

STATE LEASE

MF105826

#	LeaseDate	Acres	Status	CONTROL	BASEFILE	COUNTY
Expired - A	Aug 01 2005	20.00	ACTIVE	07-108845	142475 -	REEVES /195
B	Feb 06 2006	2.00	ACTIVE			
Expired - C	Apr 03 2006	18.00	ACTIVE			

SURVEY : T & P RY CO
BLOCK : 57
TOWNSHIP : 02S
SECTION/TRACT: 12
PART : NE/4 NW/4
ACRES : 40.00
DEPTH LIMITS : NO SURFACE TO BASE OF BRUSHY CANYON FORMATION

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EXPIRED
DATE 2-6-2009

Rentals:

LEASING

MAPS

GIS

Lease
Admin:Mineral
Maps:

LESSEE : PPC ENERGY, L.P.
LEASE DATE : Aug 01 2005
PRIMARY TERM : 3 yrs
BONUS (\$) : 0.00
RENTAL (\$) : 0.00
ROYALTY : 0.10000000
VAR ROYALTY :

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RAL REVIEW SHEET

Transaction # 4854

Geologist: R. Widmayer

Lessor: LaSELL, William Edward, aka Bill LaSELL

Lease Date: 8/1/2005

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Lessee: PPC Energy, L.P.

Acres: 40

LEASE DESCRIPTION

County	PIN#	Base File No	Part	Sec.	Block	Twp	Survey	Abst#
REEVES 80	[REDACTED]	142475	NE/4NW/4	12	57	02S	T & P RY CO	4786

TERMS OFFERED

Primary Term:	3 years
Bonus/Acre:	\$100.00
Rental/Acre:	\$1.00
Royalty:	1/5

TERMS RECOMMENDED

Primary Term	3 years
Bonus/Acre	\$100.00
Rental/Acre	\$1.00
Royalty	1/5

COMPARISONS

MF #	Lessee	Date	Term	Bonus/Ac.	Rental/Ac.	Royalty	Distance
							Last Lease

Comments: Paid up lease. Depth restricted to the base of the Brushy Canyon Formation.

Approved: PACB 9-7-05

RELINQUISHMENT ACT LEASE APPLICATION

Texas General Land Office

Jerry Patterson, Commissioner

TO: Jerry Patterson, Commissioner
Larry Laine, Chief Clerk
Bill Warnick, General Counsel
Louis Renaud, Deputy Commissioner

DATE: 07-Sep-05

FROM: Robert Hatter, Director of Mineral Leasing
Peter Boone, Chief Geologist

Applicant: PPC Energy, L.P.

County: REEVES

Prim. Term: 3 years

Bonus/Acre

\$100.00

Royalty: 1/5

Rental/Acre

\$1.00

Consideration

Recommended: PACB

Date: 9.7.05

Not Recommended: _____

Comments: Paid up lease. Depth restricted to the base of the Brushy Canyon Formation.

☒ Lease Form

Recommended: PJA

Date: 10/10/05

Not Recommended: _____

Comments:

Louis Renaud, Deputy Commissioner

Date: 10/18/05

Recommended: CR

Not Recommended: _____

Bill Warnick, General Counsel

Date: 10/18/05

Recommended: WVW

Not Recommended: _____

Larry Laine, Chief Clerk

Date: 10/18/05

Approved: [Signature]

Not Approved: _____

Jerry Patterson, Commissioner

Date: _____

Approved: [Signature]

Not Approved: _____

RAL REVIEW SHEET

Transaction # 5191
Lessor: Lowe Royalty Partners, LP
Lessee: PPC Energy, L.P.

Geologist: R. Widmayer
Lease Date: 4/3/2006
Acres: 40

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LEASE DESCRIPTION

County	PIN#	Base File No	Part	Sec.	Block	Twp	Survey	Abst#
REEVES	[REDACTED]	142475	E/2 of N	12	57	02S	T & P RY CO	4786

TERMS OFFERED

Primary Term: 2 years
Bonus/Acre: \$300.00
Rental/Acre: \$300.00
Royalty: 1/4

TERMS RECOMMENDED

Primary Term: 2 years
Bonus/Acre: \$300.00
Rental/Acre: \$300.00
Royalty: 1/4

COMPARISONS

MF #	Lessee	Date	Term	Bonus/Ac.	Rental/Ac.	Royalty	Distance
							Last Lease

Comments: 2nd year rental is \$300.00.

Approved: PAT 4.28.06

Friday, April 28, 2006

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Date Filed: 9/7/05

Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

By [Signature]

8.18.05

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General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

The State of Texas



Austin, Texas

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of August, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, WILLIAM EDWARD LaSELL, a/k/a BILL LaSELL, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JEAN HAMILTON LaSELL, DECEASED of 9374 Raintree Drive, Columbus, Indiana 42701 (Give Permanent Address) said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and PPC ENERGY, L.P. of 440 Louisiana, Suite 430, Houston, Texas 77002 hereinafter called Lessee. (Give Permanent Address)

1. **GRANTING CLAUSE.** For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power stations, telephone lines and other structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in Reeves County, State of Texas, to-wit:

BLOCK 57, TOWNSHIP 2, T&P RR CO. SURVEY

Section 12: NE/4NW/4

containing 40.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: ONE THOUSAND AND NO/100
Dollars (\$ 1,000.00)

To the owner of the soil: ONE THOUSAND AND NO/100
Dollars (\$ 1,000.00)

Total bonus consideration: TWO THOUSAND AND NO/100
Dollars (\$ 2,000.00)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of One Hundred and No/100
Dollars (\$ 100.00) per acre, on 20.00 net acres.



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2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of three (3) years from this date (herein called "primary term") and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the _____

Bank, at _____ or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil: REFER TO EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO
Dollars (\$ _____)
To the State of Texas: _____
Dollars (\$ _____)
Total Delay Rental: _____
Dollars (\$ _____)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. PRODUCTION ROYALTIES. Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) OIL. Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be 1/5 part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived, in writing, by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) NON PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be 1/5 part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be 1/5 part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) OTHER PRODUCTS. Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be "casinghead," "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be 1/5 part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.



5. MINIMUM ROYALTY. During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.

6. ROYALTY IN KIND. Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time, the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. NO DEDUCTIONS. Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS. No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS. All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year; such interest will begin to accrue when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS. Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS. Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above-described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.



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11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional wells are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of each shut-in year.

15. COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES. If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. RETAINED ACREAGE. Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) VERTICAL. In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.154, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for



production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and rights-of-way for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) HORIZONTAL. In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16 (A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) IDENTIFICATION AND FILING. The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. OFFSET WELLS. Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. FORCE MAJEURE. If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. WARRANTY CLAUSE. The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises. If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE. If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS. If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if, at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. USE OF WATER. Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for waterflood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.

