



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

New Orleans Office
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

In Reply Refer To: Bond No. DUA001365

November 20, 2024

Houston Energy, L.P.
c/o Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.
1330 Post Oak Blvd., 3rd Floor
Houston, TX 77058
Attn: Megan Sivley

Dear Ms. Sivley:

Your letter dated November 18, 2024, submitting replacement Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond No. DUA001365, in the amount of \$300,000, was received by our office on November 20, 2024. This bond, conditioned to cover the principal's leasehold interest held now or hereafter in the Gulf of Mexico, was executed on November 18, 2024, with Houston Energy, L.P. as principal and Axis Insurance Company as surety.

This bond is intended to replace Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond No. RLB0010882, in the amount of \$300,000. This bond, conditioned to cover principal's leasehold interest held now or hereafter in the Gulf of Mexico, was executed on October 18, 2007, with Houston Energy L.P. as principal, and RLI Insurance Company as surety.

We are unable to accept your replacement bond at this time for the following reasons.

- You are missing Page 1 of 3 of the bond form.
- There is no printed name beneath the principal's signature on the bond form signature block.
- There are no bond descriptions on the transmittal letter for either bond. Bond numbers alone are not adequate.

When these have been corrected you may resubmit your bond. I have attached a guidance document for your information.

Should you need further assistance, please contact me at (504) 736-5774 or boemgomrfinancialassurance@boem.gov.

Sincerely,

**KATHLEEN
LEE**

Digitally signed by
KATHLEEN LEE
Date: 2024.11.20
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Kathleen Lee, Program Analyst
Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section
Leasing and Plans

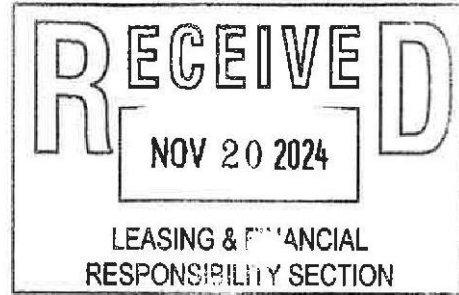
cc: Megan Sivley (megan.sivley@alliant.com)
Stacey Lenahan (slenahan@houstonenergyinc.com)
Katie Nguyen (katienguyen@rlcorp.com)



November 18, 2024

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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Gulf of Mexico OCS Office
1201 Elmwood Park Blvd.
New Orleans LA 70123-2394



Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.
1330 Post Oak Blvd., 3rd Floor
Houston, TX 77056

Houston Energy, L.P.
Bond No. DUA001365 (Replacing Bond No. RLB0010882)

P 281-861-3313
CA License No. 0C36861
alliant.com

To Whom it may concern:

We are pleased to enclose the original of the above-captioned bond issued as a replacement of RLI Insurance Company Bond No. RLB0010882.

We ask that you please accept the enclosed bond and **release RLI Insurance Company Bond No. RLB0010882 as of November 18, 2024**, by either signing the attached release form or by issuing a letter of release and return along with the original bond directly to the surety, principal or to me as follows:

Megan Sivley, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., 1330 Post Oak Blvd, 3rd Floor, Houston, TX 77056 megan.sivley@alliant.com

Stacey Lenahan, Houston Energy L.P., 1200 Smith Street, Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77002 slenahan@houstonenergyinc.com

RLI Insurance Company, Attn: Commercial Surety, P.O. Box 469011 San Antonio, TX 78246 Katienguyen@rlicorp.com

We trust you will find enclosed in complete order. However, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned directly.

Kindest regards,

Megan Sivley
Account Manager - Surety

Mail/Email To: Megan Sivley
Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.
1330 Post Oak Blvd, 3rd Floor, Houston, TX 77056
P: 281-861-3313
E: megan.sivley@alliant.com

BOND RELEASE

As of November 18, 2024, the undersigned by these presents, does for itself and its successors and assigns, unconditionally releases and discharges RLI Insurance Company of and from all causes of action and all past and present claims and/or liability now or hereinafter arising under Bond No. RLB0010882 in the amount of \$300,000.00 issued for Houston Energy L.P. This release shall cause this bond to be null and void and terminate any obligation of RLI Insurance Company under this bond.

In witness whereof, the undersigned has caused these presents to be signed by it's duly authorized agent on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Obligee

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

1201 Elmwood Park Blvd.

New Orleans LA 70123-2394

Witness

By _____
(Signature)

(Please print or type name)

(Title)

Phone: _____

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Bond No. DUA001365

Lease No. Gulf of Mexico

Bond Type Areawide

Amount \$300,000.00

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF (OCS) MINERAL LESSEE'S OR OPERATOR'S BOND

The Surety is the entity Guaranteeing Performance.

