



# 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. SPA150500\_001

March 26, 2024

High Point Gas Gathering, L.L.C.  
c/o Third Coast  
1501 McKinney St., Suite 800  
Houston, TX 77010  
Attn: Nadine Moustafa

Dear Ms. Moustafa:

Your letter dated March 13, 2024, submitting replacement Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Supplemental Bond No. SPA150500\_001, in the amount of \$18,755,893, was received by our office on March 21, 2024. This bond, conditioned to cover Lease OCS-G 9743, All of Block 817, Viosca Knoll, was executed on February 27, 2024, with High Point Gas Gathering, L.L.C. as principal and SiriusPoint America Insurance Company as surety.

This bond replaces Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Supplemental Bond No. SUR0037735, in the amount of \$20,109,787. This bond, conditioned to cover Lease OCS-G 9743, all of Block 817, Viosca Knoll, was executed on June 26, 2017, with High Point Gas Gathering, L.L.C. as principal, and Argonaut Insurance Company as surety.

Attached to and forming part of Bond No. SUR0037735, is this decrease rider, executed on May 17, 2023, which decreases the bond amount by \$1,353,894, for a total penal sum of \$18,755,893. The rider is effective May 17, 2023 and has been attached to and now forms a part of the original bond.

The replacement bond, Bond No. SPA150500\_001, conforms to the requirements of the leasing and operating regulations for submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf and is considered to be effective February 27, 2024, the date it was executed. The period of liability of Bond No. SUR0037735 is considered to have terminated and the bond is considered cancelled without residual liability on the same date.

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

Sincerely,

**BRIDGETTE** Digitally signed by  
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Bridgette Duplantis, Section Chief  
Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section  
Leasing and Plans

cc: Natalie Karl ([Nkarl@third-coast.com](mailto:Nkarl@third-coast.com))  
Dylan Young ([Dylan.Young@mcgriff.com](mailto:Dylan.Young@mcgriff.com))

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**March 21, 2024**

*Leasing & Financial  
Responsibility Section*

March 13, 2024

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
ATTN: Leasing & Financial Responsibility Section  
1201 Elmwood Park Blvd.; Mail Stop GM 266A  
New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

**Re: Replacement Bond SPA150500\_001 and Cancellation Request for Bond SUR0037735**

Dear Sir or Madam:

We hereby request the cancellation of Argonaut Insurance Company bond SUR0037735 which has been replaced by Siriuspoint America Insurance Company bond SPA150500\_001.

**Original Bond**

**Principal: High Point Gas Gathering, L.L.C.**

**Bond No. SUR0037735**

**Bond Amount: \$18,755,893.00**

**Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's Or Operator's Supplemental Bond**

**OCS Lease/RUE/ROW No.: OCS-G09743**

**Replacement Bond**

**Principal: High Point Gas Gathering, L.L.C.**

**Surety: Siriuspoint America Insurance Company**

**Bond No. SPA150500\_001**

**Bond Amount: \$18,755,893.00**

**Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's Or Operator's Supplemental Bond**

**OCS Lease/RUE/ROW No.: OCS-G09743**

As this request is accepted and processed, please provide notification via email to the following parties:

Natalie Karl [Nkarl@third-coast.com](mailto:Nkarl@third-coast.com)

Dylan Young, McGriff Insurance Services, LLC: [Dylan.Young@mcgriff.com](mailto:Dylan.Young@mcgriff.com)

Thank you for your consideration, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Natalie Karl at (713) 380-4951 or Nkarl@third-coast.com.

Sincerely,



Nadine Moustafa  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

Cover Page  
**OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF (OCS)  
MINERAL LESSEE'S OR OPERATOR'S  
SUPPLEMENTAL BOND**

**Form BOEM-2028A**

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

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  
Lease Management

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**March 21, 2024**

**Leasing & Financial  
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. SPA150500\_001

OCS Lease/RUE/ROW No. OCS-G09743

Bond Type Supplemental

Amount \$ 18,755,893.00

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

The Surety is the entity Guaranteeing Performance.

Name of Surety: Siriuspoint America Insurance Company

Mailing Address: 1 World Trade Ctr., 285 Fulton St., 47th Fl, Ste. 47J
New York, NY 10007

If a Corporation, Incorporated in the State of: New York; County or Parish of: New York County

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: High Point Gas Gathering, L.L.C.

Mailing Address: 1501 McKinney Street, Suite 800, Houston, TX 77010

Schedule A, the lease/RUE/ROW covered by this bond, is composed of: (add legal description)

Check here if additional information is on attached sheet.

The following lease/RUE/ROW: Lease OCS-G 9743, All of Block 817, Viosca Knoll Area

See attached legal description in Schedule A.

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:

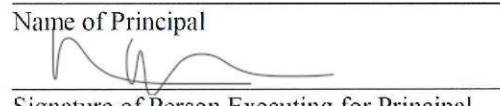
The Principal as agent on behalf of all lessees, operating rights owners, and operators will fulfill all Obligations for the entire leasehold and to the same extent as though the Principal were the sole lessee for the lease/RUE/ROW in Schedule A.

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 payment of all of the cost of the plugging and abandonment 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 Obligation 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

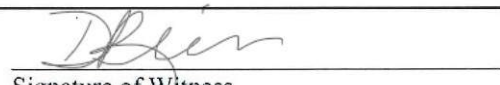
- Obligations of the lease in accordance with BOEM specifications be materially false and BOEM relied upon such representation in canceling the instrument.
5. The Surety waives any right of notice of this bond taking effect and agrees that this bond will take effect upon delivery to BOEM.
  6. The Surety's 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.

Siriuspoint America Insurance Company  
 Name of Surety  
  
 Signature of Person Executing for Surety  
**Vickie Lacy, Attorney-in-Fact**  
 Name and Title (typed or printed)  
 1 World Trade Ctr., 285 Fulton St.  
 47th Fl, Ste. 47J  
 Business Address  
 New York, NY 10007  
 Business Address

High Point Gas Gathering, L.L.C.  
 Name of Principal  
  
 Signature of Person Executing for Principal  
 Nadine Moustafa, Vice President  
 General Counsel & Corporate Secretary  
 Name and Title (typed or printed)  
 1501 McKinney Street  
 Suite 800  
 Business Address  
 Houston, TX 77010  
 Business Address

Signed on this 27th day of February, 2024, in the State of Texas, in the presence of:

  
 Signature of Witness  
**Namesia Anderson, Witness**  
 Name (typed or printed)  
 10100 Katy Freeway, Suite 400  
 Address  
 Houston, TX 77043  
 Address

  
 Signature of Witness  
**Donna Rein**  
 Name (typed or printed)  
 1501 McKinney Street, Suite 800  
 Address  
 Houston, TX 77010  
 Address



Bond No. SPA150500\_001

Schedule A

The description for Lease G09743 is as follows:

All of Block 817, Viosca Knoll, INSOFAR and ONLY AS the lease covers and pertains from the seafloor to the stratigraphic equivalent of a log depth of 4,450 feet as measured in the Viosca Knoll 817 Sohio #1 Well.