22. AUTHORIZED DAMAGES. Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.





23. PIPELINE DEPTH. When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. WELL LOCATION LIMIT. No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. POLLUTION. In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.

26. REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT. Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) ASSIGNMENTS. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION. Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. RELEASES. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

29. FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES. If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. DISCLOSURE CLAUSE. All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.

31. FIDUCIARY DUTY. The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.



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32. FORFEITURE. If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. LIEN. In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title 1, Chap. 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. POOLING. Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or utilize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.154. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. INDEMNITY. Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF (EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDEMNIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE.**

36. ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under, the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY**



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GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.

37. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

38. **EXECUTION.** This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. **LEASE FILING.** Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

LESSEE: PPC ENERGY, L.P.

BY: [Signature]
 Title: Roy O. Priest, President
 Date: August 1, 2005

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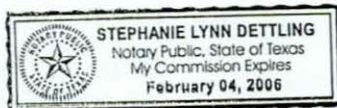
WILLIAM EDWARD LaSELL, a/k/a BILL LaSELL, INDIVIDUALLY
 AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF
 JEAN HAMILTON LaSELL, DECEASED, AS AGENT FOR THE
 STATE OF TEXAS

BY: [Signature]
 Date: 7/28/05

STATE OF TEXAS } (CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT)
 COUNTY OF HARRIS }

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared ROY O. PRIEST
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument as PRESIDENT
 of PPC ENERGY, L.P. a Texas limited partnership, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said limited partnership.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 2nd day of August, 2005.



[Signature]
 Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



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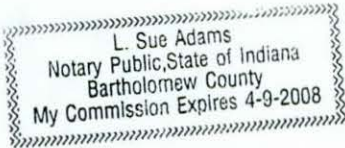
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared William Edward LaSell, a/k/a Bill LaSell, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jean Hamilton LaSell, Deceased

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacities therein stated.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 28th day of July, 2005.

L. Sue Adams

Notary Public in and for the State of Indiana



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EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated August 14, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, William Edward LaSell, a/k/a Bill LaSell, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jean Hamilton LaSell, Deceased, as Lessor, and PPC Energy, L.P., as Lessee, covering certain lands in Reeves County, Texas.

Second and Third Year Rentals

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this is a paid-up lease, Lessee having paid in advance all delay rentals accruing or payable by Lessee under this lease. Lessor hereby acknowledges receipt of payment in advance of delay rentals in the following amounts, which represent delay rentals in the amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) per net mineral acre covered by the lease for the second and third years of the primary term:

To the State of Texas:	Twenty and No/100 Dollars (\$20.00)
To the Owner of the Soil:	Twenty and No/100 Dollars (\$20.00)
 Total Rental for Second And Third Years:	 Forty and No/100 Dollars (\$40.00)

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BY: [Signature], DEPUTYDIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH VIOLATES THE BILL, RENTAL,
OR USE BY THE LESSEE, OR ANY PROVISION BECAUSE OF COLOR
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Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner
By [Signature]

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES**

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office, found in VOL. 708
PAGE 92, THRU 101, **OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS**
I hereby certified on AUGUST 11, 2005



DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

BY [Signature] DEPUTY

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General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

The State of Texas



Austin, Texas

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 6th day of February, 2006, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, ANN CREMIN FIALA, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF WALTER C. CREMIN, DECEASED

of P. O. Box 440904, Houston, Texas 77002

(Give Permanent Address)

said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and PPC ENERGY, L.P.

of 440 Louisiana, Suite 430, Houston, Texas 77002

(Give Permanent Address)

hereinafter called Lessee.

1. GRANTING CLAUSE. For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power stations, telephone lines and other structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in Reeves County, State of Texas, to-wit:

BLOCK 57, TOWNSHIP 2, T&P RR CO. SURVEY

Section 12: NE/4NW/4

limited in depth from the surface to the base of the Brushy Canyon formation

containing 40.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: ONE HUNDRED AND NO/100

Dollars (\$ 100.00)

To the owner of the soil: ONE HUNDRED AND NO/100

Dollars (\$ 100.00)

Total bonus consideration: TWO HUNDRED AND NO/100

Dollars (\$ 200.00)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of One Hundred and No/100

Dollars (\$ 100.00) per acre, on 2.00 net acres.



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2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of three (3) years from this date (herein called "primary term") and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the _____

Bank, at _____, or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil: REFER TO EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO

Dollars (\$ _____)

To the State of Texas: _____

Dollars (\$ _____)

Total Delay Rental: _____

Dollars (\$ _____)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. PRODUCTION ROYALTIES. Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) OIL. Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be 1/5 part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived, in writing, by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) NON PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be 1/5 part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be 1/5 part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) OTHER PRODUCTS. Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be "casinghead," "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be 1/5 part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.



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5. MINIMUM ROYALTY. During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.

6. ROYALTY IN KIND. Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time, the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. NO DEDUCTIONS. Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS. No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS. All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year; such interest will begin to accrue when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS. Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS. Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above-described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.



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11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional wells are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of each shut-in year.

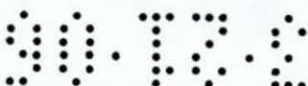
15. COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES. If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. RETAINED ACREAGE. Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) VERTICAL. In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.154, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the



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applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and rights-of-way for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) **HORIZONTAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16 (A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) **IDENTIFICATION AND FILING.** The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. **OFFSET WELLS.** Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. **WARRANTY CLAUSE.** The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises. If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) **PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE.** If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if, at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. **USE OF WATER.** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for waterflood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.



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22. AUTHORIZED DAMAGES. Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.

23. PIPELINE DEPTH. When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. WELL LOCATION LIMIT. No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. POLLUTION. In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.

26. REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT. Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) ASSIGNMENTS. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION. Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. RELEASES. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

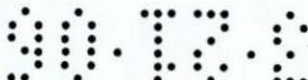
29. FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES. If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. DISCLOSURE CLAUSE. All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.

31. FIDUCIARY DUTY. The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.



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32. FORFEITURE. If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. LIEN. In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title 1, Chap. 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. POOLING. Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or unitize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.154. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. INDEMNITY. Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF (EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDEMNIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE.**

36. ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under, the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF**



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APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.

37. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

38. **EXECUTION.** This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. **LEASE FILING.** Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

LESSEE: PPC ENERGY, L.P.

BY ITS MANAGING GENERAL PARTNER, PRIEST PETROLEUM CORPORATION

BY: [Signature]

Title: Roy O. Priest, President

Date: Feb 22, 2006

STATE OF TEXAS

ANN CREMIN FIALA, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS
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WALTER C. CREMIN, DECEASED, AS AGENT FOR THE
STATE OF TEXAS

BY: [Signature]

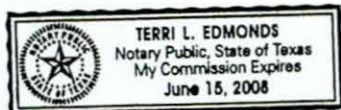
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(CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared ROY O. PRIEST
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument as PRESIDENT OF PRIEST PETROLEUM CORPORATION,
THE MANAGING GENERAL PARTNER OF PPC ENERGY, L.P. a Texas limited partnership, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for
the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said limited partnership.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 22nd day of February, 2006.



