

CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, hereby continues in force **Bond #929309219** briefly described as a bond to **Provide Natural Gas** on behalf of **HESS CORPORATION**, as Principal, **NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**, 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, NJ 03301, as Obligee, in the sum of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 (\$150,000.00) Dollars**, for the term beginning **December 1, 2011 and ending December 1, 2012**, subject to all the covenants and conditions of the original bond referred to above.

This continuation is issued upon the express condition that the liability of **WESTERN SURETY COMPANY** under said Bond and this and all continuations thereof shall not be cumulative and shall in no event exceed the total sum above written.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2011.

HESS CORPORATION

(Principal)

BY: 

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

(Surety)

BY: 

James K C Tom, Attorney-in-Fact

Western Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a South Dakota corporation, is a duly organized and existing corporation having its principal office in the City of Sioux Falls, and State of South Dakota, and that it does by virtue of the signature and seal herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

Ernesta G Bowman, James K C Tom, Individually

of New York, NY, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on its behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

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and to bind it thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of the corporation and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Law printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the shareholders of the corporation.

In Witness Whereof, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Senior Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on this 22nd day of September, 2009.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President

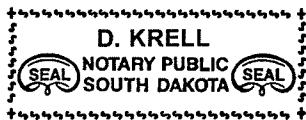
State of South Dakota
County of Minnehaha

} ss

On this 22nd day of September, 2009, before me personally came Paul T. Bruflat, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota; that he is the Senior Vice President of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.

My commission expires

November 30, 2012



D. Krell, Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney hereinabove set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law of the corporation printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporation this 1st day of November, 2011.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORMS

COPARTNERSHIP

STATE OF
COUNTY OF

}SS:

On this _____ day of _____, before me personally appeared _____, to me known and known to me to be one of the firm of _____ described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and (s)he thereupon acknowledged to me that (s)he executed the same as and for the act and deed of said firm.

Notary Public

CORPORATE

STATE OF New Jersey
COUNTY OF Middlesex

}SS:

On this 16th day of November, 2011, before me personally appeared John A. Gartman, to me known, who, being by me first duly sworn, did depose and say that (s)he resides in _____; that (s)he is the Senior Vice President of Hess Corp., the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that (s)he knows the corporate seal of said corporation; that the corporate seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order and authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that (s)he signed h_____ name thereto by like order and authority.

COLLEEN M. FROST
ID No. 2298543
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires Apr. 1, 2013

Colleen M. Frost
Notary Public

INDIVIDUAL

STATE OF
COUNTY OF

}SS:

On this _____ day of _____, before me personally appeared _____, to me known and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and _____ acknowledged to me that _____ executed the same in h_____ individual capacity.

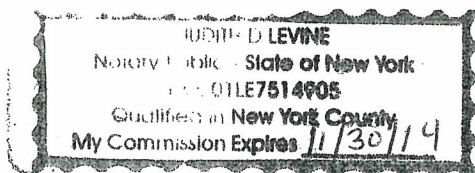
Notary Public

SURETY

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK }SS:

I, Judith D Levine, Notary Public of New York County, in the State of New York, do hereby certify that James K C Tom Attorney-in-Fact, of Western Surety Company who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered said instrument for and on behalf of Western Surety Company for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of New York in said County, this 1st day of November, A.D., ~~200~~ 2011.



Judith D Levine
Notary Public