PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF OIL AND GAS LEASE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT, the undersigned, DEPCO, Inc., a Delaware corporation with offices at 1000 Petroleum Building, 110 Sixteenth Street, Denver, Colorado 80202 (said party being sometimes hereinafter referred to as "Assignor"), for and in consideration of TEN AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$10.00), cash in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, does hereby GRANT, BARCAIN, SELL, TRANSFER, CONVEY, ASSIGN and SET OVER unto NICOR Exploration Company, a Delaware corporation with offices at 1677 Cole Boulevard, Golden, Colorado 80401 (said party being sometimes hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), FIFTY PERCENT (50%) of whatever RICHT, TITLE and INTEREST Assignor owns in and to that oil and gas lease insofar as it covers the lands located in EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA, more particularly described in Exhibit "A" (attached hereto and made a part hereof), together with like undivided interests in all rights incident to the said lease and the personal property thereon, appurtenant thereto or used or obtained in connection therewith.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto Assignee, its successors and assigns, subject however to the following:

- Where not otherwise in conflict with prior agreements and assignment, this Partial Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease is subject to the terms and conditions of that certain U. S. Exploration Agreement dated November 1, 1976 by and between Assignor and Assignee.
- 2. This Partial Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease is made subject to Assignee bearing and assuming its proportionate part of all royalties, production payments, overriding royalties and other encumbrances of record in the County, or Counties records in which the Exhibit "A" lands are located and of record, as of the date of this Partial Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease. This Partial Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and agreements under which Assignor acquired or holds title thereto.
- 3. For the same consideration, Assignor covenants with Assignee, its successors and assigns, that Assignor is the lawful owner of and has good title to the undivided interest above assigned in and to the said lease, estate, right and property, free and clear from all liens, encumbrances or adverse claims, that said lease is valid and subsisting lease on the herein described lands, and that Assignor will warrant and defend the same by, through or under Assignor and not otherwise.

FF: COEXECUTED THIS 1st day of SEPTE BER, 1983.

ATTEST:

Michael D. Shepard, Secretary

K. G. Rarum, Vice President

STATE OF COLORADO)

COUNTY OF DENVER)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1st day of September, 1983 by K. G. Ramum, Vice President of DEPCO, Inc., a Delaware corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: September 16, 1984.

(DEPCO's NV-00248) EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA Rosalyne I. Condos 1000 Petroleum Building 110 Sixteenth Street Denver, Colorado 80202

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ATTEST: NICOR EXPLORATION COMPANY Ulnet * Subject to "1677 Cole Boulevard" being changed to "1667 Cole Boulevard". STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF JEFFERSON On the <u>26th</u> day of <u>Octaber</u>, 1983, before me appeared ROBERT W. KEARBY to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he , 1983, before me appeared is vice president of NICOR Exploration Company and that said instrument was signed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors and said Robert W. Kearby acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation. My Commission expires: April 26, 1987 409 First Street Golden, Colorado 80403

DEPCO, INC. ASSIGNMENT EXHIBIT "A" DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1983. EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA

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3, THENCE N 97 DEGREES 44 FT E 7.72 CHAINS TO COR NO. 4,
THENCE S 22 DEGREES 51 FT E 86.81 CHAINS TO COR NO. 5, THENCE
W 7.36 CHAINS TO COR NO. 1, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING
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