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OFFER TO LEASE AND LEASE FOR OIL AND GAS

The undersigned (reverse) offers to lease all or any of the lands in item 2 that are available for lease pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 351-359), the Attorney General's Opinion of April 2, 1941 (40 Op. Att'y. Gen. 41), or any regulatory certificate, compliance with qualifications concerning Federal Land Leasing Requirements provided in Sec. 2(a)(2)'s of 311.

1. Name *H. H. Anschutz Corporation*

Street 2400 Anaconda Tower  
1717 Seventeenth Street  
City, State, Zip Code Denver, CO 80202

2. This offer/lease is for: (Check Only One)  PUBLIC DOMAIN LANDS  ACQUIRED LANDS (across U.S. interest \_\_\_\_\_)

Surface managing agency if other than BLM: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal description of land required:

T. 20 N. R. 64 E. Meridian Mount Diablo State Nevada County Elko

sec. 17, int 2, NE1/4, NE1/4, SW1/4;  
sec. 18, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, NW1/4, NE1/4;  
sec. 20, lots 1, 2, 3, SW1/4, SW1/4, S1/4;  
sec. 21, NW1/4, SW1/4, SW1/4, SW1/4;  
sec. 20, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, SW1/4, NE1/4, NW1/4,  
SE1/4, NE1/4.

Amount remitted: Filing fee \$ 75.00

Rental fee \$ 2275.00

Total acres applied for 2275.00

Total \$ 2275.00

3. Land included in lease:

T. R. Meridian State County

SAME AS ITEM 2

LOT IN A KNOWN  
GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURE

Total acres in lot 2275.00

Rental remitted \$ 2275.00

In accordance with the above offer, or the previously submitted simultaneous oil and gas lease application or competitive bid, this lease is issued granting the exclusive right to drill, for, mine, extract, remove and dispose of all the oil and gas (except helium) in the lands described in item 3 together with the right to build and maintain necessary improvements thereon for the term indicated below, subject to renewal or extension in accordance with the appropriate leasing authority. Rights granted are subject to applicable laws, the terms, conditions, and attached stipulations of this lease, the Secretary of the Interior's regulations and formal orders in effect as of lease issuance, and to regulations and formal orders hereafter promulgated when not inconsistent with lease rights granted or specific provisions of this lease.

Type and primary term of lease:

- Simultaneous noncompetitive lease (ten years)  
 Regular noncompetitive lease (ten years)  
 Competitive lease (five years)  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Marta S. Bohle*  
Chief, Branch of Lands  
and Minerals Management

(Signature)

NOV 20 1987

(Date)

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEASE

DEC 01 1987

(Formerly 3110-1, 2, 3, 3120-1, 7, 3130-4, 5, and 7)

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4. (a) Understood certifies that (1) offeror is a citizen of the United States; (2) association of such entity, a firm, partnership, or corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof; (3) all parties holding an interest in the offer are in compliance with 43 CFR 3100 and the leasing authority has offered a lease for a period of time, date and interest, or other public domain or acquired lands do not exceed 200 (200) acres in oil and gas rights or 240 (240) acres in mineral rights in the same State, or 80 (80) acres in leases and 240 (240) acres in options in either Leasing District in Alaska; and (4) offeror has not conducted a minor under the laws of the State in which the lands covered by this offer are located.

(b) Lessor agrees that signature to this offer constitutes acceptance of this lease, in full all terms, conditions, and stipulations which offer has been given, made, and any amendment or separate lease that may include any land described in this offer open to leasing at the time this offer was filed that cannot be withdrawn from this lease. The offeror further agrees that this offer cannot be withdrawn, either in whole or part, unless the withdrawal is received by the BLM State Office before this lease is given effect to this lease or a separate lease, whichever comes first, the land described in the withdrawal has been signed on behalf of the lessor states.

This offer will be rejected and will afford offeror no priority if it is not properly completed and executed in accordance with the regulations, or if it is not accompanied by the required payments. 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1801 makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any Department of the Interior officer any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation as to any matter within its jurisdiction. Signature certifies compliance with qualifications contained in the Mineral Leasing Act.

Duly executed this 13th day of November 1981

THE ANSCHUTZ CORPORATION

*Liliane J. Lentz* Signature of Lesser or Attorney-in-Fact

LEASE TERMS

Sec. 1. Rentals—Rents shall be paid to proper office of lessor in advance of each lease year. Annual rental rates per acre or fraction thereof are:

- (a) Simultaneous noncompetitive lease: \$1.00 for the first 5 years; thereafter, \$3.00;
- (b) Regular noncompetitive lease: \$1.00;
- (c) Competitive lease: \$2.00; or
- (d) Other, see attachment.

