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BETWEEN

The Alaskan Northwest Natural Gas Transportation Company, a partnership of:

Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company Northern Arctic Gas Company Pan Alaskan Gas Company Calaska Energy Company Pacific Interstate Transmission Company United Alaska Fuels Corporation American Natural Alaskan Company;

AND

Prudhoe Bay Natural Gas Producers

AND

The State of Alaska

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COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING OF ALASKA GAS PIPELINE AND CONDITIONING PLANT

This Cooperative Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into by the undersigned parties ("Parties") consisting of the Alaskan Northwest Natural Gas Transportation Company ("Partnership") represented herein by its general partners; those persons herein identified and referred to as "Producers", which term means the owners and affiliates of owners of interests in natural gas produced from the Prudhoe Bay Unit of Alaska; and the State of Alaska.

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

The Partnership owns a conditional certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Federal Power Commission (now the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the "FERC") in its Order of December 16, 1977, Docket No. CP78-123, et al., for the construction and operation of that portion of the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System ("ANGTS") which is to be located within the State of Alaska. The Partnership has certain rights and obligations under and by virtue of such certificate, the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Act of 1976 ("ANGTA"), and the "Decision and Report to Congress on the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System" ("Decision") issued by the President on September 22, 1977 and subsequently ratified by Congress, which will continue without being affected by this Agreement. The Partnership's objective is to complete construction and commence operation of the ANGTS by November 1, 1985.

The Producers own interests in the natural gas produced from the Prudhoe Bay Unit of Alaska.

The purpose of this Agreement is to describe the terms and conditions under which the Parties shall participate in the design, engineering, construction planning, data gathering and cost estimating of the gas pipeline and the gas conditioning facilities to be constructed within the State of Alaska. For convenience and ease of reading, such pipeline and plant facilities are sometimes referred to collectively herein as the "Project", but such reference shall not be considered for any other purpose. NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of their common desire to expedite and facilitate the construction and operation of the Project and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I Definitions

1.1 Effect of Definitions.

Unless otherwise required by the context, the terms defined in this ARTICLE I or elsewhere in this Agreement shall have the respective meanings assigned to them.

1.2 Terms.

1.2.1 Affiliate. Any person which, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries controls or is controlled by or is under common control with another person. The Partnership is not an "Affiliate" of any Partner, nor is any Partner an "Affiliate" of the Partnership.

1.2.2 Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System or ANGTS. The natural gas transportation system to be constructed and operated to transport natural gas from Alaska and Canada to the contiguous United States.

<u>1.2.3</u> <u>AFUDC</u>. Allowance for funds used during construction.

1.2.4 Capital Account. The total Capital Investment credited to the account of a Party in accordance with this Agreement, exclusive of any AFUDC which may be reflected on a memorandum basis or otherwise for various purposes of this Agreement.

1.2.5 Capital Investment. The contributions made by a Party pursuant to ARTICLE IV hereof.

<u>1.2.6</u> Design and Engineering. All of the activities within the scope of this Agreement, including design,

engineering, construction planning, data gathering and cost estimating.

1.2.7 Design and Engineering Board or Board. The Board provided for in ARTICLE V hereof, the "Board".

 $\frac{1.2.8}{\text{hereof.}}$ Operator. The Operator provided for in Section 5.12 hereof.

1.2.9 Partnership Agreement. The General Partnership Agreement effective as of January 31, 1978, as amended on the effective date hereof, for the Alaskan Northwest Natural Gas Transportation Company, a partnership formed under the laws of New York.

1.2.10 Partnership. The Alaskan Northwest Natural Gas Transportation Company formed under the Partnership Agreement.

1.2.11 Partnership Commitment Date. The date as of which the Partnership Commitment Agreement (as that term is defined in the Partnership Agreement) shall have become effective by its terms.

1.2.12 Party. The Partnership, each of the Producers which executes this Agreement and the State of Alaska.

1.2.13 Person. Any individual, corporation or public entity; and the term is used herein without capitalization, as "person".

1.2.14 Pipeline. The gas pipeline and related transportation facilities to be constructed in the State of Alaska as a part of the ANGTS; and the term is used herein without capitalization, as "pipeline".

<u>1.2.15</u> Plant. The gas conditioning facilities to be constructed in the State of Alaska to condition gas for transportation by the ANGTS; and the term is used herein without capitalization, as "plant".

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1.2.16 Plant Commitment Date. The date as of which the participants in the ownership of the plant commit to provide the funds necessary for the construction of the plant; in the absence of any written agreement establishing such commitment, such commitment shall be deemed to have been effected on the first date on which such participants contribute funds for on-site building of the plant or the purchase of the materials and supplies necessary for such building.

<u>1.2.17</u> Project Advisor. Each person so designated as provided in Section 5.10.

1.2.18 Project Management Contractor. The person or persons having responsibility for performance of Design and Engineering under a Project Management Contract.

<u>1.2.20</u> Sponsor. A Partner as defined in the Partnership Agreement.

1.2.21 Project. The pipeline and the plant.

ARTICLE II Work to be Performed

2.1 Scope of Agreement.

During the term of this Agreement, the Parties shall assume (a) the responsibilities of the Partnership delegated pursuant to Section 2.2 with respect to the Design and Engineering for the pipeline and (b) the responsibility for Design and Engineering for the plant. The Board may further define the scope of the Design and Engineering to be accomplished under this Agreement.

2.2 Access to Data; Assignment and Delegation from the Partnership.

The Partnership hereby agrees that, prior to the first to occur of payment by Producers of Capital Investments

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aggregating \$70,273,000 pursuant to Section 4.1 or the termination of this Agreement, each other Party, except the State of Alaska, may avail itself for the purposes of this Agreement of all benefits, assets and data (subject to any obligations which are related thereto) which have accrued to the Partnership as a result of expenditures to date by the Partnership for Design and Engineering for the pipeline. Effective upon such payment by Producers, the Partnership hereby assigns to the Parties, except the State of Alaska, in undivided interests, the right to use all such benefits, assets and data. By this Agreement, and to the limited extent herein set forth, the Partnership delegates to the Parties, except the State of Alaska, for the term of this Agreement, the responsibility for Design and Engineering for the pipeline which is hereafter to be accomplished. Each of the Parties shall own an undivided interest equal to its percentage share of total participation under this Agreement in all Design and Engineering for the Project hereafter accomplished under and during the term of this Agreement.

2.3 Effect of Assignment and Delegation.

Neither the assignment and delegation set forth in Section 2.2 nor any other provision of this Agreement shall impair or limit the rights of the Partnership or any successor thereto to use at any time and in any manner it deems appropriate, Design and Engineering accomplished prior to or under this Agreement.

2.4 Limitation on Assignment.

No provision of this Agreement shall constitute or be construed as requiring the Partnership to make any assignment of any interest in, or rights under, the Partnership's certificate of public convenience and necessity, the ANGTA, or the Decision.

