

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Bond Number

OIL AND GAS OR GEOTHERMAL LEASE BOND

Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.)
Act of August 7, 1947 (30 U.S.C. 351-359)
Department of the Interior Appropriations Act, FY 1981 (42 U.S.C. 6508)
Act of December 24, 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001-1025)
Other Oil and Gas and Geothermal Leasing Authorities as Applicable

Lease Serial Number (For Individual Bond Only)

CHECK ONE OIL AND GAS GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

CHECK ONE

SURETY BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT _____ (name)

of _____ (address)

as principal, and _____ (name)

of _____ (address), as surety,

are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the sum of _____

_____ dollars (\$ _____),

lawful money of the United States, which may be increased or decreased by a rider hereto executed in the same manner as this bond.

PERSONAL BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, That _____ (name)

of _____ (address), as principal, is held and firmly

bound unto the United States of America in the sum of _____

_____ dollars (\$ _____), lawful money of the United States which sum may be

increased or decreased by a rider hereto executed in the same manner as this bond.

The principal, in order to more fully secure the United States in the payment of the aforesaid sum, hereby pledges as security therefore United States negotiable securities of a par value equal to the amount specified. The principal, pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 1 of the Act of September 13, 1982 (31 U.S.C. 9303), does hereby constitute and appoint the Secretary of the Interior to act as his attorney. The interest accruing on the United States securities deposited, in the absence of any default in the performance of any of the conditions, or stipulations set forth in this bond and the instrument(s) granting rights and interests in Federal lands, must be paid to the principal. The principal hereby for himself/herself, any heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, joint and severally, ratifies and confirms whatever the Secretary shall do by virtue of these presents.

The principal/surety shall apply this bond or the Secretary shall transfer this deposit as security for the faithful performance of any and all of the conditions and stipulations as set forth in this bond and the instruments granting rights and interests in Federal lands. In the case of any default in the performance of the conditions and stipulations of such undertaking, it is agreed that: (1) for a Surety Bond, the surety/principal shall apply the bond or any portion thereof; (2) for a Personal Bond, the Secretary shall have full power to assign, appropriate, apply or transfer the deposit or any portion thereof, to the satisfaction of any damages, assessments, late payment charges, penalties, or deficiencies arising by reason of such default.

This bond is required for the use and benefit of (1) the United States; (2) the owner of any of the land subject to the coverage of this bond, who has a statutory right to compensation in connection with a reservation of the oil and gas and geothermal deposits to the United States; (3) any lessee, permittee, or contractor, under a lease, permit, or resource sale contract issued, or to be issued, by the United States covering the same land subject to this bond, covering the use of the surface or the prospecting for, or the development of other mineral deposits in any portion of such land, to be paid to the United States. For such payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally.

This bond shall cover all surface disturbing activities related to drilling operations on a Federal leasehold(s) in accordance with authorization(s) granted under the Acts cited above for:

CHECK ONE:

NATIONWIDE BOND — Operations conducted by or on behalf of the principal(s) or on the leasehold(s) of the principal(s) in the United States including the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) when a rider sufficient to bring the amount in conformance with 43 CFR 3134 is provided, and provided a rider is obtained, also coverage of multiple exploration operations.

STATEWIDE BOND — Operations conducted by or on behalf of the principal(s) or on the leasehold(s) of the principal(s), except the NPR-A, and, provided a rider is obtained, also coverage of multiple exploration operations within the single state of _____.

INDIVIDUAL BOND — Operations conducted by or on behalf of the principal or on the leasehold of the principal on the single lease identified by the serial number above.

NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE IN ALASKA (NPR-A) BOND — This bond shall cover:

NPR-A LEASE BOND — The terms and conditions of a single lease.

NPR-A WIDE BOND — The terms and conditions of all leases. and provided a rider is obtained, coverage of multiple exploration operations.

