

in the order of alteration or modification. Without regard to the foregoing, the Director is also hereby vested with authority to alter or modify from time to time in his discretion the rate of prospecting and development and the quantity and rate of production under this agreement when such alteration or modification is in the interest of attaining the conservation objectives stated in this agreement and is not in violation of any applicable Federal or State law.

Powers in this section vested in the Director shall only be exercised after notice to Unit Operator and opportunity for hearing to be held not less than 15 days from notice.

22. APPEARANCES. Unit Operator shall, after notice to other parties affected, have the right to appear for and on behalf of any and all interests affected hereby before the Department of the Interior and the Board of Land Commissioners of the State of Wyoming, and to appeal from orders issued under the regulations of said Department or to apply for relief from any of said regulations or in any proceedings relative to operations before the Department of the Interior or the Board of Land Commissioners of the State of Wyoming or any other legally constituted authority; provided, however, that any other interested party shall also have the right at his own expense to be heard in any such proceeding.

23. TAXES. Unless otherwise specifically provided by law, each royalty owner shall render and pay all ad valorem taxes, including ad valorem taxes measured by production levied against its royalty or mineral interest. Unit Operator shall pay, as an agent for the working interest owners, each royalty owner's share of all taxes other than ad valorem taxes levied on or measured by the unitized substances in and under, or that may be produced, gathered, and sold from the lands subject hereto, or upon the proceeds or net proceeds derived therefrom, and shall