

**16. TEMPORARY EASEMENT FOR EXPLORATION.**

A temporary easement in, on, over and across (the land described in Schedule A) (Tracts Nos. \_\_, \_\_ and \_\_), for a period not to exceed \_\_\_\_, beginning with date possession of the land is granted to the United States, for use by the United States, its representatives, agents, and contractors, to survey, appraise, conduct test borings, and conduct other exploratory work necessary to the design of a public works project; reserving, however, to the landowners, their heirs and assigns, all such rights and privileges as may be used without interfering with or abridging the rights and easement hereby acquired; subject, however to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads and pipelines.