



April 18, 2018

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards  
Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery, and Waste Programs  
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch  
Attention: Mr. Ron Burrows, Project Manager  
Two White Flint North, Mail Stop T8 F5  
11545 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Strata Energy, Inc., Ross In Situ Recovery Project  
Source Materials License SUA-1601, Docket No. 040-09091  
Submission of Financial-Assurance-Related Correspondence

Dear Mr. Burrows:

As required by License Condition 9.5, I am attaching a copy of financial assurance-related correspondence between Strata Energy, Inc. and the State of Wyoming. Specifically, attached is a copy of the bond instrument documents provided to the State's based on their financial assurance review and approval of the estimate prepared in November 2017.

Please contact me if you have any questions. You can reach me at (307) 467-5995 or [rpond@stratawyo.com](mailto:rpond@stratawyo.com).

Sincerely,

Strata Energy, Inc.

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Royal Pond  
Manager of Health, Safety, and Environment

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Ross ISR Uranium Mine  
2929 New Haven Road  
Oshoto, WY 82721  
(307) 467-5995

April 17, 2018

Mr. BJ Kristiansen  
Permit Coordinator  
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality – Land Quality Division  
2100 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sheridan, WY 82801

Re: Strata Energy Inc. Ross ISR Project  
Annual Revised Surety Bond

Dear Mr. Kristiansen,

Please find enclosed the surety rider decreasing bond [REDACTED] to \$10,650,000.00. Also enclosed is a power of attorney from Argonaut Insurance Company authorizing its endorsement.

Please sign on behalf of the State of Wyoming and return a signed copy to my attention at the address above as well as a copy to Aon Risk Solutions at:

Greg Kessler  
Aon Risk Solutions  
190016<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1000  
Denver, CO 80202

If you have any questions regarding the provided information, please contact me at 307-467-5995 or by email at [rpond@stratawyo.com](mailto:rpond@stratawyo.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Royal Pond", written over a horizontal line.

Royal Pond  
Strata Energy Inc.  
Manager Health, Safety and Environment/ Radiation Safety Officer



**State of Wyoming**  
**Department of Environmental Quality – Land Quality Division**  
 200 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street – Suite 400  
 Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

**RECLAMATION PERFORMANCE BOND**  
 INCREASE RIDER  DECREASE RIDER  
 (Please check one of the above)

<b>1. Principal:</b> (Furnish full legal name, business address, ZIP code, and phone number.) Strata Energy Inc. 2929 New Haven Road Oshoto, WY 82721	<b>5. Bond No.</b> [REDACTED]
<b>2. Form of Principal Business:</b> ( <i>Spell-out</i> the form of business.) in-situ uranium mining	<b>6. Permit No.:</b> (Furnish Permit No., LMO No., License No., or Notification No.) 802
<b>3. Surety:</b> (Furnish full legal name, business address, ZIP code, and phone number.) Argonaut Insurance Company PO Box 469011 San Antonio, TX 78246 800-470-7958	<b>7. Bond Amount before Increase/Decrease:</b> \$ <b>12,200,000.00</b>
<b>4. Surety Company is organized and existing under the laws of the State of:</b> <b>Illinois</b>	<b>8. Bond Increase/Decrease Amount:</b> \$ <b>1,550,000.00</b>
	<b>9. New Bond Amount:</b> \$ <b>10,650,000.00</b>

**AGREEMENT:**

To be attached to and form a part of the above mentioned Bond No.;

Now, therefore, the above described New Bond Amount shall cover the cost of reclaiming all affected lands covered under the Permit described in the original Bond No. referenced above. It is further understood and agreed that all other terms and conditions of the above mentioned Bond No. shall remain unchanged.

Principal Initial   RH   Date   APRIL 9, 2018

Please Note: Both the Principal and the Surety must provide proof of signatory authority (e.g. Power-of Attorney, Secretary's Certificate, or a Certificate of Incumbency). A Certificate of Incumbency template is provided.

PRINCIPAL

Signed and executed this 9th day of APRIL, 2018.

By: Ralph Knode (Principal's Signature) - Also initial/date the first page

Title: CEO (Print or type Principal Signatory's Title)

(Corporate Seal) (or state "No Seal") No Seal

State of Wyoming ) County of Crook )ss

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 9th day of April, 2018 by Ralph Knode as CEO of Strata Energy Inc. (Name of party on behalf of whom instrument was executed - i.e. Name of Principal's Business)

Witness my hand and official seal.



Signature of Notarial Officer: Johnette Zuck / Notary Administrator (Notary's Title/Rank) My Commission Expires: 4/21/2021

SURETY

Signed and executed this 9th day of April, 2018.