Name of Surety: Axis Insurance Company

Mailing Address: 10000 Avalon Boulevard, Suite 200
Alpharetta, GA 30009

If a Corporation, Incorporated in the State of: Illinois; County or Parish of: Peoria

Check here if Surety is certified by U.S. Treasury as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds and listed in the current U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570.

The Principal is the Lessee or Designated Operator for Whom the Bond is Issued.

Name of Principal: Houston Energy, L.P.

Mailing Address: 1200 Smith St. Ste 2400
Houston, TX 77002

Schedule A, the region or leases covered by this bond, is composed of: (Check one and add legal description)

The following region: Gulf of Mexico

The following lease(s):

Check here if additional lease information is continued on attached sheet.

In addition to the Obligations of the Principal during the period of liability of this bond, the Surety also accepts the following Obligations: (Check one)

- No Obligations other than the Obligations of the Principal during the period of liability of this bond.
All Obligations of all previous Sureties or guarantors even if the Obligations are not Obligations of the Principal during the period of liability of this bond.
All Obligations of all previous Sureties or guarantors even if the Obligations are not Obligations of the Principal during the period of liability of this bond with the following exceptions or limitations (use an attached rider).

Definitions

For the purposes of this document:

A Principal includes an entity holding an interest in the oil & gas lease in one or more of the following ways: (1) as an approved record title owner of all or a portion of the lease, (2) as an approved operating rights owner of all or a portion of the lease, or (3) as a designated operator or designated agent in all or a portion of the lease.
A Lessee includes an approved record title owner of all or a portion of the lease or an approved operating rights owner of all or a portion of the lease.
An Obligation includes any obligation arising from any regulations of the Department of the Interior or any Instrument issued, maintained, or approved under the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.).
An Instrument includes individually or collectively any lease, operating agreement, designation of operator or agent, storage agreement, compensatory royalty agreement, transfer of operating rights, permit, license, or easement, whereunder the Principal has the right, privilege, or license to conduct operations on the OCS.
A Person includes an individual, a public or private entity, a State, a political subdivision of a State, any association of individuals, corporations, States, or subdivisions of States, or a government agency.

By signing below, the Principal verifies that the information above is correct and agrees to the following:

Unless as otherwise indicated on Schedule A, the Principal will fulfill all Obligations for the entire leasehold and to the same extent as though the Principal were the sole lessee for all leases in Schedule A or for all leases for which the Principal has an interest within a region designated in Schedule A.

By signing below, the Surety verifies that the information above is correct and agrees to the following:

- The Surety does hereby absolutely and unconditionally bind itself to the United States of America acting through and by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), or such other official designated by the Secretary of the Interior for this purpose, for the performance of all present and future Obligations.
The Surety will be responsible for all Obligations of the Principal in existence at the time this document becomes effective and all obligations that accrue after that date and until all Obligations are met or until the Regional Director terminates the period of liability of this bond.
If the Regional Director terminates the period of liability of this bond, the Surety will remain responsible for Obligations that accrued during the period of liability until the Regional Director issues a written cancellation of the bond in favor of the Surety.
If this bond is cancelled, the Regional Director may reinstate this bond as if no cancellation had occurred if any payment of any obligations of the Principal(s) is rescinded or must be restored pursuant to any insolvency, bankruptcy, reorganization, or receivership, or should the representation of the Principal that it has paid its financial Obligations or performed the other

Obligations of the lease in accordance with BOEM specifications be materially false and BOEM relied upon such representation in canceling the instrument.

5. The Surety waives any right of notice of this bond taking effect and agrees that this bond will take effect upon delivery to BOEM.
6. The Surety's Obligations will remain in full force and effect, even if:
 - (a) Any person assigns all or part of any interest in an Instrument covered by this document.
 - (b) Any person modifies an Instrument or Obligation under an Instrument in any manner including modifications that result from a commitment to a unit, cooperative, communitization, or storage agreement; suspension of operations or production; suspension or changes in rental, minimum royalty, or royalties; modification of regulations or interpretations of regulations; creation or modification of compensatory royalty agreements or payments; or creation of any mortgage, pledge, or other grant of security interest in the Instruments.
 - (c) Any person, event, or condition terminates any Instrument covered by this bond, whether the termination is by operation of law or otherwise.
 - (d) BOEM takes or fails to take any action in enforcing, as against any party to the Instrument, the payment of rentals or royalties or the performance of any other covenant, condition or agreement of the lease, or giving notice of or making demand with respect to such nonperformance.
 - (e) The Surety suffers any loss by reason of any law limiting, qualifying, or discharging the Principal's Obligation.
7. The Surety agrees to be bound under this bond as to the interests in any Instrument retained by the Principal when BOEM approves the transfer of any or all of the Instruments or interests in the Instruments.
8. In the event of any default under a lease, the Surety must provide payment of all of the cost of the Obligations of the Principal upon demand by BOEM.
9. If BOEM decides to commence suit to enforce its rights, it may commence and prosecute any claim, suit, action, or other proceeding against the Principal and Surety, or either of them, whether or not BOEM joins the lessees or any other party.
10. In the event there is more than one Surety for the Principal's performance of the Obligations, as to any Instrument, the Surety's Obligation and liability under this bond is on a "solidary" or "joint and several" basis along with other guarantors or sureties.
11. The Surety agrees to give prompt notice to BOEM and the Principal of any action filed alleging the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Surety or the Principal, or alleging any violation that would result in suspension or revocation of the Surety's charter or license to do business.
12. The Surety's Obligation and liabilities under this Bond are binding upon the Surety's successors and assigns. Nothing in this document permits assignment of the Surety's Obligation without the written consent of BOEM.
13. The Surety hereby waives any defenses to liability on this bond based on an unauthorized Principal signature.

