Appendix To Memorandum of Understanding Between The Colorado Bureau of Land Management And The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

A. Background

Since 1991, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) and the Colorado Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have had a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which provides the framework for each agency's roles and responsibilities in our overlapping jurisdictions.

B. Purpose

Technological advances have allowed BLM and COGCC to secure, store, and distribute data more efficiently and effectively. The internet has increased the capability of the COGCC and BLM to make oil and gas data available to the public. The original MOU did not cover the sharing of public land oil and gas data and data administered by the COGCC. This appendix will address these issues.

C. Authorities

The authorities for this agreement are the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920; The Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976 and Title 34, Article 60, of the Colorado Revised Statutes. These agreements shall not supersede existing law, rule, or regulation of either party, nor require commitments of manpower or funds beyond legal authority or appropriation.

D. Procedures

The BLM and COGCC agree that they may share or exchange data gathered in the process of conducting their regulatory responsibilities. This data may include, but is not limited to oil and gas leases, well logs, well files, reports, studies, analyses, production, inspection, audit, surface use, and unit and communitization agreements and oil and gas leasing stipulations. The sharing of data shall be conducted in a consensual manner that does not require unreasonable monetary or manpower expense and/or a requirement to occur in a time frame that reduces the ability of an agency to perform its routine functions. This agreement does not prescribe or limit the method that the exchange of information may occur. Additionally, the agency that created the data shall be considered the owner of the data and data distribution to third parties shall be the sole right of the data owner.

E. Confidentiality

Each agency will abide by the proprietary and confidential data requirements of its own laws and regulations, in accordance with 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3100.4 and Rule 308C of the Colorado Rules and Regulations, Rules of Practice and Procedure (as amended), and Oil and Gas Conservation Act.

F. <u>Administration</u>

This agreement shall become effective upon the date of execution by the last signatory party.

This agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the parties.

Termination of this agreement may be effected by either party upon 60 days written notice to the other party. Termination of this agreement may be effected at any time by mutual written consent of the parties.

This agreement shall terminate when no longer authorized by the U.S. Department of the Interior, by federal or state law, or if determined to be unenforceable by any court having jurisdiction over the parties.

Signed by:

Brian Macke, Director

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Ron Wenker, State Director

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Date