



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

New Orleans Office
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

In Reply Refer To: Bond No. B015998

May 6, 2025

Walter Oil & Gas Corporation
c/o Lockton Companies
3657 Briarpark Drive, Suite 700
Houston, TX 77042-5267
Attn: Laura Kneitz

Dear Ms. Kneitz:

Your letter dated May 2, 2025, submitting replacement Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Pipeline Right-of-Way Grant Bond No. B015998, in the amount of \$300,000, was received by our office on May 5, 2025. This bond, conditioned to cover the principal's pipeline operations in the Gulf of America, was executed on April 30, 2025, with Walter Oil & Gas Corporation as principal and U.S. Specialty Insurance Company as surety.

This bond replaces Outer Continental Shelf Right-of-Way Grant Bond No. RLB0001539, in the amount of \$300,000. This bond, conditioned to cover principal's pipeline operations in the Gulf of Mexico, was executed on November 10, 1999, with Walter Oil & Gas Corporation as principal, and RLI Insurance Company as surety.

The replacement bond, Bond No. B015998, conforms to the requirements of the leasing and operating regulations for submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf and is considered to be effective April 30, 2025, the date it was executed. The period of liability of Bond No. RLB0001539 is considered to have terminated and the bond is considered cancelled without residual liability on the same date.

Should you need further assistance, please contact Kathleen Lee at (504) 735-5774 or boemgulffinancialassurance@boem.gov.

Sincerely,

**BRIDGETTE
DUPLANTIS**

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BRIDGETTE DUPLANTIS
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Bridgette Duplantis, Section Supervisor
Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section
Leasing and Plans



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May 5, 2025

*Leasing & Financial
Responsibility Section*

Laura Kneitz
Telephone No.: 713-458-5466
Fax No.: 713-430-5466
E-Mail: lkneitz@lockton.com

May 2, 2025

VIA Email

boemgomrfinancialassurance@boem.gov
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Gulf of America OCS Office
1201 Elmwood Park Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70123-2394
Leasing and Financial Responsibility – Mail Stop GM266A

RE: Principal: Walter Oil & Gas Corporation – Company No. 00730
Obligee: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
U.S Specialty Insurance Company Bond No. **B015998**
Description: \$300,000.00 Areawide Gulf of Mexico ROW Grant Bond Form BOEM-2030
(Replacing RLI Insurance Company Bond No. **RLB0001539**)
Description: \$300,000.00 Areawide Gulf of Mexico ROW Grant Bond Form BOEM-2030

To Whom It May Concern:

We are pleased to enclose the original of the above referenced bond which has been issued to replace RLI Insurance Company Bond No. RLB0001539 effective immediately.

We ask that you please accept the enclosed bond and release RLI Insurance Company Bond No. RLB0001539 at your earliest convenience by issuing a letter of release directly to the surety, principal or broker as noted below or by signing the enclosed release form.

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| Laura Kneitz Lockton Companies 3657 Briarpark Drive #700 Houston, TX 77042 (713)-458-5433 LKneitz@lockton.com | Trent Colan RLI Insurance Company 777 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 330 Houston, TX 77056 713-355-3100 trent.colan@rlicorp.com | Brenda Roliard Walter Oil & Gas Corp. 1100 Louisiana, Ste 200 Houston, TX 77002 (303)312-8166 broliard@walteroil.com |
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We trust you will find the enclosed to be in complete order. However, should you require any adjustments or need anything additional, please feel free to contact me directly.

Kindest Regards,

Laura Kneitz
Associate Account Executive -Surety

Cover Page
**OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY
GRANT BOND**

Form BOEM-2030

**This form dated July 2024 supersedes all previous versions of form
BOEM-2030**

All Bond Forms must be submitted with a transmittal letter to the appropriate BOEM office:

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Gulf of America OCS Office
1201 Elmwood Park Blvd.
New Orleans LA 70123-2394
Leasing and Financial Responsibility - Mail Stop GM266A

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Alaska OCS Office
3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500
Anchorage AK 99503-5820
Alaska Leasing Section

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Pacific OCS Office
760 Paseo Camarillo, Suite 102
Camarillo CA 93010
Lease Management

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May 5, 2025

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U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

OMB Control No.:
1010-0006 Expiration Date:
07/31/2027

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF (OCS) PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT BOND

Bond No.: B015998

Bond Type: ☒ Area wide ☐ Additional Security (Check One) Area/ROW #: Gulf of Mexico Amount: \$300,000.00

The **Surety** is the Company Guaranteeing Performance.