ARTICLE III Participation

3.1 Initial Participation.

Each of the Parties shall participate in the cost, management and ownership of the Design and Engineering for the Project accomplished under and during the term of this Agreement on the basis, as follows:

The Partnership shall participate to the extent 3.1.1 of fifty percent (50%) of such cost, management and ownership. Each of the Sponsors shall have voting representation as to its per capita share of the Partnership's fifty percent (50%) of participation and, with respect to any action which, in accordance with this Agreement, requires the affirmative vote of representatives of persons having a percentage of the total participation in this Agreement, each of the Sponsors shall be considered to have a percentage participation that equals its per capita share of the Partnership's fifty percent (50%) of participation. The term "per capita share", as applied to any Sponsor under this Section 3.1.1, shall mean fifty percent (50%) divided by the number of Sponsors.

3.1.2 Each of the Producers shall participate to the extent of a share (to be determined by the Producers) of fifty percent (50%) of such cost, management and ownership. Appendix "A" attached to this Agreement reflects the initial participation of the Producers. Subject to the provisions of Sections 3.2 and 9.3, at no time may a Producer reduce its participation in this Agreement unless, after giving effect to such reduction and corresponding increases in the participation of one or more of the other Producers, the total participation of all Producers in this Agreement shall continue to be fifty percent (50%).

3.1.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, the Partnership shall continue to own all benefits, assets and data which have accrued to the Partnership as a result of the expenditures to date by the Partnership for Design and Engineering for the pipeline, but the Producers shall have the right to use or own all such benefits, assets and data on the terms set forth in Section 2.2.

3.2 Revised Participation.

The Partnership will attempt to enlarge participation in the Partnership to include others, including persons owning rights to purchase natural gas produced from the Prudhoe Bay Unit, and shall, for a period of thirty (30) days after issuance of notice by FERC with respect to the application filed by the Partnership on February 6, 1980, in Docket No. CP78-123, et al., permit joinder of the Partnership on terms which, after giving effect to changes in the Partnership's capital accounts after the admission date to the Partnership of American Natural Alaskan Company to the effective date of such joinder, are no less favorable than those extended to American Natural Alaskan Company. The Producers who join herein initially will attempt to include in their participation in this Agreement other owners of the natural gas produced from the Prudhoe Bay Unit, and will attempt to encourage purchasers of Prudhoe Bay natural gas to join the Partnership. Any new producer participant so admitted by the Producers shall have a participation share of the Producers' aggregate fifty percent (50%) of total participation in this Agreement. In the event that any person not initially a Party to this Agreement becomes a Party, the participation of the Producers shall be reapportioned, and Appendix "A" to this Agreement shall be revised accordingly. Further, in the event that any Producer should withdraw from this Agreement, as hereinafter provided, the participating interests of the Producers and Appendix "A" shall be revised accordingly.

3.3 Contributions by New Parties.

Upon the admission of any new Party to this Agreement, such new Party shall be required to contribute funds required thereafter for the work hereunder until the Capital Account of such new Party bears the same proportion to the Capital Accounts of all Parties as its participation share bears to the total participation under this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV Capital Investments

4.1 Initial Capital Investments.

The contributions made by a party under this Agreement shall be credited to its Capital Account established for the purposes of this Agreement. The initial Capital Account balance of the Partnership is agreed to be \$70,273,000, which represents, all Parties agree for purposes of this Agreement, one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the total direct costs

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expended (cash expenditures plus accrued liabilities) by the Partnership through March 31, 1980, for Design and Engineering for the pipeline. The initial Capital Account of each Party other than the Partnership is agreed to be zero. For the period commencing with April 1, 1980, and ending on such date as the Capital Accounts of all Parties, other than the Partnership, shall total \$70,273,000: (a) each Producer agrees to contribute its proportionate share of all funds required for the work under this Agreement up to, but not in excess of, said \$70,273,000; and (b) the Partnership shall not be required to make any contribution of funds under this Agreement. At the expiration of such period, the Partnership's Capital Account shall be credited with one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of all direct costs expended (cash expenditures plus accrued liabilities) by it for Design and Engineering for the pipeline from April 1, 1980, to the effective date of this Agreement, and the amount of such credit shall be applied to reduce the contributions of funds required to be made by the Partnership pursuant to Section 4.2. As used in this Section 4.1, the term "proportionate share", as applied to any Producer, shall mean its percentage participation in this Agreement multiplied by two.

4.2 Further Capital Investment.

After payment of initial capital contributions as required in Section 4.1, each Party agrees to contribute to the Design and Engineering of the Project over the term of this Agreement, in cash, its participating share of the funds required to defray the expenditures for such Design and Engineering for the Project, provided that each Party shall have the right to withdraw from this Agreement at the times and under the circumstances as described in Section 9.3.

4.3 Payment of Capital Investment.

4.3.1 Within expenditure limitations approved as provided in ARTICLE VI, the Operator shall issue a written request for payment of each contribution to be made under this Agreement at such times and in such amounts as the Operator shall deem appropriate in light of the ensuing thirty (30) days' cash requirements for the Design and Engineering of the Project. All amounts received by the

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Operator pursuant to this Section 4.3 on or before the dates specified in 4.3.2(v) shall be credited to the respective Capital Account of the Party as of such specified date and all amounts received from a Party after the date specified in Section 4.3.2(v) by the Operator pursuant to this Section 4.3 shall be credited to such Party's Capital Account as of the date of receipt thereof.

4.3.2 Each written request issued pursuant to 4.3.1 shall contain the following information:

(i) the total amount of funds requested from all Parties;

(ii) the amount of funds requested from the Party to whom the request is addressed;

(iii) the purpose for which the funds are to be applied in such reasonable detail as the Board shall direct;

(iv) the budget authorization pursuant to which the funds are requested; and

(v) the date on which payments of the funds shall be made (which date shall not be less than 15 days following the date the request is given) and the method of payment, provided that such date and method shall be the same for each of the Parties.

4.3.3 Each Producer's Capital Account under this Agreement, and the Partnership's Capital Account under this Agreement (to the extent that such Capital Account reflects expenditures for plant Design and Engineering) shall be credited on a memorandum entry basis at least quarterly with an AFUDC calculated at the rate allowed by the FERC to the Partnership or its successor; provided, that no such credit shall be made under this Section 4.3.3 to any Party's Capital Account for any period from and after the first to occur of the date that such Party withdraws from this Agreement or this Agreement terminates.

4.3.4 Each Party agrees that it shall make payments of its respective contributions in accordance with the request

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issued pursuant to Section 4.3.1; subject, however, to the right to withdraw from the Agreement as provided in Section 9.3.

4.3.5 Any Producer which does not participate in the ownership of the pipeline (directly or through an Affiliate) on the Partnership Commitment Date shall be entitled to receive compensation for its contributions under this Agreement (to the extent that such are approved by the FERC or its successor for inclusion in the pipeline owner's rate base) from the Partnership or any successor to the Partnership in accordance with this Section. Any such Producer shall be entitled to receive after the ANGTS is completed and has become operational and at a time when the Partnership or its successor determines payment may be made without undue hardship:

(a) an amount equal to such portion of its Capital Account on the first to occur of (i) the date of withdrawal of such Producer from this Agreement, (ii) the Partnership Commitment Date, or (iii) the date of termination of this Agreement as reflects expenditures for pipeline Design and Engineering, plus the AFUDC then applicable to such portion on a memorandum basis; and

(b) return on such amount from the date applicable in (a) above to date of payment, calculated at the rate permitted by the FERC to the Partnership or its successor as such entity's AFUDC. The Partnership agrees that the amounts payable pursuant to clause (a) above and this clause (b) shall be recorded as a contingent liability of the Partnership from and after the Partnership Commitment Date. The right of reimbursement shall be subordinate to the rights of any creditor of the Partnership or its successor.