Axis Insurance Company

Name of Surety



Signature of Person Executing for Surety

Tannis Mattson, Attorney-in-Fact

Name and Title (typed or printed)

10000 Avalon Boulevard, Suite 200

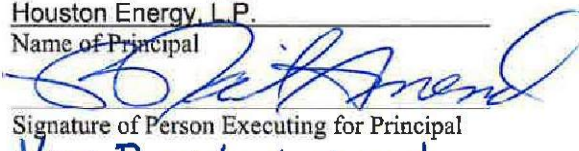
Business Address

Alpharetta, GA 30009

Business Address

Houston Energy, L.P.

Name of Principal



Signature of Person Executing for Principal

Vice President, Land

Name and Title (typed or printed)

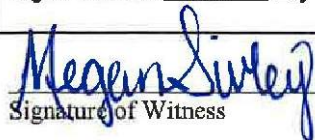
1200 Smith St. Ste 2400

Business Address

Houston, TX 77002

Business Address

Signed on this 18th day of November, 2024, in the State of Texas, in the presence of:



Signature of Witness

Megan Sivley

Name (typed or printed)

10000 Avalon Boulevard, Suite 200

Address

Alpharetta, GA 30009

Address



Signature of Witness

Vanessa V. Veltman

Name (typed or printed)

1200 Smith St. Ste 2400

Address

Houston, TX 77002

Address

Note: The person executing for the Surety must attach a corporate resolution and power of attorney stating his or her authority to undertake this Obligation, pursuant to the acts of the corporate board of directors and the laws of the State of incorporation. The corporation executing this bond as Surety and the Principal, if a corporation, must affix their corporate seals.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Men by These Presents: That **AXIS Insurance Company**, an Illinois property and casualty company, (the "Company") does hereby appoint:

as its true and lawful Attorney(s)-In-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, bonds and undertakings, such documents to be valid as though executed by the Company on its own behalf. The Company may revoke this appointment at any time.

EXCEPTION: NO AUTHORITY is granted to make, execute, seal and deliver bonds or undertakings that guarantee the payment or collection of any promissory note, check, draft or letter of credit.

This Power of Attorney is signed, sealed and certified under and by the authority of resolutions adopted by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors of the Company on September 27, 2023:

RESOLVED, that in connection with the Agreements, any one of the Chief Executive Officer, President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President of the Company, or any Vice President - Surety (each an "Authorized Officer"), acting singly, shall have the power and authority to appoint and revoke Attorneys-In-Fact, and to allow such Attorneys-In-Fact to further delegate their power and authority pursuant to appropriate written agreements, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on behalf of the Company as surety, bonds and undertakings, such documents to be valid as though executed by the Company on its own behalf; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that each of the each of the Authorized Officers and any Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Company, hereby is, acting singly, authorized, empowered and directed to perform such acts and things as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the foregoing resolution and the transactions contemplated thereby.

In Witness Whereof, AXIS Insurance Company has caused this instrument to be signed and its corporate seal to be affixed by a duly elected and qualified officer, this 10th day of October, 2023.

Attested and Certified
AXIS Insurance Company

By: 

Printed Name: Andrew M. Weissert

Title: Senior Vice President



STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

Before me personally came Andrew M. Weissert, Senior Vice President of AXIS Insurance Company, to me known to be the individual and officer described herein, who acknowledged that they, being duly authorized, signed, sealed with the corporate seal and delivered the foregoing instrument by the authority and direction of said Company.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.


Notary Public



CERTIFICATION

I, Frances R. Mathis, Assistant Secretary of AXIS Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the attached Power of Attorney the 10th day of October, 2023, on behalf of the person(s) as listed above is a true and correct copy and the same has been in full force and effect since the date thereof and is in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that the said Andrew M. Weissert, who executed the Power of Attorney, was a duly elected Senior Vice President of AXIS Insurance Company on the date of the execution of the attached Power of Attorney.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of AXIS Insurance Company on this the 18th day of November 20 24.

By: 

Printed Name: Frances R. Mathis

Title: Assistant Secretary

