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Until a general lease bond is filed a noncompetitive lessee will be required to furnish and maintain a bond in the penal sum of not less than \$1,000 in those cases in which a bond is required by law for the protection of the owners of surface rights. In all other cases where a bond is not otherwise required, a \$1,000 bond must be filed for compliance with the lease obligations not less than 90 days before the due date of the next unpaid annual rental, but this requirement may be successively dispensed with by payment of each successive annual rental not less than 90 days prior to its due date.

(b) Cooperative or unit plan.—Within 30 days of demand, or if the land is within an approved unit plan, in the event such a plan is terminated prior to the expiration of this lease, within 30 days of demand made thereafter, to subscribe to and to operate under such reasonable cooperative or unit plan for the development and operation of the area, field, or pool, or part thereof, embracing the lands included herein as the Secretary of the Interior may determine to be practicable and necessary or advisable, which plan shall adequately protect the rights of all parties in interest, including the United States.

(c) Wells.—(1) To drill and produce all wells necessary to protect the leased land from drainage by wells on lands not the property of the lessor or lands of the United States leased at a lower royalty rate, or in lieu of any part of such drilling and production, with the consent of the Director of the Geological Survey, to compensate the lessor in full each month for the estimated loss of royalty through drainage in the amount determined under instructions of said Secretary; (2) at the election of the lessee, to drill and produce other wells in conformity with any system of well spacing or production allotments affecting the field or area in which the leased lands are situated, which is authorized and sanctioned by applicable law or by the Secretary of the Interior; and (3) promptly after due notice in writing to drill and produce such other wells as the Secretary of the Interior may require to insure diligence in the development and operation of the property.

(d) Rentals and royalties.—(1) To pay the rentals and royalties set out in the rental and royalty schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(2) It is expressly agreed that the Secretary of the Interior may establish reasonable minimum values for purposes of computing royalty on any or all oil, gas, natural gasoline, and other products obtained from gas; due consideration being given to the highest price paid for a part or for a majority of production of like quality in the same field, to the price received by the lessee, to posted prices and to other relevant matters and, whenever appropriate, after notice and opportunity to be heard.

(3) When paid in value, such royalties on production shall be due and payable monthly on the last day of the calendar month next following the calendar month in which produced. When paid in amount of production, such royalty products shall be delivered in merchantable condition on the premises where produced without cost to lessor, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties hereto, at such times and in such tanks provided by the lessee as reasonably may be required by the lessor, but in no case shall the lessee be required to hold such royalty oil or other products in storage beyond the last day of the calendar month next following the calendar month in which produced. The lessee shall not be responsible or held liable for the loss or destruction of royalty oil or other products in storage from causes over which he has no control.

(4) Royalties shall be subject to reduction on the entire leasehold or on any portion thereof segregated for royalty purposes if the Secretary of the Interior finds that the lease cannot be successfully operated upon the royalties fixed herein, or that such action will encourage the greatest ultimate recovery of oil or gas or promote conservation.

(e) Contracts for disposal of products.—Not to sell or otherwise dispose of oil, gas, natural gasoline, and other products of the lease except in accordance with a contract or other arrangement first approved by the Director of the Geological Survey or his representative, such approval to be subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior but to be effective unless and until revoked by the Secretary or the approving officer, and to file with such officer all contracts or full information as to other arrangements for such sales.