[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



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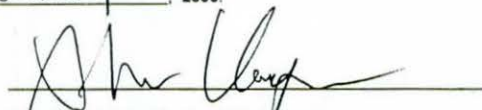
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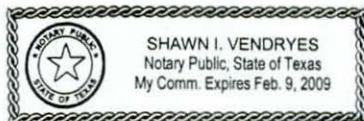
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Ann Cremin Fiala, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Walter C. Cremin, Deceased

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacities therein stated.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 13 day of February, 2006.


Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



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EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated February 6, 2006, between the **State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, Ann Cremin Fiala, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Walter C. Cremin, Deceased**, as Lessor, and **PPC Energy, L.P.**, as Lessee, covering certain lands in Reeves County, Texas.

Second and Third Year Rentals

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this is a paid-up lease, Lessee having paid in advance all delay rentals accruing or payable by Lessee under this lease. Lessor hereby acknowledges receipt of payment in advance of delay rentals in the following amounts, which represent delay rentals in the amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) per net mineral acre covered by the lease for the second and third years of the primary term:

To the State of Texas: Two Dollars and No/100 (\$2.00)

To the Owner of the Soil: Two Dollars and No/100 (\$2.00)

Total Rental for Second
And Third Years: Four Dollars and No/100 (\$4.00)

ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH RESTRICTS THE SALE, RENTAL,
OR USE OF THE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY BECAUSE OF COLOR
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Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

By [Signature]

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES**

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office found in VOL. 726
PAGE 318 THRU 327 **OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS**

I hereby certified on MARCH 10, 2006



DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

BY [Signature] DEPUTY

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NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY RIGHTS: IF YOU ARE A NATURAL PERSON, YOU MAY REMOVE OR STRIKE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THIS INSTRUMENT BEFORE IT IS FILED FOR RECORD IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS: YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER.

General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

The State of Texas



Austin, Texas

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 3rd day of April, 2006, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, LOWE ROYALTY PARTNERS, LP of 5151 San Felipe, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77056 (Give Permanent Address) said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and PPC ENERGY, L.P. of 440 Louisiana, Suite 430, Houston, Texas 77002 hereinafter called Lessee. (Give Permanent Address)

1. GRANTING CLAUSE. For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power stations, telephone lines and other structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in Reeves County, State of Texas, to-wit:

BLOCK 57, TOWNSHIP 2, T&P RR CO. SURVEY

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containing 40.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NO/100
Dollars (\$ 2,700.00)

To the owner of the soil: TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NO/100
Dollars (\$ 2,700.00)

Total bonus consideration: FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND NO/100
Dollars (\$ 5,400.00)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of Three Hundred and No/100
Dollars (\$ 300.00) per acre, on 18.00 net acres.



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2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of two (2) years from this date (herein called "primary term") and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the (PAY DIRECTLY TO LESSOR)

Bank, at _____, or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil: TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NO/100
Dollars (\$ 2,700.00)
To the State of Texas: TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NO/100
Dollars (\$ 2,700.00)
Total Delay Rental: FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND NO/100
Dollars (\$ 5,400.00)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. PRODUCTION ROYALTIES. Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) OIL. Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be 1/4 part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived, in writing, by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) NON PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be 1/4 part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be 1/4 part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) OTHER PRODUCTS. Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be "casinghead," "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be 1/4 part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.



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5. MINIMUM ROYALTY. During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.

6. ROYALTY IN KIND. Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time, the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. NO DEDUCTIONS. Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS. No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS. All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year; such interest will begin to accrue when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS. Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS. Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above-described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.



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11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional wells are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of each shut-in year.

15. COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES. If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. RETAINED ACREAGE. Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) VERTICAL. In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.154, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for



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production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and rights-of-way for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) **HORIZONTAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16 (A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) **IDENTIFICATION AND FILING.** The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. **OFFSET WELLS.** Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. **WARRANTY CLAUSE.** ~~The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises.~~ If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) **PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE.** If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if, at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. **USE OF WATER.** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for waterflood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.

22. **AUTHORIZED DAMAGES.** Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.



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23. PIPELINE DEPTH. When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. WELL LOCATION LIMIT. No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. POLLUTION. In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.

26. REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT. Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) ASSIGNMENTS. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION. Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. RELEASES. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

29. FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES. If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. DISCLOSURE CLAUSE. All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.

31. FIDUCIARY DUTY. The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.



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32. FORFEITURE. If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. LIEN. In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title 1, Chap. 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. POOLING. Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or unitize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.154. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. INDEMNITY. Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF (EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDEMNIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE.**

36. ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under, the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS**



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PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.

37. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

38. **EXECUTION.** This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. **LEASE FILING.** Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

40. **EXHIBIT "A".** This lease is made subject to the geological and seismic requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

LESSEE: PPC ENERGY, L.P., BY ITS MANAGING GENERAL PARTNER,
PRIEST PETROLEUM CORPORATION

BY: [Signature]

Title: Roy O. Priest, President

Date: April 5, 2006

STATE OF TEXAS

LOWE ROYALTY PARTNERS, LP AS AGENT FOR THE
STATE OF TEXAS

BY: [Signature]

NAME: MARY RALPH LOWE

TITLE: MANAGING PARTNER

Date: April 3, 2006

STATE OF TEXAS

(CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

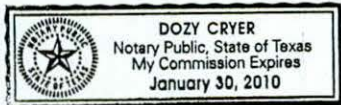
COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared ROY O. PRIEST
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument as PRESIDENT OF PRIEST PETROLEUM CORPORATION,
THE MANAGING GENERAL PARTNER OF PPC ENERGY, L.P.,

a Texas limited partnership, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said limited partnership.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 5 day of April, 2006.

[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



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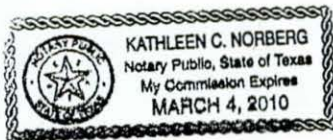
STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF HARRIS)

(ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared MARY RALPH LOWE
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument as MANAGING PARTNER
of LOWE ROYALTY PARTNERS, LP a _____ limited partnership, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the
same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said limited partnership.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 3RD day of April, 2006.

Kathleen C. Norberg
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



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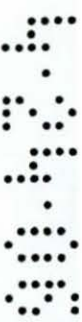


Exhibit "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease
dated effective April 3, 2006 as entered into
by and between Lowe Royalty Partners, LP and PPC Energy, L.P.

GEOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS

Please furnish the following information to the addresses as indicated below:

<u>WELL & GEOLOGICAL & INFORMATION TO:</u>	<u>REGULATORY DATA AND FORMS TO:</u>	<u>LAND INFORMATION and AGREEMENTS TO:</u>	<u>DIVISION ORDER AND TITLE DOCUMENTS TO:</u>
Maralo, LLC Attn: Daniel Stephens 5151 San Felipe, Suite 400 Houston, Texas 77056 713-622-5420 ext. 210 dstephens@maralo.com	Maralo, LLC Attn: Fred Sander 5151 San Felipe, Suite 400 Houston, Texas 77056 713-622-5420 ext. 208 fredsander@maralo.com	Maralo, LLC Attn: Kathy Norberg 5151 San Felipe, Suite 400 Houston, Texas 77056 713-622-5420 ext. 204 kathynorberg@maralo.com	Maralo, LLC Attn: Bill Solomon 5151 San Felipe, Suite 400 Houston, Texas 77056 713-622-5420 ext. 203 billsolomon@maralo.com

Required Data: (One Copy Each)

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| 1. All regulatory body forms | 5. Copy of Title Opinion(s). |
| 2. Final mud logs (logs can be faxed to (713)960-1672 or emailed to danielstephens@maralo.com). | 6. Unit/Com Agreements, etc. |
| 3. Field and final prints and LAS format floppy disc of all open hole logs and any other logs. | |
| 4. DST with fluid and gas analysis. | |

Daily Requirements:

	<u>When</u>	<u>To</u>
DRILLING REPORT via E-MAIL	Daily by 9:00 a.m.	Fred Sander at fredsander@maralo.com AND TO Daniel Stephens at danielstephens@maralo.com
DRILLING REPORT via FAX	Daily by 9:00 a.m.	Fred Sander at 713-960-1672

Other Requirements:

- Notification prior to DST, logging and coring to one of the following people: Daniel Stephens or Tom Martinsen at 713-622-5420.
- Open Hole Log Delivery:
If using Schlumberger, have Schlumberger send .LAS and .PDS file to Maralo LLC's drop box at Schlumberger's website (slb.com)-- otherwise email .LAS file to danielstephens@maralo.com and fredsander@maralo.com.



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3. Monthly production and sales reports should be sent to Machelie Shigley at 5151 San Felipe, Suite 400 Houston, TX 77056 or emailed to mshigley@maralo.com.
4. All land/title related information/documents should be sent to Kathy Norberg at 5151 San Felipe, Suite 400 Houston, TX 77056 or e-mailed to kathynorberg@maralo.com.
5. All title opinions, including division order title opinions, should be sent to Bill Solomon at 5151 San Felipe, Suite 400 Houston, TX 77056 or e-mailed to billsolomon@maralo.com of seismic prospect.

SEISMIC REQUIREMENTS

Should you or your contractor conduct seismic operations on the leased premises the following shall apply:

1. Lessor does not warrant title to the leased premises and Lessee will be solely responsible for all of its operations hereunder. In connection therewith, Lessee shall pay Lessor for and indemnify and hold lessor harmless against any and all loss, damage, liability, cost or expense, including fines, penalties, and reasonable attorney's fees, on account of injuries to or death of persons, damage to property of any kind, pollution or other damage to the environment or the violation of any law, rule or regulation, arising wholly or partially out of or in connection with or resulting from the exercise of any of the rights granted herein or any action hereunder by lessee its agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors or other representatives, irrespective of any negligence, strict or absolute liability or fault of lessor and in the event of any suit or other proceeding against lessor on account thereof, lessee shall, at lessor's request, appear and defend same, and lessee shall pay any assessment or judgment which may be rendered against lessor therein.
2. Lessee will notify Lessor when and where operations are to begin.
3. Lessee will provide evidence of adequate insurance.
4. If lessor owns the surface of the leased premises lessee will restore the leased premises to its former condition insofar as reasonable. Every effort will be made by contractor to minimize damages.
5. Thirty (30) days after completion of lessee's seismic operations across the leased premises lessee agrees to furnish lessor free of cost with the following data across the leased premises and within one mile of the leased premises:
 - a) Maps: 1" - 2,000' base showing all shotpoint and receiver stations within the permitted area. In the case of a 3-D Survey, a 1" - 2,000' base showing location of all final 3D migrated in lines and cross-lines within lessee's or lessee's contractor's permit outlined on the attached plat.
 - b) Support Data: Observer reports and a SEG-P1 diskette for all shots and receivers contributing to CMP's under the lessee's or lessee's contractor's permit outlined on the attached plat.
 - c) As soon as the final data processing is available to lessee, lessee agrees to furnish lessor, free of all cost, a tape of the final migrated dataset, a tape of the D.M.O. stacked dataset, and a floppy disk of the D.M.O. stacking velocities. Lessee further agrees to furnish lessor field tape copies of all shots contributing to CMP's under lessee's permit outline. All tapes need be in SEG Y format (9 track tapes for field data and 8mm or 9 track tapes for stacked/migrated data) or whatever media are mutually acceptable. Please furnish a copy thereof to the attention of Tom Martinsen, 5151 San Felipe #400, Houston, Texas 77056, no later than ninety (90) days after completion of seismic prospect.
6. Lessee will furnish to lessor the information and data requested above, provided lessor acknowledges that lessee shall not be responsible for or held to account to any party for the accuracy of such information or data.



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FILE NO. 1875

ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH RESTRICTS THE SALE, RENTAL
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OR RACE IS INVALID AND UNENFORCEABLE UNDER FEDERAL
LAW

FILED FOR RECORD ON THE 10TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2006 2:38 P. M.

DULY RECORDED ON THE 11TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2006 3:00 P. M.

BY: Diane Florez, DEPUTY

DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

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Date Filed: 9/29/06
Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner
By [Signature]

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office, found in VOL. 729, PAGE 234, THRU 244 OPR



I hereby certified on 04-13-2006

DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

By Josie Flores
JOSIE FLORES

OFFICE
(432) 684-7933

T. VERNE DWYER
OIL & GAS INVESTMENTS
500 WEST WALL, SUITE 310
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

FAX
(432) 684-4032

August 15, 2005

Certified, Return Receipt Requested

Commissioner of the
Texas General Land Office
1700 North Congress Avenue
Room 640
Austin, Texas 78701

Attn: Minerals and Leasing Department

RE: Request for Approval of Oil and Gas Lease Dated August 1, 2005, Covering the NE/4NW/4 of Section 12, Block 57, Township 2, T&P RR Co. Survey, Reeves County, Texas (Mineral Classified Lands)

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed for your review a certified copy of the referenced Oil and Gas Lease by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, William Edward LaSell, a/k/a Bill LaSell, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jean Hamilton LaSell, Deceased, as Lessor, and PPC Energy, L.P., as Lessee, said lease being recorded in Volume 708, Page 92 of the Official Public Records of Reeves County, Texas. The specific information required by your office is set forth below:

- 1) The Lessor shown above is the owner of a fifty percent (50%) interest under the lands included in the lease.
- 2) The bonus paid for the lease is \$100.00 per net acre.
- 3) The lease provides for a primary term of three (3) years.
- 4) The paid-up rental per acre is \$1.00 per net mineral acre per year, as set forth on Exhibit "A" attached to the lease.
- 5) The royalty is one-fifth (1/5).

