



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: MS GM 266A
SUR0058400

March 30, 2022

Gulf Offshore LLC
8 The Green, Suite 10721
Dover, DE 19901
Attn: William W. Holden

Dear Mr. Holden:

Your letter dated March 27, 2022, submitting Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Pipeline Right-of-Way Grant Bond No. SUR0058400, in the amount of \$300,000, was received by our office on March 29, 2022. This bond, conditioned to cover principal's pipeline operations in the Gulf of Mexico, was executed on March 28, 2022, with Gulf Offshore LLC as principal and Argonaut Insurance Company as surety.

The bond conforms to the requirements of the leasing and operating regulations for the submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf. It is effective as of the date filed, March 29, 2022.

Should you need further assistance, please contact Kathleen Lee at (504) 736-5774 or boemgomrfinancialassurance@boem.gov.

Sincerely,

**LLOYD
FANNING**

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LLOYD FANNING
Date: 2022.03.30
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Lloyd Fanning, Acting Section Chief
Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section
Leasing and Plans

cc: Argonaut Insurance Company
P.O. Box 468011
San Antonio, TX 78246

Sent Via Email To: GulfOffshorellc@gmail.com , Stacy.killebrew@marsh.com ,
suzy@suzyyoungerreg.com

GULF OFFSHORE LLC

"A Delaware Limited Liability Corporation"

March 27, 2022

Boemgomrfinancialassurance@boem.gov

Ms. Kathleen Lee
U. S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394

RE: Gulf Offshore LLC, Company Number 3628
General Area Wide Right-of-Way Bond SUR0058400

Dear Ms. Lee:

In accordance with 30 CFR 550.1011, Gulf Offshore LLC (Company No. 3628) herein submits General Area Wide Right-of-Way Bond SUR 0058400 for processing and approval.

We respectfully request your expeditious review and approval as we have a Right-of-Way Assignment pending with BSEE for Pipeline Segment 18286, ROW OCS-G 29087 which is held by a Temporary Cessation that is due to expire on March 31, 2022.

Should you have questions, please contact Suzy Younger at 713-208-5588 or suzy@suzyyoungerreg.com.

Sincerely,



William W. Holden
Manager

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Attachments

8 The Green
Suite 10721
Dover, DE 19901
(504) 313-4999
GulfOffshorellc@gmail.com

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

Form BOEM-2030

This form dated **January 2020** 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 Mexico 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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**Leasing & Financial
Responsibility Section**

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OMB Control No.: 1010-0006
Expiration Date: 1/31/2023

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

Bond No.: SUR0058400

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: Argonaut Insurance Company

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 469011

San Antonio, Texas 78246

If a Corporation, Incorporated in the State of: Illinois; County or Parish of: Cook

☒ 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: Gulf Offshore LLC

Mailing Address: 8 The Green, Suite 10721

Dover, DE 19901

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))]: Area Wide Gulf of Mexico

☐ 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)

Argonaut Insurance Company

Name of Surety

Signature of Person Executing for Surety

Sandra Parker, Attorney-in-fact

Name and title typed or printed

P.O. Box 469011

Business Address

San Antonio, Texas 78246

Business Address

Gulf Offshore LLC

Name of Principal

Signature of Person Executing for Principal

WILLIAM W. HOLDEN, MANAGER

Name and title typed or printed

8 The Green, Suite 10721

Business Address

Dover, DE 19901

Business Address

Signed on this 28th day of March, 2022, in the State of Texas, in the presence of:

Signature of Witness

Tiffany Parker

Name typed or printed

P.O. Box 469011

Address

P.O. Box 469011, San Antonio, TX 78246

Address

Signature of Witness

Allen Hazenby, JR.

Name typed or printed

619 BARKERS Cove

Address

Houston, TX 77079-2442

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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Argonaut Insurance Company
Deliveries Only: 225 W. Washington, 24th Floor
Chicago, IL 60606
United States Postal Service: P.O. Box 469011, San Antonio, TX 78246
POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the Argonaut Insurance Company, a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois and having its principal office in the County of Cook, Illinois does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint:

Laura L. Kneitz, Megan Sivley, Stacy Killebrew, Carlos A. Albello, Melissa Haddick, Sandra Parker

Their true and lawful agent(s) and attorney(s)-in-fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed any and all bonds, contracts, agreements of indemnity and other undertakings in suretyship provided, however, that the penal sum of any one such instrument executed hereunder shall not exceed the sum of:

\$97,550,000.00

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Argonaut Insurance Company:

"RESOLVED, That the President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and each of them hereby is authorized to execute powers of attorney, and such authority can be executed by use of facsimile signature, which may be attested or acknowledged by any officer or attorney, of the Company, qualifying the attorney or attorneys named in the given power of attorney, to execute in behalf of, and acknowledge as the act and deed of the Argonaut Insurance Company, all bond undertakings and contracts of suretyship, and to affix the corporate seal thereto."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Argonaut Insurance Company has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be signed by its duly authorized officer on the 19th day of November, 2021.

Argonaut Insurance Company



by: _____

Gary E. Grose

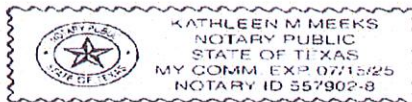
Gary E. Grose, President

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS SS:

On this 19th day of November, 2021 A.D., before me, a Notary Public of the State of Texas, in and for the County of Harris, duly commissioned and qualified, came THE ABOVE OFFICER OF THE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in, and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, deposed and said that he is the officer of the said Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company, and the said Corporate Seal and his signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said corporation, and that Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said Company, referred to in the preceding instrument is now in force.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my Official Seal at the County of Harris, the day and year first above written.



Kathleen M. Meeks

(Notary Public)

I, the undersigned Officer of the Argonaut Insurance Company, Illinois Corporation, do hereby certify that the original POWER OF ATTORNEY of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy is still in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Company, on the 28th day of March, 2022



Austin W. King

Austin W. King, Secretary

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON AUTHENTICITY OF THIS DOCUMENT CALL (833) 820 - 9137.