

**3. Employee Benefits**

Operator's current cost of established plans for employees' group life insurance, hospitalization, pension, retirement, stock purchase, thrift, bonus, and other benefit plans of a like nature, applicable to Operator's labor cost; provided however, the total of such charges shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of Operator's labor costs chargeable to the Joint Account under Paragraphs 2A and 2B of this Section II and Paragraph 1 of Section III.

**4. Material**

Material purchased or furnished by Operator for use on the Joint Property. So far as it is reasonably practical and consistent with efficient and economical operation, only such Material shall be purchased for or transferred to the Joint Property as may be required for immediate use; and the accumulation of surplus stocks shall be avoided.

**5. Transportation**

Transportation of employees and Material necessary for the Joint Operations but subject to the following limitations:

- A. If Material is moved to the Joint Property from the Operator's warehouse or other properties, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance from the nearest reliable supply store or railway receiving point where like material is available, except by agreement with Non-Operators.
- B. If surplus Material is moved to Operator's warehouse or other storage point, no charge shall be made to the Joint Account for a distance greater than the distance to the nearest reliable supply store or railway receiving point, except by agreement with Non-Operators. No charge shall be made to Joint Account for moving Material to other properties belonging to Operator, except by agreement with Non-Operators.
- C. In the application of subparagraphs A and B above, there shall be no equalization of actual gross trucking costs of \$100 or less.

**6. Services**

- A. The cost of contract services and utilities procured from outside sources other than services covered by Paragraph 8 of this Section II and Paragraph 2 of Section III.
- B. Use and service of equipment and facilities furnished by Operator as provided in Paragraph 5 of Section IV.

**7. Damages and Losses to Joint Property**

All costs or expenses necessary for the repair or replacement of Joint Property made necessary because of damages or losses incurred by fire, flood, storm, theft, accident, or any other cause, except to the extent that the damage or loss could have been avoided through the exercise of reasonable diligence on the part of Operator. Operator shall furnish Non-Operators written notice of damages or losses incurred as soon as practicable after a report thereof has been received by Operator.

**8. Legal Expense**

All costs and expenses of handling, investigating and settling litigation or claims arising by reason of the Joint Operations or necessary to protect or recover the Joint Property, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, court costs, cost of investigation or procuring evidence and amounts paid in settlement or satisfaction of any such litigation or claims; provided, (a) no charge shall be made for the services of Operator's legal staff or other regularly employed personnel (such services being considered to be Administrative Overhead under Section III), except by agreement with Non-Operators, and (b) no charge shall be made for the fees and expenses of outside attorneys unless the employment of such attorneys is agreed to by Operator and Non-Operators.

**9. Taxes**

All taxes of every kind and nature assessed or levied upon or in connection with the Joint Property, the operation thereof, or the production therefrom, and which taxes have been paid by the Operator for the benefit of the Parties.

**10. Insurance Premiums**

Premiums paid for insurance required to be carried on the Joint Property for the protection of the Parties.

**11. Other Expenditures**

Any other expenditure not covered or dealt with in the foregoing provisions of this Section II, or in Section III, and which is incurred by the Operator for the necessary and proper conduct of the Joint Operations.

**III. INDIRECT CHARGES**

Operator may charge the Joint Account for indirect costs either by use of an allocation of district expense items plus a fixed rate for administrative overhead, and plus the warehousing charges, all as provided for in Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this Section III OR by combining all three of said items under the fixed rate provided for in Paragraph 4 of this Section III, as indicated next below:

**OPERATOR SHALL CHARGE THE JOINT ACCOUNT UNDER THE TERMS OF:**

- Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3. (Allocation of district expense plus fixed rate for administrative overhead plus warehousing.)  
 Paragraph 4. (Combined fixed rate)

**1. District Expense**

Operator shall charge the Joint Account with a pro rata portion of the salaries, wages and expenses of Operator's production superintendent and other employees serving the Joint Property and other properties of the Operator in the same operating area, whose time is not allocated directly to the properties, and a pro rata portion of the cost of maintaining and operating a production office known as Operator's

office located at or near (or a comparable office if location changed), and necessary sub-offices (if any), maintained for the convenience of the above-described office, and all necessary camps, including housing facilities for employees if required, used in connection with the operations of the Joint Property and other properties in the same operating area. The expense of, less any revenue from, such facilities may, at the option of Operator, include depreciation of investment or a fair monthly rental in lieu of depreciation. Such charges shall be apportioned to all properties served on some equitable basis consistent with Operator's accounting practice.

**2. Administrative Overhead**

Operator shall charge administrative overhead to the Joint Account at the following rates, which charge shall be in lieu of the cost and expense of all offices of the Operator not covered by Paragraph 1 of this Section III, including salaries, wages and expenses of personnel assigned to such offices. Such charges shall be in addition to the salaries, wages and expenses of employees of Operator authorized to be charged as direct charges as provided in Paragraphs 2 and 8 of Section II.

**WELL BASIS (RATE PER WELL PER MONTH)**

Well Depth	DRILLING WELL RATE (Use Total Depth)		PRODUCING WELL RATE (Use Current Producing Depth)		All Wells Over Ten
	Each Well	First Five	Next Five		

The cost and expense of services from outside sources in connection with matters of taxation, traffic, accounting, or matters before or involving governmental agencies shall be considered as included in the overhead rates provided for in this Paragraph 2 of Section III, unless such cost and expense are agreed upon between Operator and Non-Operators as a direct charge to the Joint Account.