



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. Bond No. 58S218064

August 21, 2024

Shell Oil Company
701 Poydras Street
Whitney Hancock Center – Room 2454
New Orleans, LA 70139
Attn: Mark E. Thompson

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Your letter dated August 20, 2024, submitting replacement Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond No. 58S218064, in the amount of \$300,000, was received by our office on that same date. This bond, conditioned to cover the principal's leasehold interest held now or hereafter in the Gulf of Mexico, was executed on June 4, 2024, with Shell Oil Company as principal and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as surety.

This bond replaces Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond No. 5285339, in the amount of \$300,000. This bond, conditioned to cover principal's leasehold interest held now or hereafter in the Gulf of Mexico, with Shell Oil Company as principal, and Safeco Insurance Company as surety.

The replacement bond, Bond No. 58S218064, conforms to the requirements of the leasing and operating regulations for submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf and is considered to be effective June 4, 2024, the date it was executed. The period of liability of Bond No. 5285339 is considered to have terminated and the bond is considered cancelled without residual liability on the same date.

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

Sincerely,

**BRIDGETTE
DUPLANTIS** Digitally signed by
BRIDGETTE DUPLANTIS
Date: 2024.08.22 11:04:57
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Bridgette Duplantis, Section Chief
Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section
Leasing and Plans

cc: Michelle Martin (michelle.martin@shell.com)
Misty Witt (Misty.Witt@marsh.com)



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Leasing and Financial Responsibility - Mail Stop GM
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Via email to: boemgomrfinancialassurance@boem.gov

SUBJECT: Request For Bond Replacement, Shell Oil Company #117
REF – SOC/SOI SERVICE AGREEMENT)

To Whom It May Concern:

Effective March 1, 2022, Shell Oil Company changed its name to Shell USA, Inc. to better reflect our diverse and growing U.S. portfolio as we build the energy business of the future.

In preparation to submit a request for name change, Shell Oil Company #117 is requesting to replace the below (current) Atlantic Region bond:

- Atlantic Region; Areawide Bond; Collateral Number: 5285339; Surety: Safeco; in the amount of \$300,000, effective 7/29/1986

with the replacement bond described below and included in the attachment:

- Atlantic Region; Areawide Bond; Surety: Liberty Mutual; in the amount of \$300,000

Contact information:

- During your review for Principal please contact Michelle Martin (504) 425-4394 or @ michelle.martin@shell.com.
- During your review for Broker please contact Misty Witt (832) 775-0287 or @ Misty.Witt@marsh.com.

Separate to this request, Shell Oil Company #117 will request the cancellation or termination of an additional Atlantic Region Bond, Areawide Bond currently listed as active by BOEM. Only one Atlantic Areawide bond is required. The information on the bond which Shell Oil Company #117 will request cancellation or termination is listed below:

- Atlantic Region; Areawide Bond; Collateral Number: "NONE"; Surety: listed as Aetna in BOEM records but we are unable to locate the bond; in the amount of \$300,000, effective 10/28/1975

Contact information:

- During your review for Principal please contact Michelle Martin (504) 425-4394 or @ michelle.martin@shell.com.
- During your review for Broker please contact Misty Witt (832) 775-0287 or @ Misty.Witt@marsh.com.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Thompson, Attorney-in-Fact

Cover Page
**OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF (OCS)
MINERAL LESSEE'S OR OPERATOR'S BOND**
Form BOEM-2028

**This form dated ~~March 2023~~ supersedes all previous versions of form
BOEM-2028**

All Bond Forms must be submitted with a transmittal letter to the appropriate BOEM office:

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Gulf of Mexico OCS Office
1201 Elmwood Park Blvd.
New Orleans LA 70123-2394
Leasing and Financial Responsibility - Mail Stop GM266A

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Alaska OCS Office
3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500
Anchorage AK 99503-5820
Alaska Leasing Section

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Pacific OCS Office
760 Paseo Camarillo, Suite 102
Camarillo CA 93010
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Responsibility Section**

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) requires us to inform you that BOEM collects this information to hold the surety liable for the obligations and liability of the Principal (lessee or operator). Responses are mandatory. No proprietary information is collected. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form should be directed to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Bond No. 58S218064

Lease No. Atlantic

Bond Type Company Areawide Bond

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: Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

Mailing Address: 175 Berkeley Street
Boston, MA 02116

If a Corporation, Incorporated in the State of: Massachusetts; County or Parish of: Suffolk

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: Shell Oil Company

Mailing Address: The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center,
1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

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

The following region: Atlantic

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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

Name of Surety

MISTY WITT

Signature of Person Executing for Surety

Misty Witt, Attorney-in-Fact

Name and Title (typed or printed)

175 Berkeley Street

Business Address

Boston, MA 02116

Business Address

Shell Oil Company

Name of Principal

Christopher J. Gonsalves

Signature of Person Executing for Principal

Attorney-in-Fact

Name and Title (typed or printed)

150 N. Dairy Ashford

Business Address

Houston TX, 77079

Business Address

Signed on this 4th day of June, 2024, in the State of Texas, in the presence of:

Laura Sudduth

Signature of Witness

Laura Sudduth

Name (typed or printed)

Marsh USA LLC

Address

500 Dallas St., Ste. 1500, Houston, TX 77002

Address

Nivedita Gupta

Signature of Witness

NIVEDITA GUPTA

Name (typed or printed)

150 N. Dairy Ashford

Address

Houston TX, 77079

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.



This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

Certificate No: 8204866

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, that Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and West American Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana (herein collectively called the "Companies"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint, Misty Witt

all of the city of Houston, state of Texas each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Companies in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Companies and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed thereto this 15th day of February, 2021.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company



By: [Signature of David M. Carey]

David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA ss
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

On this 15th day of February, 2021, before me personally appeared David M. Carey, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Company, and West American Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public
Montgomery County
My commission expires March 28, 2025
Commission number 1126044
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

By: [Signature of Teresa Pastella]

Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-laws and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company which resolutions are now in full force and effect reading as follows:

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Corporation. When so executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

ARTICLE XIII - Execution of Contracts: Section 5. Surety Bonds and Undertakings.

Any officer of the Company authorized for that purpose in writing by the chairman or the president, and subject to such limitations as the chairman or the president may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Company. When so executed such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the president and attested by the secretary.

Certificate of Designation - The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

Authorization - By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company do hereby certify that this power of attorney executed by said Companies is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 4th day of June, 2024.



By: [Signature of Renee C. Llewellyn]

Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary

Not valid for mortgage, note, loan, letter of credit, currency rate, interest rate or residual value guarantees.

For bond and/or Power of Attorney (POA) verification inquiries, please call 610-832-8240 or email HOSUR@libertymutual.com.