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Commissioner of the
Texas General Land Office
August 15, 2005
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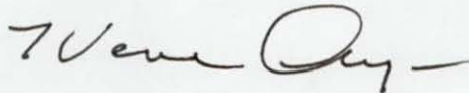
As required, you will also find enclosed the following checks:

- Priest Petroleum Corp.'s check number 1038 dated August 1, 2005, in the amount of \$1,020.00, payable to the Texas General Land Office, representing the GLO's share of the lease bonus (20 net acres x \$100.00 per acre = \$2,000.00 x 50% = \$1,000.00) and paid-up rentals (20.00 net acres x \$1.00 per acre x 2 years = \$40.00 x 50% = \$20.00).
- Priest Petroleum Corp.'s check number 1039 dated August 1, 2005, in the amount of \$100.00, payable to the Texas General Land Office for the processing fee.
- Priest Petroleum Corp.'s check number 1040 dated August 1, 2005, in the amount of \$25.00, payable to the Texas General Land Office for the filing fee.

After this lease has been approved, please forward a letter to this office showing the mineral file number for the lease.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard. Should you need additional information, or if there are questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at (432) 684-7933.

Very truly yours,



T. Verne Dwyer

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PRIEST PETROLEUM CORP

440 LOUISIANA ST., STE. 430
HOUSTON, TX 77002

DATE 8/11/05

PAY
TO THE
ORDER OF

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DOLLARS

Guaranty
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24-hour Customer Service 1.800.288.8822BONUS OIL & GAS
FOR NE/4NW/4 OF SECTION 12,
BLOCK 57, TOWNSHIP 27 N, RANGE 10 E, PR
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PRIEST PETROLEUM CORP

440 LOUISIANA ST., STE. 430
HOUSTON, TX 77002

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PRIEST PETROLEUM CORP

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HOUSTON, TX 77002

DATE 8/11/05

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Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

By [Signature]

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OFFICE
(432) 684-7933

T. VERNE DWYER
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500 WEST WALL, SUITE 310
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

FAX
(432) 684-4032

November 9, 2005

Certified, Return Receipt Requested

Texas General Land Office
1700 North Congress Avenue, Room 640
Austin, Texas 78701

Attn: Mr. Drew Reid

RE: Oil and Gas Lease Dated August 1, 2005, Between the State of Texas, Acting By and Through Its Agent, William Edward LaSell, a/k/a Bill LaSell, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jean Hamilton LaSell, Deceased, as Lessor, and PPC Energy, L.P., as Lessee, Covering the NE/4NW/4 of Section 12, Block 57, Township 2, T&P RR Co. Survey, Reeves County, Texas (Mineral Classified Lands)

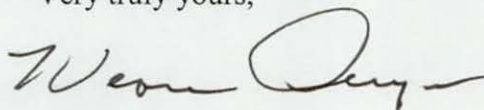
Dear Drew:

Please refer to my letter to you dated August 15, 2005, wherein a certified copy of the above lease was submitted for GLO approval. You subsequently advised that this lease would not be approved on the terms submitted unless it contains a depth limitation.

We have secured an Amendment of Oil and Gas Lease effective August 1, 2005, from Mr. LaSell which adds a depth limitation to the lease, being "limited in depth from the surface to the base of the Brushy Canyon formation". A certified copy of the amendment which is recorded in 714, Page 652 of the Official Public Records of Reeves County, Texas, is enclosed for your review.

Please provide our office with the mineral file number for this lease when it has been assigned.

Very truly yours,



T. Verne Dwyer

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Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

By [Signature]

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OFFICE
(432) 684-7933

T. VERNE DWYER
OIL & GAS INVESTMENTS
500 WEST WALL, SUITE 310
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

FAX
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March 14, 2006

Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

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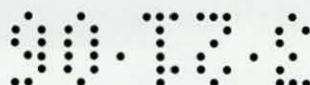
Attn: Mr. Drew Reid

RE: Request for Approval of Oil and Gas Lease Dated February 6, 2006, Between The State of Texas, Acting By and Through Its Agent, Ann Cremin Fiala, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Walter C. Cremin, Deceased, as Lessor, and PPC Energy, L.P., as Lessee, Covering the NE/4NW/4 of Section 12, Block 57, Township 2, T&P RR Co. Survey, Reeves County, Texas, From the Surface to the Base of the Brushy Canyon Formation (Mineral Classified Lands)

Dear Drew:

For your review and further handling, enclosed please find the following information pertaining to the captioned lease:

- 1) A certified copy of the referenced lease which is recorded in Volume 726, Page 381 of the Official Public Records of Reeves County, Texas. The specific lease information required by your office is set forth below:
 - The Lessor shown above is the owner of a 5% interest under the lands included in the lease.
 - The bonus is \$100.00 per net acre.
 - The lease provides for a primary term of three (3) years.
 - The paid-up rental is \$1.00 per net mineral acre per year, as set forth on Exhibit "A" attached to the lease.
 - The royalty is 1/5.



Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office
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As required, you will also find enclosed the following checks:

- Priest Petroleum Corporation's check number 11452 dated February 24, 2006, in the amount of \$102.00, payable to the Texas General Land Office, representing the GLO's share of the lease bonus (2.0 net acres x \$100.00 per acre = \$200.00 x 50% = \$100.00) and paid-up rentals (2.00 net acres x \$1.00 per acre x 2 years = \$4.00 x 50% = \$2.00).
- Priest Petroleum Corporation's check number 11453 dated February 24, 2006, in the amount of \$100.00, payable to the Texas General Land Office for the processing fee.
- Priest Petroleum Corporation's check number 11451 dated February 24, 2006, in the amount of \$25.00, payable to the Texas General Land Office for the filing fee.

Upon the GLO's acceptance of this lease, please provide this office with an approval letter and the mineral file number.

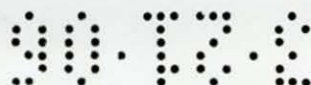
Thank you for your consideration in this regard. Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (432) 684-7933.

