



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Gulf of Mexico OCS Region
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

In Reply Refer To: MS GM 266A
103812505

OCT 30 2019

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
One Tower Square, S202A
Hartford, CT 06183
Attn: Kate K. Simon

Dear Ms. Simon:

Your letter dated October 3, 2019, requesting termination of the period of liability of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond No. 103812505, in the amount of \$3,000,000, was received by our office on October 15, 2019. This bond, conditioned to cover principal's leasehold interest held now or hereafter in the Gulf of Mexico, was executed on June 17, 2002, with Merit Energy Company as principal and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America as surety.

Attached to and forming a part of Bond No. 103812505, is Surety Rider, executed on March 27, 2009, which changes the name of the principal from Merit Energy Company to Merit Energy Company, LLC. The rider is effective March 27, 2009.

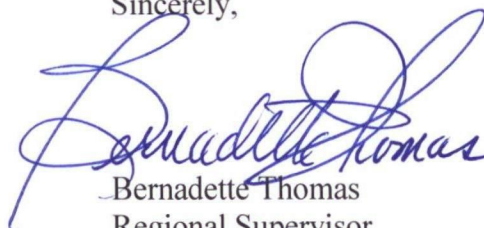
The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has no objection to termination of Bond No. 103812505. The period of liability is considered to have terminated effective October 29, 2019, the date of final concurrence with the termination, except as to any liability which may have accrued prior to that date.

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 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management in lieu of the above-described surety.

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

Sincerely,



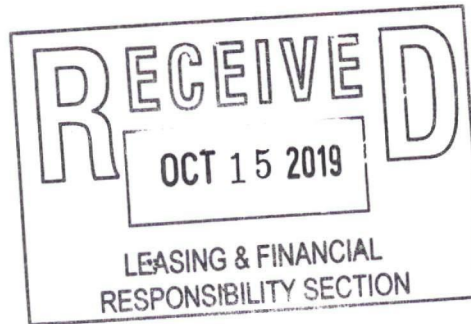
Bernadette Thomas
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Leasing and Plans

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Mail Stop GM266A
ATTN: Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section

RE: Termination of Periods of Liability - Bond Nos. 103812505 and 103812506

Dear Sir or Madam:

Travelers requests termination of the periods of liability of the below listed bonds issued by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America as Surety to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service as Obligee. Our principal has informed us that all plugging and abandonment work associated with these bonds has been completed.

Principal	Bond Type	Bond #	Execution Date	Limit
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY, LLC	Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Bond	103812505	06/17/2002	\$3,000,000.00
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY, LLC	Outer Continental Shelf Right-of-Way Grant Bond	103812506	06/17/2002	\$300,000.00

The email distribution list for the termination letters is as follows:

Surety (Travelers): Kate Simon (kksimon@travelers.com), Dylan Young (dpyoung@travelers.com)
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We sincerely appreciate your attention to this request. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

Kate K. Simon

cc: Kathleen Lee, BOEM (via email)