Name of Surety: U.S. Specialty Insurance Company

Mailing Address: 13403 Northwest Freeway

Houston, Texas 77040

If a Corporation, Incorporated in the State of: Texas; County or Parish of: Harris

☒ Check here if Surety is certified by U.S. Treasury as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds and listed in the current U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570.

The **Principal** is the Pipeline Right-of-way (ROW) Grant Holder for Whom the Bond or additional security* is Issued.

Name of Principal: Walter Oil & Gas Corporation

Mailing Address: 1100 Louisiana, Suite 200

Houston, Texas 77002-5299

Schedule A, the OCS area and pipeline ROW grant covered by this bond or additional security*, is comprised of (check one or both):

☒ The following OCS area[(see 30 CFR 550.1011(b))]: Gulf of America

☐ The following pipeline ROW grant [see 30 CFR 550.1011(a)(2)]: _____

☐ Check here if additional information is continued on attached sheet.

In addition to the Obligations of the Principal during the period of liability of this bond or additional security*, the Surety also accepts the following Obligations (check one):

- ☐ No Obligations other than the Obligations of the Principal during the period of liability of this bond or additional security*.
- ☒ All Obligations of all previous Sureties or guarantors even if the Obligations are not Obligations of the Principal during the period of liability of this bond or additional security*.
- ☐ All Obligations of all previous Sureties or guarantors even if the Obligations are not Obligations of the Principal during the period of liability of this bond or additional security* with the following exceptions or limitations (use an attached sheet if needed): _____

Definitions

For the purposes
of this document:

An **Obligation** includes any obligation arising from any regulations of the Department of the Interior or any Instrument issued, maintained, or approved under the OCS Lands Act, 43 USC 1331 et seq.

An **Instrument** includes any pipeline ROW grant, whereunder the Principal has the right, privilege, or license to conduct pipeline operations on the OCS.

A **Person** includes an individual, a public or private corporation, a State, a political subdivision of a State, any association of individuals, corporations, States, or subdivisions of States, or a government agency.

By signing below, the Principal verifies that the information above is correct and agrees to the following:

The Principal as agent on behalf of the pipeline ROW grant holder will fulfill all Obligations for the entire pipeline ROW grant and to the same extent as though the Principal were the sole pipeline ROW grant holder for all pipeline ROW grants in Schedule A within an area designated in Schedule A.

By signing below, the Surety verifies that the information above is correct and agrees to the following:

1. The Surety does hereby absolutely and unconditionally bind itself to the United States of America acting through and by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), or such other official designated by the Secretary of the Interior for this purpose, for the performance of all present and future Obligations.
2. The Surety agrees to meet all existing and future Obligations of the Principal on the pipeline ROW grant(s) described in Schedule A or acquired within that area after the effective date of this document at a cost not to exceed \$ \$ 300,000.00 unless this sum has been increased or decreased by a rider to this bond or additional security*executed in the same manner as this bond or additional security*.
3. The Surety will be responsible for all Obligations of the Principal in existence at the time this document becomes effective and all Obligations that accrue after that date and until all Obligations are met or until the Regional Director terminates the period of liability of this bond or additional security*.

