

INCREASE PENALTY RIDER

BOND AMOUNT \$100,000.00

BOND NO. 8239-86-76

To be attached and form a part of Bond No. 8239-86-76 dated the 8th day of October, 2018, executed by Federal Insurance Company as surety, on behalf of Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC as current principal of record, and in favor of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, as Oblige, and in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$100,000.00).

In consideration of the agreed premium charged for this bond, it is understood and agreed that Federal Insurance Company hereby consents that effective from the 8th day of October, 2018, said bond shall be amended as follows:

THE BOND PENALTY SHALL BE Increased:

FROM: One Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$100,000.00)

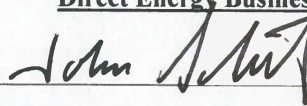
TO: Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$500,000.00)

The Increase of said bond penalty shall be effective as of the 8th day of October, 2018, and does hereby agree that the continuity of protection under said bond subject to changes in penalty shall not be impaired hereby, provided that the aggregate liability of the above mentioned bond shall not exceed the amount of liability assumed by it at the time the act and/or acts of default were committed and in no event shall such liability be cumulative.

Signed, sealed and dated this 11th day of November, 2020.

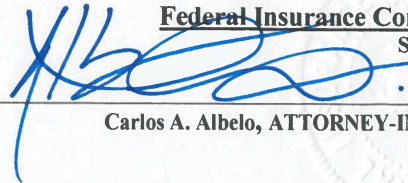
Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC
PRINCIPAL

BY: _____



Federal Insurance Company
SURETY

BY: _____



Carlos A. Albelo, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

THE ABOVE BOND IS HEREBY AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED BY:

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
OBLIGEE

BY: _____

TITLE



Power of Attorney

Federal Insurance Company | Vigilant Insurance Company | Pacific Indemnity Company
Westchester Fire Insurance Company | ACE American Insurance Company

Know All by These Presents, that **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, an Indiana corporation, **VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY**, a New York corporation, **PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY**, a Wisconsin corporation, **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** corporations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do each hereby constitute and appoint Carlos A. Albelo, Stephanie Gunderson and David Stephen Wightman of Houston, Texas

each as their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to execute under such designation in their names and to affix their corporate seals to and deliver for and on their behalf as surety thereon or otherwise, bonds on behalf of contractors in connection with bids, proposals or contracts to the Nebraska Department of Transportation in an unlimited amount.

It is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent is received by the Nebraska Department of Transportation at least thirty days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, said **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, **VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY**, **PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY**, **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** have each executed and attested these presents and affixed their corporate seals on this 12th day of November, 2019.

Dawn M. Chloros

Dawn M. Chloros, Assistant Secretary

Stephen M. Haney

Stephen M. Haney, Vice President



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

County of Hunterdon

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On this 12th day of November, 2019, before me, a Notary Public of New Jersey, personally came Dawn M. Chloros and Stephen M. Haney, to me known to be Assistant Secretary and Vice President, respectively, of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the companies which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney, and the said Dawn M. Chloros and Stephen M. Haney, being by me duly sworn, severally and each for herself and himself did depose and say that they are Assistant Secretary and Vice President, respectively, of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY and know the corporate seals thereof, that the seals affixed to the foregoing Power of Attorney are such corporate seals and were thereto affixed by authority of said Companies; and that their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed by like authority.

Notarial Seal



KATHERINE J. ADELAAR
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
No. 2316685
Commission Expires July 16, 2024

Katherine J. Adelaar

Notary Public

CERTIFICATION

Resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY on August 30, 2016; WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY on December 11, 2006; and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY on March 20, 2009:

"RESOLVED, that the following authorizations relate to the execution, for and on behalf of the Company, of bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts and other written commitments of the Company entered into in the ordinary course of business (each a "Written Commitment"):

- (1) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise.
- (2) Each duly appointed attorney-in-fact of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, to the extent that such action is authorized by the grant of powers provided for in such person's written appointment as such attorney-in-fact.
- (3) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to appoint in writing any person the attorney-in-fact of the Company with full power and authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as may be specified in such written appointment, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.
- (4) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to delegate in writing to any other officer of the Company the authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the Company's seal or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as are specified in such written delegation, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.
- (5) The signature of any officer or other person executing any Written Commitment or appointment or delegation pursuant to this Resolution, and the seal of the Company, may be affixed by facsimile on such Written Commitment or written appointment or delegation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing Resolution shall not be deemed to be an exclusive statement of the powers and authority of officers, employees and other persons to act for and on behalf of the Company, and such Resolution shall not limit or otherwise affect the exercise of any such power or authority otherwise validly granted or vested."

I, Dawn M. Chloros, Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY (the "Companies") do hereby certify that

- (i) the foregoing Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies are true, correct and in full force and effect,
- (ii) the foregoing Power of Attorney is true, correct and in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and seals of said Companies at Whitehouse Station, NJ, this

November 11, 2020



Dawn M. Chloros

Dawn M. Chloros, Assistant Secretary

IN THE EVENT YOU WISH TO VERIFY THE AUTHENTICITY OF THIS BOND OR NOTIFY US OF ANY OTHER MATTER, PLEASE CONTACT US AT:
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