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OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT made this

23rd

day of

October

2000

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Era Jim Sandifer

Lessor (whether one or more), whose address is: **P. O. Box 785, Franklin, TX 77856**
and Michael D. Dixon, P. O. Box 5180, Austin, TX 78763

, Lessor, WITNESSETH:

1. Lessor in consideration of Ten and other valuable consideration

Dollars

\$10.00

(10.00), in hand paid, of the royalties herein provided, and of the agreements of Lessee herein contained, hereby grants, leases and lets exclusively unto Lessee for the purpose of investigating, exploring, prospecting, drilling and mining for and producing oil, gas and all other minerals, conducting exploration, geologic and geophysical surveys by seismograph, core test, gravity and magnetic methods, injecting gas, water and other fluids, and air into subsurface strata, laying pipe lines, building roads, tanks, power stations, telephone lines and other structures thereon and on, over and across lands owned or claimed by Lessor adjacent and contiguous thereto, to produce, save, take care of, treat, transport and own said products, and housing its employees, the following described land in

Robertson

County, Texas, to-wit:

268.8 acres of land, more or less, out of the Grande Eleven (11) League Grant, A-32, Robertson County, Texas, being described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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Traci Smith

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This lease also covers and includes all land owned or claimed by Lessor adjacent or contiguous to the land particularly described above, whether the same be in said survey or surveys or in adjacent surveys, although not included within the boundaries of the land particularly described above.

2. This is a paid up lease and subject to the other provisions herein contained, this lease shall be for a term of 3 years from this date (called "primary term") and as long thereafter as oil, gas or other mineral is produced from said land or land with which said land is pooled hereunder.

3. As royalty, lessee covenants and agrees: (a) To deliver to the credit of lessor, in the pipelines to which lessee may connect its wells, the equal one-eighth part of all oil produced and saved by lessee from said land, or from time to time, at the option of lessee, to pay lessor the average posted market price of such one-eighth part of such oil at the wells as of the day it is run to the pipe line or storage tanks, lessor's interest, in either case, to bear one-eighth of the cost of treating oil to render it marketable pipe line oil; (b) to pay lessor for gas and casinghead gas produced from said land (1) when sold by lessee, one-eighth of the amount realized by lessee, computed at the mouth of the well, or (2) when used by lessee off said land or in the manufacture of gasoline or other products, one-eighth of the amount realized from the sale of gasoline or other products extracted therefrom and one-eighth of the amount realized from the sale of residue gas after deducting the amount used for plant fuel and/or compression; (c) To pay lessor on all other minerals mined and marketed or utilized by lessee from said land, one-tenth either in kind or value at the well or mine at lessee's election, except that on sulphur mined and marketed the royalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per long ton. If, at the expiration of the primary term or at any time or times thereafter, there is any well on said land or on lands with which said land or any portion thereof has been pooled, capable of producing oil or gas, and all such wells are shut-in, this lease shall, nevertheless, continue in force as though operations were being conducted on said land for so long as said wells are shut-in, and thereafter this lease may be continued in force as if no shut-in had occurred. Lessee covenants and agrees to use reasonable diligence to produce, utilize, or market the minerals capable of being produced from said wells, but in the exercise of such diligence, lessee shall not be obligated to install or furnish facilities other than well facilities and ordinary lease facilities of flow lines, separator, and lease tank, and shall not be required to settle labor trouble or to market gas upon terms unacceptable to lessee. If, at any time or times after the expiration of the primary term, all such wells are shut-in for a period of ninety consecutive days, and during such time there are no operations on said land, then at or before the expiration of said ninety day period, lessee shall pay or tender, by check or draft of lessee, as royalty, a sum equal to one dollar (\$1.00) for each acre of land then covered hereby. Lessee shall make like payments or tenders at or before the end of each anniversary of the expiration of said ninety day period if upon such anniversary this lease is being continued in force solely by reason of the provisions of this paragraph. Each such payment or tender shall be made to the parties who at the time of payment would be entitled to receive the royalties which would be paid under

