface disturbing operations will be subject.

Said conditions may relate to any of the following:

- (a) Location of drilling or other exploratory or developmental operations or the manner in which they are to be conducted;
- (b) Types of vehicles that may be used and areas in which they may be used; and
- (c) Manner or location in which improvements such as roads, buildings, pipelines, or other improvements are to be constructed.

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MULE DEER SPECIAL STIPULATION

The following described lands have been identified as critical habitat for wintering herds of mule deer. Therefore, prior to entry onto the lands within the described area, the lessee (operator) will discuss the proposed activities jointly with the Area Oil and Gas Supervisor and the surface management agency's authorized officer who may require additional measures for the protection of mule deer. Such measures may include:

- Restriction of activity in identified areas during the winter months of November through March;
- b. No surface occupancy of selected sites;
- c. Special reclamation techniques.

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PRAIRIE FALCON SPECIAL STIPULATION

The following described lands have been identified as favorable habitat supporting relatively high population densities of prairie falcons. Therefore, prior to entry onto the lands within the described areas, the lessee (operator) will discuss the proposed activities jointly with the Area Oil and Gas Supervisor and the surface management agency s authorized officer who may require additional measures for the protection of prairie falcons. Such measures may include:

- a. No surface occupancy of selected areas;
- b. Restriction of activity near nest sites during the months of March through June.

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WILDERNESS PROTECTION STIPULATION

By accepting this lease, the lessee acknowledges that the lands contained in this lease are being inventoried or evaluated for their wilderness potential by the Bureau of Land Management under section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, 2785 (43 U.S.C. Sec. 1782).

Until the BLM determines that the lands covered by this lease do not meet the criteria for a wilderness study area as set forth in section 603, or until Congress decides against the designation of lands included within this lease as "wilderness," the following conditions apply to this lease, and override every other provision of this lease which could be considered as inconsistant with them and which deal with operations and rights of the lessee:

- 1. Any oil or gas activity conducted on the leasehold for which a surface use plan is not required under NTL-6 (for example; geophysical and seismic operations) may be conducted only after the lessee first secures the place consent of the BLM. Such consent shall be given if BLMF determines that the impact caused by the activity will not impair the area's wilderness characteristics.
- 2. Any oil and gas exploratory or development activity conducted on the leasehold which is included within a surface use plan under NTL-6 is subject to regulation (which may include no occupancy of the surface) or, it necessary, disapproval until the final determination is made by Congress to either designate the area as wilderness or remove the section 603 restrictions.

If all or any part of the area included within the leasehold estate is formally designated by Congress as wilderness, oil and gas exploration and development operations taking place or to take place on that part of the lease shall become subject to the provisions of the Wilderness Act of 1964 which apply to national forest wilderness areas, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1131 et seq., as amended, the Act of Congress designating the land as wilderness, and Interior Department regulations and policies pertaining thereto.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL STIPULATION

Antiquities and Objects of Historic Value

To secure specific compliance with the stipulations under Sec. 2, paragraph (q) of the oil and gas lease form, the lessee shall, prior to operations, furnish to the Authorized Officer a certified statement that either no archaeological values exist or that they may exist on the leased lands to the best of the lessee's knowledge and belief and that they might be impaired by oil and gas operations. Such certified statement must be completed by a qualified archaeologist acceptable to the Authorized Officer.

If the lessee furnishes a statement that archaeological values may exist where the land is to be disturbed or occupied, the lessee will engage a qualified archaeologist, acceptable to the Authorized Officer, to survey and salvage, in advance of any operations, such archaeological values on the lands involved. The responsibility for the cost for the certificate, survey and salvage will be borne by the lessee, and such salvaged property shall remain the property of the lessor or the surface owner.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY Special Stipulation

This lease is issued pursuant and subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and provisions of Section 302 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152) and to the regulations of the Secretary of livergy promulgated thereunder relating to the:

- (1) fostering of competition for Federal leases (including but not limited to, prohibition on bidding for development rights by certain types of joint ventures);
- implementation of alternative bidding systems authorized for (2) the award of Federal leases;
- establishment of diligence requirements for operations conducted on Federal leases (including, but not limited to, procedures relating to the granting or ordering by the Secretary of the Interior of suspension of operations or production as they relate to such requirements);
- (4) setting rates of production for Federal leases; and

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specifying the procedures, terms, and conditions for the acquisition and disposition of Federal royalty interests. taken in kind.

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