



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. GM216860

February 26, 2025

Empire Deepwater, LLC
c/o Lockton
3657 Briarpark Drive, Suite 700
Houston, TX 77042
Attn: Dedee Kelly

Dear Ms. Kelly:

Your letter dated February 24, 2025, submitting Decrease Bond Rider, Rider No. 1, to be attached to and form a part of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Supplemental Bond No. GM216860, in the amount of \$1,212,300, was received by our office on that same date. This bond, conditioned to cover Right-of-Way OCS-G 17749, was executed on March 1, 2023, with Empire Deepwater, LLC as principal and Great Midwest Insurance Company as surety.

Rider No. 1 was executed on February 20, 2025, and decreases Bond No. GM216860 by \$21,966, for a total penal sum of \$1,190,334. The rider is effective February 20, 2025, and has been attached to and now forms a part of the original bond.

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

Sincerely,

BERNADETTE THOMAS
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BERNADETTE THOMAS
Date: 2025.02.26
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Bernadette Thomas
Regional Supervisor
Leasing and Plans

cc: Dedee Kelly (dkelly@lockton.com)
Quinson Holderness (qholderness@skywardinsurance.com)
Kyle Marks (kyle@empiremidstream.com)



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Dedee Kelly
Telephone No.: 713-458-5238
Fax No.: 713-430-5238
E-Mail: dkelly@lockton.com

February 24, 2025

BY EMAIL

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management - Gulf of Mexico OCS Region
Attn: Kathleen Lee, Program Analyst
1201 Elmwood Park Blvd
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394

RE: **Principal:** Empire Deepwater LLC – Company No. 03471
Surety: Great Midwest Insurance Company
Bond No.: [GM216860](#) executed 3/1/2023
Description: \$1,212,300 Supplemental ROW (OCS-G 17749, Segment 11433, ROW 200' in width, 12 3/4" crude oil pipeline, 32.82 miles in length, beginning at GI 115A platform and terminating at 24" SSTI with Segment 10731 in ST162)
Rider: Rider No. 1 to Decrease Bond Amount from \$1,212,300 to \$1,190,334

Dear Kathleen:

We are pleased to enclose the original of the above rider attaching to Bond No. GM216860 to decrease the Bond Amount from \$1,212,300 to \$1,190,334.

We ask that you please accept the enclosed and confirm by return to the following.

Lockton Companies Dedee Kelly 3657 Briarpark Drive #700 Houston, TX 77042 (713) 458-5238 dkelly@lockton.com	Quinson Holderness Skyward Specialty Insurance 800 Gessner Rd #600 Houston, TX 77024 (972) 327-7454 qholderness@skywardinsurance.com	Kyle Marks Empire Midstream LLC 601 Poydras St #1725 New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 828-2564 kyle@empiremidstream.com
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We trust you will find the enclosed to be in complete order. However, should you require any adjustments or need anything additional, please feel free to contact me directly.

Kindest Regards,

Dedee Kelly
Vice President and Account Executive-Surety

RIDER NO. 1

To be attached to bond known as Bond No.GM216860, executed March 1, 2023

Type of Bond: Supplemental ROW

Area/Property Covered: OCS-G 17749, Segment 11433, ROW 200' in width, 12 3/4" crude oil pipeline, 32.82 miles in length, beginning at GI 115A platform and terminating at 24" SSTI with Segment 10731 in ST162.

Bond Amount: \$1,212,300.00

Executed by: Empire Deepwater LLC (as Principal)

And by: Great Midwest Insurance Company (as Surety)

In Favor of: United States of America, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (as Obligee)

In consideration of the premium charged for the above bond, it is mutually understood and agreed by the Principal and the Surety that Bond Amount is Decreased:

From: \$1,212,300.00

To: \$1,190,334.00

All other terms, limitations, and conditions of said bond except as herein expressly modified shall remain unchanged.

This rider shall be effective on February 20, 2025.

Signed, sealed and dated February 20, 2025.

PRINCIPAL

Empire Deepwater LLC _____

By: _____

Name: Kyle T. Marks
Title: Secretary

SURETY

Great Midwest Insurance Company _____

By: _____

Name: Teresa D. Kelly
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

OBLIGEE

By: _____

Name:
Title:

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POWER OF ATTORNEY
Great Midwest Insurance Company

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that **GREAT MIDWEST INSURANCE COMPANY**, a Texas Corporation, with its principal office in Houston, TX, does hereby constitute and appoint:
Robert F. Bobo, Timothy F. Kelly, Florence McClellan, Aaron P. Clark, Rachel Richardson, Nick Patetta, Laura Kneitz, Teresa D. Kelly, Craig C. Payne, Tami Jones, Daisy Greathouse, Erica Kneitz, Kala Lee

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-In-Fact to make, execute, seal and deliver for, and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds, undertakings or other writings obligatory in nature of a bond.

This authority is made under and by the authority of a resolution which was passed by the Board of Directors of **GREAT MIDWEST INSURANCE COMPANY**, on the 1st day of October, 2018 as follows:

Resolved, that the President, or any officer, be and hereby is, authorized to appoint and empower any representative of the Company or other person or persons as Attorney-In-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertakings, policies, contracts of indemnity or other writings obligatory in nature of a bond not to exceed Twenty-Five Million dollars (\$25,000,000.00), which the Company might execute through its duly elected officers, and affix the seal of the Company thereto. Any said execution of such documents by an Attorney-In-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company. Any Attorney-In-Fact, so appointed, may be removed in the Company's sole discretion and the authority so granted may be revoked as specified in the Power of Attorney.

Resolved, that the signature of the President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted, and the signature of the Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any such power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond of undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, **GREAT MIDWEST INSURANCE COMPANY**, has caused this instrument to be signed by its President, and its Corporate Seal to be affixed this 11th day of February, 2021.

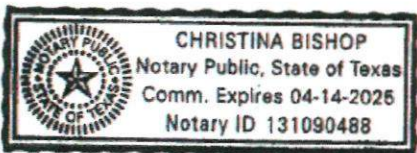


GREAT MIDWEST INSURANCE COMPANY

BY Mark W. Haushill
Mark W. Haushill
President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On this 11th day of February, 2021, before me, personally came Mark W. Haushill to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say that he is the President of **GREAT MIDWEST INSURANCE COMPANY**, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he executed said instrument on behalf of the corporation by authority of his office under the By-laws of said corporation.

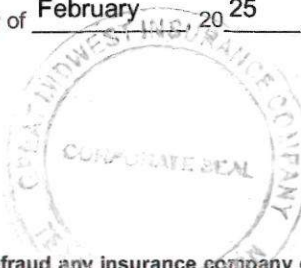


BY Christina Bishop
Christina Bishop
Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of **GREAT MIDWEST INSURANCE COMPANY**, A Texas Insurance Company, 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 has not been revoked and the resolutions as set forth are now in force.

Signed and Sealed at Houston, TX this 20th Day of February, 2025.



BY Leslie K. Shaunty
Leslie K. Shaunty
Secretary

"WARNING: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files and application for insurance of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.