

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 1004-0034
Expires: August 31, 1985

ASSIGNMENT AFFECTING RECORD TITLE
TO OIL AND GAS LEASE

Lease Serial No.	N - 16926
Lease effective date	JANUARY 1, 1979
FOR BLM OFFICE USE ONLY	
New Serial No.	

PART I

1. Assignee's Name
SEE ATTACHED RIDER.

Address (include zip code)

The undersigned, as owner of 11.25% 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
<p>BUT INSOFAR ONLY AS IT COVERS:</p> <p>TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 50 EAST, M.D.M.</p> <p>SECTION 18: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E$\frac{1}{2}$ W$\frac{1}{2}$, E$\frac{1}{2}$.</p> <p>SECTION 19: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E$\frac{1}{2}$ W$\frac{1}{2}$, E$\frac{1}{2}$.</p> <p>SECTION 30: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E$\frac{1}{2}$ W$\frac{1}{2}$, E$\frac{1}{2}$.</p> <p>1,917.68 acres, more or less. Eureka County, Nevada.</p>	<p>SAME AS ITEM 2</p>

3. Specify interest or percent of assignor's record title interest being conveyed to assignee	50.000%
4. Specify interest or percent of record title interest being retained by assignor, if any	5.625%
5. Specify overriding royalty being reserved by assignor	-0-
6. Specify overriding royalty previously reserved or conveyed, if any	SEE ATTACHED RIDER. 5.000%

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 43 CFR 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 17th day of MAY, 19 85

BUTTES RESOURCES COMPANY

By: [Signature] (Assignor's Signature)

JOHN W. FRASER
AGENT & ATTORNEY-IN-FACT
MANAGER, OPERATIONS & ENGINEERING

5151 Belt Line Road, Suite 1200 (Assignor's Address)

Dallas Texas 75240
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Assignment approved effective SEP 01 1985 By [Signature] (Authorized Officer)

80-NV-01, Expl. Agmt.
84-NV-04, ORRI Purch.
DEPCO's NV-00177 B

Acting Chief, Branch of Lands & Minerals Operations (Title) 139 PAGE 442 (Date) OCT 02 1985

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RIDER ATTACHED TO ASSIGNMENT PERTAINING TO N-16926 (DEPCO's NV-00177) B

- ASSIGNEE'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PERCENT:
 DEPCO, Inc..... 61.25% of 5.625% = 3.44% total
 1000 Petroleum Building
 110 Sixteenth Street
 Denver, Colorado 80202
 NICOR Exploration Company..... 27.50% of 5.625% = 1.55% total
 1667 Cole Boulevard
 Golden, Colorado 80401
 M. B. Rudman..... 11.25% of 5.625% = 0.63% total
 711 Mercantile Dallas Building
 Dallas, Texas 75201
- SPECIFY OVERRIDE PREVIOUSLY RESERVED OR CONVEYED, IF ANY:
 DEPCO, Inc..... 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % override owned
 M. Peyton Bucy et ux..... 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % override owned
 Harry K. Veal et ux..... 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % override owned

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OCT 02 1985
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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 made in good faith.

Executed this 22nd day of July, 19 85 .
DEPCO, Inc.

K. G. Ranum
(Assignee's Signature)

K. G. Ranum, Vice President

ATTEST:

Michael D. Shepard
Michael D. Shepard, Secretary

1000 Petroleum Bldg.
(Assignee's Address)

110 - 16th Street

Denver, CO 80202

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. USE OF FORM - Use only for assignment of record title interest in oil and gas leases. If more than one assignment is made out of a lease, a separate instrument of transfer is required for each assignment. A separate instrument of assignment shall be used for each lease out of which an assignment is made.
2. FILING AND NUMBER OF COPIES - File three (3) completed and manually signed copies in the appropriate BLM office. A \$25.00 nonrefundable filing fee must accompany the assignment. File assignment within ninety (90) days after date of final assignment.
3. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ASSIGNMENT - Assignee, if approved, takes effect on the first day of the month following the date of filing of all required papers. If bond is necessary, it must be furnished prior to approval of the assignment.
4. EFFECT OF ASSIGNMENT - Approval of assignment of a definitely described portion of the leased lands creates separate leases of the retained and the assigned portions. It does not change the terms and conditions of the lease or the lease anniversary date for purposes of payment of annual rental.

STATE OF COLORADO }
COUNTY OF DENVER } SS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 22nd of July 19 85 by K. G. Ranum, Vice President of DEPCO, Inc. a Delaware corporation on behalf of the corporation.

My commission expires:

June 19, 1989



Deannette L. Leach
Notary Public

110 16th Street
1000 Petroleum Building
Denver, Colorado 80202

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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.

NICOR Exploration Company

Executed this 29th day of July, 1985

BY: Robert W. Kearby
Vice-President (Assignee's Signature)

(Assignee's Address)

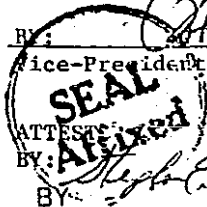
1667 Cole Boulevard
Golden, CO 80401

Robert W. Kearby, Vice President

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

BY: Stephen E. Hollenbeck
Assistant Secretary

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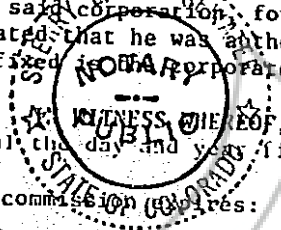
STATE OF COLORADO)
)SS.
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

On this 29th day of July, 1985, before me personally appeared Robert W. Kearby known to me to be the Vice President of NICOR Exploration Company that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that he was authorized to execute said instrument and that the seal affixed is the corporate seal of said corporation.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, this 10th day and year first above written.

My commission expires:

May 10, 1985



Sherrill I. Bridgwater
Notary Public in and for the
State of Colorado
1667 Cole Boulevard
Golden, Colorado 80401.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) requires us to inform you that:

Bureau of Land Management collects this information pursuant to the law (see 43 CFR 3106-3(c)).

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Executed this 29th day of July, 1985

M. B. RUDMAN

711 Mercantile Dallas Building

(Assignee's Signature)

(Assignee's Address)

By: Sherral Goodwin

Sherral Goodwin, Attorney-in-Fact

Dallas, Texas 75201

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STATE OF TEXAS I
 I
COUNTY OF DALLAS I

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29th day of July, 1985, by SHERRAL GOODWIN, Attorney-in-Fact for M. B. RUDMAN



ALICE H. HOWE
Notary Public for State of Texas
My Commission Expires: 10-31-88

Alice H. Howe
Notary Public in and for
The State of Texas

The Privacy Act of 1974 and the regulation in 43 CFR 2.401(d) provide that you be furnished the following information in connection with information required by this assignment and request for approval.

AUTHORITY: 30 U.S.C. 181 et. seq.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE - The information is to be used to process the assignment and request for approval.

ROUTINE USES:

- (1) The adjudication of the assignee's rights to the land or resources.
- (2) Documentation for public information in support of notations made on land status records for the management, disposal, and use of public lands and resources.
- (3) Transfer to appropriate Federal agencies when concurrence is required prior to granting a right in public lands or resources.
- (4)(5) Information from the record and/or the record will be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION - If all the information is not provided, the assignment may be rejected.

RECORDED AT REQUEST OF
DEPCO, Inc.
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OFFICIAL RECORDS
EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA
MIN. REALESTATE RECORDER
FILE NO: 100572
FEE \$ 9.00

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