

1 In the event of a dispute as to title as to any royalty, working inter-
 2 est, or other interests subject thereto, payment or delivery on account
 3 thereof may be withheld without liability for interest until the dispute
 4 is finally settled; provided, that, as to Federal land or leases, no pay-
 5 ments of funds due the United States should be withheld, but such funds
 6 shall be deposited as directed by the Supervisor to be held as unearned
 7 money pending final settlement of the title dispute, and then applied
 8 as earned or returned in accordance with such final settlement.

9 Unit Operator as such is relieved from any responsibility for any
 10 defect or failure of any title hereunder.

11 28. NON-JOINDER AND SUBSEQUENT JOINDER. If the owner of any
 12 substantial interest in a tract within the unit area fails or refuses
 13 to subscribe or consent to this agreement, the owner of the working
 14 interest in that tract may withdraw said tract from this agreement by
 15 written notice to the Director and the Unit Operator prior to the approv-
 16 al of this agreement by the Director. Any oil or gas interests in lands
 17 within the unit area not committed hereto prior to submission of this
 18 agreement for final approval may thereafter be committed hereto by the
 19 owner or owners thereof subscribing or consenting to this agreement,
 20 and, if the interest is a working interest, by the owner of such inter-
 21 est also subscribing to the unit operating agreement. After operations
 22 are commenced hereunder, the right of subsequent joinder, as provided
 23 in this section, by a working interest owner is subject to such require-
 24 ments or approvals, if any, pertaining to such joinder, as may be pro-
 25 vided for in the unit operating agreement. After final approval hereof
 26 joinder by a non-working interest owner must be consented to in writing
 27 by the working interest owner committed hereto and responsible for the
 28 payment of any benefits that may accrue hereunder in behalf of such
 29 non-working interest. Joinder by any owner of a non-working interest,
 30 at any time, must be accompanied by appropriate joinder by the owner of
 31 the corresponding working interest in order for the interest to be
 32 regarded as effectively committed hereto. Joinder to the unit agreement