Very truly yours,



T. Verne Dwyer

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T. VERNE DWYER
OIL & GAS INVESTMENTS
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MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

FAX
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Certified, Return Receipt Requested

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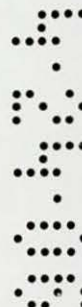
Attn: Mr. Drew Reid

RE: Request for Approval of Oil and Gas Lease Dated April 3, 2006, Between the State of Texas, Acting By and Through Its Agent, Lowe Royalty Partners, LP, as Lessor, and PPC Energy, LP, as Lessee, Covering the NE/4NW/4 of Section 12, Block 57, Township 2, T&P RR Co. Survey, Reeves County, Texas (Mineral Classified Lands)

Dear Drew:

Please find enclosed for your review a certified copy of the referenced Oil and Gas Lease, said lease being recorded in Volume 729, Page 234 of the Official Public Records of Reeves County, Texas. The specific information required by your office is set forth below:

- 1) The Lessor shown above is the owner of a 45% interest under the lands included in the lease.
- 2) The bonus paid for the lease is 300.00 per net acre.
- 3) The lease provides for a primary term of two (2) years.
- 4) The second year rental, due and payable on or before April 3, 2007, is \$300.00 per net mineral acre.
- 5) The royalty is one-fourth (1/4).
- 6) Exhibit "A" attached to the lease contains geological and seismic requirements which were added by the Lessor.



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As required, you will also find enclosed the following checks:

- Priest Petroleum Corporation's check number 11384 dated January 27, 2006, in the amount of \$2,700.00, payable to the Texas General Land Office, representing the GLO's share of the lease bonus (18 net acres x \$300.00 per acre = \$5,400.00 x 50% = \$2,700.00).
- Priest Petroleum Corporation's check number 11386 dated January 27, 2006, in the amount of \$100.00, payable to the Texas General Land Office for the processing fee.
- Priest Petroleum Corporation's check number 11385 dated January 27, 2006, in the amount of \$25.00, payable to the Texas General Land Office for the filing fee.

After this lease has been approved by the GLO, please forward a letter to this office showing the mineral file number for the lease.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard. Should you need additional information, or if there are questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at (432) 684-7933.

Very truly yours,



T. Verne Dwyer

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Enclosures



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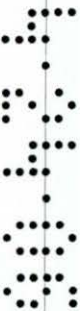
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AMENDMENT OF OIL AND GAS LEASE

STATE OF TEXAS }
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COUNTY OF REEVES }

WHEREAS, reference is hereby made to that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated August 1, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, William Edward LaSell, a/k/a Bill LaSell, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jean Hamilton LaSell, deceased, as Lessor, whose address is 9374 Raintree Drive, Columbus, Indiana 42701, and PPC Energy, L.P., as Lessee, whose address is 440 Louisiana, Suite 430, Houston, Texas 77002, recorded in Volume 708, Page 92 of the Official Public Records of Reeves County, Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "lease").

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of TEN AND OTHER DOLLARS (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is agreed between the Lessor and Lessee that the lease shall be amended as follows:

The legal description of the leased lands as shown in Provision #1 of the lease (Granting Clause) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following description:

"Block 57, Township 2, T&P RR Co. Survey

Section 12: NE/4NW/4

limited in depth from the surface to the base of the Brushy Canyon formation"

Except as amended hereby, said lease shall remain unchanged, and for the consideration above recited, Lessor hereby ratifies, confirms and adopts said lease as hereby amended, and acknowledges that the same is valid, subsisting and in full force and effect.

This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the respective heirs, successors, legal representatives or assigns of the parties hereto.

EXECUTED this 21st day of September, 2005, but effective for all purposes as of August 1, 2005.

LESSOR:



William Edward LaSell, a/k/a Bill LaSell,
Individually and as Personal Representative of the
Estate of Jean Hamilton LaSell, Deceased

LESSEE:

PPC ENERGY, L.P.

By: 

Roy O. Priest, President



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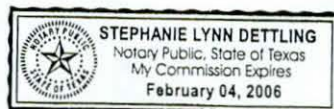
This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 21st day of September, 2005, by **William Edward LaSell, a/k/a Bill LaSell, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jean Hamilton LaSell**, for the purposes and consideration therein recited and in the capacities therein stated.

L. Sue Adams
Notary Public, State of Indiana

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L. Sue Adams  
Notary Public, State of Indiana  
Bartholomew County  
My Commission Expires 4-9-2008  
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STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF HARRIS }

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 10th day of October, 2005, by **Roy O. Priest, as President of PPC Energy, L.P.**, a Texas limited partnership, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity therein stated, and as the act and deed of said limited partnership.



Stephanie Lynn Dettling
Notary Public, State of Texas

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BY: Janie Flores, DEPUTY

DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

ANY PROVISION HEREIN THAT ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT THE SALE, RENTAL, OR USE OF THE DESCRIBED LAND, OR ANY BECAUSE OF COLOR OR RACE IS INVALID AND UNENFORCEABLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW



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Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner
By [Signature]

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office, found in VOL. 714 PAGE 652 THRU 653 **OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS**



I hereby certified on OCTOBER 25, 2005

DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

By [Signature] DEPUTY

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE

JERRY PATTERSON, COMMISSIONER

August 8, 2006

ATTN T. VERNE DWYER
PRIEST PETROLEUM CORP
440 LOUISIANA ST. SUITE 430
HOUSTON TEXAS 77002

Re: RELINQUISHMENT ACT LEASE NO. MF105826.

SECTION 12: NE/4 NW/4, BLOCK 57, TOWNSHIP 2, T&P RR CO. SURVEY,
CONTAINING 40.00 ACRES, Reeves County, Texas

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

The certified copy of the Relinquishment Act lease covering the above referenced tracts has been approved and filed in our records under mineral file number MF105826. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence concerning the lease.

Your remittance of \$1,125.00 has been applied as the state's portion of the cash bonus \$1,000.00, along with a processing and filing fee in the amount of \$125.00. Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Drew Reid by MS

Drew Reid
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MS/DR

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Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

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Permit Summary

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API Number:	42-389-32373	Lease:	LASELL STATE
Operator:	PRIEST PETROLEUM CORPORATION	Total Depth:	6300
Date Issued:	Jul 28, 2005	Well Number:	3
Location:	Reeves County, Texas	Type / Status:	Type: Active Permit, Status: well location

Relational Data

[Permit Detail](#) - The permit as filed.

[Well History / One-Page Production Summary](#) - A complete history of this well broken out by lease.

