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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

O. C. C. ARTESIA, OFFICE Ecvired 6-17-77

\$50,000.00 BLANKET PLUGGING BOND

BOND NO. <u>18-0130-867-79</u> (For Use of Surety Company)

(Note: Tilly with Dil Conservation Commission, P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe 87501)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

_, (An individual) (a partnership) SOL WEST, III, an individual That _____ . with its principal office in the city of (a corporation organized in the State of _____ , and authorized to do business in , State of _____ the State of New Mexico), as PRINCIPAL, and UNITED STATES FIDELITY & GUARANTY COMPANY^a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of <u>Maryland</u>, 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 Commission of New Mexico pursuant to Section 65-3-11, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1953 Compilation, as amended, in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars(\$50,000,00) 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 leases, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas leases, or helium gas 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 (CO2) gas leases, or helium gas 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 wells to prospect for and produce oil or gas, or carbon dioxide (CO_2) gas or helium gas, or does own or may acquire, own or operate such wells, or such wells started by others on land embraced in said State oil and gas leases, or carbon disside (CO₂) gas leases, or helium gas leases, and on lands patented by the United States of America to private individuals, and on lands otherwise owned by private individuals, the identification and location of said wells being expressly waived by both principal and surety hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE. If the above bounden principal and surety or either of them or their successors or assigns, or any of them, stall plug all of said wells when day or when abandoned in accordance with the rules, regulations, and orders of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico in such way as to confine the oil, gas, 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 and obligations, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWLVLR. That thirty (30) days after receipt by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Merico of written notice of cancellation from the surety, the obligation of the surety bereunder shall terminate as to property or wells required, drilled, or started after said thirty (30) day period but shall continue in effect, notwithstanding said notice, as to property or wells theretofore acquired, dulled, or started.

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