4.3.6 Any Party which does not participate in the ownership of the plant (directly or through an Affiliate) on the Plant Commitment Date shall be entitled to receive compensation for its Capital Account contributions under this Agreement for plant Design and Engineering (in the event that such Design and Engineering is used to construct the plant) from the owner of the plant in accordance with this Section. Any such Party shall be entitled to receive after the ANGTS is completed and has become operational and at a time when the owner of the plant determines payment may be made without undue hardship: (a) an amount equal to such portion of its Capital Account on the first to occur of (i) the date of withdrawal of such Party from this Agreement, (ii) the Plant Commitment Date, or (iii) the date of termination of this Agreement as reflects expenditures for plant Design and Engineering plus the AFUDC then applicable to such portion on a memorandum basis; and

(b) return on such amount, from the date applicable under (a) above to date of payment, calculated at the rate, if any, used by the plant owner as an AFUDC component in the determination of its lawfully permitted charges for its services; provided, however, should the plant owner collect for its cost of capital only on a portion of the gas conditioned in the plant, the rate used in calculating the return on the amount included in clause (a) above shall be the product of multiplying the rate (as collected) times a fraction representing gas conditioned as to which the plant owner collects over total gas conditioned. The amounts payable pursuant to clause (a) above and this clause (b) shall be recorded as a contingent liability of the plant owner from and after the Plant Commitment Date, and each Party that participates (or whose Affiliate participates) in the ownership of the plant on such date agrees to make a good faith effort to cause the plant owner to perform as provided in this Section. The right of reimbursement shall be subordinate to the rights of any creditor of the plant owner. If the plant is or becomes subject to the ratemaking jurisdiction of the FERC so that the plant owner's accounts and charges are subject to such jurisdiction, the amounts payable pursuant to this Section in respect of funds contributed for plant Design and Engineering shall be limited to those amounts which must be and are approved by the FERC for inclusion in the plant owner's charges for its services.

ARTICLE V

Management of Design and Engineering

5.1 General Management Structure.

5.1.1 The major decisions of the Parties in performing this Agreement shall be made by a Design and Engineering Board which, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, and subject to Sections 2.3, 15.1 and 15.2, shall have exclusive authority with respect to all matters to be performed under this Agreement relating to the Design and Engineering for the pipeline as otherwise, except for this Agreement, would be subject to the control of the "Board of Partners", as provided in Section 8.2 of the Partnership Agreement, and shall also have corresponding authority with respect to all matters to be performed under this Agreement relating to Design and Engineering for the plant.

5.1.2 The day-to-day management and control of the Design and Engineering for the Project, and other activities as determined by the Parties under this Agreement, shall be the delegated responsibility of the Operator subject to redefinition of the Operator's duties by the Board.

5.1.3 The Partnership and the "Operator" for the Partnership have executed contracts for the Design and Engineering of the pipeline, including the Project Management Contract (defined in ARTICLE I), which contracts are listed on Appendix "B" attached hereto. Such contracts shall be binding upon the Parties to the same extent the same are binding upon the Partnership, and during the term of this Agreement the Board, on behalf of the Parties, shall assume responsibility for supervision of the performance of any such contracts whereunder payment is to be made by the Parties hereunder for direct costs of Design and Engineering, to the extent only of the Design and Engineering performed under such contracts during the term of this Agreement. Such supervision will be performed for the Board by the Operator, as provided in Section 5.12.5. During the term of this Agreement, the Partnership agrees that modifications or cancellations of such contracts, including, after the initial effectiveness thereof, the Project Management Contract with Fluor and/or its Affiliates now being negotiated by the Partnership, shall be sought and obtained as the Board may direct, but only with respect to Design and Engineering subject hereto and only if the resulting cost or expense of any such modification or cancellation (including, without limitation, cancellation charges) is borne by all the Parties in accordance with their respective participations in this Agreement, and the Board may authorize additional contracts on behalf of the Parties for the Design and Engineering of the Project.

5.2 Design and Engineering Board.

5.2.1 The Board shall be composed of members designated by the Producers, the Sponsors and the State of Alaska.

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Each Producer, each of the Sponsors and the State of Alaska shall designate one representative as its member ("Member") on the Board and shall designate one representative as an alternate ("Alternate"), who shall represent such person on the Board in the absence of the designated Member. Appendix "C" hereto contains the name, address and telephone number of each Member and Alternate on the Board. Each person entitled to representation on the Board reserves the right from time to time to change its Member or Alternate and their respective addresses and telephone numbers by giving written notice of any such change to the Secretary of the Board ("Secretary").

5.2.2 The Chairman of the Board shall be the Member representing Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company ("Northwest"), and the Board shall designate a Member representing one of the other Sponsors as Co-Chairman. The Board shall designate a Member representing one of the Producers as Vice-Chairman. The Co-Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Board, prepare agendas and perform such other duties as the Board may determine, and the Vice-Chairman shall so preside and act in the absence of the Co-Chairman.

5.2.3 The Board shall hold monthly meetings, and such other meetings as may be requested by any Member or by the Operator, at which meetings the Operator shall present recommendations, reports and information as hereinafter provided in this Agreement. Any request for a meeting shall be made in writing, or by telephone confirmed in writing to the Secretary and shall state the matters to be considered at such meeting. The Secretary shall notify each Member at least three (3) days in advance of any meeting of the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting. If such notice is given by telephone, it shall be confirmed in writing, by telegram, cable or letter, to the Member so notified. Failure to give such notice shall not nullify any action taken at any meeting if each Party not represented at such meeting by its Member or Alternate shall waive such notice in writing signed by said Party's Member or Alternate, either before or after the meeting. The Board shall establish rules and procedures for the conduct of meetings, including but not limited to the tenure for its Chairman and Co-Chairman and attendance of advisors; provided that such rules and procedures shall not contradict any provisions of this Agreement.

5.2.4 It is recognized that matters requiring the immediate decision of the Board may arise from time to time. Any Member may propose that any matter upon which the Board is authorized to act be decided pursuant to the informal procedure established hereunder by giving notice to the Secretary, which notice may be given in writing, by letter, telegram or cable, or by telephone, confirmed in writing. The Secretary shall immediately notify each Member by telephone of the matter to be decided and shall confirm such notice by telegram. If the Secretary is unable to contact a Member by telephone, he shall immediately notify that Member's Alternate, which notice shall be confirmed in writing to both the Member and his Alternate. Each Member or Alternate, as the case may be, shall notify the Secretary in writing, by letter, telegram or cable, or by telephone confirmed in writing, of his approval or disapproval of the matter for decision. As soon as the Secretary shall ascertain that a matter has been approved or disapproved, he shall notify all Members of the result, which notification, if made by telephone, shall be confirmed in writing to each Member.

