



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. B001744

September 4, 2024

Sojitz Energy Venture, Inc.
842 West Sam Houston Parkway North, Suite 500
Houston, TX 77024
Attn: Shoichi Fujita

Dear Mr. Fujita:

Your letter dated August 14, 2024, requesting cancellation of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Bond No. B001744, in the amount of \$300,000, was received by our office on August 19, 2024. This bond, conditioned to cover the principal's leasehold interest held now or hereafter in the Gulf of Mexico, was executed on June 16, 2005, with Sojitz Energy Venture, Inc. as principal and U.S. Specialty Insurance Company as surety.

Pursuant to 30 CFR 556.906 (d)(1) your bond may be cancelled seven years after the termination of the lease, six years after completion of all bonded obligations, or at the conclusion of any appeals or litigation related to your bonded obligation, whichever is the latest. These criteria have been met.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has no objection to cancellation of the above bond. Therefore, Bond No. B001744 is considered cancelled without residual liability, effective September 3, 2024, the date of final concurrence with such cancellation.

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

Sincerely,

BERNADETTE THOMAS

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Bernadette Thomas
Regional Supervisor
Leasing and Plans

cc: Principal (fujita.shoichi@sojitz.com, arimel@sojitz-ev.com)
Surety (manderson@indemco.com)
Kelley Pisciola (kelley.pisciola@jccteam.com)

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*Leasing & Financial
Responsibility Section*



August 14, 2024

Submitted via email: boemGOMRfinancialassurance@boem.gov

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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
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Attention: Ms. Bridgette Duplantis
Leasing and Financial Responsibility

RE: ***Request for Cancellation of OCS Mineral Lessee's or
Operator's Areawide Bond (B001744), OCS Federal Waters,
Gulf of Mexico, Offshore, Louisiana***

Ms. Duplantis:

Pursuant to regulations contained in Title 30 CFR 550.906, Sojitz Energy Venture, Inc., Company No. 02655, hereby submits for your review and consideration a request to cancel the "Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond and Act of Suretyship" (Bond No. B001744) in the amount of \$300,000. This area-wide bond, conditioned to cover the principal's leasehold interest held now or hereafter in the Gulf of Mexico, was executed on June 16, 2005, with Sojitz Energy Venture, Inc. as principal and U.S. Specialty Insurance Company as surety.

Surety contact information:
U.S. Specialty Insurance Company
Attn: Meredith Anderson
13403 Northwest Freeway
Houston, Texas 77040
manderson@indemco.com
713.355.3100, ext. 1307

By letter dated June 4, 2024, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) had no objection to the termination of Bond No. B001744 and determined the period of liability to have terminated effective June 3, 2024, except to any liability which may have been accrued prior to that date.

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Sojitz Energy Venture, Inc.'s last lease interest and associated decommissioning activities concluded over seven years ago. Since that time Sojitz Energy Venture, Inc.'s activities have been decommissioning properties as a **previous leasehold owner** in response to a Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Decommissioning Order dated July 13, 2020 for Lease OCS-G 05283, West Cameron Block 168 wells/facilities previously operated by Linder Oil Company, A Partnership. All West Cameron Block 168 wells/facilities were decommissioned in 2022. **Therefore, Sojitz Energy Venture, Inc. respectfully request the cancellation of the area-wide bond (B001744).**

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Kelley Pisciola at 281.698.8519 or by email at kelley.pisciola@jccteam.com or Alan Rimel at 713.962.0458 or by email at arimel@sojitz-ev.com.

Sincerely,
Sojitz Energy Venture, Inc. (02655)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shoichi Fujita', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shoichi Fujita
Senior Vice President
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