this lease if the wells were producing, and may be deposited in the

DIRECT TO LESSOR

Bank at the above address

Bank at the above address or its successors, which shall continue as the depositories, regardless of changes in the ownership of shut-in royalty. If at any time that lessor pays or tenders shut-in royalty, two or more parties a, b, or claim to be, entitled to receive same, lessee may, in lieu of any other method of payment herein provided, pay or tender shut-in royalty, in the manner above specified, either jointly to such parties or separately to each in accordance with their respective ownerships thereof, as lessee may elect. Any payment hereunder may be made by check or draft of lessee deposited in the mail or delivered to the party entitled to receive payment or to a depository bank provided for above on or before the last date for payment. Nothing herein shall impair lessor's right to release as provided in paragraph 5 hereof. In the event of assignment of this lease in whole or in part, liability for payment hereunder shall rest exclusively on the then owners of this lease, severally as to acreage owned by each.

4. Lessee, at its option, is hereby given the right and power to pool or combine the acreage covered by this lease or any portion thereof as to oil and gas, or either of them, with any other land covered by this lease, and/or with any other land, lease or leases in the immediate vicinity thereof to the extent hereinafter stipulated, when in Lessee's judgment it is necessary or advisable to do so in order properly to explore, or to develop and operate said leased premises in compliance with the spacing rules of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or other lawful authority, or when to do so would, in the judgment of Lessee, promote the conservation of oil and gas in and under and that may be produced from said premises. Units pooled for oil hereunder shall not substantially exceed 40 acres each in area, and units pooled for gas hereunder shall not substantially exceed in area 640 acres each plus a tolerance of ten percent (10%) thereof, provided that should governmental authority having jurisdiction prescribe or permit the creation of units larger than those specified, for the drilling or operation of a well at a regular location or for obtaining maximum allowable from any well to be drilled, drilling or already drilled, units thereafter created may conform substantially in size with those prescribed or permitted by governmental regulations. Lessor under the provisions hereof may pool or combine acreage covered by this lease or any portion thereof as above provided as to oil in any one or more strata and as to gas in any one or more strata. The units formed by pooling as to any stratum or strata need not conform in size or area with the unit or units into which the lease is pooled or combined as to any other stratum or strata, and oil units need not conform as to area with gas units. The pooling in one or more instances shall not exhaust the rights of the Lessee hereunder to pool this lease or portions thereof into other units. Lessee shall file for record in the appropriate records of the county in which the leased premises are situated an instrument describing and designating the pooled acreage as a pooled unit; and upon such recordation the unit shall be effective as to all parties hereto, their heirs, successors, and assigns, irrespective of whether or not the unit is likewise effective as to all other owners of surface, mineral, royalty, or other rights in land included in such unit. Lessor may at its election exercise its pooling option before or after commencing operations for or completing an oil or gas well on the leased premises, and the pooled unit may include, but it is not required to include, land or leases upon which a well capable of producing oil or gas is paying quantities has theretofore been completed or upon which operations for the drilling of a well for oil or gas have theretofore been commenced. In the event of operations for drilling on or production of oil or gas from any part of a pooled unit which includes all or a portion of the land covered by this lease, regardless of whether such operations for drilling were commenced or such production was secured before or after the execution of this instrument or the instrument designating the pooled unit, such operations shall be considered as operations for drilling on or production of oil or gas from land covered by this lease whether or not the well or wells be located on the premises covered by this lease and in such event operations for drilling shall be deemed to have been commenced on said land within the meaning of paragraph 5 of this lease; and the entire acreage constituting such unit or units, as to oil and gas, or either of them, as herein provided, shall be treated for all purposes, except the payment of royalties on production from the pooled unit, as if the same were included in this lease. For the purpose of computing the royalties to which owners of royalties and payments out of production and each of them shall be entitled on production of oil and gas, or either of them, from the pooled unit, there shall be allocated to the land covered by this lease and included in said unit (or to each separate tract within the unit if this lease covers separate tracts within the unit) a pro rata portion of the oil and gas, or either of them, produced from the pooled unit after deducting that used for operations on the pooled unit. Such allocation shall be on an acreage basis—that is to say, there shall be allocated to the acreage covered by this lease and included in the pooled unit (or to each separate tract within the unit if this lease covers separate tracts within the unit) that pro rata portion of the oil and gas, or either of them, produced from the pooled unit which the number of surface acres covered by this lease (or in each such separate tract) and included in the pooled unit bears to the total number of surface acres included in the pooled unit. Royalties hereunder shall be computed on the portion of such production, whether it be oil and gas, or either of them, so allocated to the land covered by this lease and included in the unit just as though such production were from such land. The production from an oil well will be considered as production from the lease or oil pooled unit from which it is producing and not as production from a gas pooled unit; and production from a gas well will be considered as production from the lease or gas pooled unit from which it is producing and not from an oil pooled unit. The formation of any unit hereunder shall not have the effect of changing the ownership of any shut-in production royalty which may become payable under this lease. If this lease now or hereafter covers separate tracts, no pooling or unitization of royalty interest as between any such separate tracts is intended or shall be implied or result merely from the inclusion of such separate tracts within this lease but Lessee shall nevertheless have the right to pool as provided above with consequent allocation of production as above provided. As used in this paragraph 4, the words "separate tract" mean any tract with royalty ownership differing, now or hereafter, either as to parties or amounts, from that as to any other part of the leased premises.

