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by the owner of the corresponding working interest in order for the interest to be regarded as effectively committed hereto. Joinder to the Unit Agreement by a Working Interest Owner, at any time, must be accompanied by appropriate joinder to the Unit Operating Agreement in order for the interest to be regarded as effectively committed to this Unit Agreement. Except as may otherwise herein be provided, subsequent joinders to this agreement shall be effective as of the first day of the month following the filing with the Supervisor of duly executed counterparts of all or any papers necessary to establish effective commitment of any Tract to this agreement, unless objection to such joinder is duly made within sixty (60) days by the Director.

34. EXECUTION. This agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts no one of which needs to be executed by all parties, or may be ratified or consented to by separate instrument in writing specifically referring hereto and shall be binding upon all those parties who have executed such a counterpart, ratification, or consent hereto with the same force and effect as if all such parties had signed the same document and regardless of whether or not it is executed by all other parties owning or claiming an interest in the lands within the above-described Unit Area.

35. TAXES. Unit Operator shall pay, as an agent for the Working Interest Owners, all 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 to the extent that the same are made payable by law by any Working Interest Owner. Each Working Interest Owner shall reimburse Unit Operator for taxes so paid on its behalf and such Working Interest Owner shall make proportionate deductions of such taxes as paid in settling with its Royalty Owners in each separately owned Tract. No such taxes shall be charged to the United States or to any lessor who has a contract with his lessee which requires the lessee to pay such taxes.

36. NO PARTNERSHIP. It is expressly agreed that the relation of the parties hereto is that of independent contractors and nothing in this