BOND CONDITIONS

The conditions of the foregoing obligations are such that:

1. WHEREAS the principal has an interest in a lease(s) and/or responsibility for operations on a lease(s) issued under the Acts cited in this bond; and

2. WHEREAS the principal and surety agree(s) that with notice to the surety the coverage of this bond, in addition to the present holding(s) of and/or authorization(s) granted to the principal, shall extend to and include:

a. Any lease(s) hereafter issued to or acquired by the obligor/principal, except under individual lease bonds, the coverage is to be confined to the principal's holding(s) and/or authorization(s) granted under the Acts cited in this bond, and to become effective immediately upon such authorization, approval or issuance of a transfer in favor of the principal; and

b. Any transfer(s) of operating rights hereafter entered into or acquired by the principal affecting lease(s); and

c. Any activity subsequent hereto of the principal as operator under a lease(s) issued pursuant to the Acts cited in this bond; and

Provided, That the surety may elect to terminate the additional coverage authorized under this paragraph. Such termination will become effective 30 days after the BLM receives notice of the election to terminate. After the termination becomes effective, the additional interest(s) identified in this paragraph will not be covered by this bond; and

3. WHEREAS the principal and surety agree(s) that with notice to the surety that this bond shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding: Any assignment(s) of an undivided interest in any part or all of the lands in the lease(s) in which event the assignee(s) shall be considered to be coprincipal(s) on an individual or NPR-A bond as fully and to the same extent as though his/her or their duly, authenticated signatures appeared thereon; and

4. WHEREAS the obligor/surety hereby waives any right to notice of, and agrees that this bond shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding:

a. Any assignment(s) of 100% of some of the lands described in the lease(s), the bond to remain in full force and effect only as to the lands retained in the lease(s); and

b. Any transfer(s) either in whole or in part, of any or all of the operating rights and further agrees to remain bound under this bond as to the interests in the operating rights retained by the principal; and

c. Any modification of a lease or operating right, or obligation thereunder, whether made or effected by commitment of lease or operating right to unit, cooperative, communitization or storage agreements, or development contracts, suspensions of oper-

ations or production, waivers, suspensions or changes in rental, minimum royalty and royalties, compensatory royalty payments, or otherwise; and

d. Any extension of a lease(s) covered by this bond, such coverage to continue without any interruption due to the expiration of the term set forth in the lease(s); and

5. WHEREAS the principal and surety hereby agree(s) that notwithstanding the termination, expiration, cancellation or relinquishment of any lease(s), whether by operation of law or otherwise, the bond shall remain in full force and effect as to the terms and conditions of all remaining leases and obligations covered by the bond; and

6. WHEREAS the principal, as to any lease or part of a lease for land on which he/she is the operator, in consideration of being permitted to furnish this bond in lieu of the lessee(s) or operating rights owner(s), agrees and by these presents does hereby bind himself/herself to fulfill on behalf of each lessee or operating rights owner all obligations of such for the entire leasehold in the same manner and to the same extent as though he/she were lessee or operating rights owner; and

7. WHEREAS the obligor/principal and surety agree(s) that the neglect or forbearance of said lessor in enforcing, as against any responsible party, the payment of rentals or royalties or the performance of any other term or condition of the lease(s) shall not, in any way, release the principal and surety, or either of them from any liability under this bond; and

8. WHEREAS the principal and surety agree(s) that in the event of any default under the lease(s) the lessor may commence and prosecute any claim, suit, or other proceeding against the principal and surety or either of them, without the necessity of joining the lessee(s); and

9. WHEREAS if the principal fails to comply with any provisions of an oil and gas lease, and the noncompliance continues for thirty (30) days after written notice thereof, such lease shall be subject to cancellation and the principal shall also be subject to applicable provisions and penalties of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (30 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) or the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act. This provision shall not be construed to prevent the exercise by the United States of any other legal and equitable remedy, including waiver of the default.

10. NOW, THEREFORE If said principal, his/her heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns shall in all respects faithfully comply with all of the provisions of the instrument(s) granting rights and interests in Federal lands referred to above, then the obligations are to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____, in the presence of:

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES

(Principal) (L.S.)

(Business Address)

(Surety) (L.S.)

(Business Address)

If this bond is executed by a corporation, it must bear the seal of that corporation.