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF (OCS) PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT BOND (Continued)

4. If the Regional Director terminates the period of liability of this bond or additional security*, the Surety will remain responsible for Obligations that accrued during the period of liability until the Regional Director issues a written cancellation of the bond or additional security* in favor of the Surety.
5. If this bond or additional security* is cancelled, the Regional Director may reinstate this bond or additional security* as if no cancellation had occurred if any payment of any obligations of the Principal(s) is rescinded or must be restored pursuant to any insolvency, bankruptcy, reorganization, or receivership, or should the representation of the Principal that it has paid its financial Obligations or performed the other Obligations of the pipeline ROW grant(s) in accordance with BOEM specifications be materially false and the BOEM relied upon such representation in canceling the instrument.
6. The Surety waives any right of notice of this bond or other security* taking effect and agrees that this bond or additional security* will take effect upon delivery to BOEM.
7. The Surety's Obligations will remain in full force and effect, even if:
 - (a) Any person assigns the Instrument covered by this document.
 - (b) Any person modifies an Instrument or Obligation under an Instrument in any manner including modifications that result from a modification of regulations or interpretations of regulations; or creation of any mortgage, pledge, or other grant of security interest in the Instruments.
 - (c) Any person, event, or condition terminates any Instrument covered by this bond or additional security*, whether the termination is by operation of law or otherwise.
 - (d) The BOEM takes or fails to take any action in enforcing, as against any party to the Instrument, the performance of any other covenant, condition or agreement of the pipeline ROW grant, or giving notice of or making demand with respect to such nonperformance.
 - (e) The Surety suffers any loss by reason of any law limiting, qualifying, or discharging the Principal's Obligation.
8. The Surety agrees to be bound under this bond or additional security* as to the interests in any Instrument retained by the Principal when the BOEM approves the transfer of any or all of the Instruments.
9. In the event of any default under a pipeline ROW grant, the Surety must perform the Obligations of the Principal upon demand by the BOEM.
10. If the BOEM decides to commence suit to enforce its rights, it may commence and prosecute any claim, suit, action, or other proceeding against the Principal and Surety, or either of them, whether or not the BOEM joins the pipeline ROW grant holder or any other party.
11. In the event there is more than one Surety for the Principal's performance of the Obligations, as to any Instrument, the Surety's Obligation and liability under this bond or additional security* is on a "solidary" or "joint and several" basis along with other guarantors or sureties.
12. The Surety agrees to give prompt notice to the BOEM and the Principal of any action filed alleging the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Surety or the Principal, or alleging any violation that would result in suspension or revocation of the Surety's charter or license to do business.
13. The Surety's Obligation and liabilities under this Bond or additional security* are binding upon the Surety's successors and assigns. Nothing in this document permits assignment of the Surety's Obligation without the written consent of the BOEM.
14. The Surety hereby waives any defenses to liability on this bond or additional security* based on an unauthorized Principal signature.

*** Must be approved by the Regional Director**

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF (OCS) PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT BOND (Continued)

U.S. Specialty Insurance Company

Name of Surety

Michele K. Tyson

Signature of Person Executing for Surety

Michele K. Tyson, Attorney-in-Fact

Name and title typed or printed

13403 Northwest Freeway

Business Address

Houston, Texas 77040

Business Address

Walter Oil & Gas Corporation

Name of Principal

Brenda Roliard

Signature of Person Executing for Principal

Brenda Roliard, Treasurer

Name and title typed or printed

1100 Louisiana, Suite 200

Business Address

Houston, Texas 77002-5299

Business Address

Signed on this 30th day of April, 2025, in the State of Texas, in the presence of:

Wendy Pierson

Signature of Witness

Wendy Pierson

Name typed or printed

777 Post Oak Blvd., Ste. 330

Address

Houston, TX 77056

Address

Sherry S. Haile

Signature of Witness

Sherry S. Haile

Name typed or printed

14 Night Heron Pl.

Address

The Woodlands, TX 77382

Address

Note: The party signing for the Surety must attach a corporate resolution and power of attorney stating his or her authority to undertake this Obligation, pursuant to the acts of the corporate board of directors and the laws of the state of incorporation. The corporation executing this bond as Surety and the pipeline right-of-way grant holder, if a corporation, must affix their corporate seals.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