5.2.5 The Board shall appoint a Secretary, who shall not be an employee or representative of the Operator, and an Assistant Secretary. In addition to the functions assigned to the Secretary in the above subsections of this Section 5.2, he shall prepare and retain custody of the original record book which will contain the minutes of all meetings, notices, written confirmations, certificates and, as the Board shall direct, all other documents and communications relating to the Board. Duplicate copies of all materials in the record book shall be promptly mailed by the Secretary to each Member. The record book shall be kept available for inspection by duly authorized representatives of the Parties hereto at all times and, upon termination of this Agreement, shall be delivered to one of the Parties (or to the Partnership) for safekeeping under such terms as the Board shall approve. All expenses incurred in connection with the performance of the duties of the Secretary shall be borne by the Parties. The Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Assistant Secretary shall perform the duties of the Secretary in the event of the absence of the Secretary.

5.2.6 The Secretary may issue certificates with respect to actions of the Board. Contractors engaged in the Design and Engineering for the Project and other third parties shall be entitled to rely on such certificates if they are countersigned by any Member or Alternate (other than the Member or Alternate, if any, representing the Party employing the Secretary).

5.2.7 Except as provided in subsection 5.2.5, each Party shall pay all expenses incurred by it relating to its representation on the Board.

5.3 Actions of the Board.

5.3.1 All matters presented to the Board for action shall be approved only upon the affirmative vote of Members or Alternates, as the case may be, representing persons having in the aggregate at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66-2/3%) of the total participation in this Agreement; provided, however, that decisions of the Board concerning expansion of the Design and Engineering of the Project to provide access for transportation of gas from other sources or facilities to receive additional gas shall be made only by Members or Alternates, as the case may be, representing Sponsors, and such decisions shall require approval only of the affirmative vote of a majority of such Members or Alternates, as the case may be.

5.3.2 Any and all decisions which the Board is authorized to make under this Agreement shall be conclusively binding on all Parties to this Agreement and shall have the same effect as a separate agreement on the matter by and among all Parties signatory.

5.4 Authority of the Board.

Without modification of its general authority under Section 5.1, the approval of the Board shall be necessary before any of the following actions can be taken by the Operator or contractors or subcontractors on behalf of the Parties:

> Subject to the provisions of Section 6.1, establishment of Design and Engineering cost estimates and operating budgets for the work under this Agreement;

Approval of any financial commitment not in an approved budget;

Establishment of accounting, budget and tax policies related to work under this Agreement consistent with the FERC's accounting and tax methodology and generally accepted accounting principles;

Selection of depositories for funds contributed by the Parties and establishment of policy for withdrawal of funds;

Selection and retention of the Project Management Contractor for plant Design and Engineering;

Selection and retention of a Certified Public Accountant;

In addition, the Board shall have exclusive authority, during the term of this Agreement, on behalf of the Parties, under this Agreement, to do the following:

Approve on behalf of the Board the final design and cost estimate for the Project;

Change the scope of the Operator's duties and authorities, and the specific basis for compensating the Operator for services rendered to the Parties;

Change the authority and responsibility delegated in this Agreement to any Committee, to the Project Management Contractor or to the Operator;

Select a successor Operator or Project Management Contractor for pipeline Design and Engineering, if such becomes necessary.

5.5 Committees to Advise the Board.

There shall be an Accounting Committee, Audit Committee, and Technical Committee to aid and advise the Board in the exercise of the Board's authority under this Agreement. In . addition, the Board may establish such other advisory committees as it deems necessary. Each Producer and each Sponsor is entitled to designate one member to serve as its representative on each of the Committees and to designate. one alternate who may attend meetings in the absence of the member, except that the Operator shall not have representation on the Audit Committee. The Board shall appoint from the membership of each of the Committees one member to serve as the Chairman of such Committee until his successor is appointed. Each Chairman may designate another member of the Committee to be the Vice Chairman of that Committee. The meetings of each Committee shall be held at such time and place as designated by the Chairman, or the Vice Chairman at the Chairman's request. The Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice Chairman shall record and report to the Board the comments and recommendations that the Committee wishes to submit to the Board, in response to requests from the Board or on the initiative of the Committee. The members of any Committee may submit comments and recommendations to the Board singly or in any combination as they severally shall determine, and no action taken by any Committee or member thereof in his capacity as such shall be binding on the Parties or the Board.

5.6 Accounting Committee.

The purpose of the Accounting Committee shall be to furnish to the Board services and advice as may be requested by the Board from time to time concerning accounting methods, records, support data requirements and the preparation of reports to the Board by the Operator, to assure that each Member of the Board (and each Party) will have sufficient financial and statistical data related to the work performed by the Operator.

5.7 Audit Committee.

The purpose of the Audit Committee shall be to render advice and service to the Board regarding the adequacy and reliability of the system of internal controls, financial recording and reporting of transactions, budget administration and contract compliance of the Operator, contractors, subcontractors and consultants engaged in work under this Agreement. The Audit Committee, with the advice of the Operator's audit staff director, shall recommend to the Board the scope and coverage of the audit program, the

staff's plan of operation and activities, and its reporting procedures, giving careful attention to maintaining sound and efficient working relations with the Operator. The scope and coverage so recommended may include, but not be limited to, audit review of proposed and executed contracts and subcontracts, reports on contract provisions and rates, work performance, and custodial and financial controls and audits by outside agencies. The Committee and the staff shall be mindful of the Operator's responsibilities and needs, will appropriately alert the Operator to any problem areas observed in activities reviewed, and render appropriate assistance to the Operator when requested to do so by The Audit Committee shall also submit the Operator. recommendations to the Board regarding the selection, scope and retention of independent public accounting firms engaged to audit the financial records and reports required under this Agreement.

5.8 Technical Committee.

The purpose of the Technical Committee shall be to advise the Board with respect to the technical aspects of the work hereunder. The Technical Committee shall be composed of the Project Advisors or such other persons as may be designated by the Producers and Sponsors.

5.9 Resident Auditors.

Each Producer and each Sponsor, may assign a qualified auditor to work with Operator's existing audit staff as a resident auditor during the term of this Agreement, but the salary, costs and career administration of each auditor as assigned shall remain with the Producer or Sponsor so assigning such auditor. The Operator shall provide timely, full access by the resident auditors to such records, personnel, facilities, contractors, suppliers, and job sites related to or involved in the Design and Engineering for the Project as the Parties have contributed funds to under this Agreement, and the Operator will cooperate with the resident audit staff by timely response to its reasonable requests. Each of the Producers and Sponsors reserve the unrestricted right as to scope and access hereunder to conduct their own audits, at their sole expense, of any aspect of the costs charged to the Parties for Design and Engineering performed under the terms of this Agreement, provided, however, that written notice of the desire to exercise this right shall be given thirty (30) days in advance to the Audit Committee

members, the resident audit staff director and the Operator. In exercising this right, it will be recognized that it is the intent of this Agreement to minimize duplication of audit coverage to the fullest extent possible. Accordingly, the Audit Committee and resident audit staff are expected to be responsive to the needs of each Producer and Sponsor.

