

ASSIGNMENT OF OIL AND GAS LEASE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the undersigned,

NICOR Exploration Company
1050 17th Street, Suite 1100
Denver, Colorado 80265-1101

Assignor, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over an undivided one hundred percent (100%) of Assignor's right title and interest, unto the following named assignee(s) in the following described percentages:

DEPCO, Inc. 19.51613%
110 16th Street, Suite 1000
Denver, Colorado 80202

M. B. Rudman 7.98387%
Oil and Gas Producer
4700 First City Center
1700 Pacific Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75201-4618

in and to the following described Oil and Gas lease pursuant to the terms of said oil and gas lease, insofar as it covers the following described lease and lands:

LESSOR: Smith, Donald R. et ux
LEASE DATE: February 12, 1979
EXPIRATION DATE: February 12, 1989
RECORDED: Book 69, Page 469

Township 20 North, Range 49 East
Section 8: N/2SE/4
Section 9: SW/4
Section 16: NE/4NW/4, NW/4NE/4

Township 21 North, Range 48 East
Section 35: NE/4SW/4, NW/4SE/4

Township 22 North, Range 48 East
Section 36: E/2NE/4, NE/4SE/4

containing 520.00 acres, more or less
Eureka County, Nevada

The interest herein conveyed is subject to its proportionate share of all existing royalties and overriding royalties.

Assignor makes no warranty of title to said Oil and Gas Leases, either express or implied, except as to parties claiming by, through or under Assignor.

All of the provisions of this assignment shall be available to and binding upon the respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the Assignor and Assignee herein.

EXECUTED this 26th day of May, 1988, but effective for all purposes hereunder as of December 31, 1987.

NICOR Exploration Company

BY: Keith Swart 20 JK
Keith Swart
Attorney-In-Fact