If all or part of a noncompetitive leasehold is determined to be within a known geological structure or a favorable petroleum geological province, annual rental shall become \$2.00, beginning with the lease year following notice of such determination. However, a lease that would otherwise be subject to rental of more than \$2.00 shall continue to be subject to the higher rental.

If this lease is a portion thereof is committed to an approved cooperative oil and gas plan which includes a well capable of producing leased resources, and the plan contains a provision for allocation of production, royalties shall be paid on the production allocated to this lease. However, annual rentals shall continue to be set at the rate specified in (a), (b), (c), or (d) for those lands not within a participating area.

Failure to pay annual rental, if due, on or before the anniversary date of this lease (or next office working day if office is closed) shall automatically terminate this lease by operation of law. Rentals may be waived, reduced, or suspended by the Secretary upon sufficient showing by lessor.

Sec. 2. Royalties—Royalties shall be paid to proper office of lessor. Royalties shall be computed in accordance with regulations on production removed or sold. Royalty rates are:

- (a) Simultaneous noncompetitive lease: 2.5%;
- (b) Regular noncompetitive lease: 12.5%;
- (c) Competitive lease, see attachment; or
- (d) Other, see attachment.

Lessor reserves the right to specify whether royalty is to be paid in value of product, and the right to establish reasonable minimum values on products after giving lessor notice and an opportunity to be heard. When paid in value, royalties shall be due and payable on the last day of the month following the month in which production occurred. When paid in kind, production shall be delivered, unless otherwise agreed to by lessor, in merchantable condition on the premises where produced without cost to lessor. Lessee shall not be required to hold up to production or storage beyond the last day of the month following the month in which production occurred, nor shall lessor be held liable for loss of destruction of royalty value other products in storage that causes beyond the reasonable control of lessee.

Minimum royalty shall be due for any lease year after discovery in which no royalty payments aggregate less than \$1.00 per acre. Lessee shall pay such difference at end of lease year. This minimum royalty may be waived, suspended or reduced, and the above royalty rates may be reduced for any portion of this lease if the Secretary determines that such action is necessary to encourage the greatest ultimate recovery of the leased resources, or is otherwise justified.

An interest charge shall be assessed on late royalty payments or underpayments in accordance with the Federal Oil and Gas Royalties Management Act of 1982 (43 CFR 3100.50 Stat. 2845). Lessee shall be liable for royalty payments on oil and gas lost or wasted in 75% of the acre when such loss or waste is due to negligence on the part of the operator, or due to the lessee's recovery of any lease, regulation, order, or statute issued under FOGRMA or the leasing authority.

Sec. 3. Bonds—Lessee shall file and maintain any bond required under regulations.

Sec. 4. Delays, rate of development, utilization, and drainage—Lessee shall exercise reasonable diligence in developing and producing, and shall prevent unnecessary damage to lessor's or third-party-owned resources. Lessor reserves right to specify rates, development and production to the public interest and require lessor to submit to a specific account and produce within 30 days of notice, if deemed necessary for proper development and utilization of lease, field, or pool or for the three leased lands. Lessee shall drill and produce areas necessary to protect leased areas from damage or key compensatory royalty for damage or damage determined by lessor.

Sec. 5. Documents, evidence, and inspection—Lessee shall file with proper office of lessor or lessor 30 days after effective date thereof any contract or evidence of other arrangement for sale or storage of production. At such times and in such form as lessor may prescribe, lessor shall furnish detailed statements showing amounts and quality of all products removed and sold, proceeds therefrom, and amount used for production purposes or unavoidably lost. Lessee may be required to provide plans and schematic diagrams showing development work and improvements and reports with respect to parties in interest, expenditures, and depreciation costs in the form prescribed by lessor. Lessee shall keep a daily drilling record; a log, information on well surveys and tests, and a record of subsurface investigations and furnish copies to lessor when required. Lessee shall keep open at all reasonable times for inspection by any authorized officer of lessor, the leased premises and all wells, improvements, machinery, and fixtures thereon, and all books, accounts, maps, and records relating to operations, surveys, or investigations on or in the leased lands. Lessee shall maintain copies of all contracts, sales agreements, accounting records, and documentation such as billings, invoices, or similar documentation that

supports costs claimed as deductible, proportionate, and nonoperating costs. All such records shall be submitted to lessor in a manner fitting for filing with lessor. Lessee shall retain them until required records and fees after taxes are generated or, if an audit or investigation is under way, and returned to the obligee to maintain such records by lessor.

