



United States Department of the Interior
MARINE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
Gulf of America OCS Region
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394



In Reply Refer To: Bond No. 105054897

August 13, 2026

HHE Energy Company
c/o Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
One Tower Square
Hartford, CT 06183
Attn: Elizabeth P. Cervini

Dear Ms. Cervini:

Your letter dated August 12, 2026, requesting termination of the period of liability of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Pipeline Right-of-Way Grant Bond No. 105054897, in the amount of \$300,000, was received by our office on that same date. This bond, conditioned to cover the principal's pipeline operations in the Gulf of America, was executed on September 2, 2008, with HHE Company as principal and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America as surety.

Attached to and forming a part of Bond No. 105054897, is Name Change Bond Rider, executed on December 3, 2008, which changes the name of the principal from HHE Company to HHE Energy Company. The rider is effective November 6, 2008.

The Marine Minerals Administration has no objection to termination of Bond No. 105054897. The period of liability is considered to have terminated effective August 13, 2026, the date of final concurrence with the termination, except as to any liability which may have accrued prior to that date.

Notwithstanding the fact that the period of liability under the above-described bond has terminated, the bond cannot be cancelled until seven years after the termination of the lease, six years after completion of all bonded obligations, or at the conclusion of any appeals or litigation related to your bonded obligations, whichever is the latest. When these requirements have been met you may submit a written cancellation request.

Please note that during the aforementioned period, to cover actual or potential outstanding obligations associated with the herein identified lease, you may provide acceptable security, pledged collateral or another corporate surety bond to the Marine Minerals Administration in lieu of the above-described surety.

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

Sincerely,

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BERNADETTE THOMAS
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Bernadette Thomas
Regional Supervisor
Leasing and Plans

cc: Denise M. Bruno (denise.bruno@suretybond.com)
Allison Bartholomew (allison.f.bartholomew@exxonmobil.com)



August 12, 2026

US DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, MINERAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE
Marine Minerals Administration, New Orleans Office
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New Orleans, LA 70123-2394
Leasing and Financial Responsibility – Mail Stop GM 266A

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August 12, 2026

*Leasing & Financial
Responsibility Section*

Principal: HHE ENERGY COMPANY
Bond No.: 105054897
Bond Amount: \$300,000.00
Bond Description: AREAWIDE – GULF OF MEXICO

To whom it may concern:

We are requesting the release of the bond referenced above, attached for your reference, on behalf of HHE ENERGY COMPANY. They have confirmed that the assets secured by this bond were sold to FIVE-Jab Company in 2020.

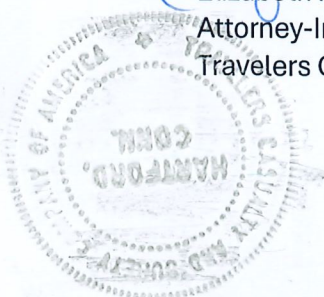
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA requires the return of the original bond and/or a release letter, which should be duly signed and dated by the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, MINERAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE. Please forward the original bond and/or release letter electronically (preferred) to releaserequest@suretybond.com. If the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, MINERAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE has a preferred method for releasing the bond, we are happy to accommodate that as well.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to Denise M. Bruno at denise.bruno@suretybond.com or 610-345-2231.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth P. Cervini
Attorney-In-Fact
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America





**Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company**

POWER OF ATTORNEY

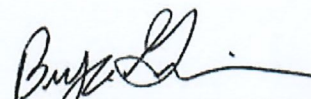
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **ELIZABETH P CERVINI** of **WAYNE**, **Pennsylvania**, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 13th day of May, 2026.



State of Connecticut

City of Hartford ss.

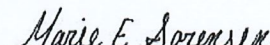
By: 
Bryce Grissom, Senior Vice President

On this the 13th day of May, 2026, before me personally appeared **Bryce Grissom**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President, Surety, Bond & Specialty Insurance, of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the 31st day of March, 2031




Marie E. Sorensen, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

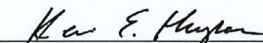
FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, **Kevin E. Hughes**, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each of the Companies, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2026.




Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880.
Please refer to the above-named Attorney(s)-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which this Power of Attorney is attached.