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Items of Interest in this Area

Fusselman/Devonian Midland Basin 1,317 wells, 11 markers, cores, thin sections, maps, x-sections	 GeoDigital Information, LLC
Siluro-Devonian of the Northern Tobosa Basin 3,200 wells, 19 markers, cores, maps, fld. maps, x-sections	 GeoDigital Information, LLC

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Drill: Yes, Deepen Below: No, Deepen Within: No
Plug Back: No, Reenter: No, Horizontal: No
Directional: No, SideTrack: No, Amended Permit: No
Recomplete: No

API #: 42-389-32373**Permit #:** 603790**Rule 37 case:****Received**

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07/28/2005

RRC Operator # 677560 **RRC District #** 8 **County of Well** Reeves

Operator Name	Lease Name	RRC Lease/ID #	Well #	Total Depth
PRIEST PETROLEUM CORPORATION	LASELL STATE		3	6300
440 LOUISIANA STE 430	Section 12 Block 57 T2	Survey T&P RR CO/THOMAS, P		Abstract # 5701
HOUSTON, TX 77002	Located: 3.4 miles in a N	Direction from ORLA		

Distance from Proposed location to nearest lease or unit line:**Number of contiguous Acres in lease:** 80.0**Fields**

Field Name: MATTHEWS (LOWER CHERRY CANYON) Field Number: 58327500 (Oil)

Field Name: MATTHEWS (BRUSHY CANYON) Field Number: 58327075 (Oil)

Perpendicular surface location from two nearest designated lines:**Lease/Unit:** 467.0' N & 467.0' E**Survey/Section:** 467.0' N & 2200.0' W**Is this a pooled unit?** No**Substandard Acreage?** No**Rule 36 (Hydrogen Sulfide area)?** No**Form h-9 filed?** No**Remarks:**

TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS IN THE MATTHEWS (BUSHY CANYON) ARE CHARGED FROM 3 TO 2 PER TIFFANY GRANT, SO THIS FILING IS NO LONGER A RULE 38. DI USE: 3,12,13

Name and Title: TIFFANY GRANT
Phone Number: 432-620-9181

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API No. <u>42-389-32373</u> Drilling Permit # <u>603790</u> SWR Exception Case/Docket No. _____		RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL & GAS DIVISION APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, RECOMPLETE, OR RE-ENTER <i>This facsimile W-1 was generated electronically from data submitted to the RRC. A certification of the automated data is available in the RRC's Austin</i>			FORM W-1 07/2004 Permit Status: Approved	
1. RRC Operator No. <u>677560</u>		2. Operator's Name (as shown on form P-5, Organization Report) PRIEST PETROLEUM CORPORATION		3. Operator Address (include street, city, state, zip): _____		
4. Lease Name LASELL STATE		5. Well No. <u>3</u>				
GENERAL INFORMATION						
6. Purpose of filing (mark ALL appropriate boxes): ☒ New Drill ☐ Recompletion ☐ Reclass ☐ Field Transfer ☐ Re-Enter ☐ Amended ☐ Amended as Drilled (BHL) (Also File Form W-1D)						
7. Wellbore Profile (mark ALL appropriate boxes): ☒ Vertical ☐ Horizontal (Also File Form W-1H) ☐ Directional (Also File Form W-1D) ☐ Sidetrack						
8. Total Depth <u>6300</u>		9. Do you have the right to develop the minerals under any right-of-way? ☒ Yes ☐ No		10. Is this well subject to Statewide Rule 36 (hydrogen sulfide area)? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
SURFACE LOCATION AND ACREAGE INFORMATION						
11. RRC District No. <u>08</u>		12. County <u>REEVES</u>		13. Surface Location ☒ Land ☐ Bay/Estuary ☐ Inland Waterway ☐ Offshore		
14. This well is to be located <u>3.4</u> miles in a <u>N</u> direction from <u>Orta</u> which is the nearest town in the county of the well site.						
15. Section <u>12</u>		16. Block <u>57 T2</u>		17. Survey <u>T&P RR CO/THOMAS, P</u>		
		18. Abstract No. <u>A-5701</u>		19. Distance to nearest lease line: <u>467</u> ft.		
20. Number of contiguous acres in lease, pooled unit, or unitized tract: <u>80</u>						
21. Lease Perpendiculars: <u>467</u> ft from the <u>NORTH</u> line and <u>467</u> ft from the <u>E</u> line.						
22. Survey Perpendiculars: <u>467</u> ft from the <u>NORTH</u> line and <u>2200</u> ft from the <u>WEST</u> line.						
23. Is this a pooled unit? ☐ Yes ☒ No		24. Unitization Docket No: _____		25. Are you applying for Substandard Acreage Field? ☐ Yes (attach Form W-1A) ☒ No		
FIELD INFORMATION List all fields of anticipated completion including Wildcat. List one zone per line.						
26. RRC District No.	27. Field No.	28. Field Name (exactly as shown in RRC records)	29. Well Type	30. Completion Depth	31. Distance to Nearest Well in this Reservoir	
08	58327075	MATTHEWS (BRUSHY CANYON)	Oil Well	6300	1215.00	
08	58327500	MATTHEWS (LOWER CHERRY CANYON)	Oil Well	6300	1215.00	
BOTTOMHOLE LOCATION INFORMATION is required for DIRECTIONAL, HORIZONTAL, AND AMENDED AS DRILLED PERMIT APPLICATIONS						
Remarks [RRC STAFF Jul 28, 2005 11:52 AM]: Total number of wells in the Matthews (Brushy Canyon) are changed from 3 to 2 per Tiffany Grant, so this filing is no longer a Rule 38.			Certificate: I certify that information stated in this application is true and complete, to the best of my knowledge. Tiffany Grant, Office Manager Regulatory Name of filer _____ Date submitted <u>Jul 21, 2005</u> <u>(432)6209181</u> <u>tgrant@cambrianmgmt.com</u> Phone E-mail Address (OPTIONAL)			
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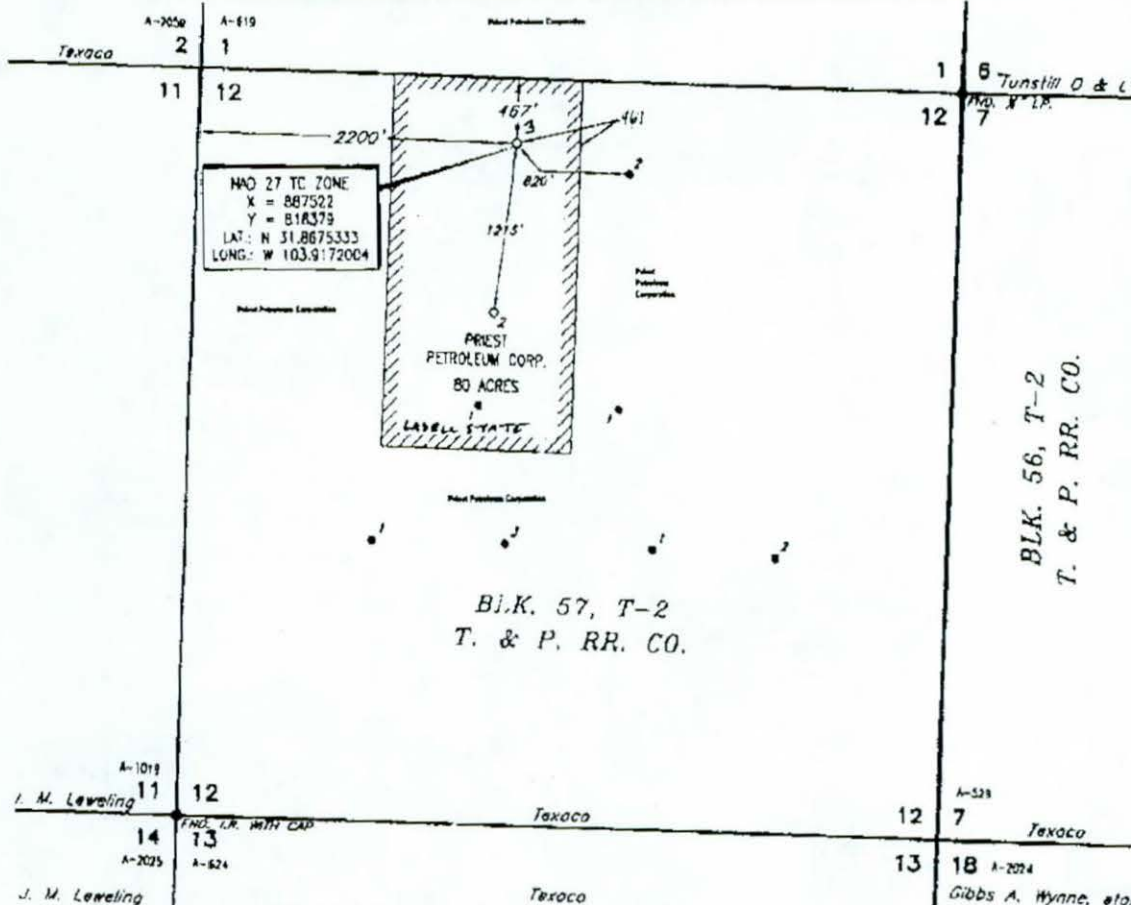
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Description 467' FNL & 2200' FNL

