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BOND NUMBER _____________

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS
BLANKET BOND FOR OIL OR GAS WELLS,
LIQUID INJECTION WELLS OR WASTE DISPOSAL WELLS

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

(1) That we, ____

(2)____

As Principal, and **(3)**____

(4)____
a firm and/or a corporation authorized to do business in the State of West Virginia, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of West Virginia in the just and full sum of **(5)**_____________________ dollars ($__________) to the payment whereof well and truly to make, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the above bound Principal in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 22, Article 6 and/or 6A, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, has made or intends to make application to the Chief of the Office of Oil and Gas, Department of Environmental Protection, the State of West Virginia for a permit to perform well work (as defined in Chapter 22, Article 6 and/or 6A), on oil or gas wells and/or liquid injection wells and/or waster disposal wells, or has acquired or purchased, or shall hereafter acquire or purchase such wells, or has been or shall be assigned operating responsibility for such wells located in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, THE Obligee as a condition precedent to the issuance of such Permit or release of other obligation has required the Principal to furnish a SURETY BOND acceptable to the Obligee guaranteeing the performance of said provisions of Chapter 22, Article 6 or 6A, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder;

NOW THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that if the Principal, its personal representatives, successors, heirs and assigns shall in performing well work (as defined in Chapter 22, Article 6 and/or 6A) or operating such wells shall furnish all reports, information and affidavits as may be required by the Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Oil and Gas, documenting that said wells have been plugged and abandoned in accordance with Chapter 22, Article 6, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond shall be effective from the **(11)**_______ day of _______________, 20_____, until released by the Department of Environmental Protection.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Principal has hereunder set his or its hand and affixed his or its seal, and the said surety has caused its corporate name to be signed hereto and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed by its duly authorized officer or agent this instrument this **(12**)_______ day of ________________, 20_____.

(15) Principal Corporate Seal

(13) ____ (Seal)
(Principal)

(14) By:_______________________________________
(Title)
(Must be President or V. President)

(18) Surety Corporate Seal

(16) ____ (Seal)
(Surety)

(17) By:_______________________________________

19) Countersigned:_______________________________________
(Resident West Virginia Agent)

(20) Address:_______________________________________

(21) Telephone:_______________________________________

(REVERSE)

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgment by Principal if Individual or Partnership

1. STATE OF____

2. County of ____ to-wit:

3. I, ____, a Notary Public in and for the

4. county and state aforesaid, do hereby certifiy that ____
whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, has this day acknowledged the same before me in my said county.

5. Given under my hand this _______________________ day of ________________________ 20_______.

6. Notary Seal 7. __________________________________

(Notary Public)

8. My commission expires on the ___________ day of _____________________________________20 ____.

Acknowledgment by Principal if Corporation or Limited Liability Company

9. STATE OF____

10. County of ____ to-wit:

11. I, ____, a Notary Public in and for the

12. county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that ____
13. who as, ____ signed the foregoing writing for

14. ____ a corporation/LLC,
has this day, in my said county, before me, acknowledged the said writing to be the act and deed of the said corp/LLC.

15. Given under my hand this ______________ day of ________________________________ 20 ______ .

16. Notary Seal 17. ____

(Notary Public)

18. My commission expires on the ___________ day of _________________________________ 20 _______ .

Acknowledgment by Surety

19. STATE OF ____

20. County of ____ to-wit:

21. I, ____, a Notary Public in and for the

22. county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that ____

23. who as, ____ signed the foregoing writing for

24. ____ a corporation
has this day, in my said county, before me, acknowledged the said writing to be the act and deed of the said corporation.

25. Given under my hand this _______________ day of _______________________________ 20 _______ .

26. Notary Seal 27. ____

(Notary Public)

28. My commission expires on the ___________ day of _________________________________ 20 ______ .

Sufficiency in Form and Manner
Of Execution Approved

Attorney General

This _________ day of ____________ 20 ___

By _________________________________
(Assistant Attorney General)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. IF PRINCIPAL IS AN INDIVIDUAL OR PARTNERSHIP, HAVE NOTARY COMPLETE LINES (1) through (8).
2. IF PRINCIPAL IS A CORPORATION, HAVE NOTARY COMPLETE LINES (9) through (18).
3. SURETY MUST HAVE NOTARY COMPLETE LINES (19) through (28).
4. **Notaries must:**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY PRINCIPAL IF INDIVIDUAL OR PARTNERSHIP

1. Enter name of State.
2. Enter name of County.
3. Enter name of Notary Public witnessing transactions.
4. Enter name of Principal covered by bond if individual or partnership. (Must be Owner of Sole Proprietorship or General Partner of Partnership)
5. Notary enters date bond was witnessed. Must be the same as or later than signature date.
6. Affix Notary Seal.
7. Notary affixes his/her signature.
8. Notary enters commission expiration date.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY PRINCIPAL IF CORPORATION OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

9. Enter name of State.
10. Enter name of County.
11. Enter name of Notary Public witnessing transactions.
12. Enter name of Corporate or LLC Officer signing bond.
13. Enter Title of Officer signing bond. (Must be President or Vice President of Corporation; Manager or Managing Member of Limited Liability Company)
14. Enter name of Company or Corporation.
15. Notary enters date bond was witnessed. Must be the same as or later than signature date.
16. Affix Notary Seal.
17. Notary affixes his/her signature.
18. Notary enters commission expiration date.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY SURETY

19. Enter name of State.
20. Enter name of County.
21. Enter name of Notary Public witnessing transactions.
22. Enter name of person having power of attorney to bind Surety Company.
23. Enter Title of person binding Surety Company.
24. Enter name of Insurance Company (Surety).
25. Notary enters date bond was witnessed. Must be the same as or later than signature date.
26. Affix Notary Seal.
27. Notary affixes his/her signature.
28. Notary enters commission expiration date.

POWER OF ATTORNEY INSTRUCTIONS

Power of attorney for surety must be attached showing that it was in full force and effect on signature date indicated on the face of the bond. A raised corporate seal must also be affixed to the Power of Attorney form.

a. Name of attorney in fact must be listed.
b. Power of Attorney may not exceed imposed limitations.
c. Certificate date, the signature date of bond must be entered.
d. Signature of authorizing official must be affixed. (Signature may be facsimile).
e. **<u>Raised seal must be affixed</u>**.