



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. SUR0017041

May 28, 2026

Apache Corporation
c/o McGriff
10100 Katy Freeway, Suite 400
Houston, TX 77043
Attn: Richard Covington

Dear Mr. Covington:

Your letter dated May 21, 2026, requesting cancellation of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Supplemental Bond No. SUR0017041, in the amount of \$35,000, was received by our office on May 22, 2026. This bond, conditioned to cover Lease OCS-G 2588, was executed on August 2, 2012, with Apache Corporation as principal and Argonaut Insurance Company as surety.

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement has assessed the decommissioning liability for OCS-G 2588 to be \$0. Therefore, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has no objection to cancellation of Bond No. SUR0017041, which is considered cancelled without residual liability effective May 27, 2026, the date of final concurrence with the cancellation.

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

Sincerely,

BERNADETTE THOMAS
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BERNADETTE THOMAS
Date: 2026.05.28
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Bernadette Thomas
Regional Supervisor
Leasing and Plans

cc: Adrienne Jones (Adrienne.jones@apachecorp.com)
Ryan Varela (ryan.varela@marshmma.com)



May 21, 2026

Via email transmission (boemgulffinancialassurance@boem.gov)

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Gulf of America OCS Office
1201 Elmwood Park Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70123-2394
Leasing & Financial Responsibility - Mail Stop GM 266A

Re: Cancellation Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

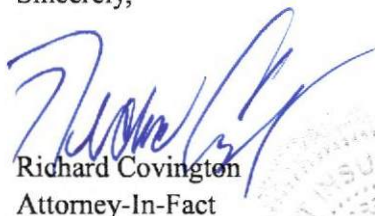
We hereby request the full release of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Supplemental Bond No. SUR0017041, in the penal amount of \$35,000.00 conditioned to cover Pipeline Right-of-Way (ROW) OCS-G-02588, SMI-136 B, executed August 2, 2012, with Apache Corporation as principal and Argonaut Insurance Company as surety. BSEE reflects zero decommissioning liability for the subject bond.

As this request is accepted and processed, please provide notification via email to the following parties:

Adrienne Jones – Apache Corporation – adrienne.jones@apachecorp.com
Ryan Varela, McGriff, a Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC Company ryan.varela@marshmma.com

Thank you for your consideration, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ryan Varela at (713) 273-2697 or at the above-stated email address.

Sincerely,


Richard Covington
Attorney-In-Fact

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May 22, 2026

**Leasing & Financial
Responsibility Section**

Argonaut Insurance Company
Deliveries Only: 24 East Washington Street, Suite 950
Chicago, IL 60602

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:

Marc W. Boots, Richard Covington, Vickie Lacy, Maria D. Zuniga, Joseph R. Aulbert, Ashley Koletar, Ryan Varela, Melanie Salinas

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:

\$128,935,000.00

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 20th day of May, 2025.

Argonaut Insurance Company



by:

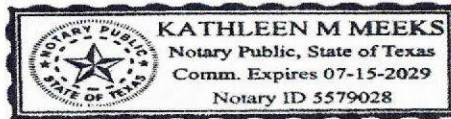
David E. Corry

David E. Corry, President

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF NACOGDOCHES

On this 20th day of May, 2025 A.D., before me, a Notary Public of the State of Texas, in and for the County of Nacogdoches, 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 Nacogdoches, 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 21st day of May, 2026.



Austin W. King

Austin W. King, Secretary