7. The rights of either party hereunder may be assigned in whole or in part, and the provisions hereof shall extend to their heirs, successors and assigns; but no change or division in ownership of the land, or royalties, however accomplished, shall operate to enlarge the obligations or diminish the rights of Lessee; and no change or division in such ownership shall be binding on Lessee until thirty (30) days after Lessee shall have been furnished by registered U.S. mail at Lessee's principal place of business with a certified copy of recorded instrument or instruments evidencing same. In the event of assignment hereof in whole or in part, liability for breach of any obligation hereunder shall rest exclusively upon the owner of a portion thereof who commits such breach. If six or more parties become entitled to royalty hereunder, Lessee may withhold payment thereof unless and until furnished with a recordable instrument executed by all such parties designating an agent to receive payment for all.

9. Lessor hereby warrants and agrees to defend the title to said land and agrees that Lessor at its option may discharge any tax, mortgage or other lien upon said land, either in whole or in part, and in event Lessee does so, it shall be subrogated to such lien with right to enforce same and apply royalties accruing hereunder toward satisfying same. Without impairment of Lessee's rights under the warranty in event of failure of title, it is agreed that if this lease covers a less interest in the oil, gas, sulphur, or other minerals in all or any part of said land than the entire and undivided fee simple estate (whether Lessor's interest is herein specified or not), or no interest therein, then the royalties, and other monies payable by any party in which this lease covers less than such full interest, shall be paid only in the proportion which the interest therein, if any, covered by this lease, bears to the whole and undivided fee simple estate therein. All royalty interest covered by this lease (whether or not owned by Lessor) shall be paid out of the royalty herein provided. Should any one or more of the parties named above as Lessors fail to execute this lease, it shall nevertheless be binding upon the party or parties executing the same.

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ADDENDUM

Attached to and made a part of that certain Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated October 23, 2000, between Era Jim Sandifer, as Lessor, and Michael D. Dixon, as Lessee.

11. Royalty: Wherever the words and fraction "one-eighth (1/8th)" appear in this lease, and specifically in Paragraph 3 above, such words are deemed to be deleted and substituted with the words and fraction "three-sixteenths (3/16ths)".

12. Royalty Payment: Lessee or the purchaser of oil and/or gas or other products produced from the leased premises will pay to Lessor the royalties provided for herein within the time provided in §91.402 of the Natural Resources Code of the State of Texas and upon failure to pay within the stated time to pay interest thereon as provided in §91.403 of the Natural Resources Code of the State of Texas.

