

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

\$50,000.00 BLANKET PLUGGING BOND

BOND NO. 4356142
(For Use of Surety Company)

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

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That AGUA, INC. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
(a corporation organized in the State of New Mexico, with its principal office in the city of Hobbs, State of New Mexico, and authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico), as PRINCIPAL, and Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, 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

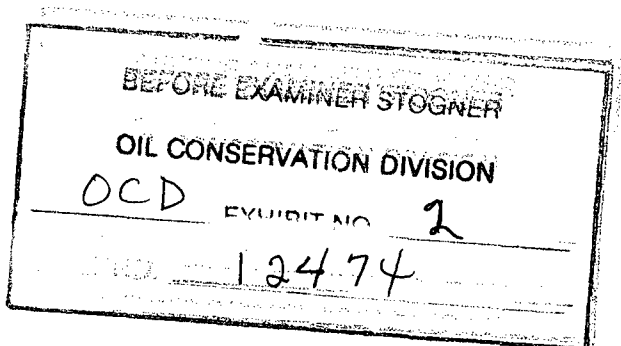
WHEREAS, The above principal has heretofore or may hereafter enter into oil and gas leases, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas leases, or helium gas leases on lands patented by the United States of America to private individuals, and on lands otherwise owned by private individuals; and

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 (CO₂) 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 dioxide (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, shall plug all of said wells when dry 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 said obligations, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

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



AGUA, INC.

PRINCIPAL

Box 1978, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Address

By W.G. Abbott Signature

President

Title

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

HARTFORD ACCIDENT & INDEMNITY COMPANY
SURETY

P.O. Box 1298, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Address

By Pat Cargile Attorney-in-Fact

(Note: Corporate surety affix corporate seal here.)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM FOR NATURAL PERSONS

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____) ss.

On this _____ day of _____, 19____, before me personally appeared _____, 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.

My Commission expires _____

Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM FOR CORPORATION

STATE OF New Mexico)
COUNTY OF Lea) ss.

On this 5th day of December, 1977, before me personally appeared W. G. Abbott, to me personally known who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is President of AGUA, INC. 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.

My Commission Expires
February 13, 1978

My Commission expires _____

Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM FOR CORPORATE SURETY

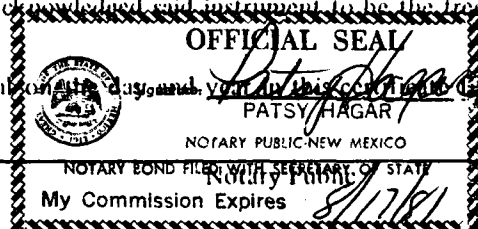
STATE OF New Mexico)
COUNTY OF Lea) ss.

On this 5th day of December, 1977, before me appeared Pat Cargile, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is Attorney-In-Fact of Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company 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.

My Commission expires _____

(Note: Corporate surety attach power of attorney.)



APPROVED BY:
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

By _____

Date _____

HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY

Hartford, Connecticut

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these Presents, That the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and having its principal office in the City of Hartford, County of Hartford, State of Connecticut, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

JACK DANIELS, MIKE TINLEY and PAT CARGILE
of HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority to each of said Attorney(s)-in-Fact, in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign, execute and acknowledge any and all bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the company in its business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons holding places of public or private trust; guaranteeing the performance of contracts other than insurance policies; guaranteeing the performance of insurance contracts where surety bonds are accepted by states and municipalities, and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in all actions or proceedings or by law allowed,

in penalties not exceeding the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
(\$500,000.00) each,

and to bind the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof were signed by an Executive Officer of the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY and sealed and attested by one other of such Officers, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that its said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in pursuance hereof.

This power of attorney is granted by and under authority of the following provisions:

(1) By-Laws adopted by the Stockholders of the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of February, 1943.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 8. The President or any Vice-President, acting with any Secretary or Assistant Secretary, shall have power and authority to appoint, for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, one or more Resident Vice-Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-Fact and at any time to remove any such Resident Vice-President, Resident Assistant Secretary, or Attorney-in-Fact, and revoke the power and authority given to him.

SECTION 11. Attorneys-in-Fact shall have power and authority, 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 thereto any and all bonds and undertakings, and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such instrument executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if signed by an Executive Officer and sealed and attested by one other of such Officers.

(2) Excerpt from the Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY duly called and held on the 11th day of June, 1976:

RESOLVED: Robert N. H. Sener, Assistant Vice-President and Thomas F. Delaney, Assistant Vice-President, shall each have as long as he holds such office the same power as any Vice-President under Sections 6, 7 and 8 of Article IV of the By-Laws of the Company.

This power of attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Directors of the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 6th day of August, 1976.

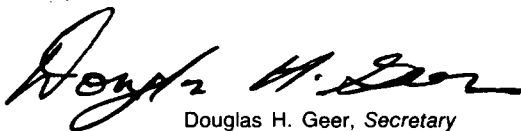
RESOLVED, That, whereas Robert N. H. Sener, Assistant Vice-President and Thomas F. Delaney, Assistant Vice-President, acting with any Secretary or Assistant Secretary, each have the power and authority, as long as he holds such office, to appoint by a power of attorney, for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, one or more Resident Vice-Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-Fact;

Now, therefore, the signatures of such Officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

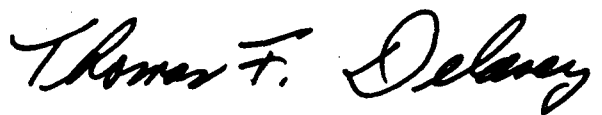
In Witness Whereof, the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice-President, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Secretary, this 9th day of August, 1976.

Attest:

HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY


Douglas H. Geer, Secretary




Thomas F. Delaney
Assistant Vice-President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD, } ss.

On this 9th day of August, A.D. 1976, before me personally came Thomas F. Delaney, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of Hartford, State of Connecticut; that he is the Assistant Vice-President of the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD, } ss.



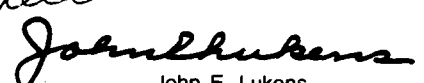

Gloria Mazotas, Notary Public
My Commission Expires March 31, 1978

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of the HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY, a Connecticut Corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached POWER OF ATTORNEY remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that Article IV, Sections 8 and 11, of the By-Laws of the Company, and the Resolutions of the Board of Directors, set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City of Hartford. Dated the 5th day of December, 1977




John E. Lukens
Assistant Secretary