5.10 Project Advisors.

Each Producer and each Sponsor and the State of Alaska may designate a Project Advisor who may serve on the Technical Committee and communicate with the Operator's Project Management Organization and, in cooperation with the Operator, communicate with the Project Management Contractor(s). The Project Advisor so designated by a person will report to such person as to the status of work under the Agreement and will advise the Operator's Project Manager of such person's views on matters affecting the work. When requested by the Operator, any Project Advisor will seek to provide specially qualified persons employed by the person who designated such Project Advisor (or an Affiliate) to assist the Operator or Contractors in carrying out the scope of work being performed under this Agreement. The costs for services of any such specialist used by the Operator shall be billed to the Operator by the person supplying the specialist. Each person shall bear the cost of its Project Advisor.

Each Project Advisor shall have access in cooperation with the Operator to all records and engineering data relative to the work hereunder and may with the concurrence of the Operator communicate with the Operator's managers and supervisors on matters relating to the work. Such access and communications shall not be unreasonably denied. Each Project Advisor shall also be available to perform specific tasks relative to the work as requested by the Operator's Project Manager, to the extent that such does not unreasonably interfere with his primary responsibilities. Each Project Advisor who so requests shall be provided appropriate office space at the location(s) of the Operator's Project Management Organization and at the location(s) of the Project Management Contractor(s), and the cost of such space and facilities provided shall be charged to the person by whom the Project Advisor is designated.

5.11 Costs of Committee Representation.

Each person shall pay all costs related to its representation on Committees established hereunder.

5.12 Operator.

5.12.1 The Operator shall be Northwest; subject to the power of the Board to remove Northwest from the office of Operator upon an affirmative finding by vote of Members representing sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66-2/3%) of total participation in this Agreement that the Operator has failed or refused to carry out its duties hereunder or has otherwise acted in a manner detrimental to the objective of this Agreement.

5.12.2 To the extent that contracts with others are necessary to the performance of work hereunder, the Operator shall negotiate contracts on behalf of the Parties for such services as are required under this Agreement to perform the Design and Engineering for the Project and shall execute the same upon authorization of the Board; provided, however, that the Project Management Contract for the pipeline now being negotiated by the Partnership with Fluor and/or its Affiliates shall not require Board authorization prior to execution by or on behalf of the Partnership.

5.12.3 The Operator shall, on behalf of the Parties, during the term of this Agreement, manage the Design and Engineering for the Project, and shall have all powers and authorities reasonably necessary to the discharge of such responsibilities subject, however, to the requirements for Board approval as described in this ARTICLE V. The Operator shall prepare and submit to the Board the Operator's recommendations with respect to those matters requiring Board approval.

5.12.4 The Operator shall advise the Board regularly with respect to Operator's actions as "Operator" for the Partnership in proceedings with governmental agencies and authorities having jurisdiction over permits, authorizations or certificates necessary for the pipeline. As directed by the Board, the Operator may, on behalf of the Board, establish and maintain liaison with all governmental

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agencies and authorities, in the United States and Canada having jurisdiction over permits, authorizations or certificates necessary to the construction and operation of the Project and the ANGTS, for the purpose of obtaining information, rendering reports and coordinating the work hereunder with the work being conducted by the Operator as "Operator" for the Partnership.

5.12.5 Subject to the provisions of Section 5.1.3, the Operator shall, on behalf of the Board supervise the performance of the Project Management Contractor or Contractors and all other independent contractors involved in Design and Engineering for the Project, to achieve contract compliance, timely completion of the Design and Engineering for the Project and to insure the development of acceptable quality and cost control systems.

5.12.6 The Operator shall report fully to the Board at each regular meeting of the Board, and shall render special reports as necessary to inform the Board of the progress of affairs.

5.12.7 The Parties shall reimburse the Operator for all reasonable costs, including overhead and administrative expense, incurred in providing services to the Parties under this Agreement in accordance with Appendix "D" hereto.

5.12.8 The Operator's records for all work performed under the terms of this Agreement shall be retained for audit for a period of no less than twenty-four (24) months after the termination of this Agreement. Any audit claims that may be developed by the resident audit staff or any Party to this Agreement shall be submitted to the Operator within such twenty-four (24) month period.

5.12.9 The Operator shall include in each contract executed under this Agreement that each Party shall have the equal right to audit the contractor's records, but only with respect to Design and Engineering subject hereto and only at the cost of the Party performing such audit. With respect to any contract listed on Exhibit "B" attached hereto, Operator shall use its best efforts to include a similar provision in such contracts for the term of this Agreement; provided, that the costs of such efforts shall be borne by all the Parties in accordance with their respective participations in this Agreement.

5.13 Operator's Compliance with Applicable Laws.

The Operator shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations in the conduct of the work under this Agreement. All financial settlements, reports of all types, and billings rendered to the Parties will reflect properly the facts about all activities and transactions handled for the Parties. The Operator shall report to the Parties any violations of the foregoing requirements.

5.14 Contractors' Compliance with Applicable Laws.

The Operator shall include in all contracts executed under this Agreement a requirement that all financial settlements, reports of all types, and billings rendered to the Operator or the contractors shall properly reflect the facts about all activities and transactions handled for the Parties; and a requirement that the contractors and subcontractors will comply with all applicable laws in the performance of services for the Parties.

5.15 Operator's Project Management Organization.

The Operator has established and staffed a project management organization to supervise the Project Management Contractor and other contractors employed to accomplish Design and Engineering of the pipeline, and will make such changes and additions to its organization as necessary to insure coordination and optimization of Design and Engineering for the Project.

It is intended that the Operator's project management organization be staffed with highly qualified persons selected by the Operator. Each Producer and Sponsor will be notified of any vacant or new senior level design and engineering professional position within the project management organization and may nominate a qualified person to fill such job. The Operator may elect to fill any staff position with its own employee or a person nominated by one of the Producers or Sponsors. If a nominee of a Producer or Sponsor is selected, the nominee will continue in the employment of such Producer or Sponsor, but he will work under the direct supervision of the Operator, and the costs for his services shall be billed to the Operator.

ARTICLE VI Budgets and Accounting

6.1 Submission and Approval of Budgets.

By execution of this Agreement, the Partnership's 1980 budget for the direct costs of Design and Engineering of the pipeline, as reflected on Appendix "E", plus fifteen percent (15%) of such costs, is approved by the Parties, subject to the power of the Board to revise and expand budgets. Operator shall revise and update the total budget for Design and Engineering of the Project by appropriate budget amendments at least quarterly beginning in the third calendar guarter of 1980 based upon the best information then available as to the ultimate cost to complete the work . included within the scope of this Agreement. Except for specific items of expenditure which have been previously approved by the Board, the Operator shall make no commitments for the expenditure of funds under this Agreement, unless the projected expenditure has been included in an approved budget or budget amendment and is within the approved budgeted costs of that component of the work.

6.2 Budget Details and Changes.

The budgets required hereunder will provide projected expenditures separated or broken down and approved by components. The Board shall advise the Operator of the components to be included in the initial 1980 budget for plant Design and Engineering and of the additions thereto for pipeline Design and Engineering, and shall advise the Operator of the components to be included in subsequent annual budgets. The Operator, with the approval of the Board, shall select a Project Management Contractor to perform Design and Engineering for the plant. The Operator will cause the Project Management Contractor for plant Design and Engineering to recommend to the Board a site for plant location and the process which the plant is to employ. Upon determination by the Board of the plant location and process, the Operator shall prepare and submit to the Board for approval a final budget for plant Design and Engineering in 1980, as soon as possible; provided, however, that such budget shall not exceed \$12 million in expenditures and commitments, and provided further that a budget for 1981 shall not contain authorizations for expenditures or commitments in connection with plant Design and Engineering in an amount in excess of \$43 million, unless the Board shall authorize the Operator to prepare and submit such a 1980 or 1981 budget for plant Design and Engineering in excess of such amounts.

