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ASSIGNMENT OF OIL AND GAS LEASE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT, the undersigned,

DEPCO, Inc.
(a Delaware corporation)
1000 Petroleum Building
110 Sixteenth Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

NICOR Exploration Company
(a Delaware corporation)
1100 Prudential Plaza
1050 Seventeenth Street
Denver, Colorado 80265-1101

Buttes Resources Company
(a corporation)
5151 Belt Line Road, Suite 509
Dallas, Texas 75240

APC Operating Partnership
(a partnership)
1700 Lincoln Street, Suite 4900
Denver, Colorado 80203

M. B. Rudman, Oil & Gas Producer
(an individual)
4700 First City Center
1700 Pacific Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75201-4618

(said parties being sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as "Assignors"), 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, BARGAIN, SELL, TRANSFER, CONVEY, ASSIGN and SET OVER unto:

M. Peyton Bucy and Suzanne D. Bucy..... 50%
Harry K. Veal and Faye J. Veal..... 50%
1776 Lincoln Street, Suite 811
Denver, Colorado 80203

(said parties being sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as "Assignees"), ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) of whatever RIGHT, TITLE and INTEREST Assignors own in and to that oil and gas lease (SAVE, EXCEPT and RESERVE any and all overriding royalty interest previously reserved by or conveyed to Assignors) insofar only as it covers the lands located in EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA, more particularly described below:

DEPCO's LEASE NO..... NV-00242;
LESSOR..... Peter Damele, et al
LESSEE..... Transcontinent Oil Co.
DATE OF LEASE..... January 31, 1979
RECORDED..... Book 69, Page 250
DESCRIPTION..... INSO FAR ONLY as it covers
Township 19 North, Range 49 East, M.D.B. & M.
Section 4: W_{1/2} SW_{1/4}, NE_{1/4} SW_{1/4}, S_{1/2} NE_{1/4}, SW_{1/4} NE_{1/4}.
Section 5: NE_{1/4} SE_{1/4}, SW_{1/4} NE_{1/4}.
Eureka County, Nevada.
NUMBER OF ACRES... 320.00 acres, more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto Assignees, their successors and assigns, subject however to the following:

1. This Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease is made pursuant to and subject to that certain Exploration Agreement dated June 1, 1980 by and between Assignors and Assignees, a copy of such Exploration Agreement is located in the offices of Assignors and Assignees.

(DEPCO's NV-00242)
Kobeh-Antelope Area
80-NV-01, Expl.
84-NV-04, ORRI Purch.
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2. It is agreed and recognized by all parties hereto that DEPOO, Inc. (one of the Assignors herein) previously purchased and was granted an overriding royalty interest in the above described lease by the Assignees herein. It is not the intent nor the purpose of this Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease nor the parties hereto to convey, assign or transfer any interest in the previously reserved or granted overriding royalty interest and this instrument shall not be construed or interpreted as conveying or granting any interest in any such previously reserved or granted overriding royalty interest.
3. This Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease is made subject to Assignees' bearing and assuming all royalties, production payments, overriding royalties and other encumbrances of record in the Eureka County, Nevada, records as of the date of this Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease which affects the lease and lands hereby assigned. This Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and agreements under which Assignors acquired or hold title thereto.
4. This Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease is made without any representations or warranties of title, either express or implied.

EXECUTED THIS 8th day of DECEMBER, 1987.

ATTEST:
Michael D. Shepard
 Michael D. Shepard, Secretary

DEPOO, Inc.
 By: [Signature]
 K. G. RANIM, Vice President

ATTEST:
 Name: _____
 Title: _____

NICOR Exploration Company
 By: [Signature]
 Name: Keith Swart
 Title: Keith Swart, Attorney-In-Fact

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Name: Madira G. Lewis
 Title: Attorney-In-Fact

BUTTES RESOURCES COMPANY
 By: [Signature]
 Name: John W. Waiser
 Title: Vice President, Operations

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Roger K. Tromanhauser, Asst. Secretary

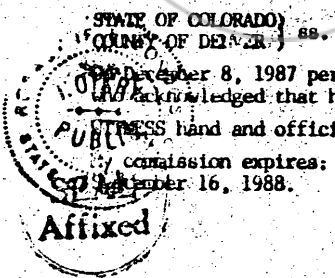
APC OPERATING PARTNERSHIP L.P.
[Signature]
 By Stanley F. Schindler, Vice President
 of Apache Corporation, the Sole General
 Partner of APC Operating Partnership L.P.
 M. B. RUDMAN, OIL & GAS PRODUCER

Name: _____
 Title: _____

"ASSIGNORS"
[Signature]
 H. Peyton Bucy
[Signature]
 Harry K. Veal

[Signature]
 Suzanne D. Bucy
[Signature]
 Faye J. Veal

"ASSIGNEES"



On December 8, 1987 personally appeared before me, a notary public, K. G. RANIM, and acknowledged that he executed the above instrument.