AMERICAN CONTRACTORS INDEMNITY COMPANY TEXAS BONDING COMPANY
UNITED STATES SURETY COMPANY U.S. SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That American Contractors Indemnity Company, a California corporation, Texas Bonding Company, an assumed name of American Contractors Indemnity Company, United States Surety Company, a Maryland corporation and U.S. Specialty Insurance Company, a Texas corporation (collectively, the "Companies"), do by these presents make, constitute and appoint:

Edwin H. Frank, III, Michele K. Tyson, Meredith K. Anderson, Timothy J. Briggs or Roxanne J. Molinar of Houston, Texas

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver **any and all bonds, recognizances, undertakings or other instruments or contracts of suretyship to include riders, amendments, and consents of surety, providing the bond penalty does not exceed** ***** Three Million and 00/100 ***** Dollars (***\$3,000,000.00***).

This Power of Attorney shall expire without further action on January 31st 2028. This Power of Attorney is granted under and by authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of the Companies:

Be it Resolved, that the President, any Vice-President, any Assistant Vice-President, any Secretary or any Assistant Secretary shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint any one or more suitable persons as Attorney(s)-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company subject to the following provisions:

Attorney-in-Fact may be given full power and authority for and in the name of and on behalf of the Company, to execute, acknowledge and deliver, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts, agreements or indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings, including any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts, and any and all notices and documents canceling or terminating the Company's liability thereunder, and any such instruments so executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be binding upon the Company as if signed by the President and sealed and effected by the Corporate Secretary.

Be it Resolved, that the signature of any authorized officer and seal of the Company heretofore or hereafter affixed to any power of attorney or any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any power of attorney or certificate bearing facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 1st day of February 2024.



**AMERICAN CONTRACTORS INDEMNITY COMPANY, TEXAS
BONDING COMPANY, UNITED STATES SURETY COMPANY,
U.S. SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY**

By:

Daniel P. Aguilar, Vice President

A Notary Public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of Los Angeles

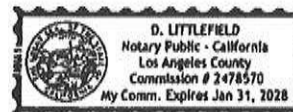
On this 1st day of February 2024, before me, D. Littlefield, a notary public, personally appeared Daniel P. Aguilar, Vice President of American Contractors Indemnity Company, Texas Bonding Company, United States Surety Company and U.S. Specialty Insurance Company who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature

(seal)



I, Kio Lo, Assistant Secretary of American Contractors Indemnity Company, Texas Bonding Company, United States Surety Company and U.S. Specialty Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney, executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect; furthermore, the resolutions of the Boards of Directors, set out in the Power of Attorney are in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies at Los Angeles, California this 30th day of April, 2025.

Bond No. B015998

Agency No. 8353 - PDF POA



Kio Lo, Assistant Secretary

visit tmhcc.com/surety for more information.

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TEXAS COMPLAINT NOTICE

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- 1 To obtain information or make a complaint:
- 2 You may contact your agent.
- 3 You may call the company's toll free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

1-800-486-6695

- 4 You may also write to the company:

601 S. Figueroa St., Suite 1600
Los Angeles, CA 90017

- 5 You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at:

(800) 252-3439

- 6 You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

P.O. Box 149091
Austin, TX 78714-9091
Fax No.: (512) 490-1007
Web: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov>
E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

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PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim you should contact the agent or the company first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:

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This notice is for information only and does not become part or condition of the attached document.

AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener informacion o para someter una queja:
Puede comunicarse con su agente.

Usted puede llamar de numerero de telefono gratis de la compania para informacion o para someter una queja al:

1-800-486-6695

Usted tambien puede escribir a la compa ia:

601 S. Figueroa St., Suite 1600
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener informacion acerca de companias, coberturas, derechos o quejas al:

(800) 252-3439

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas:

P.O. Box 149091
Austin, TX 78714-9091
Fax No.: (512) 490-1007
Web: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov>
E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:

Si tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con el agente o la companie primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, prede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (TDI).

UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA:

Esta aviso es solo para proposito de informacion y no se convierte en parte o condicion del documento adjunto.

cc: Laura Kneitz (LKneitz@lockton.com)
Trent Colan (trent.colan@rlicorp.com)
Brenda Roliard (broliard@walteroil.com)