By: KD WapatoConrad, Attorney In Fact (Surety's Signature)

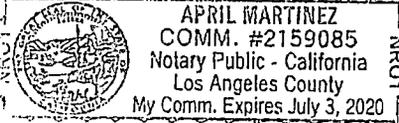
Title: (Print or type the Surety Signatory's Title)

(Corporate Seal)

State of California ) County of Los Angeles )ss

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 9th day of April, 2018 by KD WapatoConrad as Attorney in Fact of Argonaut Insurance Company (Name of party on behalf of whom instrument was executed - i.e. Name of Surety's Business)

Witness my hand and official seal.



Signature of Notarial Officer: April Martinez (Notary's Title/Rank) (Notary's Name - printed or typed) My Commission Expires: 7/3/2020

STATE

Wyoming Attorney General Approval as to form:

By: Assistant Attorney General Date:

Approved: Director, Department of Environmental Quality Date:

**Argonaut Insurance Company**  
**Deliveries Only: 225 W. Washington, 24th Floor**  
**Chicago, IL 60606**  
**United States Postal Service: P.O. Box 469011, San Antonio, TX 78246**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the Argonaut Insurance Company, a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois and having its principal office in the County of Cook, Illinois does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint:

Thomas S. Branigan, KD Wapato-Conrad, Simone Gerhard, James Ross, Edward C. Spector, Nathan R. Varnold, Misty Wright

Their true and lawful agent(s) and attorney(s)-in-fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed any and all bonds, contracts, agreements of indemnity and other undertakings in suretyship provided, however, that the penal sum of any one such instrument executed hereunder shall not exceed the sum of:

\$50,000,000.00

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Argonaut Insurance Company:

"RESOLVED, That the President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and each of them hereby is authorized to execute powers of attorney, and such authority can be executed by use of facsimile signature, which may be attested or acknowledged by any officer or attorney, of the Company, qualifying the attorney or attorneys named in the given power of attorney, to execute in behalf of, and acknowledge as the act and deed of the Argonaut Insurance Company, all bond undertakings and contracts of suretyship, and to affix the corporate seal thereto."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Argonaut Insurance Company has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be signed by its duly authorized officer on the 18th day of July, 2013.



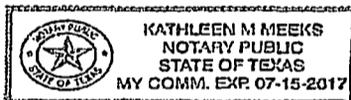
by: *Joshua C. Betz*

Joshua C. Betz, Senior Vice President

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS SS:

On this 18th day of July, 2013 A.D., before me, a Notary Public of the State of Texas, in and for the County of Harris, duly commissioned and qualified, came THE ABOVE OFFICER OF THE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in, and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, deposed and said that he is the officer of the said Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company, and the said Corporate Seal and his signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said corporation, and that Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said Company, referred to in the preceding instrument is now in force.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my Official Seal at the County of Harris, the day and year first above written.



*Kathleen M. Meeke*

(Notary Public)

I, the undersigned Officer of the Argonaut Insurance Company, Illinois Corporation, do hereby certify that the original POWER OF ATTORNEY of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy is still in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Company, on the 9 day of April, 2018.



*Sarah Heineman*

Sarah Heineman, VP-Underwriting Surety

**THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT VALID UNLESS THE WORDS ARGO POWER OF ATTORNEY AND THE SERIAL NUMBER IN THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER ARE IN BLUE, AND THE DOCUMENT IS ISSUED ON WATERMARKED PAPER. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON AUTHENTICITY OF THIS DOCUMENT CALL (210) 321 - 8400.**

**CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY**  
**(List of Authorized Representatives)**

Entity Name: Strata Energy Inc.

As an authorized Officer of the above referenced entity, I hereby certify that each person listed below is an authorized signor for such entity, and that the title and signature appearing beside each name is true and correct.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Signature</u>
<u>Ralph Knode</u>	<u>CEO</u>	<u>Ralph Knode</u> <u>Ralph Knode</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I further certify the above listed authorized signor(s) held the listed position(s) and had authority to sign Bond Documents for the above referenced entity on April 9, 2018  
(Date of Principal Signature on Bond Document)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been executed by a duly authorized officer, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.  
(Today's Date)

By: JW  
(Signature of Authorized Officer)

Name: Johathan Whyte  
(Name of Authorized Officer)

Title: Corporate Secretary  
(Title of authorized officer - e.g. Corporate Secretary)

State of Wyoming

County of Crook

This Certificate of Incumbency signed and sworn to  
Title of document being signed

(or affirmed) before me on 17th day of April, 2018 By Ralph Knode,  
CEO of Strata Energy, Inc.  
Name(s) or Person(s) Making Statement

(Seal)



Johnette Zuck  
Signature of Notary

Land Administrator  
Title (e.g. Notary Public)

My Commission Expires: April 21, 2021