6.3 Maintenance of Accounts: Monthly Statements.

The Operator shall maintain accurate accounts of all expenses, costs and liabilities incurred by it during the term of this Agreement on behalf of the Parties in the Design and Engineering of the Project. During the term of this Agreement, on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of each month, the Operator shall transmit to each Party a statement showing the total charges and credits to the account of the Party during the preceding calendar month. Such statement shall be sufficiently detailed to set forth the basis of allocation of such expenditures and liabilities between the Parties and to permit each Party to charge its proportion thereof to its proper account. Any Party shall have the right to question the accuracy of the statement. In addition, the Operator will submit, by the thirtieth (30th) day of each month, a report indicating, for each major component of the work hereunder, the commitment against budget and expenditures (cash expenditures and accrued liabilities) for the year to date.

6.4 Allocation of Charges.

Subject to Section 6.7, all expenses, costs and liabilities incurred hereunder shall be allocated monthly among the Parties in accordance with their respective participation during the period such expenses, costs and liabilities accrued. In the event any Party's participation in this Agreement changes during the accrual period of any expense, cost or liability, such expense, cost or liability shall be prorated accordingly.

6.5 Advances.

Each Party shall advance its contributions to the performance of the work hereunder when requested to do so by the Operator in accordance with Section 4.3 of this Agreement.

6.6 Audits.

The Board shall have an audit made of the Operator's accounts under this Agreement, as to each calendar year's work, during which this Agreement is in force. Each Party shall be furnished a copy of the report of each calendar year's audit on or before March 15 of the year following the year covered by such audit. The audit shall be made by a certified public accounting firm selected by the Board, and the expense thereof shall be charged to the Parties on the basis of their respective participation in this Agreement.

6.7 Allocation of Expenditures.

The Operator shall maintain books of account under this Agreement which segregate the costs of pipeline Design and Engineering from the costs of plant Design and Engineering. The Parties agree that the costs of pipeline Design and Engineering (including all costs reflected in the Partnership's initial Capital Account balance as provided in Section 4.1 and the amount to be credited against the Partnership's Section 4.2 contributions as provided in Section 4.1) shall be deemed to have been paid, first, through contributions by the Partnership and, then, through contributions by the other Parties in proportion to their respective participations in this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII Timetable

7.1 Timetable.

The Parties will make a good faith effort to reach agreement upon a final design and cost estimate for the Project by July 1, 1981.

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ARTICLE VIII Expansion of Design and Engineering

8.1 Approval of Expansion.

Section 5.3.1 of this Agreement permits the Design and Engineering of the Project to be expanded upon an affirmative vote of Members or Alternates, as the case may be, of the Board representing a majority of the Sponsors. Any such expansion, however, shall be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of this ARTICLE VIII.

8.2 Participation in Expansion.

In the event that a majority of the Sponsor Members of the Board approve an expansion of the Design and Engineering of the Project to provide access for additional gas, such decision shall be binding upon the Parties hereto; provided, however, that each Producer shall have the right to elect not to participate in the cost and management of the Design and Engineering for the additional facilities necessary for such expansion. If any Producer elects not to participate, such Producer shall give notice of its election to the other Parties within sixty (60) days following the decision to expand, and thereafter the additional facilities for expansion shall be treated as a separate and distinct project, not within the scope of this Agreement, and the participation in the Design and Engineering for such additional facilities for expansion shall be determined by agreement of the participants in such additional facilities.

ARTICLE IX Termination and Right of Withdrawal

9.1 Term of Agreement.

This Agreement shall continue from the effective date until terminated pursuant to the provisions of this ARTICLE IX.

9.2 Withdrawal Rights.

A Party may not withdraw from this Agreement except as provided in Section 9.3 of this Agreement.

9.3 Right to Withdraw.

9.3.1 Each Party shall have the right to withdraw from this Agreement at the times and under the circumstances as follows:

- (i) after receipt of notice of the anticipated cash requirements for the calendar year 1981 or any year thereafter (such notice to be given on or before December 1 of 1980 and each year thereafter) by notice of withdrawal given on or before the December 15 preceeding 1981 or any year thereafter; or
- (ii) following future governmental or judicial action which will have significant adverse effect upon the financing or economic viability of the Project.

9.3.2 A Producer shall have the further right to withdraw from this Agreement at the times and under the circumstances as follows:

- (i) following future governmental or judicial action which, in the opinion of the Producer, finally excludes the plant from the ANGTS; or
- (ii) following future governmental or judicial action which excludes Producers from participation in ownership of the ANGTS.

9.3.3 The Partnership shall have the further right to withdraw and terminate this Agreement at any time.

9.3.4 A Party exercising its right to withdraw under this Agreement shall give fifteen days' advance notice of such withdrawal to the other Parties. If any obligations shall be incurred by or on behalf of the Parties during such notice period pursuant to the budget hereunder (including any amendments thereto) as approved by the Board prior to the giving of such notice for the calendar year in which such notice is given, the Party giving such notice shall be obligated to contribute funds hereunder to pay its proportionate share of such obligations for work performed prior to the effective date of withdrawal as if such notice had not been given, but shall not be obligated to contribute any funds required to meet obligations arising after the expiration of such notice period; provided, however, that if the withdrawal of such Party results, in and of itself or in combination with withdrawals by other Parties, in a termination of this Agreement, such Party shall be obligated to pay that portion of any cancellation or other charges required to be paid to third parties by reason of such termination which equals its percentage participation in this Agreement immediately prior to such Party's withdrawal. Upon withdrawal by any Producer, the participation of the Producers in their respective aggregate fifty percent (50%) of total participation shall be reapportioned among them so that the entire fifty percent (50%) shall be held by the remaining Withdrawal by any Producer or Producers holding Producers. more than a fifteen percent (15%) share of the Producers' aggregate fifty percent (50%) of the participation in this Agreement shall automatically entitle each other Party to withdraw from this Agreement at any time thereafter, after fifteen (15) days' advance notice to all other Parties. Α withdrawing Party shall have those rights stated in Section 4.3.5 and Section 4.3.6 hereof. Withdrawal from this Agreement shall relieve the withdrawing Party from further liability and obligations, except for payment for work then performed, and shall forfeit all of such Party's voting rights under this Agreement and terminate all of its representation on the Board, committees and management Subject to Section 2.2, any such withdrawing Party staff. shall have the right to use or license any Affiliate of such withdrawing Party to use the Design and Engineering accomplished to the date of withdrawal, but shall not be entitled to access to Design and Engineering thereafter accomplished, and shall not have any claim or right with respect to use of the Design and Engineering by the Parties or the Partnership.

9.4 Termination.

This Agreement shall be terminated, except for certain rights and obligations hereinafter stated, upon the happening of one of the events as follows:

9.4.1 Mutual agreement of the Parties.

9.4.2 Withdrawal, pursuant to Section 9.3, of all of the Producers or of the Partnership.

9.4.3 Completion of the Design and Engineering for the Project and approval by the Board of the final design and cost estimate.

