

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL BOND
Form MMS-4435

Bond No. _____

Bond Amount \$ _____

Date Bond Executed _____

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, _____ as Principal, and _____, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____, having its principle office at _____, as Surety are held and firmly bound unto the United States Minerals Management Service in the sum of \$ _____, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and our heirs, executors, administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT, WHEREAS, the bond is intended to secure the payment of royalties and interest due the United States Minerals Management Service in the event that _____ is unsuccessful in its administrative appeal to the Director, Minerals Management Service, of **(Bill Number(s))** _____, dated _____, or any order (invoice) which may be substituted, if _____ shall pay all royalties and interest found to be due under the decision on that appeal within the time required therefor, this instrument shall be of no force or effect; otherwise, it will remain in full force and effect.

Principal

Surety

(Legal Name)

(Legal Name)

(Address)

(Address)

By _____

Its _____

Corporate Seal (where required)

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