13. Shut-In Limitation: The Lessee's right to continue and maintain this Lease in force and effect by the payment of shut-in gas royalty as provided herein may be exercised on one or more occasions, but in no event shall the total time for which this lease is held by the payment of shut-in royalties exceed 3 years.

14. Oil And Gas Only: Oil, gas and other minerals, as used in paragraph 1 of the Lease, shall cover and include only oil and gas and related hydrocarbons and constituent elements (including sulphur) which may be produced with oil or gas. Oil, gas and other minerals, as used in paragraph 1 of the Lease does not cover or include sand, gravel, coal and lignite, uranium, fissionable or any hard minerals or substances of any type which shall be produced from the leased premises separate and apart from, or independently of oil and gas and related hydrocarbons and constituent elements (including sulphur).

15. Pugh Clause: At the expiration of the primary term, in the event a portion or portions of the leased premises are pooled or unitized with other land, lease or leases so as to form a pooled unit or units, operations for drilling or reworking operations on such unit or units, or production of oil and/or gas from such unit or units, or payment of shut-in gas royalties on a well or wells drilled on such unit or units, shall maintain this lease in effect only as to the portion or portions of the leased premises which are included in such unit or units: provided, however, in the event of pooling or unitization limited to a certain stratum, strata, horizon, or other vertical division, this lease, as to all strata and depths underlying the area within the surface boundaries of such unit, shall likewise be maintained in effect by such unit operations, production or shut-in gas royalty payments. Any portion or portions of the leased premises which do not underlie the area within the surface boundaries of a pooled unit or units may be maintained in effect in any manner elsewhere provided in this lease, including, but not limited to: operations upon or production from such portion or portions of the leased premises, or by payment of shut-in gas well royalties.

16. Easements: Notwithstanding the termination or expiration of this lease as to any portion or portions of the leased premises, it is agreed that Lessee shall have and retain such easements of ingress and egress over such terminated or expired portion or portions of the leased premises as shall be necessary to enable Lessee to develop, explore and operate for production of oil and/or gas the portion or portions of this lease then in effect, and Lessee shall not be required to move or relocate any tanks, separators or other equipment or machinery used in connection with such production of oil and/or gas.

17. Surface Damages: It is agreed that Lessee will backfill all pits used in drilling operations after they have dried out completely and, as nearly as is reasonably possible, return the surface to the same condition as it was prior to said drilling operations. Further, Lessee agrees to pay Lessor for actual damages caused by Lessee's operations to Lessor's merchantable timber, crops, fences, livestock, barns, houses and improvements located on the leased premises and those damages shall be based on a reasonable market value at the time of such damage.

18. Water: Lessee shall not have the use of any ponds, lakes, streams or water wells on the leased premises without the express, written consent of the Lessor and shall protect the same from pollution and damage as a result of drilling operations.

19. Hunting and Fishing: Hunting and Fishing by Lessee, its employees, agents or contractors is specifically forbidden.

20. Integration Clause: Each of the parties hereto expressly warrants and represents, and does hereby affirm and stipulate, that no representation, promise or agreement, or statement of a past or existing fact, not expressed in the written agreement, was made to induce the execution of same. Furthermore, the parties hereto do each expressly warrant and represent, and hereby affirm and stipulate, that they have not relied upon any representation, promise or agreement, or statement of a past or existing fact, which is not expressed in this written agreement. Each of the parties hereto recognize that this paragraph is binding, as a matter of law and fact, and shall preclude them from asserting that they were wrongfully induced to enter into this Agreement by any representation, promise or agreement, or statement of a past or existing fact, which is not found within the four (4) corners of this Agreement.