9.5 Continuing Rights and Obligations.

Notwithstanding withdrawal from or the termination of this Agreement, the obligations of any Party incurred during the term of the Agreement, and unsatisfied, shall continue as obligations enforceable under this Agreement; provided, however, that, subject to the provisions of Section 4.3.4, any obligation of a Producer to make initial capital contributions under Section 4.1 shall cease upon such withdrawal or termination. Further, the entitlement of any Party to payment for its contributions pursuant to Sections 4.3.5 and 4.3.6 shall continue as an enforceable entitlement under this Agreement. Except as provided in this Section 9.5, termination of this Agreement shall terminate the delegations of authority and responsibility made herein and liabilities and obligations assumed under this Agreement.

ARTICLE X Relationship of Parties

10.1 No Partnership.

The duties, obligations and liabilities of the Parties hereto are intended to be several and not joint or collective. This Agreement is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create, an association or trust, or to impose a Partnership duty, obligation, or liability with regard to any one or more of the Parties hereto. Each Party hereto shall be individually responsible for its own obligations as herein provided.

10.2 Liabilities.

Any liability incurred hereunder to contractors and third parties shall not be joint or joint and several, but each Party hereto shall be separately liable for a portion of such liability calculated in accordance with its participating interest. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, no Party shall have the right or power to bind any other Party without the other's express written consent.

10.3 Indemnification.

The Parties shall indemnify and save harmless the Members of the Board, the members of the Accounting, Audit and Technical Committees and of other committees as may be designated, and the Operator against all actions, claims, demands, costs and liabilities arising out of the acts (or failure to act) of such persons in good faith within the scope of their authority in the course of the performance of their duties under this Agreement, and such persons shall not be liable for any obligations, liabilities or commitments incurred by or on behalf of the Parties as a result of such acts (or failure to act).

10.4 Contracts to Limit Liability.

Without the written consent of all Parties, no contract or other obligation on behalf of the Parties shall be entered into unless there is contained therein an appropriate provision limiting the claims of all parties to such instrument and beneficiaries thereunder to the assets created or established under this Agreement and expressly waiving any rights of such parties and other beneficiaries to proceed against the Parties or the Sponsors individually.

ARTICLE XI Federal Income Tax Election

11.1 Election to be Excluded from Partnership Regulations.

Each Party hereto hereby elects that it and the operations covered by this Agreement be excluded from the application of Subchapter "K" of Chapter 1 of Subtitle "A" of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as permitted and authorized by Section 761 of such Code and the regulations hereinafter enacted or promulgated; provided, however, that nothing in this ARTICLE XI shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any way the treatment of the Partnership as a partnership for federal income tax and other similar The Parties hereby agree to execute such evidence purposes. of the election as may be required by regulations issued under said Subchapter "K". Should the regulations require each Party to execute additional evidences, each Party agrees to execute or join in the execution thereof. The election hereby made and the other provisions of this Section shall apply in like manner to applicable state laws, regulations and rulings now in effect or hereafter enacted that have an effect similar to the Federal provisions referred to herein.

ARTICLE XII Technical Information, Inventions & Patents

12.1 Technical Information.

During the term of this Agreement, each Party shall have access to all Technical Information generated or received by the Operator under this Agreement or by any Party, contractor or agent performing work under this Agreement. As provided in Section 2.2, the Parties shall have the right to use Technical Information of the Partnership heretofore acquired, subject to a limitation on such use until the Producers shall have contributed the aggregate amount required under Section 4.1 hereof. Technical Information hereafter acquired relating to the Design and Engineering of the Project shall be owned by the Parties in undivided interests. Each Party shall own an undivided interest in such Technical Information equivalent to its participation share in this Agreement and shall have the right to use and dispose of said Technical Information in any manner it, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. Any Party may provide, in writing, its proprietary Technical Information for use in the Design and Engineering of the Project and shall identify such information as proprietary and confidential. With regard to such proprietary information of any Party, the other Parties each agree:

- (i) to maintain said proprietary Technical Information in confidence so long as it is not part of the public knowledge or not otherwise available to a Party or Parties and to exercise the same degree of care regarding said proprietary Technical Information as it exercises with regard to its own proprietary Technical Information;
- (ii) to disclose said proprietary Technical Information referred to herein only to those of its Affiliates which are obliged to exercise the aforesaid degree of care;
- (iii) to disclose said proprietary Technical Information referred to herein only to third Parties who are participants in a joint operation (which is directly related to the Project) with said Party or its Affiliates and who are obligated to exercise the aforesaid degree of care; and
 - (iv) to disclose said proprietary Technical Information to a representative of the government, as required by statute, regulation, rule, or order.

Nothing in this Section 12.1 shall grant or convey or be deemed to grant or convey any right whatsoever under any patent.

12.2 Patent Infringement.

With reference to, but only with reference to, the work conducted pursuant to this Agreement, each Party agrees to hold each other Party free and harmless from any and all claims of patent infringement which are based on any patents owned or controlled by it or any of its affiliates and which are based upon inventions conceived or made prior to or during the period that it is a Party to this Agreement. Such undertaking to hold harmless shall remain in effect after the granting Party ceases, for any reason, to be a Party to this Agreement.

12.3 Inventions by Third Parties.

Each Party agrees that any patent or patent application covering an invention, discovery or improvement which arises out of any research or development program carried out for the Parties and paid for by the Parties by any contractor or other agent (but as to Fluor Corporation and its Affiliates, subject to contractual commitments binding upon the Parties) for the Design and Engineering of the Project shall belong jointly to the Parties and each of said Parties shall have an undivided interest in each such patent and patent application equivalent to each Party's participation in this Agreement. The ownership interests in patent rights acquired under this Section 12.3 by any Party which ceases to be a Party shall pass to such Party's transferee, as provided in ARTICLE XIV of this Agreement; provided, however, that in assigning its ownership interest in such patents the Party may reserve for itself and its Affiliates a royalty free license to use in its own operations the inventions covered by such patent rights. The Parties agree that title to any such patent or patent application may be held in the name of one Party for the benefit of all Parties.

12.4 Inventions by Parties.

The Parties agree that any patent or patent application covering an invention, discovery or improvement which arises out of any separate research or development program carried out by one of the Parties or one of its Affiliates, the costs and expenses of which have been paid for by the Operator as agent for all the Parties, shall belong to said Party or said Affiliates but each of the other Parties shall have:

(i) a nonexclusive, world-wide, irrevocable, royalty free, nontransferrable right under said patents and patent applications to use the inventions or discoveries or improvement covered thereby in such of its own operations including oil and gas production, pipeline and related operations; and

(ii) an irrevocable right to extend to its Affiliates a nonexclusive, world-wide, irrevocable, royalty free, non-transferrable right under said patents and patent applications to use the inventions or discoveries or improvements covered thereby in such of its own operations, including oil and gas production, pipeline, and related operations.