During existence of this lease, information required under this section shall be filed to lessor by the participant in certain events under Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Sec. 6. Conduct of operations—Lessee shall conduct operations in a manner that minimizes adverse impacts to the land, air, and water, except biological, cultural, and other resources, and to other future users of the land. Lessee shall take reasonable measures to lessen the adverse impact of the conduct of the operation. In the event consistent with lease rights granted, such measures may include, but are not limited to, mitigation by setting or design of flares, timing of operations, air quality control devices, and other corrective measures. Lessor reserves the right to disapprove existing, proposed, or alternative future development on the leased lands, including the approach or methods used in connection with rights of lessor.

Prior to disturbing the surface of the leased lands, lessor shall contact lessor to be apprised of possibility to follow standard modifications or restoration measures to the land to be disturbed. After disturbance, lessor may request evaluations or special studies to determine the extent of its impacts to other resources. Lessor may be required to complete major or extensive short-term special studies under conditions as agreed to by lessor. If in the conduct of operations, unanticipated or prolonged periods of use of leased lands or periodic removal of equipment and structures occur that would result in deterioration of such special or object.

Sec. 7. Mining operations—In the event that impacts from mining operations would be substantially different from greater than those associated with normal drilling operations, lessor reserves the right to do a 2010 test of mining operations.

Sec. 8. Extraction of helium—Lessor reserves the option of extracting or having extracted helium from gas produced in a natural gasfield and TV zones provided by lessor at no expense or risk to lessor or operator. The gas to be produced shall include no oil content or use of gas line provisions of this section.

Sec. 9. Damages to property—Lessee shall pay lessor for damage to lessor's improvements and shall have liability to lessor for damages to lessor's improvements for damage or harm to persons or property as a result of their operation.

Sec. 10. Protection of environmental health opportunities—Lessee shall, prior to drilling activities, locally as well as within the state and the State of the United States, avoid all conflicts as required by law, including, but not limited to, setting leasehold areas at least twice each month in accordance with standard industry practices, and shall take steps to decrease or protect the health and safety of the public.

Lessee reserves the right to conduct oil and gas production with reasonable price, and to prevent monopoly. It is a violation of law to engage in conduct that interferes with a pipeline or company operating expenses, profits, or revenues, and is subject to all remedies available to the lessee for infringement of rights of lessor under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920.

Lessee shall comply with requirements of the BLM (43 CFR 3100.50 Stat. 2845) as amended and regulations and rules and orders of the Secretary of Interior issued pursuant thereto. Neither lessor nor lessor's agent or employee is responsible for any damage to property.

Sec. 11. Right of first offer, interest, and relinquishment of lease—As required by regulation, lessor shall have the right of first offer, interest, or relinquishment of an interest in this lease. If the lessor's interest in this lease is alienated, lessor shall have the proper interest alienated in proportion to the interest in this lease, and the date of filing, subject to the continued obligation of the lessor to satisfy the terms and conditions of this lease.

Sec. 12. Termination of lease—At a minimum a 30 percent of this lease is returned to lessor, lessor shall place all interest and title in lessor's possession for suspension or abandonment, reclaim the land as provided by law, and provide a reasonable period of time, commensurate with the length of time in which the lease was held, for the preparation of productive wells.

Sec. 13. Provisions on cancellation—If lessor fails to comply with any provisions of this lease, and the non-compliance continues for 30 days after written notice thereof, this lease shall be subject to cancellation. Lessor shall also be subject to applicable provisions and penalties of the FOGRMA (43 CFR 3100.50 Stat. 2845). If this lease includes land known to contain valuable deposits of leased resources, it may be cancelled only by judicial proceedings. This provision shall not be construed to deprive the lessor of any other legal and equitable remedy, including waiver of the lease, as such remedy or waiver shall not prevent later cancellation for the same default occurring at any other time.

WHEN RECORDED, PLEASE RETURN TO THE ANSCHUTZ CORPORATION, 2400 ANACONDA TOWER, DENVER, COLORADO 80202

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*The Anschutz Corporation*  
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OFFICIAL RECORDS  
EUREKA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
M.N. REBATE & REFORGER  
FILE NO. **114918**  
FEE \$ **7.00**

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