21. Optional Extension: Lessor hereby grants to Lessee an option, which if exercised, will extend the primary term hereof for a period of two (2) years from the expiration of the original primary term and so long thereafter as operations for drilling, reworking, or production of oil and/or gas, are conducted upon the leased premise with no cessation of more than sixty (60) consecutive days. This option may be exercised by Lessee at any time during the original primary term by paying or tendering to Lessor or to Lessor's credit at the address listed above, or its successors, which shall continue as the depository, regardless of change in ownership, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars & No/100 (\$150.00) per net mineral acre, then extended, which shall operate to extend the primary term provided in this lease for two (2) additional years and it shall be considered for all purposes as though this lease originally provided for a primary term of five (5) years. Any payment hereunder may be made by check or draft deposited in the mail or delivered to Lessor or to said depository bank on or before the last date for payment. In the event this lease is being maintained by any provision hereof at the expiration of the original primary term, Lessee shall have a period of thirty (30) days from the date this lease ceases to be maintained within which to exercise this option.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed on the date first above written.

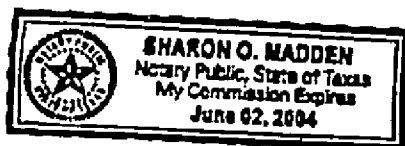
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ROBERTSON

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 25TH day of October, 2000, by Era Jim Sandifer.



Sharon O. Madden
Notary Public, State of Texas

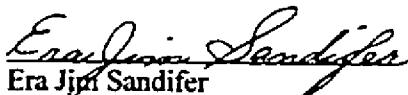
Exhibit "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated October 23, 2000, between **Era Jim Sandifer**, as Lessor, and **Michael D. Dixon**, as Lessee.

268.8 acres of land, more or less, out of the Grande Eleven (11) League Grant, A-32, Robertson County, Texas, being described as follows:

- Tract 1: 41.72 acres of land, more or less, out of the Grande Eleven (11) League Grant, A-32, Robertson County, Texas, being described in a Deed dated March 6, 1920, from James W. McCormick, et ux, to James Sandifer, et ux, recorded in Volume 87, Page 597, Deed Records of Robertson County, Texas.
- Tract 2: 60.28 acres of land, more or less, out of the Grande Eleven (11) League Grant, A-32, Robertson County, Texas, being described as two tracts in a Deed dated March 15, 1918, from James W. McCormick, et ux, to Mrs. Erie Sandifer, recorded in Volume 87, Page 596, Deed Records of Robertson County, Texas.
- Tract 3: 33.2 acres of land, more or less, out of the Grande Eleven (11) League Grant, A-32, Robertson County, Texas, being described in a Deed dated September 23, 1927, from S. R. McCormick, et al, to Erie Sandifer, recorded in Volume 124, Page 105, Deed Records of Robertson County, Texas.
- Tract 4: 33.2 acres of land, more or less, out of the Grande Eleven (11) League Grant, A-32, Robertson County, Texas, being described in a Deed dated September 23, 1927, from C. A. McCormick, et ux, to J. O. Sandifer, et ux, recorded in Volume 124, Page 109, Deed Records of Robertson County, Texas.
- Tract 5: 33.2 acres of land, more or less, out of the Grande Eleven (11) League Grant, A-32, Robertson County, Texas, being described in a Deed dated February 5, 1938, from Nannie Arnett to L. E. Scott, recorded in Volume 116, Page 40, Deed Records of Robertson County, Texas.
- Tract 6: 33.2 acres of land, more or less, out of the Grande Eleven (11) League Grant, A-32, Robertson County, Texas, being described in a Deed dated January 14, 1933, from S. R. McCormick, et ux, to Mollie Sandifer, recorded in Volume 104, Page 394, Deed Records of Robertson County, Texas.
- Tract 7: 34 acres of land, more or less, out of the Grande Eleven (11) League Grant, A-32, Robertson County, Texas, being described in a Deed dated September 3, 1927, from S. R. McCormick, et al, to Mollie Sandifer, recorded in Volume 90, Page 402, Deed Records of Robertson County, Texas. 7

Signed for identification:


Era Jim Sandifer