12.5 Party Employees.

To facilitate the procurement of an experienced staff, it is contemplated that employees of the Parties and of their respective affiliates may be assigned to work for the Operator pursuant to service contracts between the Party and the Operator. Each Party hereto agrees on behalf of itself and its Affiliates that any and all of its employees who become Party Employees will be released from such portion of such Party Employees' obligation to assign inventions to such Party or Affiliates as may be required to enable such Party Employee to accept the obligation imposed by Operator upon its employees with respect to inventions conceived or made by the Operator's employees relating to or useful in the Project during their term of employment by the Operator.

12.6 TAPS License To Sponsors.

The terms and obligations of that certain license agreement dated August 17, 1978, as amended prior to the effective date hereof, between the Partnership and certain Producers or Affiliates of certain of the Producers shall not be altered or construed as altered in any way by this Agreement.

ARTICLE XIII The State of Alaska

13.1 Special Status.

The State of Alaska is included as a Party to this Agreement, but its participation shall be limited as provided in this ARTICLE.

13.2 Representation on the Board.

The State shall designate a Member on the Board as its representative, and also designate an Alternate who shall represent the State in the absence of the State's Member. The State's Member, or its Alternate, shall not be entitled to vote on any matter presented to the Board for decision. Except for the absence of a vote, the State's representative may participate as any other Member in the business of the Board.

13.3 Representation on Committees.

The State may designate a Project Advisor and Alternate (to act in his absence) as its representative, who shall serve on the Technical Committee established pursuant to Section 5.8 of this Agreement and participate in its work. The State's representative shall participate as any other Member in the work and responsibilities of the committee, but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter presented for decision. The State shall not be entitled to representation on the Accounting and Audit Committees and shall not be entitled to designate a Member of the audit staff, unless it elects to participate fully in this Agreement in accordance with Section 13.8.

13.4 No Capital Investments.

The State shall not contribute, and shall not be obligated to contribute, any Capital Investments or any other funds with respect to the efforts undertaken pursuant to the Agreement. Accordingly, the State will not have nor will it acquire any ownership rights with respect to the Design and Engineering, including Technical Information acquired by reason of, or prepared pursuant to, the Agreement.

13.5 Access to Information.

The State shall have the same access as any Party to all Technical Information received by the Operator or by any Contractor performing work under this Agreement, except that, with respect to material identified as proprietary and confidential within the meaning of Section 12.1, the State shall be provided access to such material after it has furnished satisfactory assurances that it can maintain the confidentiality of such material.

13.6 No Liability.

In view of its special status in the organization established by this Agreement, the State shall not have any liability with respect to the acts or omissions performed by the Board, the Committees established hereunder, or by Contractors or third parties hereunder. The State shall not be bound, except as provided herein, without its express written consent. Only the Governor of the State or its Attorney General may grant its consent.

13.7 Commitments.

The State pledges its support for, and its cooperation and good faith in the exercise of its regulatory functions with respect to, the Project, the ANGTS and related facilities. The State shall continue its study of forms in which it may participate financially in the pipeline, plant or both. The State may elect to pursue its present intention to develop a plan for financing the plant within the time frame of this Agreement.

13.8 Option to Change Status.

Should the State so elect, it may participate fully with respect to this Agreement pursuant to the terms of Sections 3.2 and 3.3, and, if it so elects, it shall have the full rights and responsibilities of any other Party, including the right for its representative to vote as a Member of the Board.

ARTICLE XIV Transfer of Participation

14.1 Limitation on Transfer.

Except with the consent of the Board or as permitted by Section 14.2 or as contemplated by Section 3.2, a Party may not sell, assign, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise transfer in any manner all or any part of its right, title or interest in this Agreement; provided, that any assignment or transfer of any right or interest of a Partner of the Partnership in this Agreement which may result from the admission of a Partner to the Partnership or the withdrawal of a Partner from the Partnership or the transfer by any Partner in the Partnership to any other Partner in the Partnership of any of its rights, title of interest in the Partnership may be effected, and shall be effective, without obtaining the consent of or giving prior notice to any Party (other than the Partnership) or the Board.

14.2 Permitted Transfers.

Nothing herein shall prevent the transfer by any Party of all of its right, title and interest in the Design and Engineering of the Project and in this Agreement to an Affiliate of such Party.

ARTICLE XV

Relation to Partnership Activities

15.1 Partnership Activities to Continue.

The Parties hereto anticipate that the Partnership shall continue its operations with respect to ANGTS and pursuant to its certificate, and that Northwest shall continue to function as Operator for the Partnership.

15.2 Partnership Regulatory Filings.

It is anticipated that the Partnership shall make such filings with governmental authorities as it determines are

necessary and appropriate to the conduct of its activities, including but not limited to supplements in pending Department of Interior and FERC certificate proceedings (such as the Certification Cost Estimate required by FERC Order No. 31).

ARTICLE XVI General

16.1 Effective Date.

This Agreement shall be effective upon its execution by all of the Sponsors for the Partnership and such of the Producers as follows: Atlantic Richfield Company, Exxon Corporation, and The Standard Oil Company (Ohio), or Affiliates of such companies. The Effective Date shall be the latest of the dates of execution by the required Parties.

16.2 Notices.

Any written notice or other communciations shall be sufficiently given or shall be deemed given on the third (3rd) business day following the date on which the same is mailed by registered or by certified mail, postage pre-paid, addressed to each of the Parties and Sponsors at the address set forth in Appendix "C" or at such other address as may be designated from time to time by any Party or Sponsor by written notice to each other Party and Sponsor.

16.3 Applicable Law.

This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Texas.

16.4 Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

16.5 Headings.

The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

16.6 Waiver.

No waiver by any Party of any default by any other Party or Parties in the performance of any provision, condition or requirement herein shall be deemed to be a waiver of, or in any manner release the other Party or Parties from performance of any other provision, condition or requirement herein; nor deemed to be a waiver of, or in any manner a release of the other Party or Parties from future performance of the same provision, condition or requirement. Any delay or omission of any Party to exercise any right hereunder shall not impair the exercise of any such right, or like right, accruing to it thereafter. No waiver of a right created by this Agreement by one or more Parties shall constitute a waiver of such right by other Parties except as may otherwise be required by law with respect to persons not Parties hereto. The failure of one or more Parties to perform its or their obligations hereunder shall not release the other Parties from the performance of such obligations.

16.7 Time for Execution.

This Agreement shall be submitted for review by the Department of Energy and the Department of Justice, and shall be signed after approval thereof by such Departments. Further, it is understood that the Department of Energy shall arrange for the review of this Agreement by the FERC.

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		ALASKAN NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION COMPANY
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ATTEST:		PACIFIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION COMPANY (ARCTIC)
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ATTEST:		AMERICAN NATURAL ALASKAN COMPANY
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ATTEST:		ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY
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ATTEST:		THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY (OHIO)
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ATTEST:		MOBIL OIL CORPORATION
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ATTEST:		PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY
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ATTEST:		CHEVRON U.S.A., INCORPORATED
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	ATTEST:		GETTY OIL COMPANY
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	ATTEST:		LOUISIANA LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY
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(as Operator under this Agreement)

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APPENDICES

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COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

APPENDIX "A"

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COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Participation of Producers

Atlantic Richfield Company	18.8341%
Exxon Corporation	18.8341%
The Standard Oil Company (Ohio)	12.3318%
	50%

Participation of Partnership

Alaskan Northwest Natural Gas Transportation Company 50%

100%