

59,000 BLANKET PLUGGING BOND

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KNOW ME AND NOT MY PRESENT NAME

The conditions of this obligation are such that:

WHEREAS said 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

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;

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.

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JOSEPH P. DRISCOLL dba SOUTHWEST PRODUCTION
FRENCH COMPANY

8333 DOUGLAS, SUITE 1100
DALLAS, TEXAS

GULF INSURANCE COMPANY
SURETY

P. O. BOX 1771, DALLAS, TEXAS 75221

By Joseph P. Driscoll
Signature

By C. R. Beard
Attorney-in-Fact

C. R. BEARD

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

(Note: Corporate surety affix corporate seal here.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM FOR NATURAL PERSONS

STATE OF Texas)
COUNTY OF Dallas) ss.

On this 22nd day of June, 19 78, before me personally appeared Joseph P. Driscoll, 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.

April 5, 1980

Pat Buchanan Notary Public

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

My Commission expires

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM FOR CORPORATE SURETY

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF DALLAS) ss.

On this 2ND day of JUNE, 1978, before me appeared C. R. BEARD, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is ATTORNEY-IN-FACT of GULF INSURANCE 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.

6-30-78

Frances Burks
Notary Public

My Commission expires

FRANCES BURKS

(Note: Corporate surety attach power of attorney.)

APPROVED BY:

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

By Joe O. King

Date _____

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That GULF INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Missouri, hereinafter called Company, Does hereby appoint

C.R. BEARD, DALLAS, TEXAS

its true and lawful Attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal and deliver on its behalf, as surety, any and all bonds and undertakings of Suretyship, including waiver to conditions of contracts.

The execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company.

This Power of Attorney is issued pursuant to and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company, adopted effective September 29, 1961, and now in full force and effect:

"Resolved that the President or any Vice President or any Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-fact in any State, Territory or Federal District to represent this company and to act on its behalf within the scope of the authority granted to them in writing, which authority may include the power to make, execute, seal and deliver on behalf of this Company as surety, and as its act and deed any and all bonds and undertakings of suretyship and other documents that the ordinary course of surety business may require, including authority to appoint agents for the service of process in any jurisdiction, State or Federal and authority to attest to the signature of the President or any Vice President or any Secretary and to verify any affidavit or other statement relating to the foregoing, and to certify to a copy of any of the by-laws of the Company and to any resolutions adopted by its Board of Directors; and any such Attorney-in-fact may be removed and the authority granted him revoked by the President or any Vice President or any Secretary or by the Board of Directors."

This Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution voted by the Board of Directors of the Gulf Insurance Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 24th of July, 1973.

"Resolved that the signatures of Warren J. Kwedar, President, or of Frederick Boger, Senior Vice President, or of Arthur C. Warden, Vice President, or of Jack W. Maynard, Vice President, or of William E. Elston, Vice President, or of Douglas Simpson, Secretary, or of R. C. Fetherston, Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Attorneys-in-fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and 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 in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached."

Witness whereof, the Company has caused this Power of Attorney to be signed and its corporate seal to be affixed by its authorized officer, this 23rd day of June 19 76.



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS

} ss:

By Jack W. Maynard
Jack W. Maynard Vice President

On this 23rd day of June 19 76, before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally came the above named officer of the Company, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, did depose and say that he is that officer of the Company described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that he knows the seal of the Company; that the seal affixed to such instrument is the corporate seal of the Company; and that the corporate seal and his signature as such officer were affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the Company.

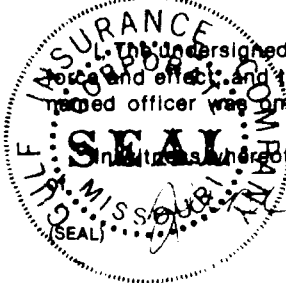
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Frances Burks
FRANCES BURKS NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires the 1st day of June 19 77

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, do hereby certify that the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy is in full force and effect, and the foregoing resolution is a true and correct transcript from the records of the Company, and that the above named officer was on the date of execution of the foregoing Power of Attorney authorized to execute this Power of Attorney.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed by name and affixed the corporate seal of the Company this 2nd day of June 19 76.

Douglas Simpson
Douglas Simpson SECRETARY