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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ONE-WELL PLUGGING BOND

FOR CHAVES, EDDY, LEA, MCKINLEY, RIO ARRIBA, ROOSEVELT,  
SANDOVAL, AND SAN JUAN COUNTIES ONLY

30039 22806

BOND NO. 19-0130-29849-96-9  
AMOUNT OF BOND \$7,500.00  
COUNTY RIO ARRIBA

NOTE: For wells less than 5,000 feet deep, the minimum bond is \$5,000.00\*  
For wells 5,000 to 10,000 feet deep, the minimum bond is \$7,500.00\*  
For wells more than 10,000 feet deep, the minimum bond is \$10,000.00

\*Under certain conditions, a well being drilled under a \$5,000.00 or \$7,500 bond may be permitted to be drilled as much as 500 feet deeper than the normal maximum depth, i.e., a well being drilled under a \$5,000.00 bond may be permitted to go to 5,500 feet, and a well being drilled under a \$7,500.00 bond may be permitted to go to 10,500 feet. (See Rule 101)

File with Oil Conservation Division, P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe 87501

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That JOHN CARANTA, (An individual) (a partnership) (a corporation organized in the State of NEW MEXICO, with its principal office in the city of FARMINGTON, State of NEW MEXICO, and authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico), as PRINCIPAL, and UNITED STATES FIDELITY & GUARANTY CO., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of MARYLAND, and authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico, as SURETY, are held firmly bound unto the State of New Mexico, for the use and benefit of the Oil Conservation Division of New Mexico pursuant to Section 70-2-12, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, as amended, in the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED Dollars lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, said PRINCIPAL and SURETY hereby bind themselves, their successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The conditions of this obligation are such that:

WHEREAS, The above principal has heretofore or may hereafter enter into oil and gas lease, or carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) gas leases, or helium gas leases, or brine mineral leases with the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The above principal has heretofore or may hereafter enter into oil and gas leases, or carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) gas leases, or helium gas leases, or brine mineral leases on lands patented by the United States of America to private individuals, and on lands otherwise owned by private individuals; and

WHEREAS, The above principal, individually, or in association with one or more other parties, has commenced or may commence the drilling of one well not to exceed a depth of 10,000 feet, to prospect for and produce oil or gas, or carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) gas or helium gas, or does own or may acquire, own or operate such well, or such well started by others on land embraced in said State oil and gas leases, or carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) leases, or helium gas leases, or brine minerals, and on land patented by the United States of America to private individuals, and on land otherwise owned by private individuals, the identification and location of said well being being 80 FT FROM S. LINE + 1980 FT FROM E. LINE, Section 23, Township 32N (North)(South)

(Here state exact legal footage description)

Range 1 (East)(West), N.M.P.M., RIO ARRIBA County, New Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, If the above bounden principal and surety or either of them or their successors or assigns, or any of them, shall plug said well when dry or when abandoned in accordance with the rules, regulations, and orders of the Oil Conservation Division of New Mexico in such way as to confine the oil, gas, brine, and water in the strata in which they are found, and to prevent them from escaping into other strata;

THEN, THEREFORE, This obligation shall be null and void; otherwise and in default of complete compliance with any and all of said obligations, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

JOHN CARANTA  
PRINCIPAL

UNITED STATES FIDELITY & GUARANTY CO.  
SURETY

20 CR 3970 FARMINGTON, NM 87401  
Address

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
Address

By [Signature]  
Signature

[Signature]  
Attorney-In-Fact

INDIVIDUAL  
Title

KENNETH R. GEHRKE

(Note: Principal, if corporation, affix corporate seal here.)

(Note: Corporate surety affix corporate seal here.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM FOR NATURAL PERSONS

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
COUNTY OF SAN JUAN ) ss.

On this 23RD day of APRIL 23, 1996, before me personally appeared JOHN CARANTA, to me known to be the person (persons) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he (they) executed the same as his (their) free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year in this certificate first above written.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

6/24/97  
My Commission Expires

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM FOR CORPORATION

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss.

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, to me personally known who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and that the foregoing instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors, and acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year in this certificate first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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My Commission Expires

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM FOR CORPORATE SURETY

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
COUNTY OF SAN JUAN ) ss.

On this 19TH day of APRIL, 1996, before me appeared KENNETH R. GEHRKE, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is ATTORNEY IN FACT of UNITED STATES FIDELITY & GUARANTY CO. and that the foregoing instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors, and acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year in this certificate first above written.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

September 2, 1999  
My Commission Expires

(Note: Corporate surety attach power of attorney.)

APPROVED BY:  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION OF NEW MEXICO  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY

POWER OF ATTORNEY

NO. 105265



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland and having its principal office at the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, does hereby constitute and appoint Mona C. Tappan, Roy L. Owen, Kenneth R. Gehrke and Mildred J. Howle

of the City of Farmington, State of New Mexico its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety to, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof on behalf of the Company in its 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 said UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY has caused this instrument to be sealed with its corporate seal, duly attested by the signatures of its Senior Vice President and Assistant Secretary, this 6th day of November, A.D. 1992.



UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY

(Signed) By: [Signature] Senior Vice President

(Signed) By: [Signature] Assistant Secretary

STATE OF MARYLAND)

BALTIMORE CITY )

SS:

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS HEREBY REVOKED

On this 6th day of November, A.D. 1992, before me personally came Robert J. Lamendola, Senior Vice President of the UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY and Paul D. Sims, Assistant Secretary of said Company, with both of whom I am personally acquainted, who being by me severally duly sworn, said, that they, the said Robert J. Lamendola and Paul D. Sims were respectively the Senior Vice President and the Assistant Secretary of the said UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney; that they each knew the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said Power of Attorney was such corporate seal, that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that they signed their names thereto by like order as Senior Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the Company.

My Commission expires the 11th day in March, A.D. 1995.



(Signed) [Signature] NOTARY PUBLIC

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by authority of the following Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY on September 24, 1992:

RESOLVED, that in connection with the fidelity and surety insurance business of the Company, all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other instruments relating to said business may be signed, executed, and acknowledged by persons or entities appointed as Attorney(s)-in-Fact pursuant to a Power of Attorney issued in accordance with these resolutions. Said Power(s) of Attorney for and on behalf of the Company may and shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Company, either by the Chairman, or the President, or an Executive Vice President, or a Senior Vice President, or a Vice President or an Assistant Vice President, jointly with the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, under their respective designations. The signature of such officers may be engraved, printed or lithographed. The signature of each of the foregoing officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Attorney(s)-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and, unless subsequently revoked and subject to any limitations set forth therein, 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 upon the Company with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is validly attached.

RESOLVED, that Attorney(s)-in-Fact shall have the power and authority, unless subsequently revoked and, in any case, subject to the terms and limitations of the Power of Attorney issued to them, to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company and to attach the seal of the Company to any and all bonds and undertakings, and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such instrument executed by such Attorney(s)-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if signed by an Executive Officer and sealed and attested to by the Secretary of the Company.

I, Paul D. Sims, an Assistant Secretary of the UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true excerpt from the Resolution of the said Company as adopted by its Board of Directors on September 24, 1992 and that this Resolution is in full force and effect.

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of the UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY on this 19th day of April, 1996



[Signature] Assistant Secretary