My commission expires: September 16, 1988.

[Signature]
 Rosalyn I. Condos
 1000 Petroleum Building
 110 Sixteenth Street
 Denver, Colorado 80202

(DEPOO's NV-00242)
 Kobeh-Antelope Area
 80-NV-01, Expl.
 84-NV-04, ORRI Purch.
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STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF DENVER) ss.

On January 6, 1988 personally appeared before me, a notary public,
Keith Swack, Attorney In Fact, who acknowledged that he executed the above
instrument.

WITNESS hand and official seal.

My commission expires:
My Commission expires March 4, 1991

Kathryn E. Nies
Name:
Address: 1100 Prudential Plaza
1050 Seventeenth Street
Denver, Colorado 80265-1101

SEAL
STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF DENVER) ss.

On January 15, 1988 personally appeared before me, a notary public,
John W. Funder, Vice President, who acknowledged that he executed the above
instrument.

WITNESS hand and official seal.

My commission expires:
4-91

Dorothy R. Gile
Name:
Address: 5151 Belt Line Road
Suite 509
Dallas, TX 75240

SEAL
Affixed
STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF DENVER) ss.

On _____, 1988 personally appeared before me, a notary public,
_____ who acknowledged that he executed the above
instrument.

WITNESS hand and official seal.

My commission expires:

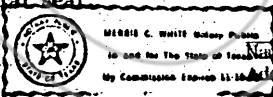
Name:
Address:

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF DALLAS) ss.

On January 18, 1988 personally appeared before me, a notary public,
M. B. RUDMAN, who acknowledged that he executed the above instrument.

WITNESS hand and official seal.

My commission expires:
11-15-91



Morris C. White
Name:
Address: 4700 First City Center
1700 Pacific Avenue
Dallas, TX 75201-4618

STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF DENVER) ss.

On January 25, 1988 personally appeared before me, a notary public,
H. PLYTON BUCY and SUZANNE D. BUCY, who acknowledged that they executed the
above instrument.

WITNESS hand and official seal.

My commission expires:
Nov 03, 1990

Mary L. Butchett
Name:
Address: 8244 So. Leyden Ct.
Englewood, Co 80112

SEAL
Affixed
STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF DENVER) ss.

On January 25, 1988 personally appeared before me, a notary public,
HARRY X. VEAL and FAYE J. VEAL, who acknowledged that they executed the above
instrument.

WITNESS hand and official seal.

My commission expires:
7-4-90

Christine K. Dowd
Name: Christine K. Dowd
Address: 1355 W. Kentucky Av.
Lakewood, CO 80226

(DEPOD's NV-06242)
Koboh-Antelope Area
80-NV-01, Expl.
84-NV-04, ORRI Purch.
O.R.R.I. 258 00 10

Attached to that certain Assignment of Oil & Gas Lease dated December 8, 1987
DEPCO, Inc. et al. Assignors to M. Peyton Bucy and Suzanne D. Bucy, Harry K.
Veal and Faye J. Veal, Assignees

CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF COLORADO)
)SS
CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER)

On this 8th day of December, 1987, before me personally appeared
STANLEY F. SCHINDLER, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, did say
he is Vice President of Apache Corporation, the Sole General Partner of APC Operating
Partnership L.P., and that said instrument was signed on behalf of said Corporation
by authority of its Board of Directors and that he acknowledged said instrument to be
the free act and deed of said Corporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on the day and year last above written.

My Commission Expires:

October 17, 1991

Dorothy M. Ritchie
Dorothy M. Ritchie, Notary Public
1700 Lincoln Street, Suite 1900
Denver, Colorado 80203

RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF
M. Peyton Bucy
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