SECTION 12, BLOCK 57, T-2, I. & P. RR. CO. SURVEY



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Date Staked JULY 8, 2005

SCALE: 1" = 1000'

Operator PRIEST PETROLEUM CORP.

Lease Name & Well No. LASELL STATE #3

Ground Elev. 2025' Reference Stakes or NONE

Alternate Location

Good Drill Site? YES Stakes Set ±3.4 MILES NORTH OF ORLA, TEXAS

Topography & Vegetation NATURAL MESQUITE PASTURE

Best Accessibility to Location FROM LEASE ROAD ±1156' EAST OF THE LOCATION

Distance & Direction

From Hwy Jct. or Town FROM ORLA, CO NORTHWEST 2.7 MILES ON HWY. 285, THENCE NORTHEAST 1.4

MILE ON PAVED ROAD, THENCE SOUTHEAST 0.8 MILE ON LEASE ROAD, THENCE SOUTH 0.4 MILE TO THE

NORTH HALF OF SECTION 12.

CERTIFICATION:

I, William J. Keating, a Registered Professional Land Surveyor, and an authorized agent of Topographic Land Surveyors, do hereby certify that the above described well location was surveyed and staked on the ground as shown herein.

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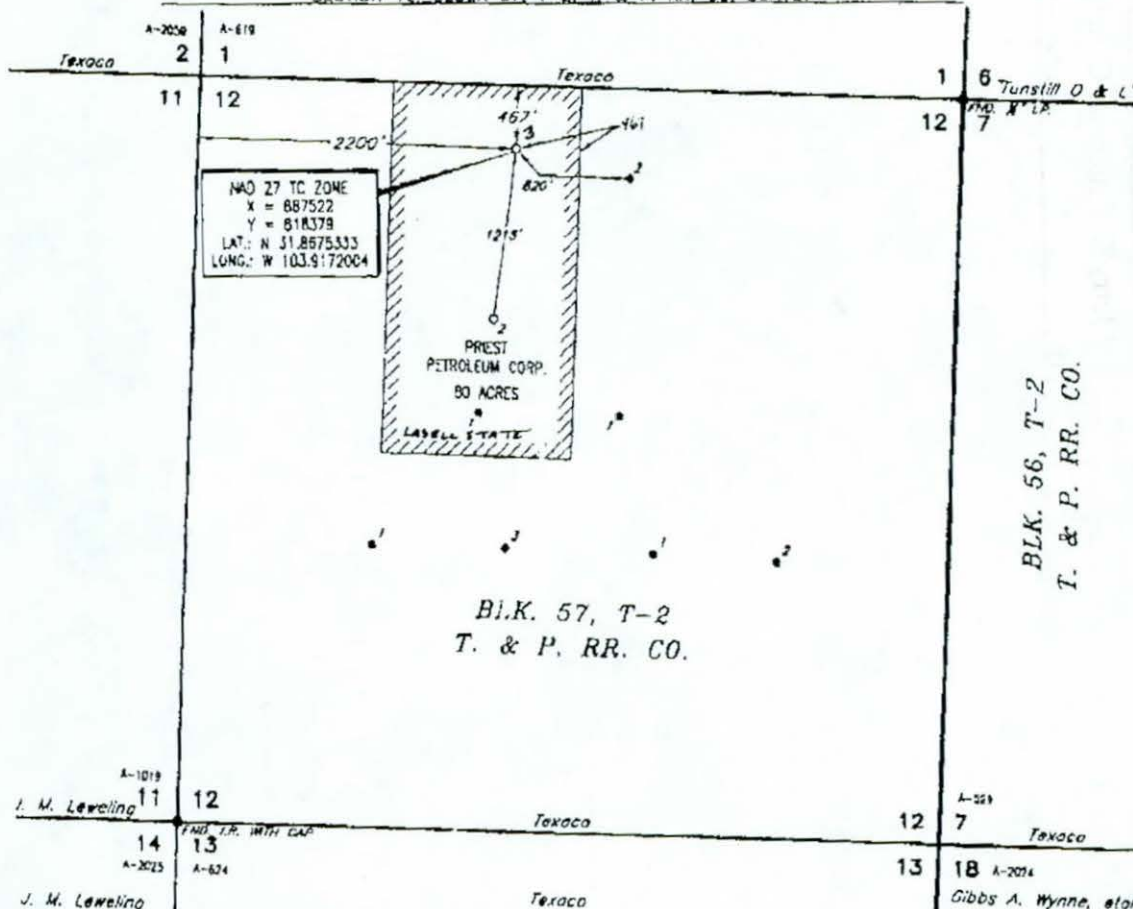
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Date Staked JULY 8, 2005

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