**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. 17-003-166 September 15, 2026

Mobil Producing Texas & New Mexico, Inc.
c/o Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
175 Berkley Street
Boston, MA 02116
Attn: Melissa J. Hinde

Dear Ms. Hinde:

Your letter dated September 3, 2026, requesting termination of the period of liability of Outer Continental Shelf Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Bond and Act of Suretyship No. 17-003-166, in the amount of $3,000,000, was received by our office on September 8, 2026. This bond, conditioned to cover the principal's leasehold interest held now or hereafter in the Gulf of America, was executed on May 10, 1999, with Mobil Producing Texas & New Mexico, Inc. as principal and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as surety.

The Marine Minerals Administration has no objection to termination of Bond No. 17-003-166. The period of liability is considered to have terminated effective September 14, 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,

BERNADETTE THOMAS

Digitally signed by BERNADETTE THOMAS
Date: 2026.09.15 08:28:31 -05'00'

Bernadette Thomas
Regional Supervisor
Leasing and Plans

cc: Melissa J. Hinde (releaserequest@suretybind.com)
Carrie Overcash (carrie.overcash@exxonmobil.com)
Nicki Lonzo (nick.m.lonzo@exxonmobil.com)

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**September 8, 2026**

*Leasing & Financial Responsibility Section*

Liberty Mutual **Surety**

September 3, 2026

USA, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, MINERAL MANAGEMENT
BUREAU OF OCEAN AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT
New Orleans Office
1201 Elmwood Park Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70123-2394
Leasing and Financial Responsibility – Mail Stop GM 266A

**Principal: MOBIL PRODUCING TEXAS & NEW MEXICO, INC.**
**Bond Number: 17-003-166**
**Surety: Liberty Mutual Insurance Company**
**Description: Outer Continental Shelf Mineral Lessee's & Operator's Bond & Act of Suretyship (LA - Gulf of Mexico)**
**Bond Amount: $3,000,000.00**
**Bond Effective Date: 1/1/1998**

To whom it may concern:

We are formally requesting the release of Bond No. 17-003-166 on behalf of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. MOBIL PRODUCING TEXAS & NEW MEXICO, INC. has confirmed that this bond is no longer required.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company requests that this letter be signed with an original signature and sent to Denise Bruno at Rosenberg & Parker LLC via the following email address: releaserequest@suretybond.com. If the State has a preferred method for releasing a bond, we are open to accommodating that as well.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me with any questions at releaserequest@suretybond.com .

**Liberty Mutual Insurance Company**

Melissa J. Hinde

**Melissa J. Hinde, Attorney-In-Fact**

Cc: Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATED 1912 MASSACHUSETTS

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# POWER OF ATTORNEY

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

Certificate No: **8213110- 019008**

**KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:** That The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, that Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and West American Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana (herein collectively called the "Companies"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint, Nevin L. Beyer, Jonathan F. Black, Denise M. Bruno, Julia R. Burnet, Elizabeth P. Cervini, James M. DiSciullo, Stephanie S. Helmig, Melissa J. Hinde, Christine M. Hrusovsky, David A. Johnson, Elizabeth B. Pendleton, Michelle L. Richards, David C. Rosenberg, Harry C. Rosenberg, John E. Rosenberg, Matthew J. Rosenberg

all of the city of Wayne state of PA each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Companies in their own proper persons.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Companies and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed thereto this 10th day of February , 2025 .

Not valid for mortgage, note, loan, letter of credit, currency rate, interest rate or residual value guarantees.

For bond and/or Power of Attorney (POA) verification inquiries, please call 610-832-8240 or email HOSUR@libertymutual.com.

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATED 1912 MASSACHUSETTS
THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATED 1919 NEW HAMPSHIRE
WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATED 1991 INDIANA

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

By: Nathan J. Zangerle, Assistant Secretary

State of PENNSYLVANIA ss
County of MONTGOMERY

On this 10th day of February , 2025 before me personally appeared Nathan J. Zangerle, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Company, and West American Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.

TERESA PASTELLA COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA NOTARY PUBLIC

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public
Montgomery County
My commission expires March 28, 2029
Commission number 1126044
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

By: Teresa Pastella
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-laws and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company which resolutions are now in full force and effect reading as follows:

**ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS:** Section 12. Power of Attorney.
Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Corporation. When so executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

**ARTICLE XIII – Execution of Contracts:** Section 5. Surety Bonds and Undertakings.
Any officer of the Company authorized for that purpose in writing by the chairman or the president, and subject to such limitations as the chairman or the president may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Company. When so executed such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the president and attested by the secretary.

**Certificate of Designation** – The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes Nathan J. Zangerle, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

**Authorization** – By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company do hereby certify that the original power of attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 3rd day of September , 2025 .

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By: Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary