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Form 3106 - 5  
(October 1982)UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENTASSIGNMENT AFFECTING RECORD TITLE  
TO OIL AND GAS LEASEFORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1004-0034  
Expires: August 31, 1985

Lease Serial No.

N 20414

Lease effective date

April 1, 1979

FOR BLM OFFICE USE ONLY

New Serial No.

## PART I

## 1. Assignee's Name

NICOR Exploration Company

Address (include zip code)

1667 Cole Boulevard  
Golden Colorado 80401

The undersigned, as owner of 33.333 percent of the record title of the above-designated oil and gas lease, hereby transfers and assigns to the assignee shown above, the record title interest in and to such lease as specified below.

## 2. Describe the lands affected by this assignment

Assignment approved as to lands described below

Township 19 North, Range 48 East, M.D.M.

Section 19: Lots 1 thru 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 30: Lots 1 thru 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 31: Lots 1 thru 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ 

Section 32: All

Containing 2498.96 acres, more or less

Eureka &amp; Lander Counties, Nevada

This assignment is made by Assignor without any representations or warranties of title, either expressed or implied, and is so accepted by Assignee.

## 3. Specify interest or percent of assignor's record title interest being conveyed to assignee

50%

## 4. Specify interest or percent of record title interest being retained by assignor, if any

16.667%

## 5. Specify overriding royalty being reserved by assignor

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## 6. Specify overriding royalty previously reserved or conveyed, if any

3%

7. If any payments out of production have previously been created out of this lease, or if any such payments are being reserved under this assignment, attach statement giving full details as to amount, method of payment, and other pertinent terms as provided under 43CFR 3106.

It is agreed that the obligation to pay any overriding royalties or payments out of production of oil created herein, which, when added to overriding royalties or payments out of production previously created and to the royalty payable to the United States, aggregate in excess of 17 1/2 percent, shall be suspended when the average production of oil per well per day averaged on the monthly basis is 15 barrels or less.

I CERTIFY That the statements made herein are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Executed this 23rd day of August, 1983  
DEPCO, Inc.

By: K. G. Ranum, (Assignor's Signature) Vice President  
ATTEST:

Michael D. Shepard  
Michael D. Shepard, Secretary

1000 Petroleum Building

(Assignor's Address)

Denver

Colorado

80201

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Title 18 U.S.C., Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Assignment approved effective \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Officer)

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(Title)

(Date)

NOTE:

PART II  
ASSIGNEE'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT

- A. ASSIGNEE CERTIFIES THAT the assignee and all other parties in interest (as defined in 43 CFR 3100.0-5(b)) in this assignment are:
1. Citizens of the United States or qualified alien stockholders in a domestic corporation; associations of the United States, or any State or Territory thereof; or municipalities.
  2. Of the age of majority in the State where the lands to be assigned are located.
  3. In compliance with the acreage limitation set forth in 43 CFR 3101.1-5 and 3101.2-4.
- B. ASSIGNEE AGREES That, upon approval of this assignment by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management, he will be bound by the terms and conditions of the lease described herein as to the lands covered by this assignment, including, but not limited to, the obligation to pay all rentals and royalties due and accruing under said lease, to condition all wells for proper abandonment, to restore the leased lands upon completion of any drilling operations as prescribed in the lease, and to furnish and maintain such bond as may be required by the lessor to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of the lease and the applicable regulations.
- C. IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED That the statements made herein are true, complete, and correct to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Executed this 9th day of November, 19 83

**SEAL Affixed**  
(Assignee's Signature)  
Robert W. Kearby, Vice President  
By Deanne K. Whit  
SECRETARY

(Assignee's Address)  
NICOR EXPLORATION COMPANY  
1667 Cole Blvd.  
Golden, Colorado 80403  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

STATE OF COLORADO }  
COUNTY OF DENVER } SS.

CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**SEAL Affixed**  
On August 23, 1983, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared K. G. Ranum known to me to be the Vice President, and Michael D. Shepard known to me to be the Corporate Secretary of DEPCO, Inc. the corporation that executed the within instrument, and known to me to be the persons who executed the within instrument on behalf of the corporation therein named, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same pursuant to its by-laws or a resolution of its board of directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in said State the day and year in this certificate first above written.

My commission expires:  
June 19, 1985

Brenda L. Waldman  
Notary Public Brenda L. Waldman in  
and for said State

STATE OF COLORADO )  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON )

On this 9th day of November, 1983, before me appeared ROBERT W. KEARBY to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he 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.

RECORDED AT REQUEST OF  
Nicor Exploration  
My Commission expires: BOOK 117 PAGE 188

April 26, 1987

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Judith Shaffer  
Notary Public  
409 First Street  
Golden, Colorado 80403

**SEAL Affixed**  
OFFICIAL RECORDS  
EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA  
M.H. REBALEATI, RECORDER  
FILE NO. 90600  
FFE \$ 6.00