

Letter of Credit

Bank _____
Bank Address _____
Bank ABA Number _____
Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. _____
This Letter of Credit is effective _____
Expiration date is at close of business on _____

Beneficiary:

Minerals Management Service
Minerals Revenue Management
Attn: Assistant Program Director for RIK
PO Box 25165, MS 330B2
Denver, Colorado 80225-0165

Sir or Madam:

We hereby establish our irrevocable Letter of Credit in your favor and authorize drawing(s) on (Bank) _____ by order(s) and for account of (Company Name, Address) _____ up to an aggregate amount of \$ _____ (USD) available by your drafts at sight accompanied by Beneficiary's statement certifying that:

The signer is a duly authorized official acting on behalf of the Minerals Management Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior and that the amount of the accompanying sight draft is due and payable to the Minerals Management Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior for all charges incurred under the terms and conditions of Royalty in Kind contract number (RIK Contract Number) _____ with (Company Name) _____ .@

We hereby agree with bona fide holders that all drafts drawn under and in compliance with the terms of this credit shall meet with due honor upon presentation and delivery of documents as specified to the drawee if drawn and presented for negotiation on or before the expiration date.

It is a condition of this Letter of Credit that it is deemed to be automatically extended without amendment for additional 6 month periods from the expiration date, unless 30 days prior to any expiration date, we notify you by registered mail that we elect not to consider this Letter of Credit renewed for any such additional period.

Such notice of our intention not to renew this Letter of Credit as provided for herein shall authorize you to draw upon this Letter of Credit, unless (Company Name) _____ provides you, at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the then current expiration date, with a replacement letter of credit with terms and conditions substantially identical to those contained herein.

We certify that the amount of the credit herein established will not be reduced for any reason during the period of this instrument without your written consent.

We hereby agree that if (Company Name)_____ files any petition under the bankruptcy laws of the United States, whether voluntary or involuntary, and if deliveries of Royalty Crude Oil or Natural Gas under Royalty in Kind contract number (Contract Number) _____ continue after the bankruptcy petition filing date, this Letter of Credit applies to all amounts due or which may become due the Minerals Management Service for any such deliveries.

We will promptly notify you of any notice received or action filed alleging the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Bank, or alleging any violations of regulatory requirements which could result in suspension or revocation of the Bank ' s charter or license to do business.

In the event the Bank becomes unable to fulfill our obligations under this Letter of Credit for any reason, notice shall be given immediately to you.

This Letter of Credit is subject to the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits (1993 version), International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 500. If this Letter of Credit expires during an interruption of business as described in Article 17 of said Publication No. 500, the bank hereby specifically agrees to effect payment if this Letter of Credit is drawn against within 30 days after the resumption of business.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the bank has hereunto set its signature and seal this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Issuing Bank)

(Authorized Officer)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this _____ day of _____, _____, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of _____, in the State of _____, appeared _____ to me personally known who, being by me duly sworn did say that he/she is _____ of _____, the bank named in and which executed the within instrument, and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the seal of said Bank, and that said instrument was signed, sealed and delivered in behalf of said Bank by authority of its Board of Directors, and he/she, as such, offer acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the day, month and year aforesaid.

My Commission Expires:

Date

Notary Public in and for said
County and State

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