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(k) *Communications.* Costs of leasing, acquiring, installing, operating, repairing and maintaining communication systems, including radio, microwave facilities, and computer production controls for the NPSL operations are allowable. If communication facilities systems serving the NPSL tract serve operations and/or facilities outside the NPSL project area, charges to NPSL operations shall be made as provided in paragraph (g) of this section or shall be allocated to NPSL operations in accordance with § 220.014.

(l) *Ecological and environmental.* Costs incurred in the NPSL project area as a result of statutory regulations for archeological and geophysical surveys relative to identification and protection of cultural resources and other environmental or ecological surveys required by the Bureau of Land Management or other regulatory authority, may be charged to the NPSL capital account. Also, the costs to provide or have available pollution containment and removal equipment, including payments to organizations and/or funds which provide equipment and/or assistance in the event of oil spills or other environmental damage are allowable. The costs of actual control and cleanup of oil spills and resulting responsibilities required by applicable laws and regulations are allowable, except that a charge shall not be allowed for any such costs attributable to the lessee's negligence or willful misconduct.

(m) *Dry or bottom hole contributions.* The costs of dry or bottom hole contributions made to obtain information about the structure or other characteristics of the geology underlying the NPSL tract are allowable.

(n) *Abandonment costs.* Actual costs incurred in the plugging of wells, dismantling of platforms and other facilities and in the restoration of the NPSL project area shall be charged to the NPSL capital account only when incurred (i.e., not on an accrual basis), except that costs incurred after the cessation of production shall not be charged to the NPSL capital account. Abandonment costs in excess of offsetting revenues shall not form the basis of any claim against the United States.

(o) *Other costs.* Any other costs not covered in paragraphs (a)–(n) of this

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section and not disallowed by § 220.013 that are incurred by the lessee in the necessary and proper conduct of NPSL operation and are approved by the Director, are allowable. Approval of a plan of development and production for the NPSL tract by the Director shall be considered sufficient approval for these other costs provided they are separately identified in said plan of development and production. Such separate identification shall note the nature of these other costs and may include an estimate of their magnitude. Any cost approvals under this paragraph for which the specific amounts have not been itemized are presumed to be approved provided they fall within the limits for a prudent operator. Approval of costs under this paragraph shall be approval solely for the purposes of determining allowable costs and shall not preclude a subsequent adjustment at audit of the amount of such costs.

(p) *Other credits.* Credit shall be given to the NPSL capital account, depending on when it is incurred, for NPSL property leased or used in non-NPSL operations, for the sale of information derived from test wells and G & G, and for any and all amounts earned or otherwise due lessee as a result of NPSL operations.

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§ 220.012 Overhead allowance.

(a) During the capital recovery period the overhead allowance shall be calculated on a percentage basis at the rate of 4 percent of allowable direct and allocable joint costs charged to the NPSL capital account, exclusive of costs specified in paragraph (c) of this section. This overhead allowance shall be debited to the NPSL capital account in accordance with § 220.021(b)(2).

(b) For each month after the end of the capital recovery period, an overhead allowance shall be calculated on a percentage basis at the rate of 10 percent of allowable direct and allocable joint costs charged to the NPSL capital account, exclusive of costs specified in paragraph (c) of this section.

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This overhead allowance shall be debited to the NPSL capital account in accordance with § 220.021(c)(2).

(c) Overhead shall not be charged on the value of:

- (1) Lease rental (§ 220.011(a));
- (2) Contract services (§ 220.011(e));
- (3) Taxes (§ 220.011(i));
- (4) Re-injected hydrocarbons, originally produced from the NPSL tract, that are charged under § 220.011(c); and
- (5) Credits for materiel charged under § 220.011(c) that are salvaged, returned, or used for the benefit of non-NPSL operations.

§ 220.013 Unallowable costs.

The following costs shall not be charged as direct or joint costs to NPSL operations:

- (a) Bonus payments to the United States;
- (b) Interest (except as permitted under § 220.011(g));
- (c) Depreciation, depletion, amortization, or any other charge for capital recovery for materiel charged to the NPSL capital account under § 220.011(c), except as explicitly provided by the allowance for capital recovery calculated according to § 220.020;
- (d) The cost of taking inventory;
- (e) Research and development costs;
- (f) The following legal expenses:
 - (1) The costs of litigation against the Federal government;
 - (2) Fines or penalties levied by any Federal agency;
 - (3) Settlement of claims or other litigation resulting from the lessee's violation of regulatory requirements or negligence; and
 - (4) The cost of the lessee's legal staff or expense of outside attorneys, except as explicitly allowed under § 220.011(f);
- (g) The following employee relocation costs (whether incurred by the employee or the lessee):
 - (1) Loss on the sale of a home;
 - (2) Purchase price of a home in the new location;
 - (3) Payments for employee income taxes incident to reimbursed relocation costs; and
 - (4) Any relocation cost in connection with an employee move that is for the primary benefit of the lessee's non-NPSL operations;

(h) The lessee's own cost of administering employee benefit plans;

(i) The cost of acquiring or constructing shore base facilities and real property improvements that are charged to NPSL operations on a rental basis under § 220.011(g);

(j) Rentals on any facilities, the investment costs of which have been charged either directly or as allocable joint costs, to the NPSL capital account; and

(k) Pre-NPSL expenditures.

§ 220.014 Allocation of joint costs and credits.

(a) Joint costs shall be grouped in cost pools for allocation to NPSL and non-NPSL operations in reasonable proportion to the beneficial or causal relationships which exist between a specific cost pool and the operations. That portion of a joint cost pool that may be allocated to NPSL operations is called an allocable joint cost.

(b) The following allocation principles apply in allocating joint costs:

(1) *G & G*. *G & G* shall be allocated on a line mile per tract basis.

(2) *Wages and salaries*. Wages and salaries that are not charged as direct on the basis of time spent on a particular job shall be allocated on a reasonable and equitable basis.

(3) *Compensated personal absence, payroll taxes and personal expenses*. These items shall be allocated on the same basis as wages and salaries.

(4) *Transportation costs*. Transportation costs for employees that are not charged direct shall be allocated on the same basis as their wages and salaries.

(c) Joint credits shall be allocated in the same manner as joint costs.

(d) When the NPSL is made a part of a unit, the allowed costs shall be charged to the NPSL capital account on the basis specified in the unit operating agreement as approved by the Director. Revenues and other credits shall be made to the NPSL accounts on the same basis as specified in the approved operating agreement. Joint costs of an NPSL and a non-NPSL tract that are adjacent to one another and are on the same structure shall be allocated on a basis approved by the Director.